



**MICHAEL, KELLY,
AND JOSLYN**



DEAR EXPECTANT FAMILY,

We can't even imagine the emotions you must be experiencing right now. We respect your courage and love for your child as you face the difficulty of choosing a family. We are praying that God would fill you with peace during this time, and that you would have support from family and friends. We have tried to put together a family portfolio that would accurately portray who we are as a family and our hope for a relationship with you and your family.

Kelly grew up in a tiny town in the country and Michael grew up in the city. We met in college when Michael was roommates with Kelly's brother. We have been friends since college and have been married for 8 years. We are not only in love but also best friends. We love being parents, love to laugh, and are passionate about life. We believe in working hard while having lots of fun. We are both outgoing and enjoy having family and friends over frequently to our home.

Our daughter Joslyn was born in June of 2014 and was adopted through Bethany Christian Services. She immediately brought so much joy and love to our lives. We treasure being her parents. We have a lot of fun with our daughter. We want to be parents that cheer their children on at their games or recitals, and have a home where our children feel valued and respected. We love our daughter unconditionally for who she is and not what she is good at or what she accomplishes. We want our home to be the place where she and her friends want to hang out.

We will continue to be active in our church and our community, and strive to nurture our daughter's relationship with God. We want her to be able to travel and see the world and learn to appreciate different cultures. If this child has a different ethnicity than our own, we will be deliberate in helping them learn about their heritage and to grow up with pride of where they have come from and who they are.

We have both grown up in families that value education, so we want our children to have opportunities for an excellent education. We want them to enjoy learning and be able to study something they are interested in and passionate about. Whether it is art, music, science, math or humanities, we will support them in their dreams. We are grateful that we have been able to cut back on work since becoming parents. Kelly works two mornings from 7-11 AM. On those mornings Michael gets Joslyn up and takes her to preschool around 9 am and then Kelly picks her up right after work. Kelly also works on Fridays which allows Michael and Joslyn to have father/daughter days every Friday. We are so grateful that we are able to arrange our work schedules so that one of us is home almost all the time.

Kelly's desire to adopt came from the experience that her family had with adopting her youngest sister, Heather. She recognized that the beauty of adoption is the intertwining of lives that may have never otherwise crossed paths. Adoption brings together families that may be very different in talents, experiences, ethnicities and cultures, and finds common ground based on their shared love of a child. It expands everyone's understanding of love and family. Kelly saw growing up how enriched her life was because Heather was her sister. Our lives have already been changed by our

connection with Joslyn's birth family. We have started family traditions with her birth mom. We consider her birth mom a close friend. We are thankful that her extended birth family is an important part of our lives.

This child will be cherished by many people! He or she will have an aunt, a big sister, and a cousin who are also adopted. We have several close friends who have adopted their children as well. We consider this a very positive thing. There will be people around who both love him or her and also understand the joys and struggles that can come with adoption.

Finding the right family for your child is just the beginning of a journey. We hope that if you choose us, that you will be a part of our lives and this precious child's life. We strongly believe that the more people who love a child, the better. We believe that a child's love for their adoptive parents does not exclude his or her love for birth parents. We want this child to know that they are deeply loved by us and by you. We will strive to help them understand your deep sacrifice and love that lead you to entrust us with their care. We are not only open to, but would deeply value an ongoing relationship with you as we have with our daughter's birth mother. But, we will respect any boundaries that you have. If you were to choose a more closed adoption, we would make sure that they know that you placed them with us out of love for them. Thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We would welcome the opportunity to meet you and answer any questions. We admire your courage and pray that you would have peace and comfort as you make this hard decision.

WITH MUCH LOVE AND RESPECT,
MICHAEL & KELLY



ADOPTIVE FAMILY INFORMATION SHEET

MICHAEL

OCCUPATION: Executive Pastor
(runs the business side of a church & school)
EDUCATION: Masters of Business Administration
AGE: 41
RACE: Caucasian
ETHNICITY: English, Irish, Welsh, and Polish
HAIR COLOR: Brown
EYE COLOR: Blue
HEIGHT/BUILD: 5'8"/ medium
GENERAL HEALTH: Excellent
RELIGION: Christian non-Denominational

KELLY

OCCUPATION: Physician (16 hours per week)
Specialty: Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
EDUCATION: Medical School/M.D.
AGE: 43
RACE: Caucasian
ETHNICITY: English, Irish, Scottish, and Welsh
HAIR COLOR: Brown
EYE COLOR: Brown
HEIGHT/BUILD: 5'3"/ medium
GENERAL HEALTH: Excellent
RELIGION: Christian non-Denominational

DATE OF MARRIAGE: August 2009

CHILDREN: Our daughter Joslyn was born June of 2014 and was adopted through Bethany Christian Services. She immediately brought so much joy and love to our lives. We treasure being her parents. Kelly works two mornings per week from 7-11 AM and on those mornings Michael gets Joslyn up and takes her to preschool around 9 am. Then Kelly picks her up right after work around noon. Kelly also works on Fridays and Michael and Joslyn have father/daughter days every Friday. We are so grateful that we are able to arrange our work schedules so that one of us is home almost all the time.

