

NATE + LACY



OUR NOTE TO YOU





HELLO!

While we don't know what it's like to be in your shoes right now, we do know what it is like to experience loss, fear, and confusion over life's circumstances, and what it's like to experience unexpected beauty and healing in the midst of difficulty. Our prayer for you is that you experience an indescribable sense of peace and comfort as you walk this path—even though it isn't easy—and we hope to be a part of providing unexpected beauty and healing in your life if we are chosen to parent your child.

WE ARE LACY AND NATE!

Thank you so much for considering our family as part of your adoption plan. Whatever feelings you bring as you look through these pages are welcome here—we want you to know that with us, you can always show up just as you are. While we hope and pray for so much beauty from this adoption story, we understand that right now, things might not feel so beautiful. We're here to walk with you in the hard parts and the beautiful parts.

That is what we will promise your child, too, if we are chosen to parent. We will be there in the ups and downs of life, always providing a safe place for your child to learn, grow, and be loved unconditionally. That is what our parents, friends, and families have provided for us, and we can't wait for the opportunity to do the same.

We already see you as a part of our family, and we hope that as you look through these pages, you can envision being part of ours. We're praying for deep peace as you make this decision.

*With gratitude,
Lacy and Nate*



WHY ADOPTION

We've long thought that adoption would be a part of our story, but we weren't sure how and when it would come to be. We discussed adoption when we were dating and were both excited and open about how God might make it a part of our family. We're so grateful that time has come! We've wanted to be parents for a long time. As we've struggled with fertility challenges over the past few years, it became abundantly clear that pursuing adoption was the right next step.



Lacy's youngest cousin was adopted when Lacy was in elementary school, which was part of planting a seed in Lacy's heart from a very young age that adoption would be a part of her future. Years later, when we met in Washington, D.C., working at a global non-profit, we would be introduced to many colleagues and friends who have adopted. It has been a privilege to learn from these families as we've been pursuing our own journey. We've also connected with families at our church and in our community who have adoption as a part of their family's story. We are so grateful that our children will have the opportunity to grow up with others who will know the ins and outs of the adoption experience.





OUR STORY

HOW IT STARTED

We met while working at a Christian international human rights organization—the same place Nate still works! We didn't start dating immediately, but when we did, we knew pretty quickly we wanted to get married and spend our lives together. Our shared values of service, our love of working in international contexts, and our Christian faith have continued to shape our marriage and life. We were married in the same church where Lacy's parents were married 33 years prior!

OUR BIG MILESTONES

- › **2017:** We met on Lacy's first day of work! While our desks were not too far from each other, we didn't interact much over the following few years. Nate will tell you that this was an intentional choice he made because he didn't want to be "friend-zoned!"
- › **2020:** The time was right, and we started dating as the world shut down during Covid-19. Nate wrote Lacy letters for a month as we figured out how to date during a pandemic!
- › **2021:** We got engaged in Washington, D.C. and celebrated with our families
- › **2022:** We were married in Lacy's hometown surrounded by our friends and families.
- › **2024:** We moved to Lacy's hometown, where we plan to raise our family.





WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR THREE AND A HALF YEARS.

We've navigated the challenges and joys of life together. We balance each other well—Lacy is more extroverted than Nate and is great at drawing him out, while Nate provides a steady, calming presence that helps anchor Lacy. We value the importance of intentional communication and time together—whether that's a quick neighborhood walk or a weekend away in the mountains.

Our faith is a key part of our relationship. No matter what has happened during the day, one of the last things we do before going to sleep is to pray together every night—thanking God for the day, asking for His help, and praying for the specific needs in our lives and the lives of those around us and beyond. We've been praying for you for so many nights!



OUR LIFE



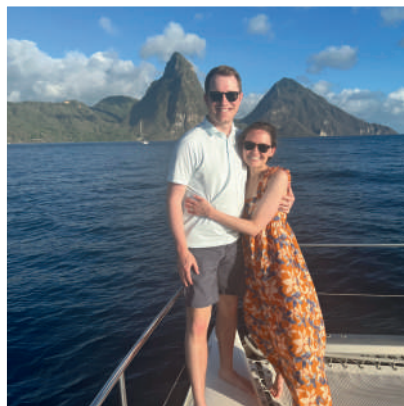


WE LOVE LIVING LIFE TOGETHER AND WE ARE SO EXCITED TO SHARE IT WITH A CHILD!

