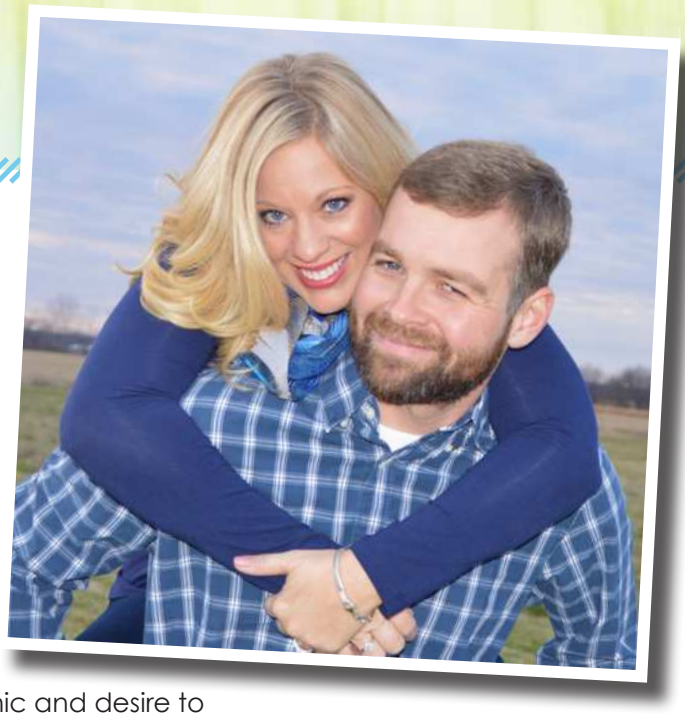
Alex & Stacey



Dear Birthparent,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share our story with you! Our names are Alex and Stacey and we are in our early to mid 30's. We have known each other for a long time, but we did not really get to know each other until we were older. Our journey together began with a walk at a nearby nature preserve. It only took two miles of conversation to realize that we were perfect for each other, and we've been together ever since.

Our priorities are Faith, Family, and Friends. We love each other and our family unconditionally. We value a good work ethic and desire to serve our neighbors and friends.

We are both fortunate to have jobs that we love. Stacey has worked for a local company for eight years and is currently the head of their compliance department. She is very skilled at handling difficult problems and situations for her customers on a daily basis. After college, Alex started his career as a funeral director, devoted to helping people during the most difficult time of their lives. His job provides some flexibility to plan work around family. With having ownership in his business, this allows us to feel comfortable financially for the well-being of our future children.

We plan for Stacey to eventually care for our children full-time. Creating a home where she can focus on raising our children is important to us. Our mothers stayed home while we were growing up, and that stability and care influenced us greatly.

We both grew up envisioning a large family. Adopting children has always been a desire and tug on our hearts. Family is family no matter how it's formed. This desire has only grown since Stacey's sister adopted her son whom we love dearly. Stacey has five adopted cousins and Alex has a cousin that has adopted three beautiful children from Guatemala. Our family is very used to welcoming children in a variety of different ways!

Our child will be brought up to love who they are as an individual. We will teach them about their heritage and traditions. We think all cultures and races are beautiful. They will know exactly how unique they are and how much they add to our family. We truly want nothing more than to share all we have been blessed with, and we are beyond excited to welcome a beloved child into our home.

We are grateful to have amazingly supportive family and friends. They are such a big part of our lives and we look forward to sharing this adventure with them as we start our family. Our gratitude is immeasurable. Thank you for taking the time to learn about us!

Alex and Stacey

Our Story

Our story makes us both smile – and makes us wonder what took us so long to get together! Although we went to the same school and had been around each other for a long time, we did not really know each other. Alex has been good friends with Stacey's brother Mike for many years. He was often over at her house playing basketball, corn hole, and cards as well as being on the same softball team as Mike and Tom (Stacey's dad).

Even though we saw each other often in passing, it took almost fifteen years for us to really spend quality time together. It didn't take long after that for us to see that we were perfect for each other! Our values, beliefs and hobbies are very much the same.

We both love nature and the outdoors. As a matter of fact, two of our first three dates involved hiking and kayaking! No 'dinner and a movie' cliché for us. We greatly enjoy camping, fishing, kayaking, horseback riding and hiking. We are both very family oriented, which is great because we have a lot of family to love!

Stacey is from a very large extended family and has 76 first cousins at last count. Alex has many cousins as well, all of which are almost as close as siblings. We both love our Lord and recognize him as the third part of our marriage. We both feel so amazingly blessed to have each other. We have both been instilled with a great work-ethic, faith, integrity, and unconditional love that we will model for our children.

Alex
(written by Stacey)

Alex is my best friend and has a heart of gold. He honestly cares for those around him, even those he has just met. He has a great sense of humor and an easy and ever present smile. His work ethic is admirable, but he always makes time for what is truly important in this life. He is calm and cool in stressful situations and in a practical fashion can be counted on to fix any problem. He is a man of many talents and is very intelligent. He is just a fun person and is always up for a quick vacation or special event.

Alex is going to be an amazing father. He is great with kids. He loves them and they are always eager to be with him. He is very "approachable" and sets them at ease. He is always ready with a silly joke, a piggy back ride, or even up for a tea party with our nieces. He is great at getting on their level and treating them as the precious gifts that they are.

I am absolutely blessed to have Alex as my husband and I know beyond a doubt that he will be the kind of father that any child would be blessed to have.