INTERESTS & HOBBIES: We love the beach, traveling, reading, sporting events, and going to live theatre and movies. Since becoming parents, we spend a lot of time at parks, children's museums, zoos, the pool, and Disneyland. We place a very high priority on family and spend a lot of time with our extended family. Our extended family members who live locally come over for "family dinner" weekly. Our daughter adores her grandparents and considers her cousins her best friends. Michael enjoys photography and hiking. Kelly enjoys hanging out with her siblings, scuba diving, watching dramas and mysteries, sewing and most of all, spending time with Joslyn.

DESCRIPTION OF YOUR HOME: We own a large five-bedroom home in a very safe and family-friendly gated neighborhood that has a community pool and park. Our home is 7 miles from the beach.

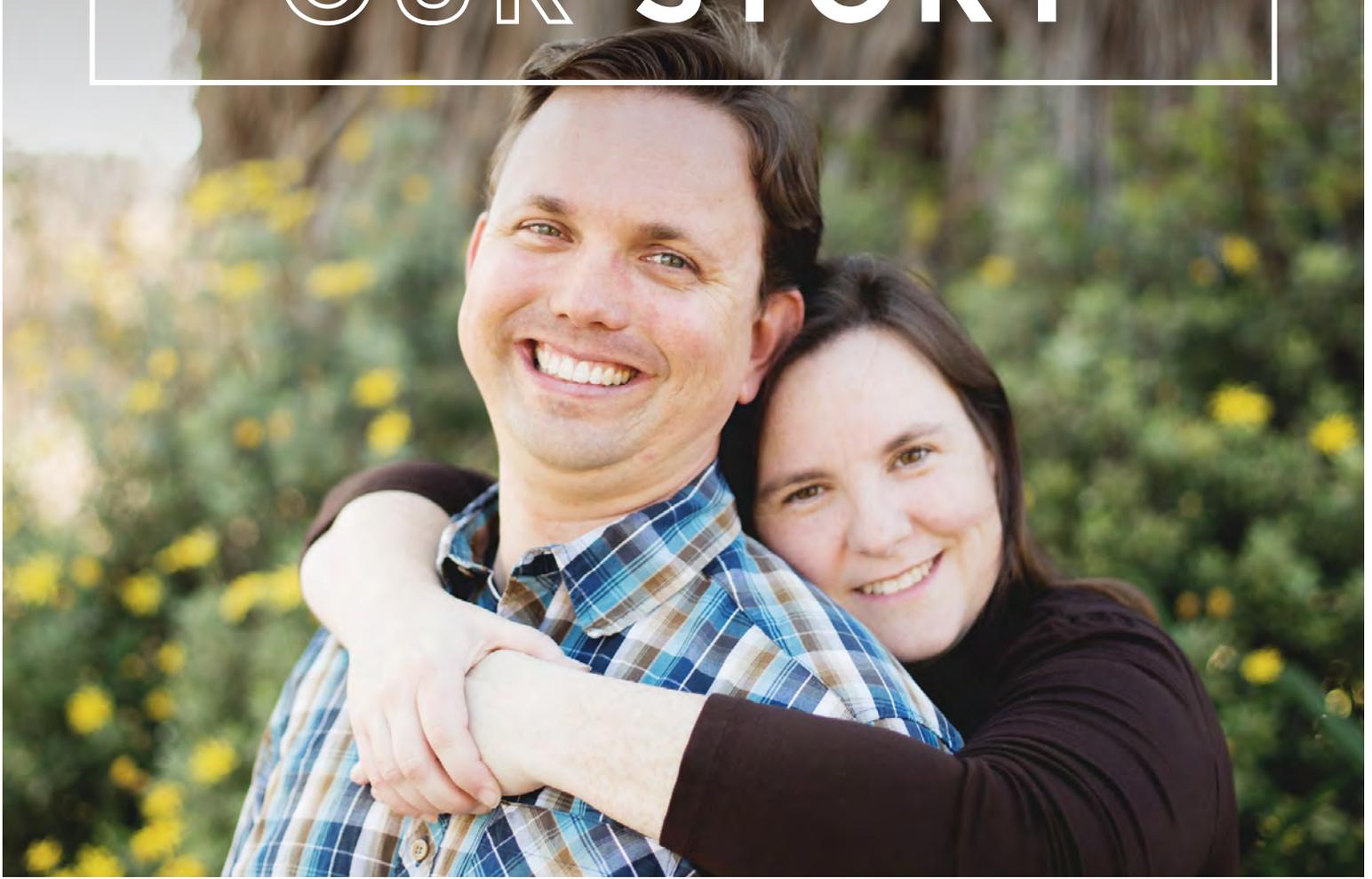
FINANCES: We are financially stable with savings set aside for emergencies. We own our own home and both have stable employment with jobs that we love. We could live comfortably, if necessary, on either of our incomes. We are able to support a child and provide for their college education.

