

Aric & Christy





Thank you for taking the time to look at our profile and get to know us. We hope this profile gives you a glimpse of the life we could offer a child and a better understanding of us. We are so ready to expand our family through adoption! We both have so much love to give! We can't imagine how hard of a decision this must be for you and pray from the bottom of our hearts for you and your baby.

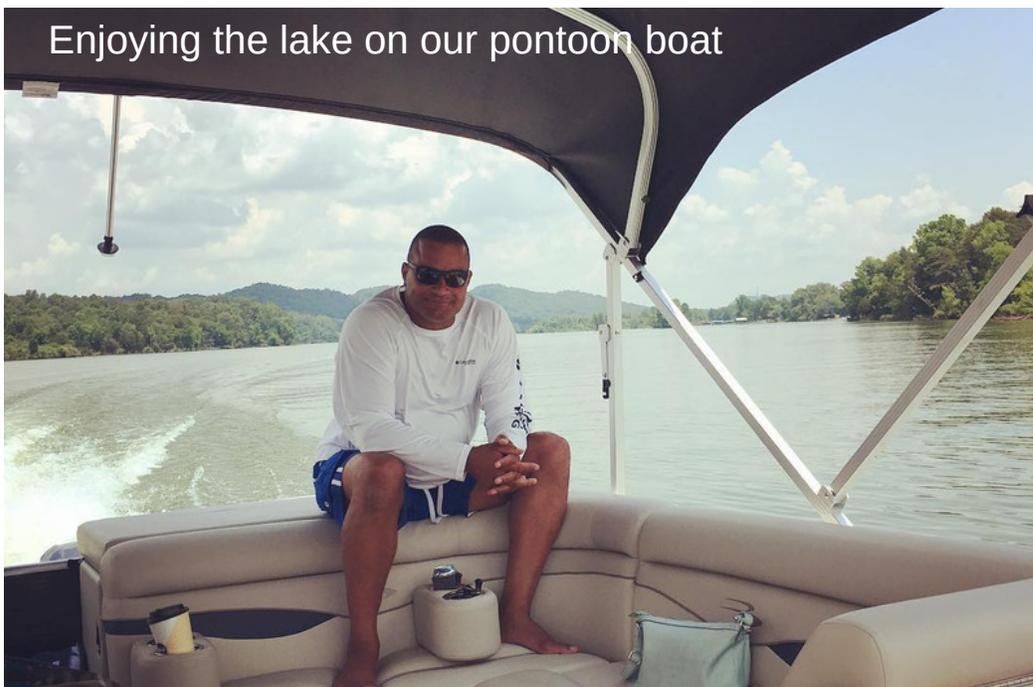


Introducing Ourselves



About Aric

"I'm most excited about sharing my future and faith in Christ with a child and raising a child with my wife. I am excited to be able to teach a child what I've learned throughout my travels of the world and help them explore their passions and dreams."



Enjoying the lake on our pontoon boat

At A Glance:

Job: District Manager (for national restaurant chain)

Hobbies: Fishing, hunting, being on the lake, playing golf

Religion: Christian

3 Words to Describe Aric:
Motivated, funny, reliable



Christy says:

Aric is the most laid back, funny, and well rounded person I know. He has experienced so much in his career and travels, and he is a great teacher. I've seen how patient and kind he is with children and how much his young nieces and nephews adore him. He is the first to join in the play and always has kids laughing and enjoying themselves. He raised twin boys who are now 22 years old and was a fantastic father to them while they were growing up, always helping with homework, taking them all over the country to compete in sporting events, and helping them achieve their goals. I know he will give that same commitment and passion to our future child, and I can't wait to share that with him.



- Places I've Traveled To Compete:**
- Spain**
 - The Netherlands**
 - Japan**
 - Germany**
 - France**
 - Norway**



Fun Fact: Aric competed in the track & field decathlon at the Olympics!

About Christy

"I am beyond excited to be a mom! I have dreamed of raising a child for years and am so excited to adopt! I was adopted myself and know how loving an adoptive family can be, and I want to be able to give that to a child. I have so much I want to teach and experience with a child, so much love to give to them."



Christy loves to decorate our home like a Hallmark movie during the holidays



Aric says:

Christy has the biggest heart. She thinks of others before herself. She is the most loyal and loving person I have ever met! The love that she has in her heart is more than I have ever experienced in my life, and I look forward to watching her become a mother and sharing that love with a child. I look forward to the day when Christy can shower a child with love, compassion, strength, and faith. Christy is laid back and has a great sense of humor. She is my best friend and will make an amazing Mama. I cannot wait to raise a child with her!



