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# Griffith + Kristin





## We're Kristin, Griffith, and our son Charles

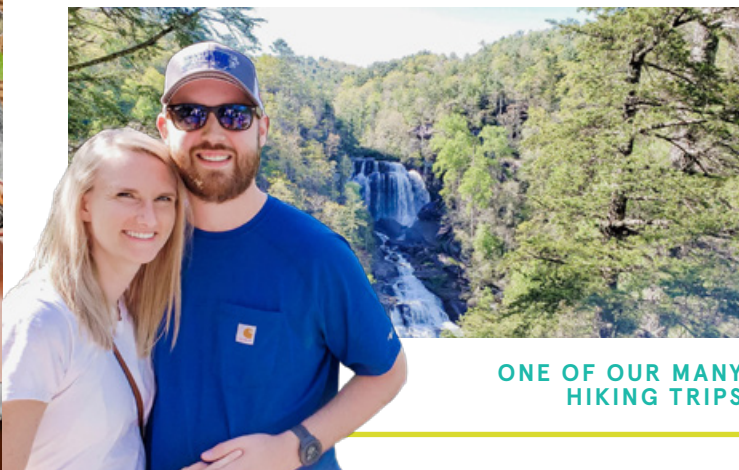
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We are thrilled about the opportunity to hopefully grow our family through adoption. We have both shared a call to adoption even before we met, and we are thrilled we get to embark on this journey! Griffith and his brother were both adopted as infants and grew up in a loving and encouraging home. Griffith is thankful that he was raised to become a well adjusted adult and pursue his goals without limitation. We want to provide that same loving and encouraging environment for a child who needs it. Every child deserves that. That said, we know there could be a thousand different reasons to consider this path and we know that you are facing an incredibly tough decision. We respect that profoundly and are thankful that you would even consider us to be a part of your child's journey. We hope that the information here helps you get to know us a little better and look forward to hopefully meeting you and your child.



PICNIC IN THE PARK

TAKING A COOKING CLASS TOGETHER



ONE OF OUR MANY  
HIKING TRIPS

# Our Love Story

TOLD BY KRISTIN

We met at church in Athens, GA. We were friends for about a year before we started dating. As our friendship grew, we started planning events for our friend group. Together we hosted dinners, outdoor movie nights, and themed parties. One day at small group we were chatting, and he found out I was building a backyard shed. Being a construction guy, I guess Griffith figured this was his "in," so he pestered me to come over that Saturday to help until I finally relented. Well, the day of building went well despite the 90+ degree heat, and he finally asked me on our first real date. The rest is history.

Our marriage is strong because of our teamwork. We've been working as a team before we were dating, and that has continued in our marriage. We communicate well because we are both naturally empathetic and able to give each other the benefit of the doubt. We are able to see the other perspective before rushing to judgment. Having fun and being hospitable is also important to us. We have carried that into our marriage and parenthood.



# Griffith

By Kristin

Griffith is one of the more personable people I know. This is the quality that attracted him to me initially. He can immediately make people feel comfortable and known. Part of what makes him personable is his humor. He is genuinely funny. He can bring lightness to most situations with his jokes, and he still makes me laugh harder than anyone else I know.

Griffith is a hard worker. He has consistently had a job since he was 14, so he has a great work ethic; however, having a healthy work/life balance is important to him. He is always ready to come home to his family at the end of the day, and he prefers to spend quality family time on the weekends.

**He is a fun dad, and he loves to get our son to laugh. He is also incredibly kind and patient with him.**

Everyday, he is amazed watching Cheddar learn and grow. Griffith is always thinking about ways to create fun memories for Cheddar. I think being a dad is Griffith's favorite thing he has ever done.



Griffith loves cooking for our family



We enjoy playing sports with our friends





ENJOYING THE SWING IN OUR BACKYARD



FAMILY VACATION AT THE BEACH



COOKING FOR A BIG GROUP OF FRIENDS

#### FAVORITE MUSICAL ARTIST

Van Halen - Eddie Van Halen is the greatest guitarist of all time and I will accept no arguments to the contrary.



#### HOBBIES

Gaming, sporting clays, and cooking



#### FAVORITE DESSERT

Creme brulee (with berries)



#### FAVORITE BOOK SERIES

Dune - but I love any Scifi!



#### FAVORITE SPORTS

I love to run - its the only thing keeping this dad bod in check. We also love to play volleyball with friends on the weekends.



#### FAVORITE SNACK

I love me some honey BBQ potato chips.



#### FAVORITE ACCESSORY

Always gotta have a watch, and Kristin gets onto me about how many baseball hats I have collected!



