Mike & Tricia

A Note from Us

Words seem inadequate in expressing how blessed we feel that you have taken the time to get to know us a little better. What do you say to reassure the person who has the ability to change your life for ever? All we can say with certainty is we are ready, and will love your child unconditionally. We hope this “peek” into our lives will give you an understanding of who we are and the type of parents we will be.

Our journey to parenthood started about 7 years ago. After being married for 3 years, we were excited and ready to start a family. Adoption was always something that God placed on our hearts, and “our plan” was to pursue adoption after we had a biological child. As it often goes, God had other plans. After battling years of infertility we knew all that mattered is we wanted to be parents - and we would love and cherish any child that was placed in our arms. So, we said goodbye to “our plan” and fully embraced His adoption plan for our lives. God’s plan is always good. Just as you started this adoption plan with the hope of giving the best future to your baby, God also has a plan for you, and for us. This journey has taught us a lot about who we are as individuals and strengthened who we are as a couple. We are confident that this is the plan God has for us and we are so excited to meet the child he has chosen.

Our paths may never cross further than this letter, but thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for considering us and taking the time to get to know us a little better. It is our hope that as you embark on this journey, God’s peace will comfort you every step of the way.

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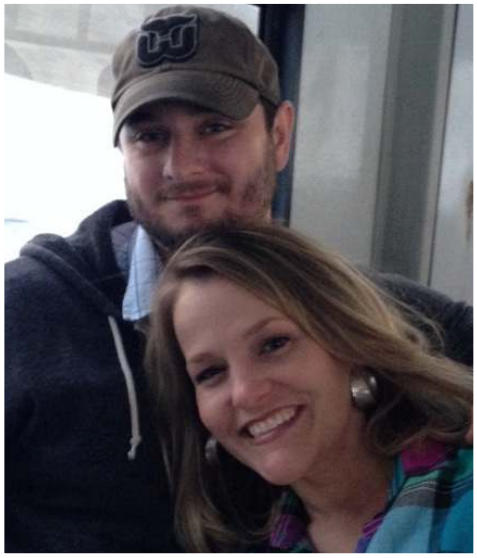
About Us



We have known each other most of our lives. We both grew up in the same small town and were raised with the same family values. We met in middle school, became friends in high school, but it wasn't until we were in college that we realized how happy we both made each other. We started dating the summer before our senior year of college, and got married 3 years later. We have been married for ten years, and recently moved back to our home town to be closer to family. Family is important to both of us and we are excited for our child to grow up close to family and in the same small town we did.

We are very similar and yet very different people. We are both easy-going, love to make each other laugh, and share the same family and religious values but we enjoy different hobbies and personal interests. Mike loves all things sports and Tricia loves reading and watching movies. We always have so much fun together. Whether we're zip-lining through the Appalachian mountains, or sitting in our living room watching our favorite shows, we're happy just being with each other.

We both are blessed with stable careers, with excellent employers. Tricia is a Payroll Manager and provides payroll and HR support for a locally owned food franchise. She enjoys the people she works with and loves the challenge that comes with a fast paced work environment. Mike teaches 8th grade English and Video Broadcast Journalism at the local high school. He also coaches football and is the head varsity baseball coach. Education is important to Mike and he absolutely loves being around his students.

Our careers offer the financial stability and benefits necessary to provide for a growing family, while also giving us the flexibility to make sure family always comes first. Mike also has his summers off and is excited to spend his summers playing with his son or daughter.

Tricia

(written by Mike)

Tricia is the most authentic, caring, fun loving person that I have ever met. She has been my best friend for 13 years and I am so thankful that I found someone like her to share my life with. She does something every day that makes me smile. I couldn't imagine my life without her. Her loving, caring nature with children makes me excited to think about her raising a child of our own. Someone once said, that the two most important days of a person's life are the day they were born and the day they realize why they were born. My wife realized a long time ago that she was born to be a mother and I can't wait to see her finally get the chance to do what she was born to do.

