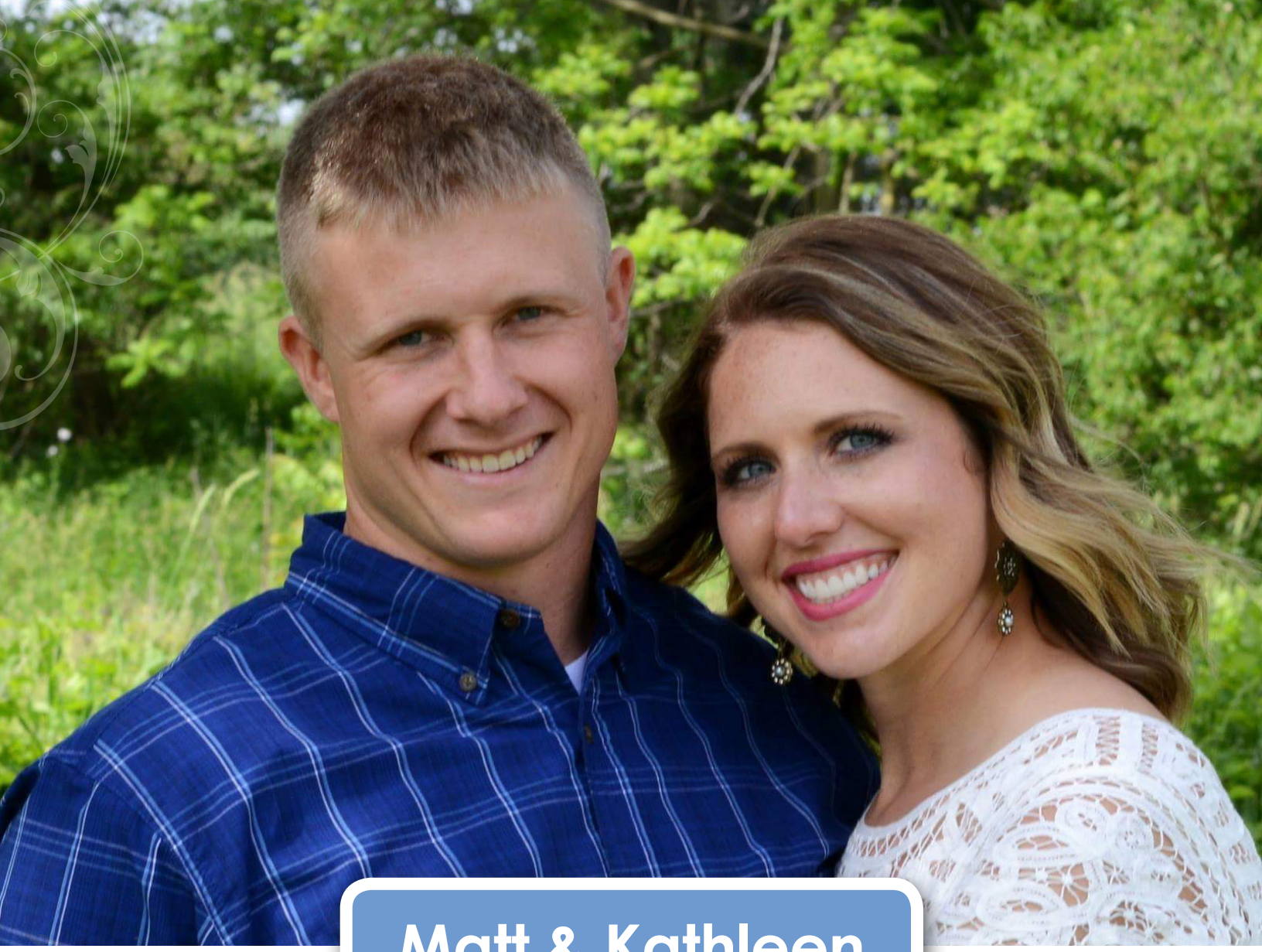


Matt & Kathleen

Our Favorite Things:

Matt:

Color: Blue
Food: Mexican
Dessert: Peach Pie
TV Show: The Office
Kid's Movie: Robinhood
Holiday: Thanksgiving
Season: Spring
Hobby: Playing and watching sports
Vacation: Jamaica
Favorite Childhood Memory:
Working on the farm with my family