Stacey
(written by Alex)

Stacey is an amazing, sweet, kind, loving, and wonderful wife. She is so genuinely nice, without a doubt the best person I have ever met in my life. I am so happy and proud to be able to call her my wife. She loves God, her faith, her family, her friends, and her husband. I am so lucky and blessed for that!

Stacey has been an amazing aunt for several years, but she was born to be a mother. She is so loving to all children, and I know she will be a remarkable mother to our children. She is patient, calm, cool under pressure, understanding, and her sweet personality is always present in our home.

I love that Stacey is adventurous, with a love for the outdoors and God's creation. We enjoy kayaking, biking, taking walks, and exploring nature together. She is especially drawn to caring for children. When we walk into any type of family gathering, our nieces and nephews run to hug and greet her first, and before long, she has a baby in her arms! They all love Aunt Stacey so much. I know she will be a truly awesome mother, and I can't wait until she has that chance. She is absolutely dedicated to raising our children in a Christian home full of love.

Worth mentioning about us

Hobbies
Stacey- Horseback riding, hiking, gardening, kayaking, reading, cooking

Alex- Playing softball, kayaking, biking, playing cards

Favorite food
Stacey – Hawaiian Pizza
Alex- Spaghetti

Favorite Season
Stacey - Spring
Alex- Summer

Favorite Holiday
Stacey - Easter
Alex- Thanksgiving

Favorite Color
Stacey –Turquoise
Alex- Dark Green

Favorite Dessert
Stacey – Warm chocolate chip cookies
Alex – Mint chocolate chip ice cream

Favorite sport to play
Stacey –Softball
Alex - Softball

Favorite sport to watch
Stacey- Gymnastics
Alex- Football

Favorite Restaurant
Stacey- Los Pitayos (Mexican)
Alex- Mongolian Grill

Favorite childhood memory
Stacey – Spending time with Grandma & Grandpa on their farm
Alex- Showing sheep at fair

Our Family

Our family and friends are a huge part of our lives. We both come from very close knit families, and the majority of our immediate and extended families live close by. Our weekends often revolve around cookouts and swimming (it's nice to have brothers with pools) and even our extended families get together regularly. It is always wonderful to see all the new babies during reunions and we love being able to catch up with our aunts and uncles.

Stacey's immediate family

Alex's immediate family

We have an amazing church family and are actively involved in mass as well as our church softball league. Everyone is very supportive and excited for the day that we welcome a new little one into our family!

Our family will undoubtedly be a large part of our child's life. We currently have three nieces and six nephews under the age of 5. The child we adopt will have plenty of kids to play with. Our parents, six sisters / SIL's and five brothers / BIL's round out our immediate family.

Gingerbread house building fun with cousins

Annual cookie baking and decorating day!

Family cookout time at uncle Johns!

Alex adding some joy to a family party

Stacey's Grandpa, two of her sisters and little niece

Stacey's Grandma with all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. There are a lot of us!

Our Pets

We both grew up with pets and have two beloved dachshunds in our little family. Trig is our adventurous one – he loves to play ball and is very social. Cricket is our sweet, loving girl. She just wants to be beside one of us and loves to be loved on. She will follow us around the house and will find a comfy spot next to us when we sit down. Both love taking walks, and we have the benefit of a large nature preserve just a few miles from our home. The trails are perfect for a nice afternoon hike and we get down there regularly to walk or go fishing. Both pups are gentle, sweet, and very good with children. They love when our young nieces and nephews come over.

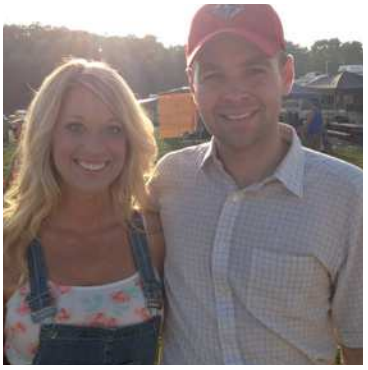
Stacey's parents own a small horse farm, and Stacey has had our Palomino, Shiloh, since he was born. He is always up for a run through the pasture or a trail ride with a group of friends. He is a people pleaser and is as much a pet as our pups.

We are both huge animal lovers and will undoubtedly have more pets throughout the years.

Our Home

Our home is a beautiful ranch style house set back down a long driveway with a wooded area to the side and farmland surrounding the rest. We had it designed and custom built in 2015. The family room, dining area, and kitchen are partially open so the living space is large and promotes togetherness. We have three bedrooms, two baths, and an office area to round it out. Our favorite aspect of our home is the large deck out back overlooking our 2.8 acres and the field beyond. It has ample space for a playset and makes a wonderful area for our family get-togethers and cookouts. It is situated in the country outside of our small home town. The school system is wonderful and the elementary and junior high schools were just built this year! It has the comfort of a one-horse town but still provides ample opportunity for its students to get a great education with options for travel and experience. We are just minutes from our church, less than a mile from Stacey's parents and only 3 miles from Alex's Mom. Having both sets of grandparents in close proximity will undoubtedly be a huge benefit for our children. We live close to a small airfield and enjoy watching the planes fly overhead. Most of our family members live within 10 miles of us so we are able to see each other often. We have two larger cities close by with plenty of shopping, bikes paths, parks, and restaurants for when we want a little more entertainment.

Enjoying a summer day in our kayaks



Watching friends show at our county fair

Alex's "big" catch!

Loving the beauty of South Carolina