# Kristin

By Griffith

It is funny to see what Kristin wrote because I would say many of the same things about her. If I am more personable, she is the MOST personable. Kristin, more than anyone I've ever known, has the ability to bring people into the fold and make them feel welcome. If there is a room full of people and one person is the new or the odd person out, she will beeline for them and make sure to strike up a conversation.

She is also the most fun and quirky person I know. Whether its throwing a "Tom" themed costume party or planning a trip to Malaysia to see her best friend, we have had more fun adventures during our marriage than I would have ever imagined.

**She is also the most devoted and loving mother I know. Without being too uptight, she is deeply concerned with our son's intellectual and emotional development.**

She leads the charge in making sure that everything we do, from sleep training to playtime to discipline, is intentional and represents the best parenting we know how to provide. I consider myself unworthy to call her my wife and the mother of my child.

MADE IT TO THE TOP! A CHALLENGING HIKE





**EXCITED TO EAT VEGETABLES FROM OUR GARDEN**

### **MUSICAL INSTRUMENT**

I took piano lessons from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through high school. I'm currently trying to learn how to play the guitar.



### **FAVORITE SNACK**

Salt and vinegar chips are dangerous in our home!



### **FAVORITE SPORTS**

I love to play tennis - I played all through high school and on a rec team for a couple years. Currently we are enjoying playing volleyball and pickle ball with friends.



### **DREAM JOB**

I would love to spend a few years working at a bakery to become proficient at baking bread and fun treats



### **FAVORITE ACCESSORY**

I don't wear much jewelry, but many years ago, I spontaneously got a cartilage earring and a small nose ring. I still wear those every day.



### **FAVORITE ICE CREAM**

Mint chocolate chip



### **FAVORITE DESSERT**

Griffith and I rarely share a treat or dessert because I always go for chocolate, and he always going for something fruity



**TAKING A MILK BREAK WITH MOM**



# Meet Charles

WE CALL HIM CHEDDAR



FAMILY PICNIC AT A LOCAL PARK



WE READ A LOT WITH CHEDDAR

We have one son, Cheddar. He is almost 2 years old, so we are starting to get to know his personality. He is a fun kid, and he interacts well with the kids at his daycare. He currently loves anything with wheels and exploring the outdoors. We look forward to him having a sibling to play with. He will be a wonderful older brother.

**Part of the reason we call our son "Cheddar" is because we want to raise him to have a good sense of humor and not take life too seriously. We hope to teach him to be loving and empathetic towards all people.**





## Our Family Adventures

### FAMILY HIKE IN NEW MEXICO



Although parenthood takes up most of our time these days, we share several hobbies and love spending time together doing what we love. We've mentioned that we love cooking and hosting - it's part of the reason we started dating in the first place! We also like to exercise and stay active - we play volleyball with a regular group most weekends. We're both foodies and love to try new restaurants around Atlanta. We like to travel - we've been to Malaysia, New York, Seattle, Pennsylvania, Disney World, Canada, and many other places! We always make sure to try some of the local food when we go.



CHEDDAR'S NURSERY



# Our Home

We have a warm, comfortable home. We love to have it full of friends and family that we host for dinner, games, and movies. Last year, Griffith built a beautiful, large deck that we use often for outdoor dinners, bonfires, and outdoor movies. We spend plenty of time taking care of our yard and the garden that we recently started. Our son enjoys playing on the play-set in our yard and exploring our neighborhood. We have a good relationship with many of our neighbors. Often we will stop to visit with neighbors when we go on walks.

We enjoy spending time outdoors where we live. We have walking, biking, and hiking trails nearby that we utilize often. The city square is close to where we live. At the square, we go to the weekly farmers market, and we attend events like concerts and art festivals. We usually find something fun to do during our free time.

FAMILY HIKE NEAR OUR HOME





DRESSED UP FOR HALLOWEEN

## Our Faith



**Our faith in Jesus is central in our lives.**

That is evident in how we spend our time and how we serve our community. At church, Kristin helps in the nursery and is involved with the Foster and Adoption Ministry. Griffith works on the Craftsmanship team and serves on the development board. Together, we have hosted a small group for a few years, and developed a close friendship with the people in that group.





KRISTIN'S FAMILY



AUNTIE SELFIES



# Our Family

**KRISTIN** I am the middle of 3 sisters. Although I don't live close to my sisters, we talk on the phone often. When we get together, we spend time chatting, playing games, and doing puzzles. We live about 2 hours away from my parents, and we get to see them often. They have been a main support for us with things like moving, house projects, and taking care of Cheddar. We spend some weekends at their house, and play in their pool during the summer.