Kathleen

Color: Blue
Food: Chinese
Dessert: Carrot Cake
TV Show: Gilmore Girls
Kid's Movie: Mary Poppins
Holiday: Christmas
Season: Summer
Hobby: Taking walks and dancing
Vacation: Virginia Beach
Favorite Childhood Memory:
Family vacations and road trips

About Us

We truly feel that God put us together for a purpose. We each have strengths that complement the other person. We love being together, and often know what the other person is thinking. We enjoy going on walks together to get a little exercise and have good conversation, we also enjoy getting coffee and looking online for a good deal on a house that we could fix up and sell. We are perfect for each other because we think the other person is funny, even if it isn't funny to anyone else. Even after six years of marriage we still enjoy going out to dinner, and then coming home and watching a movie. We just enjoy spending time together!

Kathleen goes to most of Matt's football games even though he is only a coach. Our favorite holiday is Christmas and we enjoy hanging decorations and making snacks to give to our friends and neighbors. Our work schedule has allowed us to go on mini trips and vacations during the summer to different cities, state parks, or the beach. We can't wait to do all of these activities with our children as a family.

Kathleen by Matt

Kathleen is the kindest person I have ever met. She has a great smile, and smiles all the time. I can still picture the first time I saw her. I saw her head looking out a car window and she had a great big smile on her face. Kathleen took dance lessons for 15 years during elementary through high school and still enjoys being a part of dance classes and is a certified Zumba instructor. She is great with kids and loves to play with our nieces and nephews. It makes me laugh when I overhear her make-up some random story as she plays "make-believe" with one of our nieces or nephews. She is a sucker for a "chick-flick" or Hallmark movie and considers herself a "good eater". She is a great teacher and has taught elementary language arts and social studies for many years. She enjoys going on walks through our town and at the nearby metropark. Kathleen is an incredibly hard worker as she keeps our home very clean and always cooks great meals! When we were fixing up our home before we moved in she worked tirelessly at painting and cleaning and anything else that needed done to help me. She always supports me in whatever I do and hopes to have the opportunity to be a mom someday soon.

Matt By Kathleen

Matt is, quite literally, one of the best people I know. He is a strong leader and a reliable and supportive husband. One thing that I admire about him is how he is always willing to go the extra mile and help someone out. I knew Matt was going to be an amazing father shortly after meeting him. He has a large family, so he has many younger siblings. I was able to see how he would help his younger siblings out as well as play with them and be a good example. I knew he was a keeper. Matt loves teaching high school math and coaching football. He really does an incredible job making a difference with his high school students. When he started at his current school a few years ago, he noticed they didn't have any sort of Christian club. That year, he started a FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) group and they meet every Friday for devotions and donuts before school starts. Matt is also very handy around the house and made our house a home by working morning to night on our house the summer we bought it. He has worked construction, so he can fix anything around the house! Matt is also an extremely friendly person. He makes friendships easily and people know that he cares about them. We could literally be on vacation in a different state or at the grocery store and he will see someone that he knows. Once we were on a walk around town and we counted 18 people who waved, honked, or said hi to him in an hour. He is loved by all. He is an amazing man and any child who is able to call him "Dad" will be blessed.

Our Family

We both have large and awesome families. Matt's family (he is one of 9 children) considers themselves quite goofy and have all kinds of unique traditions. They love to be loud and funny each Christmas after we open our stocking stuffers and ask "who gave me this?" (it's hard to explain). Matt's extended family has made it a tradition to take a yearly summer vacation as a big group with over 50 family members attending for over 25 years straight! It is a great few days to spend time together and reconnect since most of the family is spread out across multiple states. We play lots of games and sports, go swimming, and have big meals and nightly family Bible study.

Kathleen's family is wonderful as well. Her immediate family enjoys getting together for Sunday lunches, playing cornhole, and going on vacation to the beach. She also has a large extended family that gets together every holiday and has their own unique traditions. Every Thanksgiving all the men become lumberjacks for a day and cut wood for her Grandma and family. Another tradition is singing the "Doxology" as a prayer before meals. Kathleen's family also enjoys being loud, laughing, and playing games.