At A Glance:

Job: District Manager (for a utility company)

Hobbies: Reading, crafting, being on our boat on the lake, cooking, playing with our dog

Religion: Christian

3 Words to Describe Christy: Thoughtful, compassionate, loving



Pinterest enthusiast - I love crafts!

Problem solver

Nurturer

Dedicated

Fun Fact: Christy is the best cook! For holidays, she handles ALL of the cooking, no matter how many people are there!

Our Love Story

In 2011, Aric and I met at work. We were friends for a long time before we ever dated. I think that was the best way, as our relationship has such a solid foundation. We were engaged for 8 months and had a beautiful outdoor wedding in the fall. Our wedding was rustic and simple and amazing in every way. We are still head over heels for each other, we are still always holding hands and just loving life together.

We are still best friends and there is no one I would rather spend time with than him! We keep each other laughing, and we both commit to spending time with each other doing each other's hobbies. Aric helps with any Pinterest project my heart desires, and I go with him when he is fishing. We just click and always have. We make great partners in life and enjoy each day together.



Us with our parents



Vacation to the Valley of Fire in Nevada



UT basketball game



The first time Aric saw Christy walking down the aisle on their wedding day



Holidays are so magical!

We live in Knoxville, Tennessee. Our home is a 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom home, approx. 2000 sq feet. We have a huge finished basement that is our movie room. We have a pool and large fenced-in backyard with a fire pit/entertaining area. We live close to the lake, parks, and walking trails.

Our house is in a fantastic neighborhood! It's very quiet, safe, and family friendly. We live near some of the best schools in Knoxville. There is a good mix of kids of all ages in our neighborhood.



Bumper catching some sun rays on our pool

We have the best dog in the world! Bumper is a rescue dog that we got from the shelter last year when he was 3 months old. He is gentle, sweet and so great with kids!

Our Home



My parents are still married. I have 2 brothers and 1 sister, all of whom are married and have kids. My family is from Ohio and still lives there. My family is full of fun and enjoyment! They all have great senses of humor. We always look forward to getting together and sharing lots of laughs. I have 3 nieces and 5 nephews, ages 5-22. My parents are very involved in the grandkids' lives and are very supportive of adoption.

Aric's Family



Aric's crazy, big, happy family! Aric, his parents, siblings and our nieces and nephews!

My parents were one of the first interracial couples in my hometown that were allowed to be married. That they have stayed married all this time despite immense pressure back in the 1960s is amazing. Their love is an inspiration!



Aric with his dad and brothers

Our Families



My family is smaller than Aric's - it's just my parents, my sister and me. Despite being small, my family is very close. They all live about 2 hours from us, and we visit fairly regularly. My parents are beyond excited to have a grandchild and are ready to spoil him or her! My family is laid back. My mom is my best friend, and we talk every single morning. I look forward to having that type of relationship with my child.

My parents are over the moon that we are adopting! My sister is excited as well! They are already buying baby gifts. They can't wait to have a baby in the family! I was adopted at 2 years old by my father. I have always been treated as his child, his entire family has always treated me as if I was a biological member of the family. My adoption is very positive and happy, something for which I am truly thankful.

Christy's Family



Christy on a girls trip to the Dominican Republic with her mom and sister.



Christy with her dad, mom and sister



Serve day is so rewarding and humbling at the same time - being able to love on people and spread God's word is amazing!

Aric and I are Christians and plan to raise our child in the Christian faith. We researched churches for awhile before deciding on our home church of City Hills. It was important to us to find an accepting and loving church who welcomed everyone. We wanted a church that was active in the community, non-judgmental and down to earth. We found all of that and more in our church. We absolutely love it! Our church is small, but growing and we are moving into a bigger facility this year.

Our Faith

We both serve on Serve Teams at church. I am on the First Impressions team. I welcome everyone, hand out bulletins, and greet new guests. Aric is an Usher. He helps seat people, with the offering, and welcome in guests. We love being active in the church, and our faith has grown tremendously since joining. Being able to serve our church, our community, and our youth has opened our hearts even more to Jesus, and we couldn't be more thankful.

We also join various small groups throughout the year, from game night to serving single mothers. We feel blessed to have found our home at church, filled with such loving and supportive people who have been praying for our adoption since the beginning. If we are fortunate enough to be chosen to adopt a child, we look forward to having our child grow up in such a loving and encouraging environment.