**GRIFFITH** I am the oldest of two brothers, sons to my mom and dad. Fun story, both my brother and I are adopted, but we are biological brothers! Our parents adopted us both from the same birth mother, 18 months apart! Growing up, my brother and I fought like cats and dogs, but now we are closer than ever and he is proving to be the most loving uncle to our little son that we could ever ask for. My parents are the most supportive and giving people we know. They have always supported me in my endeavors and are obviously thrilled about the adoption process. We live about 5 ½ hours away from them currently but see them every couple of months and they are looking at moving closer to their grandchild(ren).



CRAZY COUSINS!

DINNER WITH GRIFFITH'S PARENTS





# Thoughts On Parenting



**We believe parenting is about connecting with our children and guiding them. We want to teach our children good morals and values, but also how to learn and think for themselves.**

Kindness towards others is an important value we want to pass on to our children. We involve Cheddar in our activities with our friends, so he can learn how to be considerate and hospitable to other people.

We are excited to share our interests with our children and create fun memories with them. Because we both love to be in the kitchen, we hope to involve our children with cooking and baking. Maybe they will love to be in the kitchen too! We also want to stay active with our children. We plan to be active as a family and have our children involved with sports or other physical activity.

We want all of our children to grow up to be happy and successful. Part of our job as their parents is to teach them how to thrive as adults and to give them every opportunity to chase their dreams. But more importantly, we want them to see life as not just an chance for personal success, but also a chance to help the people around them. We want our children to love and care for the marginalized - to be a friend to the friendless.





**We are open to trans-racial adoption. We attend a very diverse church, so we also have a diverse friend group.**

We take this consideration seriously. If our adoption is trans-racial, we intend to lean our friend group to help us create an environment that respects and supports our child's ethnic background and heritage.



STANDING IN FRONT OF OUR HOME

**We are also open to open adoption.**



We believe it is best for everyone that we keep in contact with our child's birth parents. We want you to feel comfortable. We look forward to building a meaningful relationship with you so that you can be in your child's life in a way that you feel is best. Since Griffith is adopted, he personally understands the importance of talking about a child's adoption story from the start. He doesn't know a time that he didn't know he was adopted, and believes that was the best thing for him. We want to do the same for our child.



## FAMILY INFORMATION

### FATHER'S NAME

Griffith



### OCCUPATION

Project Manager



### EDUCATION

Bachelor's



### RELIGION

Christian



### DATE OF BIRTH

10/13/1990



### HAIR COLOR

Brown



### EYE COLOR

Hazel



### HEIGHT

6'2"

### MOTHER'S NAME

Kristin



### OCCUPATION

Loan Processor



### EDUCATION

Master's



### RELIGION

Christian



### DATE OF BIRTH

01/06/1990



### HAIR COLOR

Blonde



### EYE COLOR

Blue



### HEIGHT

5'9"

**DATE OF MARRIAGE** ♦ 01/05/2019

**CHILDREN** ♦ Charles (Cheddar), 02/20/2022, biological. Cheddar is a fun, inquisitive kid. He loves to explore, read, and play with any toy that has wheels.

**INTERESTS & HOBBIES** ♦ We both love to host our friends and family. Griffith enjoys cooking, and Kristin prefers to bake. We love being active outdoors as a family and with friends. In his free time, Griffith likes to play video games, and Kristin spends time with friends in person or over the phone.

**HOME** ♦ Our home is a cozy with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. We have a large back deck where we play with Cheddar and host friends. The neighborhood is quiet and safe. We are friends with many of our neighbors. We often run into friends while we go on walks in the neighborhood.

**WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION?** We have both shared a call to adoption even before we met. Griffith and his brother were both adopted as infants and grew up in a loving and encouraging home. Griffith is thankful that he was raised to become a well adjusted adult and pursue his goals without limitation. We want to provide that same loving and encouraging environment for a child who needs it.

**OPENNESS TO BIRTHPARENT(S)** ♦ We believe it is best for everyone that we keep in contact with birth parents. Since Griffith is adopted, he personally understands the importance of talking about the adoption story from the start. He doesn't know a time that he didn't know he was adopted, and believes that was the best thing for him. We want to do the same for our child. For us, this would be a minimum of an annual visit. We also plan to share pictures and updates.

**CHILDCARE PLANS** ♦ The plan is for the child to stay at home with Kristin for at least 6 months. Then the child will attend daycare for ½ day and stay home with Kristin for the rest of the day.



**For us, adoption is not just a means to add to our family, and it is not a backup plan. Adoption has always been a primary call for us.**

We want to be a loving family to a child who needs one - whatever that looks like. Our goal isn't to have a big family with our own biological kids. It's to provide a safe, loving home for children who need it. We want to be that home and that family for your child. We understand the difficulties and joys of parenting alike, and we will love your child the exact same as we love Cheddar. If you are willing, we want you to be an ongoing part of your child's life. Raising them would be our honor. Any child in our home is a gift that we will treasure forever.



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