# JASON AND OCCUPANIES

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WE ARE PARENTS TO three beautiful CHILDREN AGES 10, 8, AND 6. WE LOVE BEING PARENTS AND HAVE ALWAYS PLANNED FOR A FOURTH CHILD.

We are excited and grateful to have the opportunity to share a bit of our story as you consider plans for you and your child. If you feel our family would be a great fit, we are committed to raise your child in a loving and joy-filled home. We recognize the journey ahead both requires sacrifice and courage. We pray that God gives you strength and wisdom.



w e were both in our mid 20s and hit it off from the start. Our dating period was spent going on coffee dates, hiking in the mountains, serving together at church, and cooking meals with friends. We connected on our love of music, faith, and humor.

We are lucky to have three healthy and active children who keep us busy! Outside of work and school, you will find us exploring outside, playing sports, and spending time with friends. We love family bike rides, watching Dude Perfect, playing board games, and going on adventures. When we find time for ourselves, we enjoy escaping to the mountains, visiting our favorite coffee shops, or binging a good Netflix series.

## OUR STORY

We met in 2011 while both doing internships at our church in Greenville, SC. Jason is from the area but Caleigh was moving into town for the first time.



Family photo on the Chick Fil A couch





A fun dinner out

At a Ben Rector concert



Jason is super talented musically and uses his talents in different ways. He often grabs his guitar and takes song requests from the kids, plays silly songs if they're having a hard time getting ready for school, and is willing to lead music for our kids and students at church. He encourages our kids love of music, introducing them to artists, old and new.

# JASON

## written by Caleigh

Jason is an incredible husband and father.

He is laid back, intentional, and is always making us laugh. He is involved in each part of caring for our children and stays calm and rational when stressful situations arise. He's helpful in the home and stays engaged even after long days of work. He's incredibly smart and works hard to provide for our family.

Jason is an incredible teacher and uses this gift in many different ways. He is so good at using the day-to-day events of life to teach our kids and foster their growth. He is so patient and willing to help. He coaches their sporting teams and has the ability to focus on both character and the game.

Jason coaching Graeme's baseball team





Guitar

SPORT YOU LIKE

TO PLAY -

Golf

**AUTHOR YOU** 

LIKE TO READ -

John Grisham

Jason hiking with the kids when they were younger

ly Favorites

SPORTS TEAM -Clemson Tigers

ICE CREAM FLAVOR -Cookie Two Step

MUSICAL ARTIST -Ben Rector

VACATION SPOT -Mountains

#### PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD -Library

CHILDREN'S BOOK -Chronicles of Narnia

ACCESSORY -Apple Watch

Jason playing a fun game of putt putt





Golf with dad for Father's Day



Jason runs a marathon

## CALEIGH

written by Jason

Caleigh is an amazing mother and wife.

She consistently amazes me in her ability to care for our family while staying connected with friends and family. She is a hard worker, creative, and loves a good checklist. Caleigh helps keep our family in good order both at our house and with our budget. She's an amazing cook and finds ways to sneak in healthy options that our children will eat.

One thing about Caleigh that remains true from an early age is her love of singing. You will often find her singing around the house or to our kids at bedtime. She also serves our church by singing for kids, students, and adults.

Caleigh singing at church





Caleigh is also an amazing host. We have an open door for friends to come for dinner, friends to bring kids to play, or to host a dinner group. When people come to visit, Caleigh often goes above and beyond to make them feel welcomed and cared for. VACATION SPOT -Disney World

My Favorites

ICE CREAM FLAVOR -Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough

> DREAM JOB -Background vocalist

DESSERT -Creme brulee

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT -Piano SEASONAL ACTIVITY -Gardening

> PERFECT DAY -Drinking coffee and being outside

CHILDREN'S BOOK -Amelia Bedelia

> HOBBY -Cooking/baking

MUSICAL ARTIST -Ben Rector



alentine's Day dinner for mom

Caleigh cooking









Bucketlist

We have long had a bucket list item of visiting Germany. Caleigh's grandparents were born in Germany, and she still has extended family living in different parts of Europe. We would love to visit with our children when they are a little older to expose them to the history and beauty of Germany and surrounding countries.

## OUR FAITH

Faith is an integral part of our family. We both were brought up in the Christian church and continue with that tradition for our family. We look to make our faith real by the way we serve others in our community, at our church, and in our home. We both have a passion for music and have the opportunity to use this gift at our church for kids, students, and adults.

Snowmobiling in Colorado



Cruise island kayaking



## HOME · AND · COMMUNITY

We live on a fun 10 acre property down a dirt road outside of Atlanta, GA.

We feel we have the best of both worlds. We are close to "town" but have the "country" feel. On our property, there is plenty of woods to explore, a pond to fish in, and lots of grass to run and play. Our home looks as if it belongs in the mountains with an open living space and lots of sunlight. We enjoy campfires by the pond and sitting in our screened in porch watching college football. There is a neighborhood just down the dirt road with some of our closest friends and their families. We often find ourselves riding our golf cart or bikes down the dirt road for an impromptu dinner, play date, or

#### fun at the neighborhood pool.

Our town has an amazing 4th of July golf cart parade where thousands attend. If we feel the need to explore the city, Atlanta has many fun things for the family - Aquarium, College Football Hall of Fame, World of Coke, Zoo, Stone Mountain, and many more. Our children attend the local Christian school which has amazing families from all over our area.

