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ANNE *and* AJ



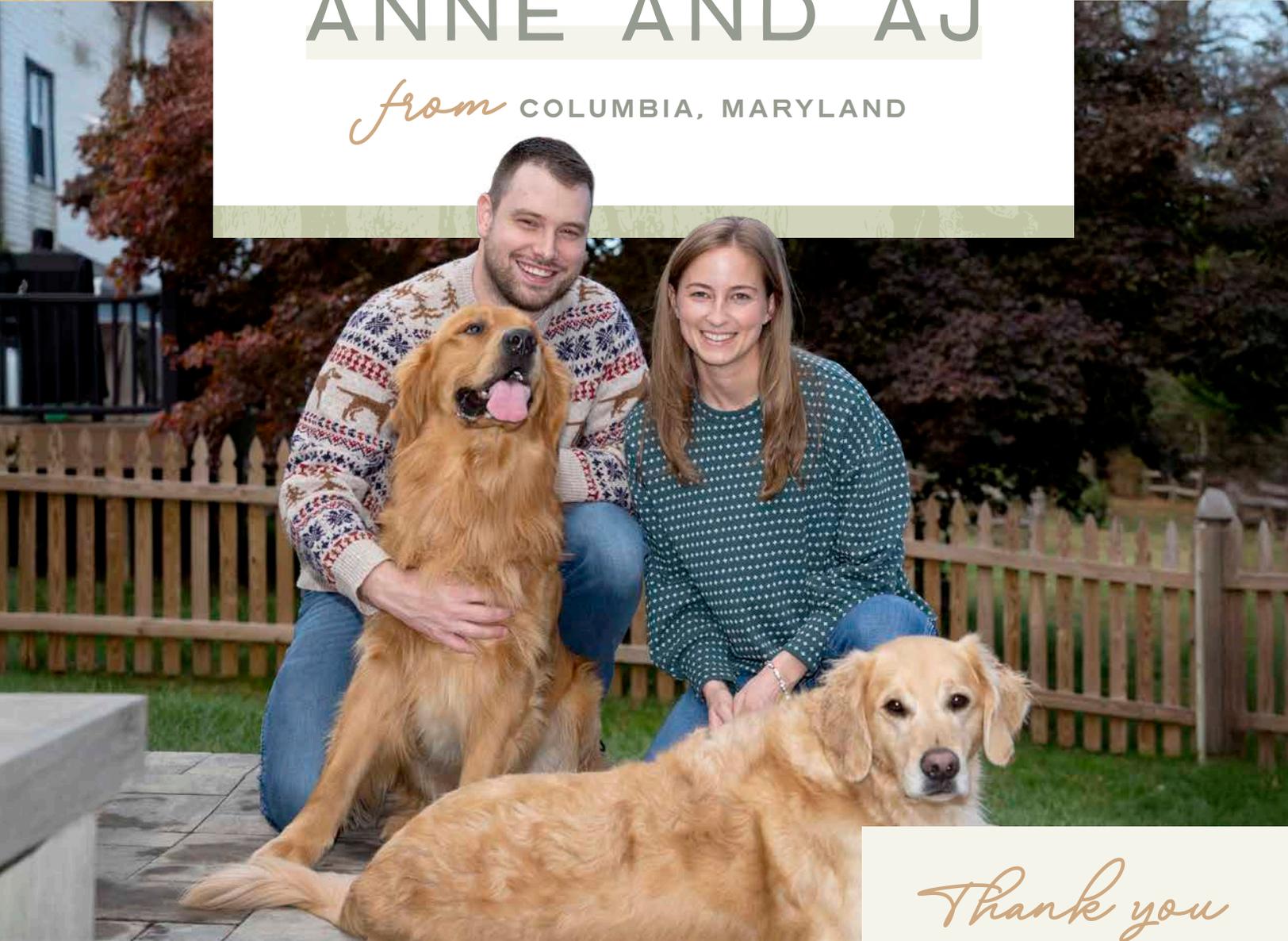


Hi there!



**WE ARE
ANNE AND AJ**

from COLUMBIA, MARYLAND



Thank you



**FOR TAKING THE
TIME TO EVEN
CONSIDER US
AS YOUR BABY'S
FUTURE PARENTS.**

We have been praying for you, the birth parent(s), from the time we have announced our adoption. We have not had names for this prayer, but believe God has known you and your child from before you were born, by name, and ordained this relationship from the beginning of time. We pray that you are filled with confidence and peace in your decision for your baby. We pray for a relationship with you, that is healthy and full of life giving joy for all involved. We pray for unconditional, everlasting, and freeing love to pour over you through out this process and beyond. **Courageous is the word that comes to mind when we think of you and we have been speaking highly of you to those around us.**





OUR STORY



Our first date was supposed to be lunch in downtown Annapolis, but we kept talking and exploring the city into the night. At one point we sat on a bench outside the State House. We both will tell you in that moment we knew we were going to get married. Five and a half years later, he proposed at this same bench and we were married within a year. **We talked so much on that first date. How we wanted a “companion” to do life with. How we wanted to build a strong, loving family. How we wanted children both biologically and through adoption.** The Good Lord has not given us children biologically, but He knows what is best for His children. Our marriage is strong, stable, full of love for one another and others, and an example to many.

