dawn + chris ♥

about us

We met through a group of mutual friends singing karaoke about 12 years ago. Chris noticed Dawn right away and asked his friend about her. We met again and we were immediately smitten. We knew right away that we had found something special. We are truly best friends and share all of life's highs and lows and all the mundane things in between as a true partnership.

On weekends we enjoy attending church, going to community events and festivals, trying new restaurants, and hosting friends and family for a barbecue or brunch. We are always up for an adventure and love to travel. We also enjoy the simple pleasures of a yearly trip to the lake, hanging out at the beach front, fishing and eating ice cream on those warm summer days. Family is the most important thing to us. We have been blessed with two beautiful children that are eager to teach, love, play and protect a little boy or girl. With two very difficult pregnancies, we have decided to complete our family through adoption. We have a wonderful home full of love and opportunities to offer a child. Our family, including our parents, siblings, nieces, and nephews, are thrilled to embrace a child of any race or gender and to envelop them into all the love, traditions and experiences we share together.

Celebrating the marriage of our friends!

Downtown Trolley on Mother's Day

Food Truck Alley

Enjoying a stroll through one of our city's parks

Date night!

who is Dawn

Written by Chris: Dawn is the most amazing wife, and I am truly blessed! She always puts us first and is the best mother. She is very organized, has a great fashion sense, loves to exercise and ensures our weekends are full of fun activities that we all enjoy. She works hard to maintain quality friendships and is someone they trust and confide in. Dawn has worked part-time for over ten years so she can ensure she spends as much time as possible caring for the family. She volunteers for school activities, field trips and in the classroom. She loves to entertain, and it is not uncommon to have friends or family stop by 1-2 nights per week. Dawn's sacrificial love of others and her dedication to family are just a couple of the reasons that make her the most amazing wife and partner.

who is Chris

Written by Dawn: Chris is the best husband and father a family could ask for. He is a hard worker and always puts his family first. I love that he is equal parts handyman and businessman! He finished his master's degree while working to provide for his famil. He has a shining personality and rises to the top in everything he does. God has truly gifted him with an amazing way of connecting with people. He can easily relate to small children, teenagers, the elderly, a CEO of an organization, or anyone in between. He makes me laugh all the time, and I couldn't imagine navigating life with anyone else!

Dawn's Favorites		Chris's Favorites
Marketing Representative	**Occupation**	IT manager
Parks and Recreation	**TV Show**	The Office
Any great salad! - Taco, Cobb, Greek salad	**Food**	A really good burger and French fries
Reading, trying new recipes, shopping, and exercising	**Hobbies**	Hunting, fishing, bowling, and lifting weights
Silly bedtime stories with my dad	**Childhood Memory**	Saturday morning pancakes with his dad and camping with his mom

OUR family + friends

We both have amazing and supportive families. Dawn's mom and step-dad and all 3 of her siblings live within a 15 minute radius. We love doing life together and on the weekends we are often meeting up to swim together, go for ice cream or have a BBQ. We also attend church together on Sunday's. Dawn's older brother has a son and a daughter and they are the oldest of the cousins on her side and just adore all of their younger cousins. Her sister has 2 boys full of energy and joy and her younger brother just welcomed our newest member, another sweet baby boy! All of this group is very supportive of our adoption plan and are very excited to have another child to love on. Chris's family lives about 4 hours from us but we don't let the distance keep us apart for long. We manage to see some portion of his family about every other month and remain very close. Chris's older brother has a teenage son and daughter who are the becoming such incredible young adults! His sister has one daughter and is equal parts princess and country gal! His younger brother was recently married and does not have any children yet. Chris's family is very supportive of our plans to adopt and is over-joyed at the possibility of embracing another child!

Chris's brothers

Neighbors and friends celebrating NYE

Mother-son outing playing laser tag

Sunny Sunday's are for cousins and the ice cream stand

Girls night with Dawn and her sister

Dawn's dad and his favorite son and son-in-laws

Dawn and her sister-in-law in Mexico

Chris and his mom at his brother's wedding

Cousins coloring eggs

Dawn's brother and sister-in-law and their new baby

our KIDDOS

Our Daughter: In 2009 we became parents for the first time and welcomed a beautiful baby girl. She has a tender spirit and is such a wonderful little lady whose kindness always makes us proud. She loves all animals, (but cats are her favorite), crafts and reading. When we check on her at night after bedtime, she is often found asleep with a book in her hand and her kitty snuggled up next to her. She has a special gift in loving everyone she meets and is excited to welcome a new brother or sister.

Our Son: In 2012 after an ectopic pregnancy and a miscarriage, we welcomed our son to the family. He is all boy all the time but has a sweet side that is unparalleled. He is fiercely loyal and loves jumping, climbing, playing dodgeball, baseball, and video games. He is also excited to have a new brother or sister.

Our Cats: Christmas 2017, we decided to add a kitten to our family. Stella has been a real blessing as she immediately bonded with our daughter. Stella has a very shy demeanor and hides if there is too much excitement going on! When Dawn is at home waiting for our kids to come home from school, the sound of the bus brings Stella rushing to the door to greet them. She is always with our daughter at bedtime, but joins our son each morning in the living room for a morning snuggle. Stella is such a joy that we added another kitty last Christmas. Shadow has also been a great addition to our family. He's outgoing, loving and always looking to be pet or to find someone to snuggle with.

our HOME

Our home is located in a very quiet but urban subdivision. What we love most about it are the mature trees that provide shade during the summer and its proximity to our church, parks, and shopping. There are bike trails that run throughout our community, and we enjoy riding our bikes together. Our community is filled with a diverse group of people that include many young families. Our kids are often found in the yard playing with their friends in the neighborhood. We can always call a neighbor if there is any need, big or small, and they are always willing to lend a hand or a cup of sugar. We feel our community is very welcoming and enjoy our life here.

dear birth parent,

What can we say to a woman who is making such a difficult decision to give someone else such a precious gift? Well, we are not sure we have the words, but we will try. First, we want to thank you for taking the time to get to know a little more about our family. We couldn't be more excited to expand our family through adoption. When we look through photos of our life to share with you what we hope to convey in this snapshot is a strong sense of love, laughter, and family with our Christian faith guiding us along the way. Your baby is going to have amazing siblings and so many cool cousins! Our families are so excited to gain a new member, and he or she will be eagerly welcomed by his or her sister and brother as well as Grandparents and Aunts and Uncles!

LOVE,

chris + dawn

why ADOPTION?

Being parents is the greatest joy of our lives. We always wanted to have 3 or 4 children, but after two difficult pregnancies, we decided that expanding our family biologically was not the best choice for us. We feel strongly that adoption is a beautiful way to add to our family. We have a lot more love to give and could not be more excited to add another precious child into our heart and home.