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# Alyson & Chris





HELLO EXPECTANT MOTHER

# We are Chris & Alyson

**We want you to know that we realize considering this option is no doubt a burdensome and challenging decision to make. We also want to share that whether you choose to place your child with us or not and whether we get to know your name or not, we are praying for you as you walk through this process.**







Enjoying the trails at our local park



Our backyard is a wonderful space



Cinderella Castle never fails to make us smile!

We believe adoption is a beautiful expression of love. God's heart for adoption is what has brought us to you and your child. We believe that God has adopted us as His own sons and daughters through Jesus, and we have always been convinced that God would use adoption in some way to build our family, regardless of whether or not we have biological children. We have been told that a biological pregnancy for us could be a high risk for the child and for Alyson. We are so excited to begin building our family through adoption and loving a child as our own. Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us and hear our hearts for adoption.



- **Love others well**
- **Own your mistakes and ask for forgiveness**
- **Put your best foot forward**
- **It's okay to ask for help**
- **You are loved!**

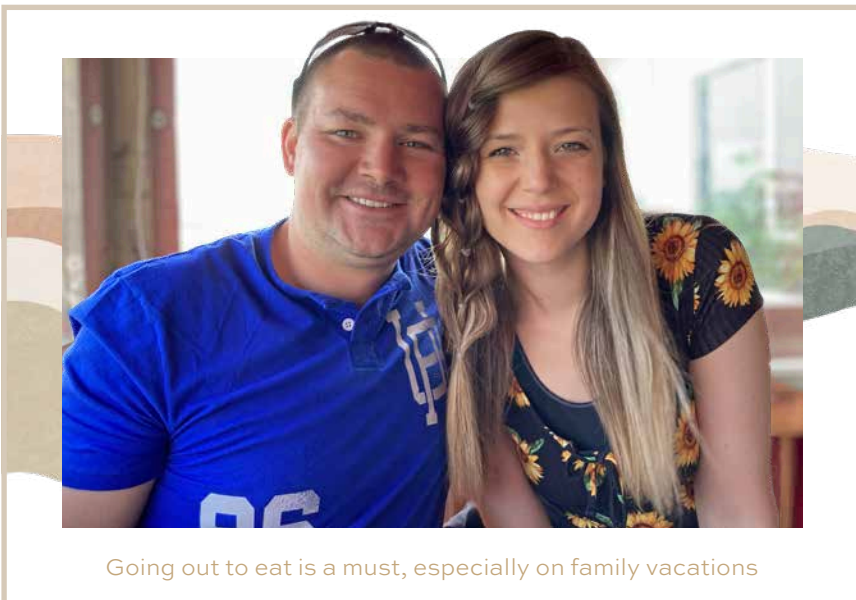




# Our Story



In 2013, Chris was working on staff as the Assistant Youth Pastor at our church when a new Associate Pastor came on staff. That Associate Pastor had a daughter and that daughter was Alyson! We began getting to know each other through Chris and her dad playing softball together. From there, spending time together just came naturally. Our shared faith and desire for adventure and the spontaneous just clicked and in December 2017 Chris proposed on her back porch after a day at Hershey Park. One year later we had a Christmas wedding on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. Chris had never been to Disney as a kid, so naturally that is where we spent Christmas 2018 for our honeymoon! Even from our time dating and sharing our desires for a family, God has laid it on our hearts that adoption would be a part of building our family. Our faith and adoption as God's sons and daughters, through Jesus, has given us a passion to adopt a child and love them as God loved us. While we haven't received any formal infertility diagnosis, we are ready and excited to build our family and feel God's prompting to do that through adoption.



Going out to eat is a must, especially on family vacations



ON PARENTING

**The most important value we can pass along to our children is our Christian faith and sharing why that is so important to us.**



Reading our Bible together is an important part of our marriage



We believe that our faith in Jesus allows us to have a love for others that we could not have on our own. We have great admiration and love for the birth mother in any situation where adoption is being considered. We pray that she feels deeply loved and supported in her decision, whatever that may be. We commit to sharing with our future child about his or her birth mother, in whatever way she feels is best. We believe that open adoption is an opportunity for a child to grow up knowing that they are loved by a birth family and an adoptive family - knowing about their fullness of their family, heritage, and incredible support system.

