Dave & Courtney

About Us

We met in 2001 when we were both in college. Though we lived in different cities, two of our friends were dating, and we met through them. Courtney saw that Dave's online profile mentioned something about youth ministry, and she thought he might be able to help her with a question about a Christian song she was looking for. We began to talk every night, and then began talking on the phone. We eventually met in person and started dating, and we have been together ever since.

We have gotten to know each other very well after being together for 16 years, and have been through many ups and downs in our relationship, only to come out stronger. Our faith has also been strengthened, and being a part of a loving and supportive church family has been an amazing part of our lives. After 13 years of marriage, we love and trust each other more than ever, and we are excited to bring children into our family.

About Dave
written by Courtney

Dave is an incredibly hardworking, loyal, loving, and family-oriented person. He has an intelligent, logical mind and can fix anything and everything, but he is especially great with any technology and computer issues. He is the one who creates slideshows for family get-togethers and celebrations on both sides of our family, and he is always there to lend a hand with planning or executing an event. He will work tirelessly to help others, and never asks for anything in return. He has a wonderful eye for detail, and yet he is also great with people. Dave is a good listener, and treats each and every person he meets with respect. He is also a wonderful and loving husband, and my best friend. We can talk about anything and everything, and I trust him completely. I know Dave will be a wonderful Dad because he loves his family deeply and fully, and he will make sure that our children feel safe, protected, and cherished. He is already a wonderful father to our puggle, Olive.

About Courtney
written by Dave

Courtney is a gracious, loving, devoted, strong, and driven person. She loves her friends and family more deeply than anyone I know. She works tirelessly to make sure others are heard and understood. She deeply cares for the mistreated, poor, and powerless. She is an amazing listener, counselor, and trusted advisor. She thinks deeply and thoroughly dissects issues and problems rather than jumping to conclusions without thought. She is the most merciful human I have ever met. She is an amazing wife and my best friend. I know Courtney will be a dedicated, loving, caring, and hardworking mother.

Our Family and Friends

Both of our families are close-knit, and we spend holidays with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins as well as with our immediate families and their significant others and children. (Our families actually even enjoy spending time together, although they live a few hours apart.)

On Courtney's side we have a four-year-old niece. On Dave's side we have a three-year-old niece, a niece and a nephew who are two-year-old twins, and a six-month-old niece. Our children will have many cousins to play with! Most of Courtney's family lives less than two hours from Courtney and Dave, and we see them often on holidays, birthdays, and fun weekend trips. We even took a vacation with Courtney's family a few years ago!

Dave's parents live about two minutes from the school where Courtney works, so Dave's mom has volunteered to help with childcare during the school year. She is a wonderful, gentle, and patient woman, and we know she will be a loving Grandma!

With Courtney's family after we hiked a mountain!

Courtney with her Dad

Courtney with Dave's Mom at Christmas

We love weddings with friends and family!

Celebrating with high school friends

With Dave's brother and Grandpa at Christmas

We love our nephew and nieces!

Courtney having fun with friends at church

Dave celebrating with friends from church

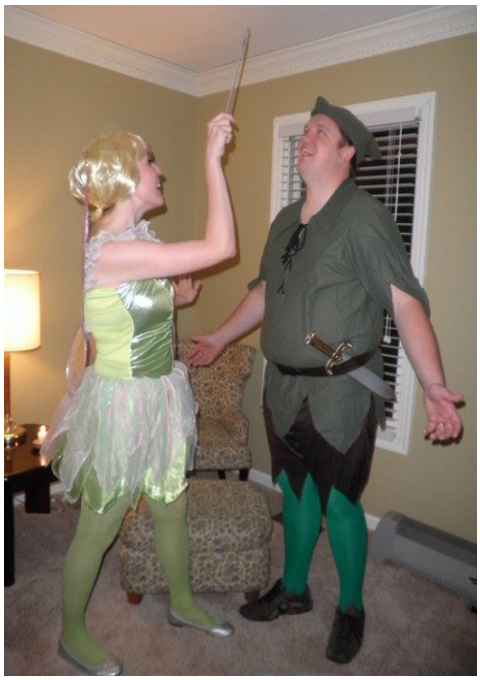
Dave's mom, Courtney's aunt, and Courtney's mom at a bridal shower

Courtney with her sister-in-law (Dave's brother's wife)

Our Home

We live in a quiet suburban neighborhood. We are close to several malls, parks, movie theaters, and many other activities, and we are less than fifteen minutes from our church and from the private Christian school where Courtney works (and where we would like to send our children someday).

We have a very supportive church full of great friends who have rallied around us as we worked towards adopting. Many of our friends have already fostered or adopted or are in the adoption process themselves, so we have a wonderful network of people who are experiencing things similar to what we are experiencing. Also, our children will get to meet many other children who are adopted, which is a very unique and special bond.



We love dressing up for Halloween!

On a trip to the Biltmore Estate

Courtney's Favorites

Favorite Food: Buffalo wings
Favorite Dessert: Dark chocolate
Favorite Movie: Pretty in Pink
Favorite Holiday: Christmas
Favorite TV Show: Parks and Recreation, The Voice
Favorite Book: Pride and Prejudice, The Bible
Favorite Band/Music: 1980's Pop
Favorite Sports: Running and swimming
Favorite Hobbies: Reading, writing, running, singing

Dave's Favorites

Favorite Food: Mexican
Favorite Dessert: Ice Cream
Favorite Movie: The Princess Bride
Favorite Holiday: The 4th of July
Favorite TV Show: Good Eats, The Office
Favorite Book: The Hobbit
Favorite Band/Music: Jars of Clay, Mute Math
Favorite Sports: Football, Softball, Baseball, Golf, Basketball
Favorite Hobbies: Music, Building Anything

Dear expectant parent(s),

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this. We know that this is a difficult decision for you, and we take that very seriously. Our faith is the most important part of our lives, so we trust that God is leading us to our future family.

Dave is a Enterprise Technology Solutions Architect and Courtney works as a school librarian and teacher at a private Christian junior/senior high school. She is also a member of her school's Culture and Diversity Council. We have been together for 16 years, and married for 13. We do not have any children yet, but we have an adorable eleven-year-old puggle (pug/beagle mix) named Olive.

Family is very important to both of us. Most of our relatives live within two hours of our home. Dave loved spending summer holidays at his grandfather's pool with all of his relatives, and Courtney loved all of the imaginative and creative activities she and her siblings and cousins came up with together! We can't wait to make many more wonderful memories with our children!

We are both very active in our local church. We also love music—Dave loves to play the guitar and both Dave and Courtney like to sing. Because of our shared love for music, we enjoy getting to see live plays and performances at least a few times a year. We also love to run, even though we didn't work out much at all when we first met. We have both finished several half marathons, and Courtney has completed one full marathon.

Courtney loves to read and write and looks forward to many activities with her future children—roller skating, holidays, programs at the local library, swimming, and just being imaginative. She can't wait to enjoy her summers off with her family! Dave loves to play sports and music. He can't wait to nurture the creative, athletic, and intellectual desires of his future children.

Why adoption?

Around 7-8 years ago, Courtney felt that God was calling her to adopt. She prayed about this for several years before we found out about our infertility issue. After a difficult experience with fertility treatment, we both knew that adoption was the way God was leading us to grow our family. Over the course of the last several years, we have begun preparing ourselves financially, emotionally, and spiritually to get ready for our future children. We believe that God will guide us to the children that we are meant to parent, and we would love and welcome into our family children of any race or ethnicity. We would also fully embrace multiples or very young siblings!

We are praying for you in your journey,

Dave & Courtney