WHY ADOPT: We are excited to build our family through adoption. Kelly's youngest sister was adopted and our daughter is adopted. We always planned to adopt some of our children. We had decided we wanted to adopt before we got married. When we had difficulty getting pregnant, we decided to build our entire family through adoption.

OPENNESS TO EXPECTANT PARENTS: We are not only open to, but would cherish an ongoing relationship with you. We would like to have not only pictures and letters, but would like to get to know you through visits. We will respect any boundaries that you have. We have deeply valued having an open adoption with Joslyn's birth family.



OUR STORY



WE HAVE BEEN FRIENDS FOR OVER 22 YEARS & MARRIED FOR 8 YEARS.

Michael was Kelly's brother's roommate in college, and was the best man in his wedding. Over the years, Michael went from hanging out with Kelly's family to see her brother, to visiting them to see Kelly. During this time, Michael's crush on Kelly grew into love, and we became best friends and then fell in love. After 5 years of marriage, we adopted our daughter, Joslyn. We love doing life together and being Joslyn's parents. We are so excited to continue to grow and complete our family.

OUR WEDDING





MEET MICHAEL

FAVORITE SUBJECT AS A KID: *Math and History*

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: *A road trip to a family reunion where we stayed at campsites in national parks while driving from Los Angeles to New York*

FAVORITE CITY VISITED: *Interlaken, Switzerland*

PLACE I WANT TO VISIT: *Capetown, South Africa to go on a safari*

FAVORITE FOOD: *Mexican*

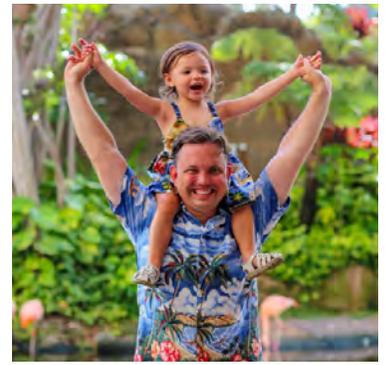
FAVORITE ICE CREAM FLAVOR: *Peppermint Stick*

FAVORITE VACATION ACTIVITY: *Skiing*

FAVORITE HOBBY: *Photography, teaching an accounting class at a local Christian university*

FAVORITE HOLIDAY TRADITION: *Watching Joslyn make gingerbread houses with my sister's daughters*

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAMS: *Angels and Patriots*



How I ended up becoming an **EXECUTIVE PASTOR / CFO**

How I ended up being an Executive Pastor/CFO: My parents worked for churches and schools while I was growing up, and I always thought I would enjoy working in that environment. In college, I discovered that I liked organizing numbers and graduated with an accounting degree. Then I accepted a job at a large international accounting firm. My accounting firm was sold to another firm and before accepting the job at the new company, I was offered a job at my church to be their controller for the church and their school. This was an exciting opportunity to match my lifelong dream of working in a church

and school, as well as using my training as an accountant and being responsible for the business side of ministry. I have taken on additional responsibilities over the last 15 years at the church, and am currently the Executive Pastor. Most of all, I love the people that I work with, and their dedication to showing Christ's love to our local community and around the world. I love that my daughter goes to the preschool where I work so I know all her teachers, get to drop her off, watch her play, and am right there on campus if I am ever needed.



KELLY SAYS:

MICHAEL MAKES ME LAUGH. He has the best sense of humor and finds the best in people and he makes friends with everyone. I respect how passionate he is about his job. He always stands by me and takes care of our family. He is an amazing husband and father. I love that every Friday he has father/daughter day while I am at work. (only day I work all day). Joslyn adores her daddy and loves Fridays.