**Our family values love, respect, empathy, community, and grace for each other, flowing out from the grace that God has given us. We believe that respect and appreciation of others who are different from us is essential to living full and loving lives.**



# Meet Alyson

BY CHRIS

**I love Alyson's desire for adventure and love for life. Alyson loves to experience new things and go new places. Her spontaneity pushes me to do new things and I couldn't be more grateful.**

Not only does she love life, but she deeply loves people. Alyson is the most empathetic person I know. Her empathy is most apparent in her heart for her students and the children in her life. She has seen a lot of kids from a lot of situations, and each one has a special place in her heart. Her heart for kids is also obvious in how she loves our nieces. Alyson loves to jump into their world, encourage their imagination and play along with them. I think one thing that really excites Aly about being a parent is sharing her passions with our child to help them create with their imagination and have fun. Another thing I know Alyson is excited to share is her love of Disney! We already have plenty of Disney plushes and stuffed animals she has been saving for our future baby! I cannot wait to see Alyson as a mom and how she plays with and nurtures our child.



Autumn and Spider-Man are 2 of Aly's favorite things!







**Aly admires the beauty of local cities**

Aly cooks meals with healthy ingredients



Beautiful butterfly wings by her students



**My favorite children's book is Ish by Peter H. Reynolds**

**I love hand-lettering and watercolor painting**

**My favorite place to take kids is Disney's Animal Kingdom (so magical!)**

**My dream job would be a celebrity stylist or clothing designer**

**A historical figure I'd love to meet is Abraham Lincoln or Martin Luther King Jr.**

**My favorite dessert is a root beer float, a treat from childhood**

**My favorite seasonal activity is apple and pumpkin picking in the fall**

**I like to read books from the author Janette Oke (Historical Fiction)**





Chris has played guitar on and off for years



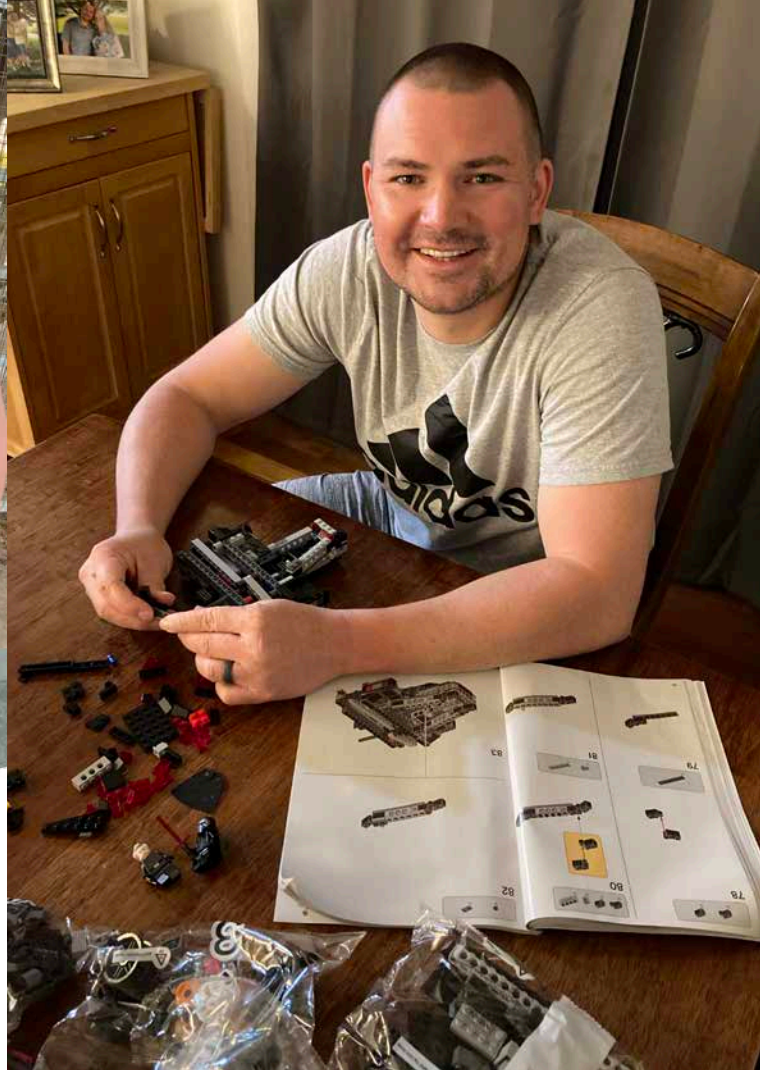
# Meet Chris

BY ALYSON

**Chris is a kind, hard-working, and hilarious man who I am proud to call my husband and best friend. He can make me laugh like no one else, and consistently puts others before himself. Chris' character is dependable and he can be counted on in the good times as well as the hard times.**

I cherish when I get to see Chris' love for laughter and making others laugh shine during our times with our nieces. He has a way of humbling himself and making his nieces feel special, known, and loved, all while creating silly antics. One afternoon I won't forget is when Chris and I were going for a walk with our nieces while they were riding scooters. Chris decided to take a turn on the scooters for himself and shuffle along with one foot on each of the girls' scooters. The girls' joy and laughter was infectious as they squealed and laughed as Chris showed off his moves. This example is just one of many times when Chris has jumped right in and played wiffleball, gone kayaking, helped with Easter egg hunting, and played hide and seek, always putting the girls and their happiness before himself. Chris is going to be an absolutely amazing dad, and I see so many qualities shine from him already as he lives life with me as my husband and also rocks being an uncle!