We enjoy spending time with our extended family and friends, whether at home, out at a restaurant or at Lacy's parents home just 10 minutes away. From our home city, we are able to easily get to both the mountains and the beach, and we love visiting both! Lacy's family has a shared family home not far from the mountains, and we enjoy staying there and sitting on the porch overlooking the pond. Back home, we love going out to eat at a fun restaurant, taking our golden retriever, Poppy, for a walk, or exploring trails.

We take an annual trip to the beach each August with Lacy's family and enjoy visiting Nate's family for a trip to the mountains each year. Since we both have traveled internationally and domestically, we know we will also look forward to traveling with our kids around the U.S. and beyond.

On a typical evening, we enjoy having dinner at home and spending time together. If the weather is nice (which it often is in our part of the country!), we might eat on our screened-in porch while Poppy plays in the yard. We usually take a walk after dinner, and enjoy working our way through a TV series after dinner, but Poppy doesn't consider the day complete until someone throws the ball for her in the backyard!





NATE

IN LACY'S WORDS

Nate is the steadiest, calmest person I know. No matter what is going on, I can rely on him to be there for me with a reassuring hug and willingness to talk through things. I have always felt safe and secure with him, something that immediately signaled to me that I wanted to be his wife. I know he will provide the same sense of safety and security for our children; they will always know that they can go to dad with anything that they face in life.

I have loved watching Nate excel in his work. He brings such passion and excellence to everything that he does, and he is so well-respected among his colleagues. I'm always so proud to tell people that I'm married to Nate! He is loyal and committed—spending time maintaining friendships from his high school and college days, leading his small group, and serving and loving me daily. I cannot wait to watch him as a dad—it is always so much fun to watch our nephew and our friend's children light up around him and bring out his silly side.

STEADY, PATIENT, KIND

OCCUPATION

I work for an international human rights organization that works to protect vulnerable people from violence such as human trafficking and sexual exploitation. In my role, I advocate to the U.S. government for public policies and funding to address and prevent these abuses. I love my job and the opportunity it gives me to put my faith into action on a daily basis to “seek justice and defend the oppressed” (Isaiah 1:17), while also providing for my family. I enjoy working with my colleagues in our shared mission together and the personal relationships that I have built within the organization over my time with the organization. A number of my colleagues have pursued adoption, and it is a joy to be part of the work community. My employer offers generous benefits, including paid time off for birth and adoption.



I love watching and playing sports, especially baseball and basketball. I enjoy spending time outdoors hiking, traveling domestically and internationally, reading, and listening to podcasts.

FUN FACTS

I have traveled to South America, Africa, Europe, Asia and Australia – so I’ve been to every inhabited continent!

Popcorn is my favorite snack. We even named our dog after it—though we call her Poppy for short!

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BECOMING A DAD

I look forward to providing a loving and supportive home for our children. My parents encouraged me to grow into the man I am today and I hope to serve my children in a similar way. I look forward to raising my kids to explore the world and learn about God’s creation. I can’t wait to play catch in the backyard with our kids, take them to baseball games, and cheer them on as they pursue what they love. I hope to always be a safe place for our children, no matter what is going on in their lives.

It is my honor to care for Lacy. I show her love and respect through my actions every day—from doing small tasks that help make her day easier to bigger things like taking care of her when she is sick and providing for her through my career. I will show that same love for a child. I know it will require new kinds of sacrifice to care for a newborn baby as they grow. I consider it my biggest responsibility in life to provide for and care for my family. I’m also committed to making sure that our child understands their adoption story. I won’t shy away from tough questions and will always honor and celebrate their story and how God created our family.





LACY

IN NATE'S WORDS

Lacy is loving, smart, creative, and thoughtful—and beautiful! She lights up my world. She is a cheerful helper, a faithful friend, and a caring partner. I admire the way she intentionally serves and cares for those around her, and I know those qualities of her character will make her a great parent. She especially lights up around children. Our friend's kids have always adored her, and she is a natural at soothing a fussy baby or coming up with a creative game to play with an energetic toddler. I know she will thrive as a mom, and I couldn't think of anyone better to parent alongside.

I love watching Lacy express her creativity. She loves painting, home projects, calligraphy, and other creative hobbies. Since we bought our home in 2024, she's been thoughtfully working on each room to make our house feel like home. I feel safe being myself with Lacy—she brings out my silly side! I'm so grateful she is my wife and that we are each other's teammates in life.

