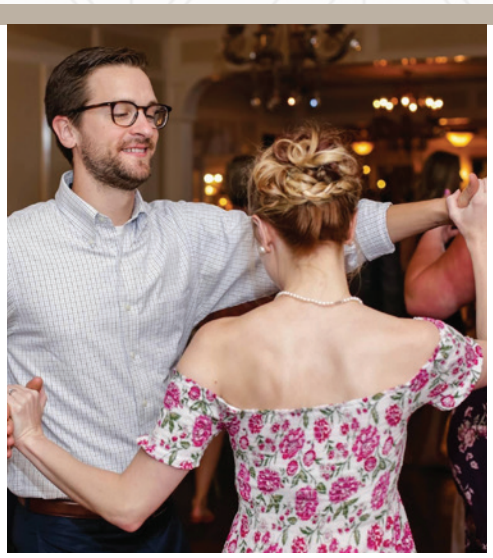
Brendan + Alison

About Us



We met each other in high school. After a year of Brendan pursuing Alison, we officially started dating during the fall of our senior year of high school. We decided to attend college at different schools, but talked every day and found many surprising ways to spend time together despite the distance by God's grace. We were married the summer after we graduated and have been married for over 12 years. We enjoy traveling to new places, going out to eat, and just spending time together. We have been unable to have kids of our own, and became foster parents these past few years. After having several kids in our home, our hearts are longing for a permanent placement and would love to adopt a child. We both work full time and have put money into our savings to plan for the future. We are blessed to have the financial stability to support raising a child.

Brendan (written by Alison)

Brendan is passionate about serving Jesus and loving others. He is gentle and gracious, and he always sees the good in people. Brendan works as the director of a Christian nonprofit housing ministry, and he has helped many families find safe housing and even become homeowners. When we began fostering, I saw what an incredible dad Brendan would be. He would come home from work and immediately the kids ran to him, and he played with them and chased them around and had them laughing. He always puts his family first, and he will arrange his schedule to help at home, cook meals, and take children to school and appointments. Brendan puts others before himself, and he is smart, funny, loyal, trustworthy, and very handsome. I can't say enough good things about him, and I couldn't ask for a better partner to do life with.

Alison (written by Brendan)

Alison is beautiful, smart, creative, funny, and gracious with everyone meets. She is a loyal friend who always is ready to help others and can make anyone feel comfortable in a conversation. She is an incredible 4th grade teacher at a Christian school who easily builds relationships with her students and inspires them to use their gifts to do their very best. Alison loves to dance and is never happier than when she is on the dance floor or teaching others a dance for a musical production. She has been an incredible foster mom who always finds fun things for us to do as a family. She was great at taking every opportunity to help our foster kids learn something or try something new and is always doing something to help our family. I am so thankful to have her in my life - I truly cannot imagine life without her.

Favorites + Fun Facts

Alison

Occupation: 4th grade teacher

Education: Masters in Literacy/Reading

Ice Cream: Mint chocolate chip

Place to Visit: Australia

TV Show: White Collar

Holiday: Thanksgiving

Food: Fettuccine Alfredo

Hobbies: Dancing, spending time with friends

Candy: Milky Way

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:6 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Religion: Christian

Brendan

Occupation: Nonprofit Leader

Education: BA in Social Studies Education

Ice Cream: Anything with chocolate and peanut butter

Place To Visit: California

TV Show: Seinfeld

Holiday: Christmas

Food: Mediterranean

Hobbies: Playing guitar, watching sports, reading

Candy: Reese's

Favorite Bible Verse: Matthew 25:40 - "And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

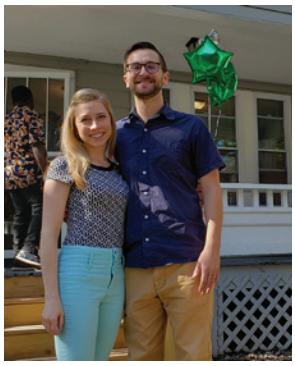
Religion: Follower of Christ

Our cat Tigger

Our Home

We live in a quiet suburban community with great schools, several fun playgrounds and parks, and easy access to several major shopping centers. We moved into our house in 2014 and enjoyed completely renovating it to make it our home. We have a big backyard perfect for playing and our neighborhood has plenty of sidewalks for bike rides and walks as a family. We have great neighbors all around and several young families with kids.

Apple picking



Celebrating homeownership for a local refugee family

Vacation in Italy

Our Family

We are blessed to live near both of our families meaning we are able to visit with them often. Brendan comes from a large family of six children–two of whom are adopted. Alison has a younger brother. We always get together for holidays and birthdays to celebrate. Both our parents are very excited to be grandparents and are ready to welcome any child into our family with open arms. Brendan's adopted sisters are both African Americans, so our family includes people from a different race. We fostered three African American children, so we are familiar with hair care and honoring various cultural traditions. We intentionally seek to become involved in multiracial communities, schools, day cares, etc. so our foster children interacted with people who look like them and have role models from their own culture.

Amusement park fun

Best friends

Brendan's siblings

Alison's extended family

Teacher friends

Best friends since grade school

Alison's immediate family

A night at the theatre

Brendan's siblings and nephews

Wedding with friends

I'll be there with bells on

Alison's brother

Brendan's best friends

Filming a music video

Sister love

Dear Birth Mom,

We are humbled that you are considering adoption for your child, and we would be honored to welcome them into our home and family. We will pour into this young life, seeking their best interests. We promise to love unconditionally, give selflessly, and seek the Lord daily for His guidance in raising this child. Our relationship is strong because we value commitment to each other through the ups and downs. We prioritize family, growth, forgiveness, service to others, giving generously, and being kind and respectful to all.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

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Why Adoption?

We have always been interested in adopting, and it was something we discussed even before we got married. Alison has extended family members who were adopted internationally, and Brendan has 2 sisters that were adopted domestically. When we learned that we have infertility challenges, we began fostering children in our home. We have grown as a couple in this process, and we have learned what it looks like to work as a team to parent together. Welcoming each new child into our home has been a blessing, but it has also been a challenge to see the kids leave our home as they moved into kinship placements by the county. Adoption is our primary option for building a family with a child who we can give a forever home to.

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