**I never went to Disney as a kid, but now I've been there 4 times**

**My favorite musician is Alan Jackson**

**My favorite dessert is chocolate cake**

**I've been on 3 continents within 24 hours**

**My favorite vacation destination is Disney, we even had annual passes**

**My favorite author is J.R.R. Tolkien**

**I am an Army National Guard veteran, where I worked on helicopters and served in Afghanistan from 2019-2020**

**I am picking the guitar back up and starting to participate in our church's worship team**

Chris absolutely loves Legos!



Chris raking leaves in the fall





# Our Home



**The four seasons make our home so beautiful throughout the year and we love to be outside!**



Snowy days are some of our favorites!

We live in a split level home with 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths. There are always cozy decorations with lots of family pictures. Most of our time is spent in the open living room, dining room and kitchen area. Chris is in the process of finishing the basement which will make a great entertainment and play room. We really enjoy Legos and puzzles in the winter months, fires and yard work in the summer, and home improvement projects are happening year round! We are on 1/3 of an acre with plenty of room for activities, and we can't wait for the occasion to add a swingset and a playhouse to our spacious backyard. We are in a small, quiet suburban neighborhood. No outlet on our street, it is just a loop, so there is no real traffic. Our immediate neighbors are mostly elderly and keep an eye on us and the house and we do the same for them. They like to sit outside on nice evenings in the fall, spring, and summer so we join them and make conversation when we are able. We are in one of best school districts in the county, which is one of the reasons we moved here in 2020.



## TRADITIONS

**Trips to the beach  
are always a part of  
our summers!**

Being in the Mid-Atlantic we are within about 3.5 to 4 hours of the Delaware and Maryland Beaches. We usually try to spend a week of our Spring in Bethany Beach, DE with Alyson's side of the family and a week in the late summer in Ocean City, MD with Chris' side. Last year we did the Outer Banks of North Carolina and had a great time, so there may be some future beach exploring beyond Delaware and Maryland and we can't wait to bring our child along!

Beach days are the best days!



We love being out on the water in kayaks





# Our Family



Taking our nieces to a game at the ballpark



Chris's parents, our nieces, and us at the airport when Chris returned from Afghanistan



Aly's family is super close and a great support system

## CHRIS SAYS

**"I am the middle of three with an older half-sister (37) and younger sister (25). My older sister is a single mother of two, so we have two nieces (7 & 9) in elementary school."**

## ALYSON SAYS

**"I am the oldest of two siblings and have a younger brother (23). My grandmother also lives with my parents and is a big part of our life."**

We are both blessed to come from loving families with both parents still together. At 20 minutes, we are the furthest siblings away from our families. Both of our parents and siblings are all within about 5-10 minutes of each other in the same towns we grew up in, and we are hoping to move back a little closer in the future. We love being with family and make it a top priority. We are with both sides at least once a week and attend church together. Drop-ins happen regularly, so both us and the family are excited have a little one tagging along to the grandparents!