CATAN IS A GAME WE LOVE TO PLAY TOGETHER



APPLE PICKING IN NEW YORK



WE LOOK FORWARD TO TAKING OUR KIDS TO DISNEY ONE DAY



WE LOOK FORWARD TO ADOPTING A CHILD INTO OUR FAMILY AND GIVING THEM A



firm foundation for life





ABOUT ANNE

written
BY AJ



ANNE IN THREE WORDS:
NURTURING, VISIONARY,
PATIENT

ANNE LOVES HER SOURDOUGH STARTER AND
MAKES ALL SORTS OF TREATS, INCLUDING
HOMEMADE BAGELS

Anne works in pediatric dentistry. Because of her gentle and caring heart, the office books patients with special needs with her. **Anne loves people. She gives her time and energy to serve others, and to build them up in love.** Anne loves to cook, bake, and host. A group of 20-30 young adults meet weekly at our house, and Anne cooks for them each week. She listens to the young adults issues and speaks light and life into their lives. Anne is creative! She loves planning weddings and showers for others. Most recently, she planned a Taylor Swift Garden baby shower for my sister and it was stunning. Anne loves to celebrate others. **She brings joy and comfort to those around her.** She decorates for all the holidays and is a real homemaker.



ANNE LOVES MAKING OUR HOUSE A HOME, DECORATING FOR THE HOLIDAYS IS A PART OF THIS



ANNE ENJOYS GOING FOR WALKS AND BEING OUTSIDE

DREAM JOB

Flower farmer/event coordinator



FAVORITE DESSERT

Chocolate chip cookies



FAVORITE VACATION SPOT

Maine



FAVORITE HOBBY

Gardening, decorating, baking



FAMOUS PERSON TO MEET

Joanna Gaines



FAVORITE SEASON

Autumn

FAVORITE SPORTS

Played field hockey and softball in High school and made states for both



FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MOVIE

The Grinch



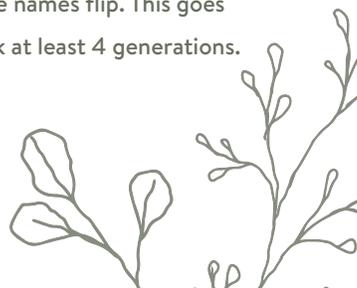
FUN FACT #1

Growing up I thought the 4th of July fireworks were for my Birthday since my birthday is the 2nd



FUN FACT #2

My First and middle name are the inverse of my mom's. Each generation, the names flip. This goes back at least 4 generations.



FUN FACTS



about Anne

ABOUT AJ

written
BY ANNE



AJ PREACHING AT THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH



AJ IN FOUR WORDS:
FUN, GENTLE, CONFIDENT
LEADER

Kids love AJ! He is a child at heart. They remember him and his goofy antics. Our friend in PA, who we haven't seen in months, just text yesterday saying her two year old keeps talking about AJ and doing the things he taught her, saying "leggo my eggo" as she giggles.

AJ impacts and builds up people around him in truth and grace. AJ is a youth and young adult pastor. His personality draws people. His heart for people keeps them connected and grows them. He loves and serves others well. He puts others before himself. He listens and is wise. He is smart. When I was dating, someone said, "if your child ended up like your spouse, would you be proud of that? If not don't marry them." **I would be so proud if our child ended up like AJ. He is a man with character and will lead our family well.**

FUN FACTS

about AJ



AJ CREATES TOYS AND DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS PIECES WITH HIS 3D PRINTER



FALL HIKES TO SEE THE FOLIAGE CHANGE

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF DATING IN JAMAICA



FAVORITE HOBBY

Video games and 3D printing

FAVORITE ICE CREAM FLAVOR

Party cake

FAVORITE MUSIC

Christian rock/metal, punk

FAVORITE TEAM

San Francisco 49ers

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT I PLAY

Guitar

COUNTRIES I'VE VISITED

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FAVORITE VACATION SPOT

Disney World

FAVORITE MARVEL HERO

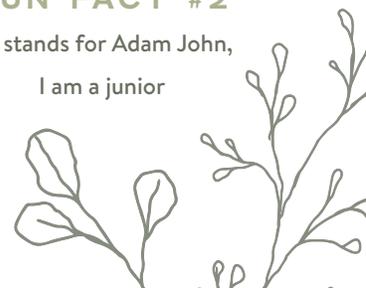
Captain America

FUN FACT #1

Had a pet duck named Howard

FUN FACT #2

AJ stands for Adam John, I am a junior



OUR HOME



COLUMBIA, MARYLAND IS A VERY AFFLUENT, *diverse*, AND ACCESSIBLE CITY.



