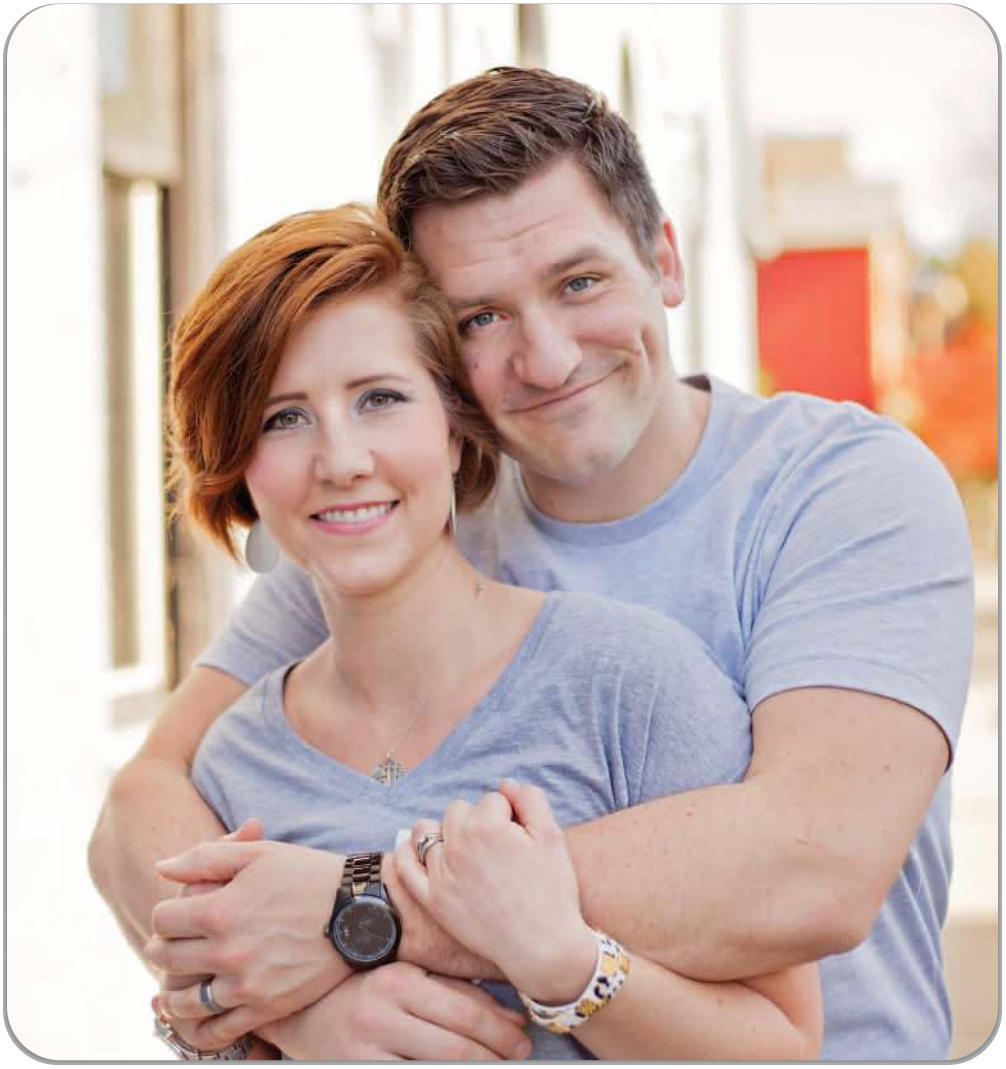


JEFF *and* ELIZABETH

Hello and thank you for taking the time to look at our profile. We understand that a few pictures and paragraphs may seem inadequate compared to the decision you're trying to make. But hopefully our profile will give you enough of a glimpse of who we are for you to decide whether you want to know more or keep looking. We cannot begin to imagine the circumstances that have led you to this place, and the courage that it has taken for you to begin this journey.

We have been married for almost 9 years. One of the most important things to us about our relationship is our friendship- before we even started dating we were best friends. Everything is better when we can do it together. We love to stay up late talking in bed, watch movies, cook dinner together or take our dog for a walk. Relationships aren't easy – there are fun times and hard times– ours is no different. But we both work hard to be better, and every year we love each other more than we did the last.

Before we even got married, we both knew we were meant to be parents. We love children and are so excited to have a family of our own. For us this journey started over 6 years ago, and has had many ups and downs as we have been unable to conceive. About a year ago, God started leading us towards adoption. Since then this has become so much a part of our hearts that we can't imagine a life in which adoption is not in it. For years we have been praying for our children, and believe that God has great plans for their lives. We are so blessed to have the opportunity to love a "little one" that has every bit of our hearts already.

Faith is a big part of our lives. We are the Pastors of an amazing church, and have been overwhelmed by the love and support of us adopting. We believe that a big part of God's plan for our lives is for us to raise our kids knowing that God loves them. We are so excited to bring our child home, to love them and see everything that God has in store for their lives.

Our prayer is that in the days ahead that God would give you peace, and show you the best path for you and the baby you carry.

Jeff & Elizabeth

ABOUT US

We met through mutual friends during our first year at Bible college- it was not what you would call love at first site. Over the next months we would hang out with the same group of friends, and it turned out we both lived in the same apartment complex. That first summer we talked a lot on the phone, and we went on a few dates during second year as "just friends." We both wanted God's best for our lives personally and in our relationships. The next year we even dated for a few months, but it just didn't feel quite right at that time.