Puzzle time on the deck with our nieces



Rocket Raccoon and Fat Thor with our nieces as Pinkie Pie and a maskless Grogu (Baby Yoda)



Aly's Mammy is a caring and consistent role model and support in her life!

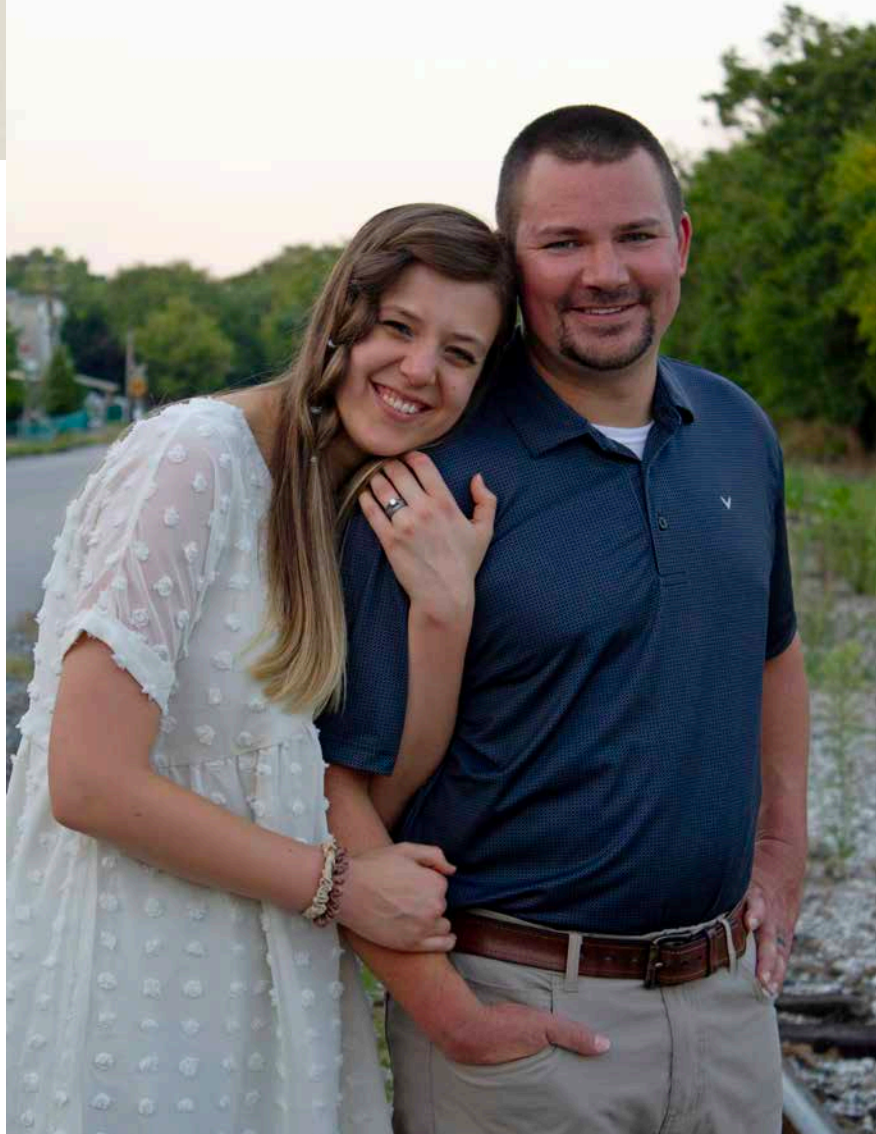
We love Christmas time and what that means for us to get to spend time with family. We like to decorate the trees as a family at both of our parents' houses, which makes an extra holiday event out of it. Chris's family also does gingerbread houses every year. For the holiday itself, we start at Aly's parents on Christmas Eve where her mom makes seafood chowder and crab cakes for dinner and we do gifts with extended family. The next morning we do a big breakfast and exchange gifts as an immediate family (Aly's parents, brother, and grandmother). From there we go over to Chris' parents to exchange gifts, watch the nieces open gifts, and have our Christmas dinner. We are so grateful for the memories we have made!





