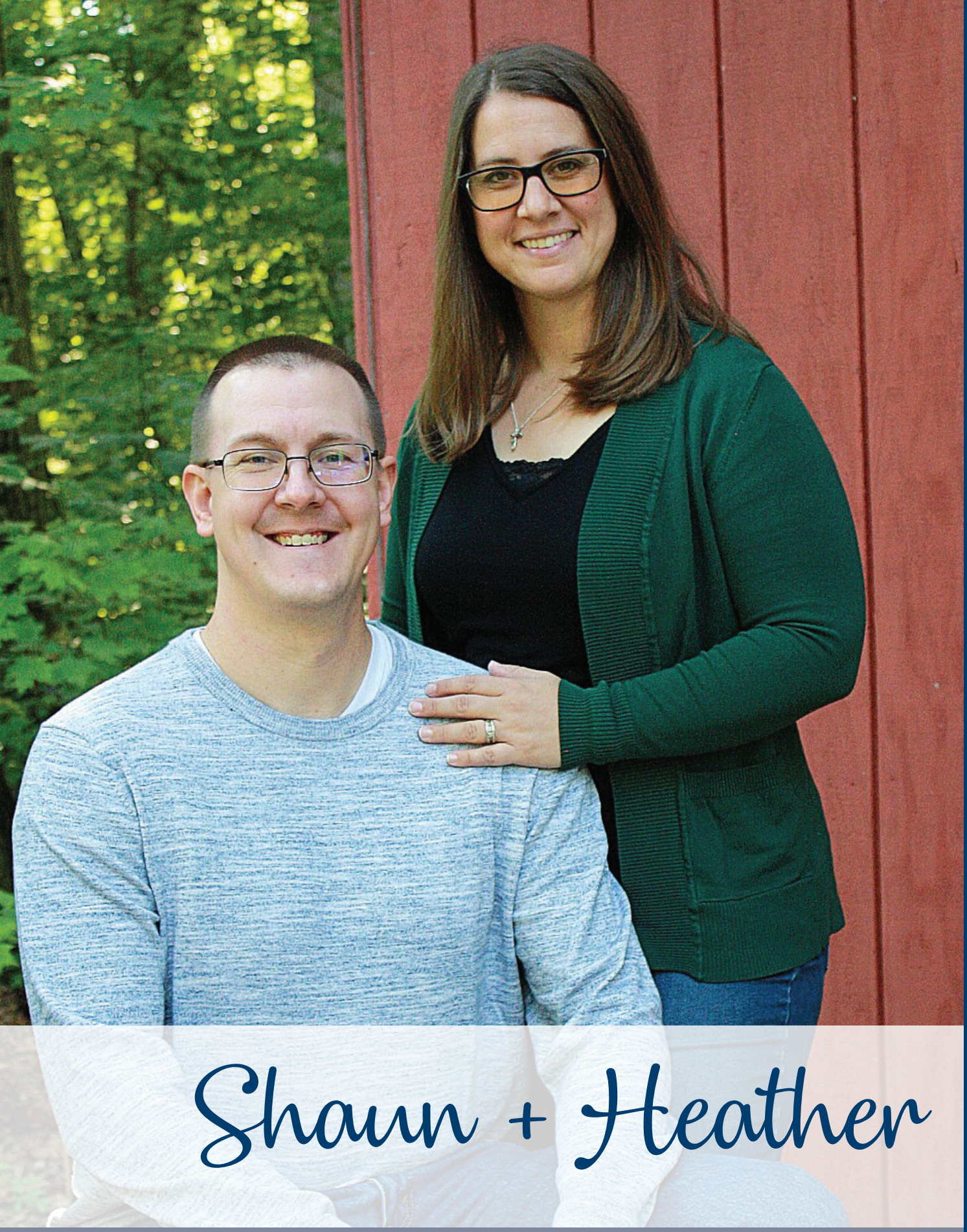

Shaun + Heather

about us

Our love story started on Heather's first day of college when she met Shaun. We quickly became best friends and within two months, we were dating. As we got to know one another, it was clear we had similar future goals for our lives which included having biological and adoptive children. We have grown together through our shared experiences of adopting animals, playing board games, and watching baseball. We recently celebrated our 12th wedding anniversary and are excited to expand our family.

The foundation of our family has three main priorities: faith, family, and fun. We are both active members at our church. Shaun is the church Treasurer and Heather helps to run the Education Team and Vacation Bible School. We spend most of our time with our son, Michael, and our families. You will often find our family cheering on our favorite sports teams, playing board and video games and spending time with our animals. We also enjoy taking bike rides as a family, camping and hiking at state parks and family time around a fire pit.