GENEROUS, CREATIVE, INTENTIONAL

OCCUPATION

I recently began working in communications at our church, which is the church I was raised in and where my parents and extended family attend. I made this career change because we decided it would serve our family best in this season. The church has a top-rated, on-site childcare facility that is on the same floor as my office! We plan for our children to attend childcare there, where I will be onsite and able to quickly attend to any needs that arise. I also have 12 weeks of parental leave, which will allow me to fully prioritize a baby joining our family. We are so grateful for the opportunity to raise our children at our church, where they will be surrounded by a community who will love them deeply, help them grow in their faith, and who has been praying for them for years!



I love to cook! Cooking for my loved ones is my favorite—especially throwing a dinner party to celebrate a special occasion! Alongside my day job, I have a small creative business where I make wedding invitations, watercolor paintings, stationery, and gifts.

FUN FACTS

I've been to Africa 7 times! It is one of my favorite places in the world—Nate and I dream about taking our children back to experience a safari!

My cousin and I know all of the lines to The Parent Trap, and even dressed up as Hallie and Annie for halloween when we were young. It is still my favorite movie!

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BECOMING A MOM

Of all the things I could be in life, the title I have most longed to be called is mom. The relationship I have with my own mom is so special to me, and I pray that I can cultivate the same relationship with my children. I pray that our children will always know how deeply they are loved and that they can have a childhood filled with magic and delight. I can't wait to be the one that creates magical Christmas mornings or special birthday surprises, alongside teaching them how to love and serve others.

I am committed to putting the needs of our child first and celebrating their adoption story with them as they grow. I will love my children by loving my husband, and prioritizing and pouring into our marriage so that our children can grow up seeing parents who love each other as much as we love them. I will nurture the unique talents and interests of each of our children, giving them room to grow, learn, and make mistakes in an environment where they will always be supported to get up and try again. As our children grow, I hope that they will always know that no matter what, we are a safe place for them to be themselves and that we can hold both the beautiful and the hard of their adoption story.





OUR VALUES

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FAITH

Our faith in Christ is the most important value of our lives. It has impacted our choice in careers and so many other decisions in our individual and married lives. Our church is a regular part of each week—from services on Sundays to community group meetings on weeknights.

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SERVICE TO OTHERS

We believe that we are called to love and serve others consistently, and we act that out through our choice of careers, how we treat each other, and in our community. We volunteer our time with organizations across our city and will include our children in the future!

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TIME TOGETHER

We are intentional about spending time with each other and with both of our extended families each year. Regular trips to the beach and the mountains for time away and in nature are always highlights of our time with family.



FAITH

We both grew up in homes where Christian faith was at the center of family life and we hope to provide the same kind of environment for our children. Weekly church services, prayers before meals, service opportunities, and conversations about faith will be regular parts of our family life. Our church is a large and vibrant part of the community, full of many young families and with amazing opportunities for children to learn and grow. We hope to teach our children to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:30-31)



EDUCATION

We are fortunate to live in an area that has excellent access to schools. Part of the reason we chose our neighborhood is the highly rated elementary school around the corner from our house. We are also in close proximity to several excellent private schools, which we would also consider. We value education and are committed to providing the school environment that works best for our child's individual needs. We plan to support our children with the option to attend college, should they choose, but we will support them in determining the best path for them.

OUR HOME

We live in a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom ranch-style home. We love our place! It reminds Lacy of the home she grew up in. We have a big, fenced backyard with a swingset and slide and plenty of room for our future kids to run around with Poppy in the backyard. A big tree from our backdoor neighbors drops leaves in our yard in the fall, perfect for making big piles to jump in for our future children (a favorite activity when Lacy was little). We also have a screened-in porch that is great for meals and relaxing in the morning or the evening.

We love spending time in the family room, which has a fireplace and looks out over the screened porch and the backyard. On a summer night, we leave the porch door and windows open and let Poppy run around while Lacy cooks some sides and Nate grills. Our house fits us perfectly for this season of life, but we also bought it because the lot is big enough to add onto the house in the future, ensuring that our children have plenty of space.

We live in a large city in the southeast, where Lacy grew up! She loved growing up there, and many of her friends have also returned to raise their families. The city is vibrant and bustling without being overwhelming - the exact mix we wanted to raise our family. We're excited to be able to easily take our children to sporting events, children's museums, and cultural events in our city as they grow. We also love our neighborhood—it is in a central location that makes getting anywhere very easy. We have a neighborhood pool and are zoned for a fantastic elementary school, and are also in close proximity to several private schools. Our neighborhood is full of young families, and we can't wait for our children to have neighborhood friends and be able to ride their bikes to the pool or the playground.