Deer crossing our property by the pond



Summer water balloon fight in the yard





4th of July Parade



Cade is a witty, smart, and athletic boy who loves all things sports, spending time with friends, and playing video games.

Cade is a great student who truly enjoys school. As the oldest child, he's a natural helper and is excited to help take care of his new sibling. Cade is known at school to be friends with everyone and has a heart to make others feel included.

#### Graeme is curious, funny, May is caring, kind, and and creative.

He is a sponge with new information and loves reading. He loves to create new things with his big imagination including his own movies, books, new toys, and games. He is athletic but is not as interested in sports as his brother. He is thoughtful and smart (especially in math). He likes to make others laugh and is often the life of the party. Graeme is excited to teach his new sibling new things and make them laugh.

### helpful.

She loves to cook and sing like her mother. She makes friends easily and often seeks out new friends at church or school. May is extremely excited at the opportunity to have a younger sibling and practices by playing with her baby dolls. She loves to draw and go to her gymnastics classes. She's a tough girl with two older brothers and can hold her own.

Bike ride in our city



Fun Fact

We had the opportunity this year to record an album of the songs we sing to our kids at night. We are calling this our "legacy album" as we want it to be something our children can play for their children once our voices have gone. It was a fun project to exercise our creativity and use our musical gifts. Our hope is that it continues to be a blessing to both our family and our friends.

Traditions 7 We have some fun family birthday traditions.

It begins a week before your birthday with your photos being hung up all around the house. The morning you wake up there are streamers and balloons filling your room, the whole family singing Happy Birthday, and a special breakfast waiting.

Fun at Disney



## OUR LOVED ONES



Jason's family at the beach

While we are close with our extended families and their children, we are unfortunately around 3 hours away from them. We find time to visit both sides multiple times a year and often have them come to our house and visit for long weekends or holidays. There is a wide range of ages in our siblings' children, and Cade, Graeme, and May all look forward to visits with family. Caleigh's sister and her husband have adopted all three of their children. They currently live in Texas but travel back east 3-4 times a year to stay connected with family.



Caleigh with her parents and siblings



Caleigh's sister's children with our kids on a hike



Caleigh's extended family



Cousin time at the beach



Caleigh's siblings and their spouses



The kids with cousins and Jason's parents

#### Since we don't have "family" close, we are lucky to have our "Atlanta family" as well.

We have a group of 6 families who all have children in the same age range that we connect with on a weekly basis. Jason has a bi-monthly breakfast with the dads, and Caleigh often connects with the moms for dinner or coffee. We find ourselves regularly attending birthday parties, baseball games, or last minute dinner parties to connect with these families.

Dinner with friends



At a wedding with friends

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#### on open ADOPTION

We are committed to having an open adoption and will look to stay connected by sending photos, scheduled visits, and face time/phone calls. We want to collaborate with you about sharing your story and ensure that your sacrifice is presented to your child in a loving way.

## Things WE WILL

#### TEACH OUR CHILD:

- 1) BE KIND
- 2) BE HONEST
- 3) SAY "I'M SORRY"
- 4) BE CURIOUS
- 5) BE ADVENTUROUS
- 6) LOVE OTHERS



#### DATE OF MARRIAGE: 4/1/2012

#### CHILDREN:

Cade – 1/2/2024 | Biological | Cade is a witty, smart, and athletic boy who loves all things sports, spending time with friends, and playing video games. Cade loves school and learning new things. Graeme – 7/29/2015 | Biological | Graeme is a curious, funny, and creative boy. He is a sponge with new information, loves reading, and enjoys exploring outside.

May – 4/24/2017 | Biological | May is a caring, kind, and helpful girl. She makes new friends easily, loves to help cook, and always looks for ways to care for others.

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES: We enjoy spending time together in the mountains and outdoors, attending concerts, and working outside. Jason enjoys playing golf and reading. Caleigh likes to cook, sing, and work in the yard.

HOME: We live on a fun 10 acre property with a

pond full of fish, plenty of woods to roam, and house that looks like it belongs in the mountains.

#### WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION? We

have both had adoption on our mind since before we were married. Jason's best friend growing up was adopted, and Caleigh's sister has adopted 3 children. We have desired to have 4 children in our family and planned for our 4th to come to us through adoption.

OPENNESS TO BIRTHPARENT(S): We recognize the importance of connectedness with birth parents. We see it as a blessing for the child and our family. We hope to stay connected through photos, videos, and visits and always want to follow your lead and honor your comfort level as we navigate this special relationship.

CHILDCARE PLANS: Once we are placed, Caleigh plans to stay at home with the child until they enter full time schooling.

#### THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to hear a bit of our story and for considering us to bring your child into our loving family.

We pray for continued strength in this journey for you and your child. We look forward to future communication with you and a lifetime of openness to give your child the best well-rounded relationships they deserve.

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