MEET KELLY

FAVORITE SUBJECT AS A KID: *Math and Science*

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: *Spending a summer traveling in Israel and Jordan*

FAVORITE CITY VISITED: *Petra*

PLACE I WANT TO VISIT: *Galapagos Islands*

FAVORITE FOOD: *Spaghetti*

FAVORITE ICE CREAM FLAVOR: *Coffee*

FAVORITE VACATION ACTIVITY: *Going to the beach*

FAVORITE HOBBY: *Traveling*

FAVORITE HOLIDAY TRADITION: *Going to family camp with extended family and watching fireworks over Gull Lake on the 4th of July*

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAMS: *The Patriots and The Red Sox (My mom grew up in Boston going to games with her dad and brainwashed us to love them when we were kids)*



How I ended up becoming a **CHILD PSYCHIATRIST**

Growing up I always wanted to work with kids. In junior high and in high school during elective time, I volunteered in the special education classroom for kids with severe developmental disabilities. I loved the kids in this class and enjoyed helping them. When I started college, I thought I wanted to teach special education. In college, I realized that I loved science and decided I wanted to be a pediatrician. Because I didn't change to pre-med until my junior year, I needed one year to finish prerequisites. I had the opportunity

to teach high school during that year, and enjoyed it so much that I ended up deferring medical school and teaching a total of 3 years. While teaching, I learned that mental illness affects a lot of good families and saw amazing kids that I cared about struggle with anxiety, depression and eating disorders. Teaching is what led me to choose child psychiatry as my specialty. I love my job, but am so thankful to be able to work part time to be at home more with our daughter.



MICHAEL SAYS:

KELLY IS FUN, PASSIONATE, CARING AND A GREAT MOM. She makes everyone feel cared for. I am so lucky to be her husband. I had the privilege of watching Kelly work her way through medical school and through the demanding schedule of residency. She stayed true to her calling by becoming a doctor that cares for hurting children. I am thankful that she wants to work part time so she can spend more time with our daughter. I love how she adores our little girl.



MEET JOSLYN

FAVORITE COLOR: *Purple*

FAVORITE SHOW: *Paw Patrol*

FAVORITE FOOD: *Chicken and Spaghetti*

FAVORITE ICE CREAM FLAVOR: *Anything Pink*

FAVORITE ANIMAL: *Penguins*

FAVORITE ACTIVITY: *Playing dollies and going to Pretend City Children's Museum*



KELLY AND MICHAEL SAY:

WE TREASURE BEING JOSLYN'S PARENTS. She will make a great big sister. She is adorable, fun, silly, and loving. She loves to play at the park, make sand castles at the beach, go swimming, make treasure maps, do art projects and play with her dollies. She makes us smile every day. Her cousins are her best friends. She is gentle and loves babies and can't wait to be a big sister.

MICHAEL'S FAMILY



*Pictured top row: Michael, Kelly, mom Sharon, dad Jim, sister Michelle, and brother in law Ben.
Bottom row: Joslyn, Annika, and Michaela*

MICHAEL'S FAMILY LOVES TO SPEND TIME TOGETHER. His parents have been married for 43 years. Michael has a younger sister who is married and has two young daughters. His father was a children's pastor and his mom was a teacher and a stay-at-home mom when he was little. They are now retired and run a non-profit ministry. We are really close to his parents and to his sister's family. His parents are very supportive of our family and make it a priority to spend time with their grandchildren. Although they live in Washington, we see them many times through the year. Joslyn adores her grandparents and cousins.



KELLY'S FAMILY



Pictured top row: Kelly's sister Katie, (husband Jerry not pictured on work trip), Sean Kelly's brother, Stephanie Kelly's sister in law, dad Josh and mom Dottie, Kelly, Michael, David Kelly's brother in law and sister Heather.

Bottom row: Cooper, Quinn, Shane, Shauna, Brenna, Beckett, Joslyn, Scottie, Rosie, and Josh

KELLY'S FAMILY IS FUN, LOUD, AND ALWAYS UP FOR AN ADVENTURE.

Kelly's parents have been married for 46 years. Kelly's dad is an author and speaker, and her mom helps him with his ministry and was a stay-at-home mom when her kids were little. Kelly is the oldest of 4 children. She has one brother and two sisters. Each of her siblings has 3 children. The cousins are all really close and love each other so much. We love to travel with Kelly's family- there is never a boring moment with the ten cousins. We have been going to family camp every summer, and it is always so fun to see how the cousins stick up for each other and want to be together. Kelly's parents and two of her siblings live near us, and we see them weekly for "family dinner" and often hang out through the week. We see Kelly's sister who lives out of town multiple times per year and often Skype her into family dinners.