THERE ARE MULTIPLE PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS NEAR US. THIS ONE IS AT THE LAKE WITH IN WALKING DISTANCE

It was named “Best Cities to Raise a Family in America” and “ Best Cities to live in America” for 2024 by Niche. **Howard County, Maryland has also been one of the top ranked school systems in America consistently.** We live within walking distance of great parks, and a snowball stand. Beaches we visit multiple times a year are within a couple of hours. **Our cul-de-sac is full of young kids who come out to play everyday at 4pm with their parents.** We get all of the seasons in Maryland- fall is my favorite! I love my home decor storage space in the laundry room! I have sterilite bins full of decor organized by season. Most of it I find on clearance for 90% off! AJ loves what was my craft room, and is now his hobby room. AJ 3D prints and paints Dungeons and Dragons characters. We look forward to doing these things with our child.





WALKING THE DOGS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

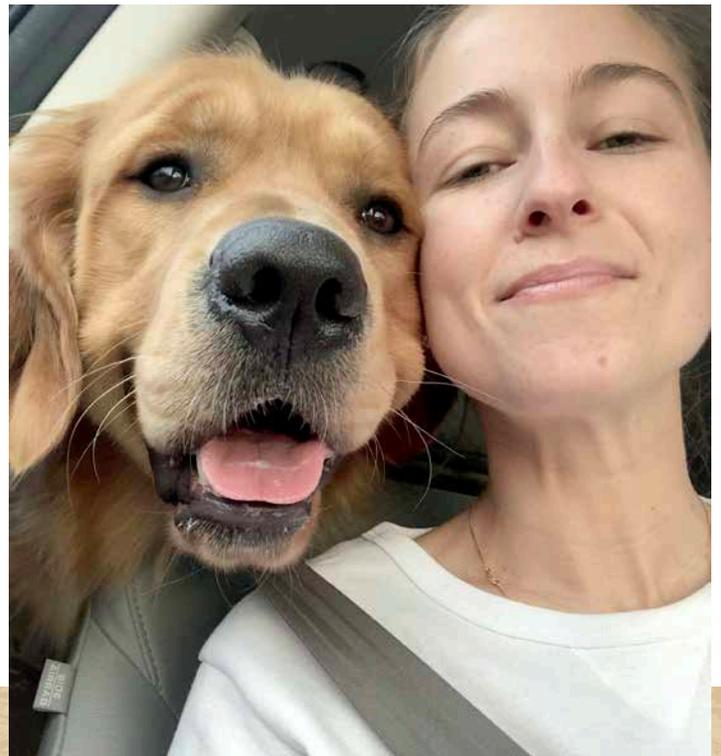
WE LEAD A YOUNG ADULT GROUP OF 20-30 THAT MEETS WEEKLY IN OUR HOUSE. AJ LEADS THE BIBLE STUDY AND MUSIC TIME



We have TWO GOLDEN RETRIEVERS!



Charlie is 4 and loves to be loved! Benson, named after a street AJ grew up on, is 2 and the happiest gentle giant you will ever meet. **They are so gentle and inquisitive with our friend's babies and children.**



HEADED TO GRANDMA'S HOUSE!

OUR FAITH

We love Jesus! We value what He values and we have seen Him be faithful to us all of our lives. **We will teach our children about Him, knowing in the end they will have to make their own decision about Jesus. We will love them no matter what.** We will always pray for our child to have a relationship with Jesus, because we believe this is what we are created for. He is better than anything this world could ever offer – the ultimate Good Father, who adopts us into His family.

OUR FAMILY

AJ'S Family

AJ's parents have been married 32 years. **AJ has four siblings - the youngest sister was adopted as an infant, the summer we started dating!** She is now 11 and is super excited to become an Aunt. She recently bought us a book about Adoption for our baby. **AJ's extended family on his dad's side has 8 adopted cousins from around the world. Two of his cousins are currently in the process of adopting.**

ANNE'S Family

Anne's parents have been married 35 years. She has **two brothers who are our best friends.** They consider themselves uncles to our Golden Retrievers, but can not wait to meet our baby. They look forward to playing sports and buying outfits for the baby. Anne's dad tears up whenever he thinks about becoming a Pop Pop and recently bought a wooden Joanna Gaines ring stack for the baby.