She is a loyal friend and is always willing to listen when they need to talk or lend a hand when they need help. Family is extremely important to her as she is close with all of her brothers and sisters and loves hanging out with her nieces and nephews. There are always a lot of laughs when Aunt Tricia is around!

She is an organized person and is great at staying on top of our finances. She is a dedicated employee and takes a lot of pride in doing her job well.

Mike

(written by Tricia)

Mike is the funniest person I know. He is easygoing, witty, and has a charm about him that everyone enjoys being around. There is always laughter when he is in the room. It was his humor and ability to make me laugh that first attracted me to him. Once we started dating, I realized that there is much more to him than just the "funny guy", and I fell in love with the loving, kind and all-around decent man behind the smile. He is affectionate in a playful way, and always makes me feel loved. His easy-going, laid-back personality is calming to my sometimes over-analytical side. He is dedicated, not only to me and our marriage, but to everything he sets his mind and his heart out to do. His passion and dedication shines in his interactions with his students and the young men he coaches. Watching the way the kids respond to, and look up to him, only convinces me further of the great father he will be. I know he will give the same passion and dedication to being a father, as he does with me and his students. I can't imagine starting this journey and building a family with any other man by my side.

Our Home

We live in a cozy 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch style home with our fluffy, slightly rambunctious cat, Nash. Our house is located on a quiet street with little traffic. We live about a mile from the school where Mike teaches and right up the street from a park and our town's community center. Our house has plenty of room for a growing family. We love hosting holidays with our families and enjoy having friends and family over for game nights or to watch sporting events.

Our Community

We both grew up in our small town and although we have lived in big cities and different places around the country, we love being back in our home town where we have everything we need. Our community is a special place filled with friendly people and a fun and safe environment for kids to grow up.

Fun Facts!

Holiday Tradition
Mike: Eating the "Christmas Seafood Feast" on Christmas day while visiting my dad in Florida
Tricia: Watching "It's a Wonderful Life" on Christmas Eve while wrapping Christmas presents

Food
Mike: Fish tacos
Tricia: Pizza

Movies
Mike: A Few Good Men
Tricia: Pride & Prejudice

Season
Mike: Summer - I enjoy spending my summers golfing & playing baseball
Tricia: Fall - I love the colors of fall, and all the fall smells like leaves, spiced apple and pumpkin

Childhood Memory
Mike: Going to the Indians game with my family for my birthday and getting my name on the score board.
Tricia: Going to the local fair every summer with my family

TV Show
Mike: Seinfeld
Tricia: The Office

Hobbies/Activities
Mike: golfing, video editing, coaching
Tricia: reading, jogging, watching movies, playing games

Our Family & Friends

Christmas Day with Mike's family

We are blessed to be surrounded by a large support system of family and friends. Both Tricia's parents, six siblings, and 14 nieces and nephews, as well as Mike's mom and stepdad, all live within 15 minutes of our home. With family so close, we're always finding something fun to do together. We enjoy walks through town, birthday parties, game nights, playing in our annual cornhole tournament, watching Mike coach, and getting together for the holidays. The rest of Mike's family, his brother, dad, 4 step siblings, and 10 nieces & nephews, live in different areas all over the country. We visit each other as often as possible, especially around the holidays. We love hosting when they visit us, and always have a fun place to stay when visiting them.

Mike, Tricia, Mike's mom, and stepdad posing for a holiday picture

Tricia and her siblings celebrating with her mom for a Surprise 60th Birthday Party

We also have a very close knit group of friends, who are very much like family to us. Most of our friends have been a part of our life since childhood. We grew up together and have remained friends through all the twists and turns of life. Many of them have children of their own, and are over-the-moon excited to hear that we are adopting. Our friends and family couldn't be happier for us and can't wait to see our dream of becoming parents come true.

Kentucky Derby fun with Tricia's sister and mom

Mike and his niece being silly

Mike playing some ball with his buddies

Tricia & her sister having fun at the Color Run

Annual Christmas Party with friends

Tickle war with niece and nephew while waiting for the parade.