Joseph & Elizabeth

About Us

In 2009, we met on a blind date. Joe's cousin works with Elizabeth, and she decided to set us up. We hit it off from the very start, and we quickly became each other's best friends. We married in 2011 in Tennessee with our closest family and friends in attendance. We have continued to grow closer together as the years have gone on.

Our marriage is rooted in our shared faith in God and his provision for our lives. We have always looked to God for guidance with every step we've taken together. We are both active in the music ministry at our church, and we enjoy sharing our faith in this way.

We are both teachers. Elizabeth teaches music at a small local school, and teaches kindergarten through 12th grade. She teaches elementary music, as well as band and is the flag line advisor. She is also on the schools Alternative Learning Team, helping students who have trouble learning in a typical classroom setting achieve. Joe teaches special education at a county school. He teaches middle school students who have multiple disabilities. His students have disabilities ranging from moderate to severe, and they come from a variety of different cultural and racial backgrounds.

Both of us enjoy spending time outdoors. On sunny weekends, we like to go hiking at a variety of nearby parks. We are also season ticket holders for a local theater, and enjoy seeing a variety of plays and musicals each year. We also enjoy visiting museums and zoos. We are fortunate to live in an area that provides opportunities to do these activities.

One of our favorite activities, however, is spending time with family and friends. Each year we host Thanksgiving and Easter. Elizabeth enjoys planning and cooking the meals, and we enjoy filling our house with family and friends.

We have two sweet and loving kitties. Cuddles is a gray tabby, and he was named for his favorite activity. Chunk is a calico, and she and Cuddles are best friends. They are both very friendly and good with children.

FAVORITES

	Joe	Elizabeth
Occupation	Special Education Teacher	Music Teacher grades K-12
Education	BA in Education	BA in Music Education
Color	Blue	Green
TV Show	The Office	Grey's Anatomy and The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel
Movie	Anything by Alfred Hitchcock	Empire Records
Food	Chicken Parmesan	Anything ethnic - I love to try new foods
Vacation	Hiking in Maine and New Hampshire	Hiking in Maine and New Hampshire
Holiday	Christmas - I love visiting with family and friends	Thanksgiving - I love filling my house with family, friends, and food
Childhood Memory	Playing on my grandparent's farm with my cousins	Learning to make apple pies with my mom
Hobbies	Hiking, hanging out with friends, playing piano, playing games and watching movies	Cooking, hiking, hanging out with friends, reading, watching movies

Our Home

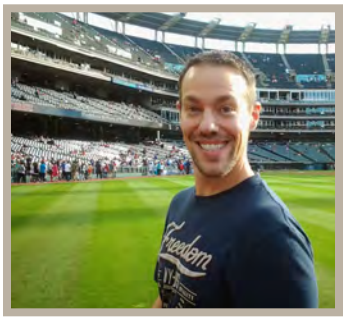
We have a large two-story home located on a quiet street in a diverse neighborhood. Our house includes four bedrooms and two and a half baths. It is a very comfortable home, perfect for entertaining. We have large kitchen and dining area. We have a half-finished basement and our godchildren enjoy playing down there during family gatherings. We also have a shaded backyard complete with a patio, swing set and slide.

We live in a safe and quiet neighborhood, and we enjoy walking through the neighborhood in the evenings. There is a large Metropark within walking distance. It is complete with hiking trails, picnic areas, playgrounds and splash pad.

Our town has many cultural events, shopping centers, malls and healthcare facilities. We are also within an hour's drive from larger metropolitan areas. These areas include three zoos, numerous theaters, museums and cultural events.

about joe

(written by elizabeth)

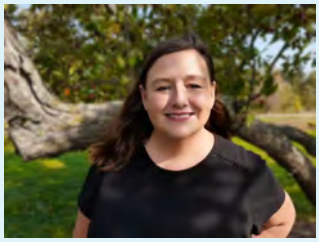


I knew from the first time that Joe called me that he was the man I was going to marry. When we met in person for the first time, I was done. He has the biggest, warmest smile that you have ever seen. I love seeing Joe work with his students in his class. As a teacher of students with special needs, he is infinitely patient and kind. He always comes home with wonderful stories of the accomplishments his students have achieved. He is a very creative person and is always coming up with craft projects and games for the students to play. My favorite thing is to listen to him play the songs that he composes on the piano. I also love watching him with our godchildren. They love it when Joe comes over to "chalk" on the driveway or to read them stories. Joe is a solid man of faith and sometimes when I start to get discouraged or scared about something, Joe reminds me that it is all in God's hands and that we just need to trust Him. I can't imagine a better life partner.

about elizabeth

(written by joe)

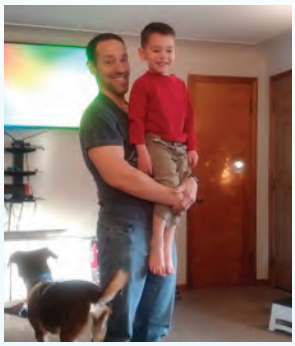
I am so lucky to be married to my best friend. Elizabeth is an amazing woman with a kind spirit and an outgoing personality. She is very dedicated and loyal to family and friends, and she is very thoughtful and kind towards others. She is always looking for ways to help others. I deeply admire her strong love of God, and I know that helps make her the strong woman she is. She is an incredible cook and she enjoys planning meals that are both healthy and delicious. She is a wonderful hostess during the holidays, and she enjoys planning and cooking meals for our family and friends. She is also a talented musician, and I love every time I am able to hear her play her flute. She is a dedicated and thoughtful teacher who has an incredible way of motivating her students to learn. It is also clear every time I see her students with her that they adore her. She is also an amazing godmother as well, and her natural way with children shines through every time we are with our godchildren. I am thankful every day that I am able to spend my life with this amazing woman.



