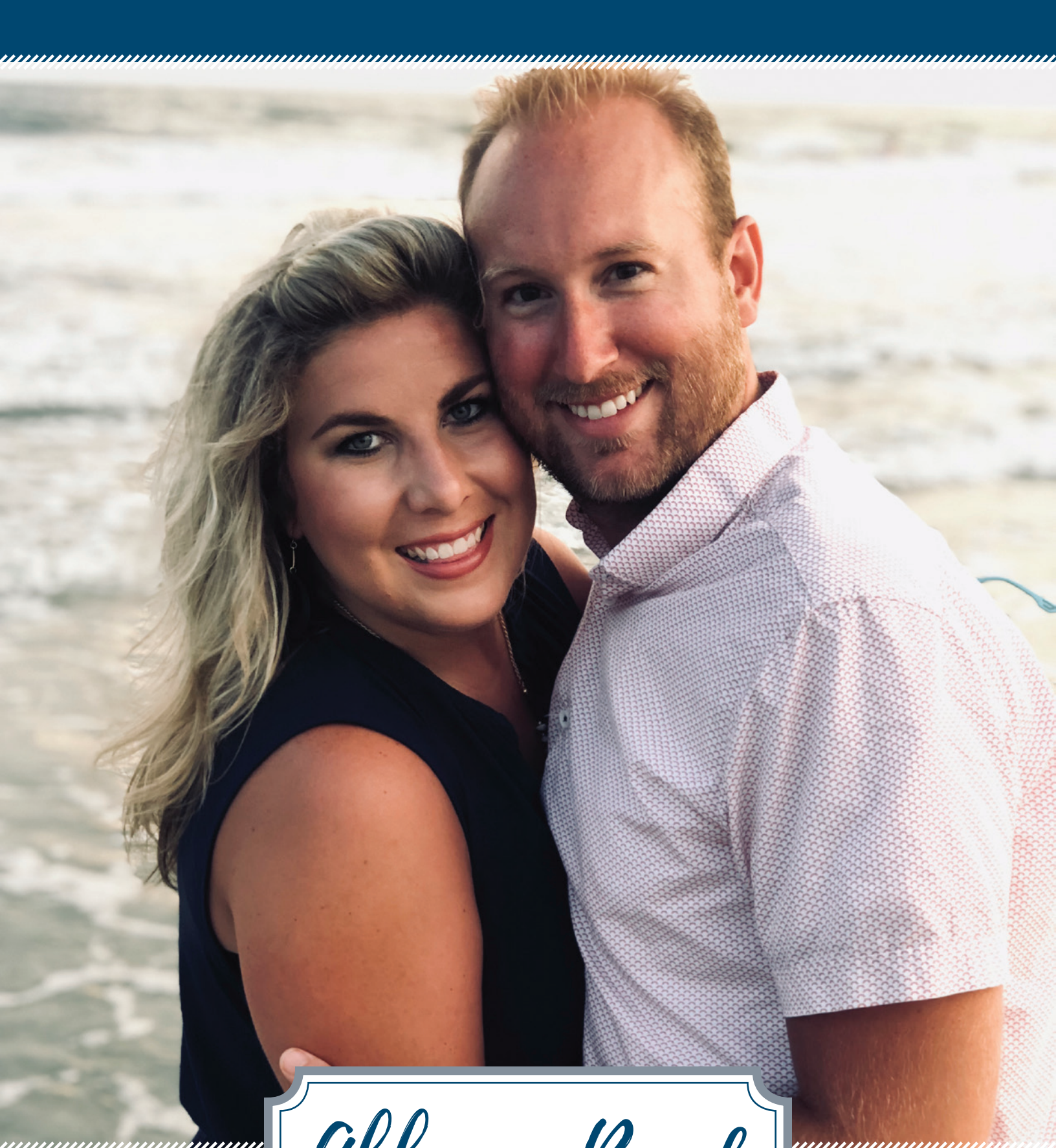

Abbey + Brad

About Us

We are Brad and Abbey, or Brabbey as we are known to our friends and family. We first met in 2011 at a college bible study. We started dating shortly after meeting, and what started out as a great friendship blossomed quickly into a great love. We were married in 2015 after finishing college. We are best friends, and we just love being together. As Abbey says, "being married is like a date night that never ends!"

We love making memories and experiencing life together. Traveling and discovering a new favorite place is something we love to do. We enjoy spending time at the beach, kayaking, roller blading in one of our nearby parks, and seeing movies together. We have amazing family, friends, and church family who are our biggest supporters and encouragers as we travel through this adoption journey.

We love doing life together, learning new things about each other every day has been one of the biggest blessings in our marriage. We both have jobs that bring us joy and purpose, as well as provide financial stability for our family. We have enjoyed making our house a home, and we are so excited to expand our family with a child to share our love and lives with!

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(written by Brad)

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It's difficult to come up with one word that describes Abbey. Some that come to mind are: loving, beautiful, joyful, patient, caring, beautiful, selfless, goofy, and did I mention beautiful? I know this makes her sound perfect, but why do you think I married her!? Obviously, the first thing that attracted me to Abbey was her beauty, but it was these other attributes that made me fall in love with her.