Shaun's Favorites		Heather's Favorites
Seafood	**Food**	Buffalo Chicken Dip
Avengers	**Movie**	The Greatest Showman
Camping	**Activity**	Crafting
Baseball	**Sport**	Baseball
Independence Day	**Holiday**	Christmas
Home improvements	**Hobby**	Baking

Our son: Michael is our 6 year old son. Michael is happy, sweet and caring. He is funny and extremely helpful. He enjoys pizza and movie nights, the color red and building Legos. Michael likes to stay active by playing soccer and dancing to music. Michael loves sleepovers at Heather's mom's house and playing with his cousins. You can find him cheering on his sports teams during the weekend and working hard on his school work throughout the week. Everyday, Michael keeps us on our toes and fills our life with joy. Michael wants you to know that "He will be the best Big Brother".

who is Heather

Written by Shaun: Heather is an incredible wife and mother who is always putting everyone else's needs above her own. She is compassionate, confident, and smart. Being a mother comes so naturally to her. She is the stabilizing force that keeps our family strong and organized.

Heather and I first met in college and we quickly became close friends. I was impressed at how she was focused and passionate about becoming a teacher. She would often choose to stay in her dorm to work and study over spending time with friends. She works diligently at our church, volunteering to help in any way she can. When I decided to go back to school to pursue a second career, Heather was incredibly supportive. She believes in personal growth, and was willing to do what was necessary to make sure I succeeded in my goal.

I am thankful to have Heather as my best friend and wife and look forward to raising more children with her.

who is Shaun

Written by Heather: I feel absolutely blessed to have Shaun as my best friend and husband. He is hard working, funny, and loyal. Shaun is detail-oriented, loves history and playing board and video games with family. I value Shaun's willingness to make God a priority in our home as well as showing Michael what it looks like to be a servant of God. One of the many reasons I fell in love with Shaun is how wonderfully he treats his family and friends. He makes everyone around him feel comfortable and finds ways to bring everyone together through conversation.

Shaun will go out of his way to make me laugh and he balances out my personality perfectly, often knowing what I need before I need it. Shaun is a wonderful father, uncle, Godfather and role model for our son, nephews, and godchildren. I love watching him share his favorite childhood activities with Michael and watching them grow as father and son. I know that with any future children in our home, Shaun will be as passionate, caring, and loving with them as he is with our son.

our HOME

We live in a 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home on a quarter acre lot. Our older home has been updated to become more functional, modern and welcoming. Our small town provides us with access to a few parks, a local recreation center that hosts many children's activities, a library, a local school system and several churches which includes our home church. Locally, we have a hospital system and access to specialty doctors. We are located minutes away from Shaun's immediate family while Heather's immediate family lives within an hour drive.

Pets are an important part of our lives. Chipper is our oldest dog at 13. He is a Cocker Spaniel mix who loves attention, food and napping. Ozzie is our 2 year old Labrador mix. He loves playing fetch with Michael but attempts to be a lap dog any chance he gets. Our 8 year old cat Duke is our cuddle monster that likes to eat more than he sleeps. Daisy is our 2 year old cat who earned the nickname "Crazy Daisy". She is Michael's best friend.

OUR family

We are very close with our immediate families. Shaun has two sisters and Heather has one sister. We regularly spend time with Shaun's parents, sisters and their husbands and children. While we may not see Heather's family on a regular basis, we speak with them weekly. Our families are excited for us to welcome a child into our life and looks forward to spending time loving on the newest family member.

Over the past 12 years, we have created some important traditions with our families; picking out our family's Christmas tree with Shaun's parents, yearly visits to the county Fair with Heather's father and weekend trips with Heather's mom and step-father. Every holiday is family centered, most with large family gatherings. In recent years, Shaun's extended family has gathered for important family milestones and reunions. Thankfully, the majority of Shaun's large family lives close by so we are able to have these get-togethers regularly.

Grandpas at Michael's Pinewood Derby

Vacation with Heather's mom and stepdad

Roadtrip with Shaun's mom and sisters

Shaun's grandmother's 90th birthday with extended family

Michael with his best friend and cousin

Fall outings with Shaun's cousins

Michael rollin' with his cousins

Shaun's immediate family

Dear Birthmother,

We hope that you can see the amount of love and support that our family is able to provide to your child. God blessed us with a son who is eager to have a new playmate and lifelong best friend. Our hearts have been drawn towards adopting a child for years and we are hopeful to expand our family through this manner. We are excited to share our life with any future children and to show them God's love and purpose for their life.

Shaun is in his second career as a Security System Installer and Heather is a S.T.E.M. Teacher in her 12th year. We are excited to welcome a child of any gender, race and ethnicity into our home. While we are unable to understand what you are going through, we will continue to pray for you and your child during this difficult time. Thank you for taking the time to consider our family to love and parent your child.

SINCERELY,

Shaun + Heather

why ADOPTION?

Our desire for a large family has been a priority from the start of our relationship. We have been blessed with one son however, fulfilling our dream of a large family naturally has been difficult. Early in our relationship, Heather expressed her hope of adopting a child one day and we feel as if God is calling us now to add to our family. As we raise our son, we look forward to giving him the experience of a sibling. We are excited for the opportunity to grow our family through adoption.