Our friends & family

We are fortunate to be surrounded by supportive and loving family and friends. Joe's parents live nearby and we see them every week for dinner and games. He also has extended family, including his grandmother, aunts, uncles and cousins, that meet for family events including a yearly family reunion. Elizabeth's mom lives about 20 minutes away. We see her often and have family meals after church on Sundays. Our parents will play an active part in our child's life, and they look forward to being grandparents.

We also have a number of close friends. We enjoy going to dinner, playing games and just hanging out. Three of our closest couple friends have children. We enjoy spending time with their children and babysitting them, as well. We are the Godparents of most of them, and we take those responsibilities seriously. We are fortunate that they are very dependable and they are supportive our adoption process.



Joe and our godson

Elizabeth with her cousins

Joe's parents

Finishing a 6K with our goddaughter

Having lunch with Elizabeth's aunt and cousins

Elizabeth's mom and surrogate aunt at our vow renewal

Joe's family reunion - four generations present!

Joe and his sister

With Joe's Grandma

Elizabeth and our goddaughter cooking Thanksgiving dinner - a yearly tradition!

Joe and his best friend taking in a baseball game

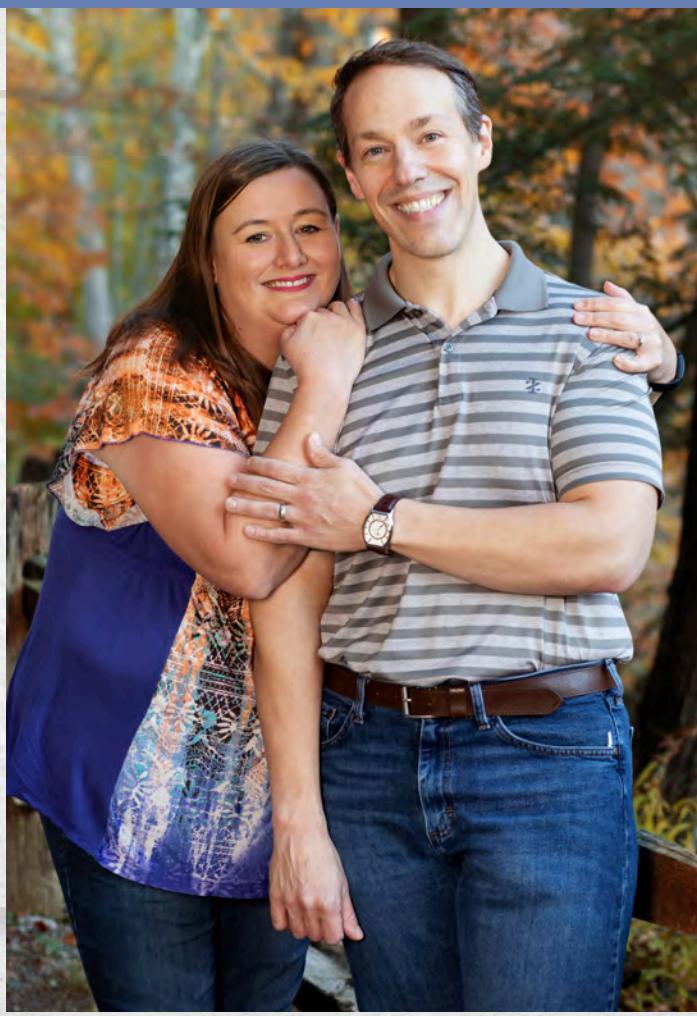
Dear Birthparent,

Thank you so much for taking the time to review our profile. We are very grateful that you are taking the time to learn more about us as potential adoptive parents. We want you to know that we are praying for you as you make this decision.

We are a fun, loving and active couple who look forward to adding a little one to our family. When we found out that it would be very hard for Elizabeth to conceive a baby, we were heart-broken at first. But as two teachers, we know that just because we didn't give birth to a child, doesn't mean we can't parent one. We do lots of parenting every day in our jobs, so much so that most of Elizabeth's students call her, "Mom," or "Band Mom."

Thank you again for looking over our profile and we look forward to meeting you in person.

♡ Joe & Elizabeth

Why Adoption?

We have always pictured ourselves as parents. We are godparents to a number of children, and we always enjoy spending time with them, babysitting them and enjoying their company. We are also both teachers, and we have become mentors and, at times, parental figures to them but we have always wanted a child of our own. After several years waiting, and then eventually fertility treatments, we felt God leading us to adoption. We know we have lots of love to share, and we are grateful for this opportunity to grow our family.