Abbey is constantly pouring herself into the lives of others. Be it her volunteering with a non-profit, mentoring ladies at church, at work, or at the local pregnancy center, or being there to walk alongside other ladies as they work through their own fertility issues, Abbey is always investing in others.

One of the things that makes me most proud of Abbey, is her love for her students. I am constantly saying that I wish I could be a student in her class. She is extremely creative and is always coming up with new ways to make learning fun and entertaining.

I am very excited to experience a new phase of life with Abbey, and to watch her grow into the role of motherhood.

As I was getting to know Brad, it didn't take very long for me to realize that he was the man I was going to spend the rest of my life with. Brad was my very first date, first boyfriend, and first love. Our relationship started as a friendship, and I believe that is what has made us into the strong couple that we are today- Brad is my very best friend. He is loyal, a fierce advocate for others, so loving, outrageously funny (he already has the best dad jokes), and has the biggest heart of anyone I know.

Brad has a way of lighting up any room. He is able to join any conversation, and has such a powerful way of encouraging others. Bradley is selfless. If there is a friend or family member in need, he doesn't hesitate to jump in and help, whether that be with his time, skills, or financially. I am always so proud of him and who he is.

I can't wait to see Brad as a dad- he is going to love his children unconditionally! If the way Brad interacts with our niece and nephew is any indication of what kind of father he will be…our children will be extremely blessed. I am anxiously awaiting this season of life together to begin.

Our Home

We live in a 3-bedroom, 2-bath brick home in a quiet suburban neighborhood. Our neighborhood has an abundance of nearby parks, shopping options, and outdoor activity trails. Our fenced in back yard has a park-like feel with large oak trees and plenty of space to play. We chose this home in part, for the well-respected school district. Both the school, and a playground are only a quarter of a mile away! Our neighbors are extremely friendly, and they are frequently seen walking dogs, riding bikes, or going for an evening stroll. We really enjoy our home at Christmas time, because of how homey and cozy it feels.

Brad:

OCCUPATION: Physical Therapist

EDUCATION: Doctorate in Physical Therapy

TV/MOVIE: How I Met Your Mother/ Marvel Series

FOOD: Pasta

VACATION DESTINATION: Hilton Head Island/ Lake Michigan

HOLIDAY: Christmas

CHILDHOOD MEMORY: : Annual summer vacation in Tennessee with extended family

HOBBIES: Cooking, hiking, kayaking, and spending time with family and friends

FUN FACTS + FAVORITES

Abbey:

OCCUPATION: Kindergarten Teacher

EDUCATION: Bachelors in Education

TV/MOVIE: Gilmore Girls/Breakfast at Tiffany's

FOOD: Pasta

VACATION DESTINATION: Hilton Head Island/ Traverse City

HOLIDAY: Christmas

CHILDHOOD MEMORY: Summertime at Grandma & Grandpa's lake house with family and friends

HOBBIES: Kayaking, spending time with family and friends, traveling, going to the movies, swimming, and music

Annual Hilton Head trip with Brad's family

Our niece and nephew

Abbey's family

Our Family + Friends

About our Family: Family is one of the most important aspects of our lives. We were both raised in kind, loving, hardworking, Christ-centered homes, and we are so looking forward to having our families love on our baby!

Both Brad and Abbey's parents have been happily married for 30+ years. Brad has an older sister who is married with 2 children. Abbey's younger sister recently graduated nursing school, and is starting her career as an operating room nurse.

We place a strong importance on traditions as they help make memories and allow us to have something to look forward to. We have a weekly tradition of going to church and brunch with Abbey's family, as well as an annual vacation with Brad's family to Hilton Head, among many others. We can't wait to include a new sweet baby in these traditions with our families! Everyone is anxiously awaiting his or her arrival!

About our Friends: Our friends often feel more like family to us. We have a core group of 6 couples who we met in college. Just like our family, we have a lot of traditions with our friends as well. We always look forward to hosting a NYE party at our home and to our annual cabin trip to Hocking Hills! Our friends are at the stage in life where they are having children of their own, and we are grateful that our children will be able to play and grow with this group of friends.

Annual Hocking Hills trip with friends

Christmas Eve pj tradition with Abbey's family

Picking flowers with friends

Apple picking with friends

Zoo trip with our niece and nephew

Touring Ohio Stadium with friends and family

Dear Birthparents,

Thank you so much for looking at our profile- we hope it was a helpful glimpse into our lives. Since we first decided to begin the journey of adoption, we have been praying for you. We know that the sacrifice you are making in order to help a couple start their family is monumental- the gravity and importance of your decision is not lost on us. We are amazed by you, and we are already so thankful for you. We will love your baby as our own no matter what gender, race, ethnicity, or background they may have. We believe that every person is special, unique, and has a God given purpose. We cannot wait to help your baby develop a sense of identity. We promise to give your baby a beautiful life full of unconditional love, encouragement, support, and opportunity. We are already so honored that you are reading our profile. It is our prayer that whether you choose us or not, your baby would find the perfect family.

Love,

Brad + Abbey

why adoption?

We have always had a strong desire to be parents. Brad's Papa was an adoptive father and Papa for his family. He taught us that you don't have to share bloodlines to be family. We have spent years dealing with unexplained infertility, and over those years, we have felt more and more the calling of adoption being placed on our hearts. Our desire is to love a child in the same manner as Papa loved us.

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