Matt & Sara

About Us

We met through Matt's family who knew Sara from working with youth at a church camp. After talking for a month online and on the phone, we had our first date in February of 2012. We both knew from early on that we were an answer to each other's prayers and that we wanted to spend the rest of our lives making memories together. We were engaged in May of 2012 and married that December. Since then we have created a home centered around God and filled with love and laughter. Our evenings and weekends are typically filled with friends and family, cookouts, bonfires, relaxing at home, or taking a weekend trip. We love being active and exploring our community along with other cultures and countries.

Matt went to college for computer science and digital media. He has worked at a local hospital on their computers for the past 12 years. He loves his job and we are thankful that it provides financial stability for our family. He also works a few hours a week at our local church updating the website and other media needs.

Sara went to college for nursing, but found out before she graduated that it wasn't her passion. Since then she has worked in her local church as a youth pastor. She has been on staff at our church for almost 5 years. She loves sharing the love of Jesus with people and leading them to a closer walk with Christ. She is passionate about ministering to the next generation and loves seeing lives forever changed because they decided to follow Christ. She currently is taking ministry classes to further her education.

Fun Facts About Us

OCCUPATION – Matt (Deskside Support Analyst); Sara (Youth Pastor)

EDUCATION- Matt (Associates Degree in Computer Science); Sara (2 years College, Credentialed Minister)

HOBBIES - Matt (Bike Riding, Computers, Graphic Design, Traveling, Video Games, Watching Sports)

Sara (Bike Riding, Gardening, Hanging out with Friends, Reading, Traveling)

FAVORITE COLOR – Matt (Blue); Sara (Coral)

FAVORITE FOOD – Matt (Pizza); Sara (Chocolate)

FAVORITE HOLIDAY – Matt (Christmas); Sara (Christmas)

FAVORITE SPORT – Matt (Football); Sara (Volleyball)

FAVORITE DESSERT – Matt (Cherry Pie); Sara (Warm Chocolate Chip Cookies)

FAVORITE TV SHOW – Matt (Prison Break); Sara (When Calls the Heart)

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY – Matt (Playing baseball with my Dad); Sara (Summers at the lake)

Who is Sara?

(written by Matt)

Before I ever met Sara, family told me about how wonderful she was. They told me she had a great personality and showed me a photo on Facebook. They were right! Sara has a great heart and loves serving and spending time with other people. It's amazing to see how people are drawn to her for advice and Godly wisdom. She is a natural born leader. She knows how to have fun, but also knows when to be serious. I sometimes feel like Sara should have been an FBI Agent with the way she observes her surroundings. She is a list making goal achiever and that helps her stay motivated. She is administrative and good at managing finances. Everyone that knows Sara can agree that her priorities are God first, family and friends second. What I love most about Sara is that without a doubt, she can be trusted.

Who is Matt?

(Written by Sara)

Matt is known to be quiet and soft-spoken. He thinks before he speaks, which is a quality I'm still learning. He is one the most loyal people I know. When Matt makes friends, they are friends for life. He is easy going and loves playing video games, working on computers, and serving at our local church. Matt is easy to laugh with, always there to make bad days better, and always encourages. You can count on him to laugh at the most awkward situations when he gets nervous and sometimes say the most random things. He's a fun, loving guy who is continuously willing to go out of his way to help anyone, even strangers. He is the kind of guy everyone wants for a friend and I'm lucky to have him as my best friend and husband. He truly is the man of my dreams and I love making memories and growing older with him.

About Our Home

We live in a 3-bedroom home that we have completely remodeled and made it "ours" since being married. Our home is within walking distance of parks, a local school, and bike paths that we regularly ride bikes or take walks on. Matt's parents and brother live within a few blocks from our home which makes it easy to host family events in one of our homes. Our home is in a safe neighborhood where several of our neighbors have young children. Year round there are community events centered around families, such as outside movies, parades, pool parties, and Christmas tree lightings downtown.

Our home and a park we frequently visit

About our Friends and Family

We are blessed with an amazing support system of friends and family who are just as excited as we are about expanding our family through adoption. We are an active part in our local church where many of the members are a part of our everyday lives and our very best friends. When we adopt he or she will not only have two loving parents, but a large group of people who love them unconditionally.

Matt is the oldest in his family where he has a younger brother and a younger sister, who was adopted when she was young. They are a close family who loves getting together for Sunday lunches, spending time grilling, golfing, or playing board games. Matt's extended family are also close and use every holiday to gather together and to celebrate.

Sara is the middle child and has an older sister and a younger brother. Sara's sister is married, has two girls, and is expecting a third child. From the moment Sara's nieces were born she has been in love and spends as much time as possible with them either playing at the park or exploring at the zoo. Sara's brother is in the Air Force which sometimes takes him away from the family for months at a time, but thankfully with technology we stay in close contact. During the summer Sara's family will be found by the pool at her parents or in the garden picking vegetables. Like Matt's family Sara's extended family uses every holiday to gather together. You can usually count on family events to be filled with flying kites, playing instruments, and singing.

After youth service activities

Matt's immediate family

Celebrating birthdays with our niece

Matt with friends playing paintball

Church Camp mud war

Sara's immediate family

Cave tubing in Belize

Sara at a New Year's Eve party

Summer evening with friends

A Letter from Us

Dear Birthparent(s),

Thank you for taking time to get to know us by looking at our profile. We have been praying for you since this adoption journey began for us. We hope that this gives you an accurate description to who we truly are and how a child will be welcomed into our family with loving arms. We are excited to be expanding our family through the miracle of adoption and cannot wait to share our unconditional love with a child.

Again, we are honored that you would consider us as a part of your adoption plan. If you choose us, we promise to forever love and support your child as they grow. We will tell them of their adoption story so they know the amount of love that you have for them.

With love and prayers, *Matt & Sara*

Why Adoption

We knew that we wanted children when we got married 5 years ago. Once we found out that we would not have biological children we knew that we would pursue expanding our family through adoption. Since we can remember we have both had a heart for adoption because of our faith. As children of God, we were adopted into His family. We are excited to one day unconditionally love a child just as Christ loves us. Our family, friends, and community are diverse and made up of different cultures and backgrounds. We look forward to welcoming a baby and loving it unconditionally, regardless of race or culture.