We went our separate ways, and over a period of time had moved on with our lives until a missions trip to Peru we both went on in 2006. We started dating, and got married in 2007. Our story would take pages to tell, but for us we couldn't imagine it any different- life is better when we are together! We lived in Michigan for over 6 years, and were youth pastors at a church there. In 2013, we moved to help start a church, and are currently the lead Pastors.

THINGS WE LOVE: hiking, campfires, cooking, movies, traveling, DIY projects, the beach, bike rides, our families, and Jesus!

hello I'm Jeff

{written by Elizabeth} Jeff is one of those people that you just naturally want to be around. He's funny, loud, and any social gathering is better when he's there – this is one of the things that I love about Jeff. When I'm having a down day, he knows what to say to make me laugh. Jeff is also a lot like his dad – which if you've met Papy is a great compliment. They are both strong, steady, some of the most generous people you will meet, and they bring a calm to every situation. This makes Jeff a great husband, a great Pastor, and what will make him a great father.

I am beyond excited to watch Jeff hold our baby for the first time, watch as he changes a diaper, and teaches our kid to ride a bike. There is no one else I would want to go on this journey with. Jeff will make an incredible dad.

hello I'M ELIZABETH

{written by Jeff} Elizabeth is the most passionate person I know; she gives everything to whatever task lies in front of her. Elizabeth has a drive in her that is contagious, she is always striving to make things better. She brings out the best in me and everything is more fun when she is a part of it. Over the years I have known Elizabeth, she navigates difficulties with a consistent fortitude fueled by her relationship with God. I have been continually inspired by her selfless attitude that puts others first and her devotion to what she knows God has called her to be and do. I love that she has never met an impossible challenge, she finds a way to see the best in any situation, and that she makes me laugh.

I am so excited to watch Elizabeth with our children, because I know she will bring as much joy and love to their lives as she has mine.

WE ARE A
FAMILY

MIM & PAPY

PLAYING GAMES WITH GRACE {NIECE}

UNCLE JEFF & JACK

jeff

I am the baby of the family, my brother Craig is 5 years older than me. We grew up in a great neighborhood with lots of kids to play with & for the most part got along. Craig is now married with 4 awesome kids of his own and lives a few hours away. Our parents raised us going on lots of family trips, so I have many great memories in the back of a mini van. They are some of the most generous, loving people I have ever met and they visit often.
My extended family is fairly large so holiday meals always include plenty of kids running around, laughter, hugs and yummy food.

CRAIG, JACK, CHARLOTTE, GRACE, SOPHIE & AMANDA!

JEFF & PAPY BUILDING A SWING

SNUGGLE TIMEWITH CHARLOTTE & SOPHIE {NIECES}

elizabeth

I am the oldest of 4 kids. My parents are amazing people who have taught me so much about life. My two brothers are both married with beautiful families in Kansas. Bekah {my baby sister} is one of my best friends, and we love doing anything and everything together. Some of my favorite memories growing up were of family game night, showing animals in 4-H, and our "family band." Food is a big part of our family! My grandma would always cook more than enough food when we would get together. We continue the tradition by trying out new recipes (along with our yearly favorites!) and cooking big family meals together.

MOM , DAD, & SISTER BEKAH

TRYING TO CATCH SNOWFLAKES

TAYLOR, KREW, LILY, MADISON, KAYSON & JAXSON

MY BROTHERS & SIS-IN-LAWS

HIKING IN TENNESSEE

Our Favorite Things

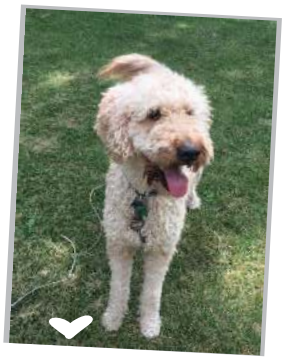
Jeff's Family Traditions

- Vacation "Up North" in the summer
- Icecream {there's always room for it!}
- Going to Detroit Thanksgiving Day parade
- Mim's family Christmas get togethers {150 people}
- Watching Craig & Jeff play water polo during Christmas break

Elizabeth's Family Traditions

- Going to the lake and boating
- Family game nights {Phase 10 is a fav}
- Baking during the holidays together
- Craft & DIY projects
- County fair - Eating fair food & seeing animals
- Condo "mini" vacations at Branson

Our Home



We live in the country in a comfy, 4 bedroom house. One of the things we love is how quiet it is, and having a little space to ourselves. We love our big yard, and our living room has the best sunset views.We enjoy having fires in the backyard, and listening to the frogs in the creek behind our house. There are multiple parks, restaurants, and shopping just a few miles down the road.

Oliver is our big fur baby. He was the most adorable puppy, and is a loyal companion. He loves children, and is one of the most gentle, loving dogs you will meet. Oliver loves to takes walks and play catch.

JUSTIN
PASTOR & FRIEND

JENNY & SHELLY
FRIENDS

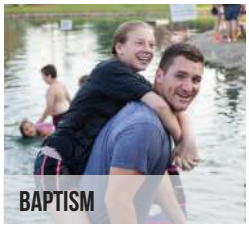
DANIELLE & BEKAH
HONORARY SISTER & SISTER

CHURCH PEEPS
WE LOVE OUR CHURCH!

KEITH
EXECUTIVE PASTOR & FRIEND

JEFF, PAPY, KEITH
ICECREAM AT RAY'S

HELICOPTER EGG DROP
MIM & PAPY LOVE TO HELP!


BAPTISM

CRAZY PHOTO BOOTHS!

our Church

We are the Pastors of an amazing church that is a second campus that was launched in 2014. Both of us work at the church, and the main pastor and staff are truly like family to us. Our church has some of the most loving, caring, truly nice people that you will ever meet. Everyone is very excited for our new addition!