LAKE ANNA FOR AJ'S DAD'S 50TH BIRTHDAY



CELEBRATING THE ARRIVAL OF OUR FIRST NIECE! I THREW THIS BABY SHOWER FOR HER

BEING ABLE TO SEE OUR FRIENDS LOVE OUR CHILD IS SOMETHING WE LOOK FORWARD TO



WE ATTEND THE SAME CHURCH AS THE FUTURE GRANDPARENTS AND UNCLES





ENJOYING A NATURE CENTER FOR MOTHER'S DAY WITH ANNE'S PARENTS AND BROTHERS

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF MARRIAGE FOR AJ'S PARENTS IN PUNTA CANA



Family Traditions



EVERY SUMMER WE GO TO OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND AND BETHANY BEACH, DELAWARE for a week with AJ's family and my family respectively. We enjoy ice cream, seafood, and mini golf while we are there!

HOLIDAYS ARE A TIME WE LOVE TO SPEND TOGETHER!

Many traditions from baking to gift giving. We look forward to continuing these and making new ones with our own family.



BY GOD'S GRACE WE WILL

AJ OFFICIALLY BECAME A PASTOR THIS PAST YEAR. THIS WAS THE DAY OF HIS TEST



WE WILL LOVE YOUR CHILD as long as we live. There is nothing they can do that will stop this.



We will enjoy them! Have fun with them! Laugh with them! **GO ON ADVENTURES!**



WE WILL TEACH THEM TO LOVE OTHERS with passion and forgiveness.



WE WILL PROTECT YOUR CHILD from physical and emotional damage that this world can bring.



WE WILL HONOR YOU as their birth parent(s), the ones who chose to have them and give them a brighter future.

WE PROMISE TO GIVE YOUR CHILD A HEALTHY EXAMPLE OF MARRIAGE, AS LONG AS WE BOTH SHALL LIVE





We view
**OPEN
ADOPTION**



AS A PRIVILEGE TO
EVERYONE INVOLVED



"SHUV-UNDA" ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

We deeply desire to build a relationship with you based on open conversation, respect, and trust. We hope that in having a healthy open relationship, it will be a blessing to this beloved child and they will be reassured throughout their life of how loved they are. We are so hopeful and excited about the potential to have a healthy, open relationship with you.

If you are open to it, we would love to plan to update you on birthdays, first days of school, Mother's Day, and on your birthday. This may be a text or a card depending on the season we are in. We would also be open to meeting in person once each year at a mutual location for a visit. We would love to speak with you about what you're hoping for in person.



ANNUAL COUNSELING CONFERENCE



Thank you
**FOR READING
OUR STORY!**



It was a joy to make this for you! Choosing a family for your child is not a light decision. We recognize the weight you must feel as you decide what is best for your baby. We firmly believe a tender loving, dependable, and involved mom and dad are crucial in the success of a child. **My new full time job will be raising our child and creating a home that is stable for our child to thrive.** Our extended family and church family anticipate meeting your child, an answer to hundreds of people's prayers. When people have asked us how to pray, we have specifically said for you - the birth parent. You are on more prayer lists than we even know. **We love you, genuinely, and are so grateful for the life you will bring to our lives through your selfless choice.**





Family

INFORMATION



ADAM (AJ)

ANNE

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Occupation: Pastor	Occupation: Dental Hygienist
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Education: Master's Degree	Education: Bachelor's Degree
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Religion: Christian	Religion: Christian
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Date of birth: 08/21/1994	Date of birth: 07/02/1992
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Hair color: Brown	Hair color: Blonde
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Eye color: Brown	Eye color: Blue
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Height: 6'2	Height: 5'6



DATE OF MARRIAGE: 09/29/2019

CHILDREN: No Children

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES: Anne enjoys gardening, decorating and baking. Adam enjoys video games, 3D printing miniatures for dungeons and dragons and painting them.

HOME: Columbia, Maryland is a very affluent, diverse, and accessible city. It was named "Best Cities to Raise a Family in America" and " Best Cities to live in America" for 2024 by Niche.

PETS: Two Golden Retrievers named Charlie and Benson, who are 4 and 2 years old.

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION? We have always had a desire to have children, but God has not allowed us to have children through natural birth. We also have a heart for adoption because of the adoption we have received through God into His family.

OPENNESS TO BIRTH PARENT(S): We view open adoption as a privilege to everyone involved. As best as we can, we would like to have an in person visit once a year. Cards, letters, and/or pictures for special occasions would also be a point of contact.

CHILDCARE PLANS: Our plan for childcare is for Anne to stay home full time to care for our child and home.



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