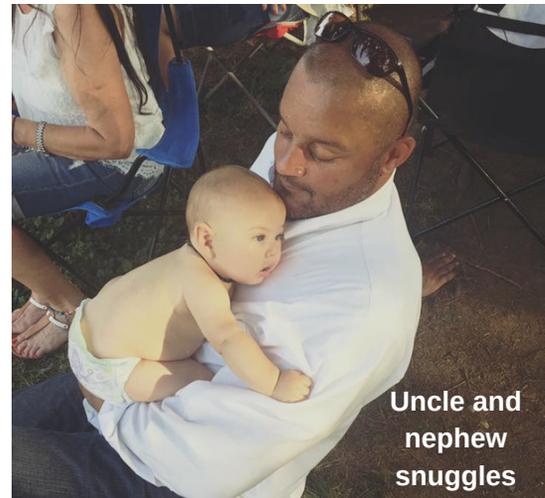
Our Life



Surfside Beach, South Carolina



Annual Ugly Sweater Christmas Party



Uncle and nephew snuggles



USA vs Germany track meet



Christmas is one of our favorite holidays!



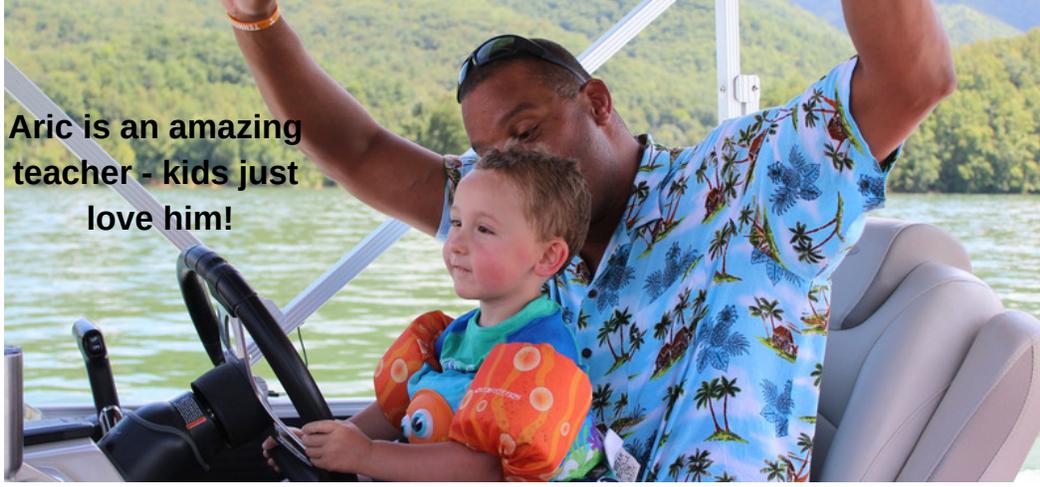
So much love!



7D Motion Movie in Tennessee



Selfie time! Apparently Bumper didn't get the memo.



Aric is an amazing teacher - kids just love him!



Bumper loves going on our boat too!

Our Life

We cannot wait for our future child to join us on all of life's adventures!



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Smile, Bumper!



Everyone needs some silliness in their life! And kisses too!



Lake Tahoe, California - man it sure is windy!



Sampling some of Christy's amazing cooking!



Aric's Family

Thank you for taking the time to review our profile. We hope this gives you a glimpse into our lives and lets you get to know us a little better. Since we are unable to have biological children, we cannot thank you enough for considering us as potential adoptive parents.

We can't express how much this mean to us. We know how incredibly difficult this decision must be for you and we pray every night for you and your baby.

If you choose us, we will put all of our love and care into raising your child. We will raise your child in a safe and loving home where they will be encouraged to be creative, follow their dreams and passions, and know God.

We promise to always protect your child and put their interests first. We value hard work and education and promise to always make those a priority. We promise that we will be open and honest with your child about their adoption story and will honor what level of communication you wish to have after the adoption, even if that changes over time. We promise to provide a life time of adventure for your child, we love to travel and feel like you can learn so much by exploring other parts of the country and world. We promise to be there to guide them through life, to encourage, support and love them as they follow their dreams.

Lastly, we promise your selfless act of love will never be forgotten. We are a family touched by adoption already since Christy is adopted and we promise we will do everything in our power to provide the best life possible for your child. We know how special and loving adoption can be and we know we can also provide that.

We are excited to grow our family through adoption and we are so thankful you would consider us.

With Love,

Aric & Christy