MEET POPPY

We have an almost three year old golden retriever named Poppy. We both grew up with golden retrievers and love how amazing they are around children. Poppy is a big fan of all of our friends' kids, who love playing with her and always request to say hello to her on FaceTime! Poppy is the best snuggler—she loves to curl up on our legs and rest her head on our knees. She especially loves to play fetch, preferably if you are throwing the ball into a lake or a pile of leaves! She's a goofy, fluffy ball of energy and joy.



CELEBRATING LIFE



We both have wonderful memories of holidays around the dinner table or the Christmas tree gathered with our families, and we are excited to create those memories and traditions for our children. We love the candlelight Christmas Eve service at our church, followed by a family dinner as we excitedly wait for Christmas morning! Growing up, we both celebrated Christmas mornings in our homes, and we look forward to creating those special Christmas morning traditions in our own home with our children. Lacy's extended family always gathered on Christmas night for a big family celebration complete with a white elephant gift exchange, and we are excited to continue that tradition with our children and their cousins.



On birthdays in our family, the birthday boy or girl always gets to pick a special meal and dessert! Nate is known to pick cheesecake or key lime pie, two of his favorites. In Lacy's house growing up, birthdays also meant that you got to eat all of your meals on the "you are special today!" plate, and we can't wait to continue that tradition in our house. We also love gathering for Easter, Mother's and Father's Day, and the 4th of July—any holiday is a wonderful excuse to be together!





NATE'S FAMILY

My parents are Paul and Jean, and they live in my hometown in the western U.S. I have a younger brother named David, who is married to Shannon—they live near my parents. Though they live across the country, we stay in touch through regular FaceTime calls and a family group text. Since my parents are retired, they have a lot of flexibility to travel to visit us, which they do several times a year. They are especially helpful with home projects, as my dad loves woodworking. They already have plans to build shelves in our garage for children's toys and polish up the swingset in the backyard! We've been especially grateful that my parents and Lacy's parents have become friends, so family gatherings with both sets of our parents are really enjoyable for all. We also take an annual trip to my parent's home to spend time there with David and Shannon, where we usually travel to the mountains for hiking, fishing, and to see the wildflowers! We're excited for our future children to get to grow up experiencing both the east coast and the western United States. They are so excited to welcome a grandchild, especially since this will be the first grandchild on my side!



LACY'S FAMILY

My parents are Kelli and John—or Gertie and Granddaddy, if you want to use their grandparent names! They live 10 minutes away from us in the house that my sister, Annie, and I grew up in. Annie, her husband Austin, and their 8-month old son, Charles, live 90 minutes away. My grandmother, Gram, also lives 10 minutes away from us! We love to gather at Gertie and Granddaddy's for celebrations or just a random night of the week. They are wonderful hosts who always make everyone feel welcome. They are so excited to have another grandchild join the family and are absolutely thrilled by our plans to adopt. Every year, Gertie and Granddaddy rent a house at the beach—the same beach that Granddaddy grew up going to with his family and where I grew up going every summer with all of my cousins. I grew up very close to my cousins, and large extended family gatherings are still a regular part of our lives. Whether we are gathering to celebrate a baptism, wedding, or birthday, the cousin crew always brings the fun! My extended family is especially known for re-writing song lyrics to fit the special occasion and having a family performance. There are already 9 children among all of Lacy's cousins, with more on the way - a big, excited crew that is so ready to welcome more cousins, and to welcome you.

HOPES + DREAMS



SO MANY MEMORIES TO BE MADE!

We moved from Washington, D.C. to our current home to be closer to family and put down roots for the long term. We bought our first house here and joined a church, and we plan to be in this community for many years to come. We do hope to grow our family with additional children in the years to come because we both loved growing up with siblings and want to provide that same experience for our children. We are excited to explore the world as a family, both across the U.S. and internationally, and can't wait to provide our children with the experiences of learning about different places and cultures.





THANK YOU

Thank you for getting to know us as you consider an adoption plan for your child. Whatever you might be feeling or thinking in these moments, we hope you know you are loved and prayed for. We are hopeful for the future, but we know there is so much we do not know. But, if you choose us, we can say with certainty that we will love your child unconditionally, we will tell your child how much you love them and we will always, always be there for them in the ups and downs of life. We dream of providing a life full of love, joy, security, and adventure for any children we have the privilege of parenting and would forever honor your role in their story and life, and our lives!

Whatever decision you make, we pray for peace for you. Though this decision may not feel easy or without pain, we pray it can be made with hope for beauty and goodness in the future, for you and for your child, no matter what you decide. We hope you know that you are loved and that you are not alone.

WITH LOVE

Lacy and Nate