ON ADOPTION

**We are open to and excited to love your child no matter their ethnicity, race, or heritage. Both of us have family members who have married internationally, so our family is no stranger to diversity and learns from and loves each other's differences.**



Chris' cousin's wife is from Peru and their kids are our godchildren. Alyson has two cousins who served as missionaries. One has a husband from Syria, and the other has an American husband, who was raised in Argentina. On the other side of Aly's family, she also has multiple in-laws from Peru and Mexico and cousins who are full/half Peruvian or Mexican. Diversity is absolutely welcome in our family. Whatever ethnicity or race our child is, our desire is to learn more about it, and to help them understand their roots. We think this is critical to forming and cultivating their own identity. We have a friend whose father remarried an African American woman and shared with us how he even had to learn to comb their daughter's hair differently than our friend's. This was enlightening to us, and we commit that even small things like this are important to us to learn in order to affirm our child's heritage.



At a beautiful local wedding venue for friends







## FAMILY INFORMATION

**Father's Name**

Christopher

**Occupation**

Client Service Representative

**Education**

Pursuing Bachelor's in Project Management (Graduates May 2024)

**Religion**

Christian

**Date of Birth**

05/26/1994

**Hair Color**

Brown

**Eye Color**

Blue

**Height**

5'11'

**Mother's Name**

Alyson

**Occupation**

Part-time Art Teacher and substitute

**Education**

Bachelor's in Art Education

**Religion**

Christian

**Date of Birth**

10/22/1995

**Hair Color**

Brown

**Eye Color**

Hazel

**Height**

5'10'

**Date of marriage:** 12/22/2018

**Interests and hobbies:** We both love Disney parks as well as watching Disney movies. Together we enjoy taking walks, kayaking with Aly's family, spending time with family and our nieces, doing Legos or puzzles, and watching movies. Chris' hobbies are playing guitar, archery, home improvement projects, and playing pretty much any sport. Aly's hobbies include art: drawing, painting, and hand lettering, going for walks and being in nature, swimming, traveling whenever possible, and photography.

**Home:** Split level home with 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths. Cozy decorations with lots of family pictures. Chris is in the process of finishing the basement. We are on 1/3 of an acre with plenty of room for activities. We are in a small, quiet suburban neighborhood.

**Why are you interested in building your family through adoption?** Even when we were dating both of us had a heart for adoption and were certain it would be a part of building our family whether we had biological

children or not. While we haven't received any official diagnosis on infertility, we are ready to be parents now and feel God has led us to adoption for our first child.

**Openness to birthparent(s):** We are open to a relationship with birth parents to keep them informed about their child's wellbeing and how they are doing. At the least, we are open to annual calls or emails for these updates. We are open to accomplishing this through phone or email, pictures, and occasional visits. As we get to know birth parents and form a relationship with them ourselves while we navigate this process with her or them, we are happy to discuss the frequency of these interactions.

**Childcare plans:** Our primary childcare plan is for Alyson to be able to be a stay-at-home mom to the greatest extent possible. Fortunately, we have a great support system of family and friends. Chris's Mom and Dad both work part time and have flexible schedules to be able to assist with childcare. Alyson's Mom works in public education, so she is off all summer to assist with childcare.



We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking the time to learn some of our story and our heart for adoption. We are humbled that you would consider us, and pray that you would have peace in whatever decision you make. Your child is a precious gift from God and we would be honored to welcome her or him into our home and

family. Our heart is to begin building our family through adoption because we believe in the power of embracing a child wholeheartedly and giving him or her opportunities to grow and flourish in life. We have a deep and vast community of family, friends and coworkers so excited to be part of our adoption journey. We have so

much love, joy and expectation ready to welcome a new member to our family!

**We hope to meet you and get to know you as you walk in your own journey. Thank you again for taking the time to meet us in this way. We appreciate you!**



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