Chris and Elizabeth

about us

We met Ellizabeth's senior year of college at her Sorority Formal. Chris had a co-worker who did some DJing on the side and helped him DJ the formal. We started talking on a regular basis, went on our first date a couple months later and were married 2 years after. We have now been married for 7 years and have two energetic children, ages 4 and 2.

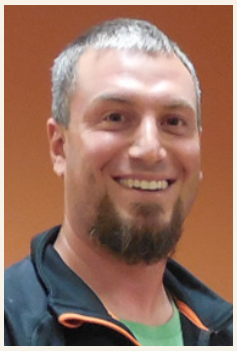
Chris works for a local truck company, traveling to different warehouses to service and fix their yard trucks. He has been employed with them since graduating, 12 ½ years ago. Elizabeth taught 4 years of middle school math and science upon graduating from college until the birth of their first child. She always desired to be a stay at home mom, and is able to do that. As a stay at home mother she also has the privilege of babysitting children.

Elizabeth currently watches our 3 neighbor children 4 days a week. She enjoys taking them to the library, teaching them preschool, and going to the park or the pool on nice days.

We love to incorporate the kids into all of our activities. We are both Christians and love serving others as much as we can. Chris is a hard worker who will help do any hands-on project as much as he can, and Elizabeth loves teaching and training children. We serve together as Camp Directors for our church's 5 day overnight camp, teach Sunday school, and lead a Wednesday evening Children's program at our church.

Our favorites

	Chris	Elizabeth
Favorite Color	Orange	Blue
Favorite Ice Cream Flavor	Butter Pecan	Chocolate Peanut Butter
Favorite Season	Spring	Fall
Favorite Vacation Destination	Lake Norris	Rocky Mountains
Favorite Childhood Memory	Camping at Lake Erie	Spending a week at my grandparents in the summer
Favorite Type of Restaurant	Mexican	Mexican
Favorite Animal	Dog	Giraffe
Favorite TV Show	Chicago Series	Chicago Series
Favorite Board Game	Apples to Apples	Monopoly
Favorite Holiday	4th of July	Christmas



Chris

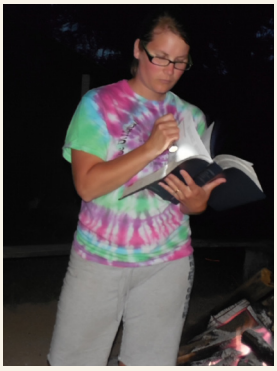
Written by Elizabeth

Chris is a loving servant in all areas of his life. He is an extremely supportive husband doing everything he can to help raise our children as well as serve the children in our church and community. He works very hard at his job and is highly respected by his bosses and the companies he services. He enjoys his work and excels at it. Chris was raised by loving parents, his father worked 40 years at a local company and his mother stayed home to raise Chris and his brother. In the summers Chris's family would go to the lake on the weekends where they have a camper and a fishing boat with his grandparents. Today, Chris continues to enjoy weekends fishing on the lake, passing on the fun of fishing with grandparents to his own kids. In high school Chris ran cross country and was involved in FFA. He still has a love for running and staying fit, as well as a love for the farm. After graduation he attended a Technical school to get an associate's degree in diesel mechanics. Upon completion he was hired by a local company and is still employed by them today. At work, Chris travels to different warehouses servicing and repairing their yard trucks. In the evenings and on the weekends Chris works on small projects at home. Currently he is working on servicing a tractor and repairing the barn. He also loves spending time playing with his kids, taking them on four wheeler rides, going on walks, playing games, and reading to them.

Elizabeth

Written by Chris

Elizabeth is a very loving mother and very passionate about serving the church. She works hard taking care of the children's programs at church, serves as an elder and is well respected by the church. Her favorite part is the children's summer camp that she is in charge of. Elizabeth grew up on a dairy farm and her whole family has worked very hard to keep thriving. They also raised cattle, bailed hay, and harvested grain to feed the animals. She is competitive. In high school when she started track she was told that she wouldn't be able to do pole vaulting, but she proved them wrong. She was also involved in so many extra-curricular activities while in high school, such as band and leadership academy. She was also very involved in college in leadership programs as well as continuing her track career. She graduated from college with a bachelor's degree in education and taught 7th grade math and science at a public school for 4 years before our first child was born. Since then she has been staying at home raising our kids and serving the church. Elizabeth loves to work in her flower beds and enjoys the garden produce. She loves to sew and is a very good cook.



our Home

We have the joy of living in the house on the property Chris's grandparents bought and farmed. We own 10 acres on the 150 acre farm. Chris's parents own the rest of the acreage and woods, so we have access to the whole property. It is a 4 bedroom house set off a small country road. It is a great location with plenty of space for the kids to ride their bikes and run around playing tag and hide-n-seek. We love to ride the four-wheelers around the fields watching the crops grow and exploring the woods. We also love to take walks as a family and tend to have the opportunity to catch up with our neighbors during those walks. On our "farm" we have a Black Lab/German Shepherd mixed dog named Leah. She is very friendly and gentle. We also keep some barn cats and chickens. In the future we are hoping to fence in a pasture to raise some cows and pigs.

our family

Chris and Elizabeth have two energetic children, Lydia age 4 and Josiah age 2. They love being outdoors riding their bikes, playing on the swing set, and going on four-wheeler rides. They are also great helpers by gathering eggs, unloading the dishwasher, and how ever else they can help. Lydia is in gymnastics and loves doing puzzles and playing games. Josiah is content driving his tractors all over the house. We are also very close to our extended families. We live within 5 minutes of Chris's parents and go to church with his parents and brother. Chris's brother is married and they have a daughter. They help us run the children's programs at our church as well.

We also have the blessing of keeping in contact with our extended families. We get together with the extended families on both of our sides multiple times a year. It is such a pleasure to connect with our cousins and get to see our kids playing and interacting with their cousins and second cousins.

Our families are very supportive and loving. We encourage each other, support each other, laugh with each other and cry with each other. Adoption has always been a part of Elizabeth's life as her great grandmother was adopted and has some cousins who are adopted. Her parents also went through the process to adopt when she was younger, but did not end up adopting at that time. We have full support from our extended family as well as our church family in helping us teach, train, and care for our children.

Elizabeth's Family

Chris' Family at Christmas

Celebrating Grandma's Birthday!

Helping Great Grandpa drive his boat

Family reunion group photo

Fishing with Chris' Parents

Papa with his grandsons

hello

We are so excited about the possibility of loving and caring for your child if you see us fit and we thank you for taking the time to get to know us better.

The most important things to us are our family and our faith. We love spending time as a family and also spend a lot of time with extended family. We regularly attend church services and both serve at our church by leading a Children's Wednesday evening program, directing an overnight Children's camp and teaching Sunday School.

We feel the greatest gift you can give your child is life. We appreciate your desire to give your child the best life possible. We have been praying for you that God will grant you peace and wisdom through this process to provide the best for your child.

Sincerely,

Chris and Elizabeth

why adoption?

We have wanted to adopt since we got married as a way to share Christ's love to children who need a family. We understand there are children who need families and want to be able to provide a loving home to a child in need. We live in a diverse community with several different racial families in our church, and within our family. We are open to any race of child to join our family, and will do our best to help them embrace their background.