Kathleen with her siblings

Super Siblings

Christmas with Matt's family

Kathleen's family at her grandma's 90th birthday party

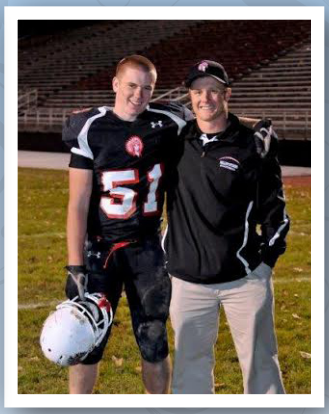
Kathleen's brother's graduation

Vacation at a state park with Matt's family

More Friends & Family

Kathleen with Matt's youngest sister Sarah

Escape room with cousins



Matt and his brother Jonathan

Matt & his buddies

Kathleen and our niece Sadie

Family Paint Party

Kathleen & her friends

Our Home

Our home is a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom brick ranch in a quaint housing development. We had the opportunity to really make it our own after we purchased it as a foreclosure at a sheriff sale. We enjoyed getting to pick all the paint colors and decide how we were going to use each room and decorate them. We made a few adjustments to the layout and really enjoy our home. Although our lot is small, we make an effort to keep the landscaping kept up and have a spot in the yard for bonfires. We live down the road from a park, our local elementary school, and our church. We will be able to take many family walks to enjoy all kinds of activities. Our community is safe and supportive, and we live in a wonderful school district that is known for its educational excellence.

Dear Parent,

We appreciate you giving us the opportunity to tell us a little bit about ourselves and hopefully allowing us to know more about you. You are in a very special position and we hope you can feel God's guidance as you make these important decisions.

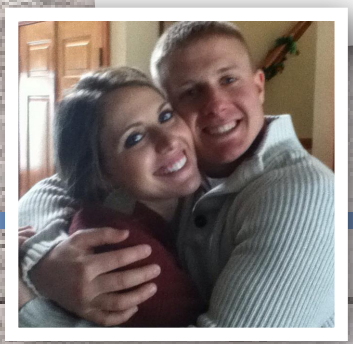
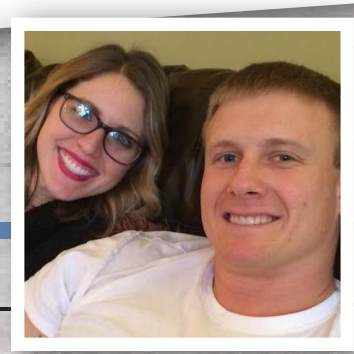
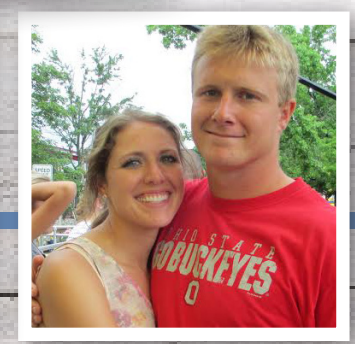
Here is a little bit more about who we are. We have been married for almost 6 years. During college, we met at a baseball game through a mutual friend and immediately hit it off. Matt knew he was going to ask Kathleen to marry him within a month of meeting her. We love to talk to each other and be around each other. We are both teachers, Matt is a high school math teacher and assistant football coach, and Kathleen is a 4th grade elementary teacher.

The most important thing in our lives is our relationship with Christ. We attend a great church and are a part of a small group. Our family is the second most important thing in our lives. We both have multiple siblings and very large extended families. Our children will have a lot of cousins to play with and aunts and uncles who love them. We love to go to family gatherings and eat lots of homemade food, laugh and tell big stories. We love to compete with our families, whether in board/card games or games outside.

Why Adoption?

Kathleen has always wanted to adopt since going on a trip to an orphanage in Africa. We talked about the possibility of adoption early in our relationship but didn't make any plans. After struggling with infertility for multiple years we decided God was calling us to build our family through adoption. We would be excited to adopt a child of any race and race will not be a factor in how we love the child and view them as our own. We will do our best to make sure our child appreciates who they are and understands the culture they come from.

We are excited to teach our children about God and show them His love. We have both always dreamed of being parents and having a family and cannot wait until God gives us that opportunity.

Sincerely,

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