OUR HOME + COMMUNITY

WE LIVE IN A FAMILY-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY. We are grateful for good friends and a supportive church. We are thankful to have lots of family that live close by. Joslyn loves the pool and the neighborhood park. We have a lot of space in our home that is usually filled with family and friends. We strive for our home to be a welcome and caring place where people feel loved and respected.





JOSLYN'S ROOM



COMMUNITY PARK



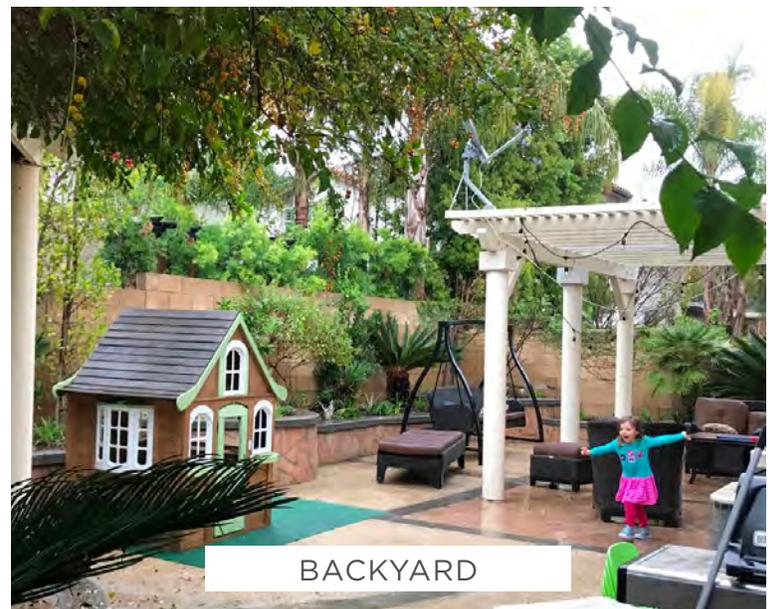
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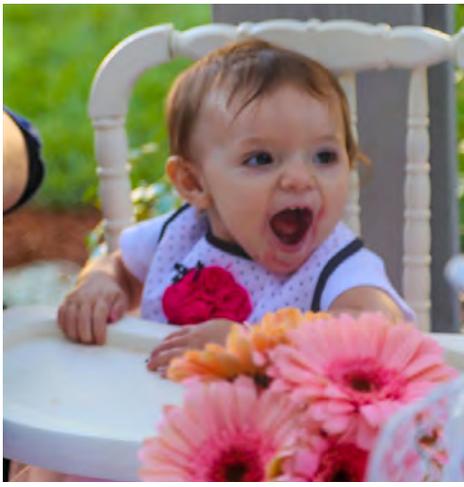
OUR HOLIDAYS



CHRISTMAS



WE LOVE TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS with our extended families. The cousins love to celebrate together.



BIRTHDAYS



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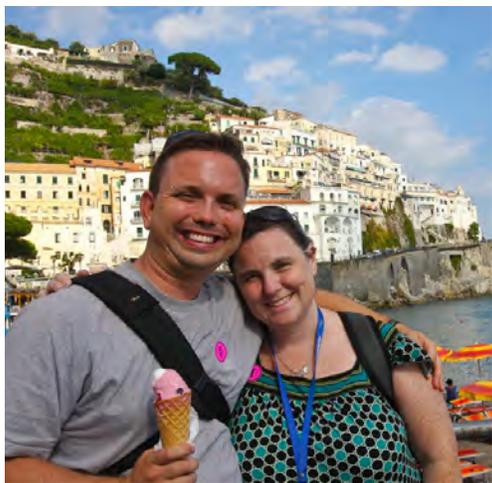
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OUR ADVENTURES



WE LOVE TO TRAVEL, learn about different cultures, see animals in their natural habitats and meet people around the world. We want to help our daughter learn about the world and respect people and cultures that are different from our own. Our daughter is 3 ½ years old and has already been to 18 states, 10 countries and 3 continents. We love traveling as a family.





WE ARE SO EXCITED FOR OUR NEXT ADVENTURE AS A FAMILY OF FOUR

Being parents has brought us a lot of joy and we are so excited to have another child. We both love having siblings and consider them our best friends, and we want this for Joslyn. We can't wait to love a new baby and to grow our family. Our families are so excited for another child. We will treasure this child as we do our daughter, and we will strive to encourage this little person to be who he or she is meant to be and find his or her passion in life. We will help them see the world. Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family. We hope that you have comfort and peace at this time and find the right family for your child.