

ANDY  
*And* SAM

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# WELCOME

*with open  
hearts, prayers,  
and love*

**As you look through our book and get a glimpse into our family, we hope you see just how much we adore being parents to our two young boys—and how deeply we would love to welcome another sweet life into our home.**

We recognize that considering adoption for your child is one of the most profound and difficult decisions you may ever face. Please know that we do not take this process lightly. We have prayed over this decision, sought wisdom from other adoptive parents, and carefully considered how another baby would be cherished and cared for in our family.

Every morning during breakfast, we read a short devotional with our boys and pray together. And every day, we specifically pray for you. We pray that you feel **cared for, loved, and supported**, and that your baby grows healthy and strong.





At an event for a local golf tournament Andy played in



We love playing in a summer league ultimate frisbee team—our boys are our biggest fans!



*no matter which family  
you choose,*

WE HOPE YOU FEEL

PEACE

COMFORT

AND

CONFIDENCE

IN YOUR DECISION





# OUR LOVE STORY

**We met at the University of South Carolina when Sam was a freshman and Andy was a junior. From the very beginning, we clicked—we shared so much in common and had fun no matter what we were doing. Just three weeks after meeting, we started dating, and now, 14 years later, we're still growing, learning, and building a life together.**



**We love watching golf and attending tournaments—this was at a PGA event in Louisville!**



One of our greatest shared passions is **sports**. In college, we both played club ultimate frisbee, traveling across the country for tournaments and cheering each other on. Those years were filled with unforgettable adventures alongside our best friends, and even today, we still play in a league together. **Now, our boys love watching us** and being part of the fun!

This past December, we celebrated **10 years of marriage**, reminiscing about our wedding day—a day full of love, laughter, and a few unexpected surprises! Just as we were getting ready at the church, a squirrel chewed through a power line, cutting the electricity. With no lights or curling iron, I had to get ready in the dark! Miraculously, three minutes before I walked down the aisle, the power came back on, a moment that felt like a perfect reminder that **God is always in control**.

JOURNEY  
TO  
PARENTHOOD



Visiting Montana for a friend's wedding—beautiful backdrop



*date night  
in downtown  
Lexington*

**Our faith** has been our foundation through every challenge, including two very difficult pregnancies that resulted in many hospital stays. There were moments when we questioned how God's goodness would reveal itself in our children's lives. **But today, we see that every struggle was worth it**—our two boys bring us immeasurable joy every single day. Now, we look forward to the next chapter, **welcoming another sweet life into our family** and trusting in God's plan as we continue this **beautiful journey** together.



SAM IS

BOLD  
LOVING  
GENUINE  
PLAYFUL  
STRONG

MY WIFE

SAM

*by Andy*

In our early years, I was immediately drawn to Sam's radiant smile, infectious laugh, and boundless energy—and nearly ten years later, I love those things even more.

Her deep faith shapes her convictions, and she has an incredible way of caring for others with kindness and strength, never compromising her values. She is genuine, thoughtful, and a true friend to all who know her. Sam has a rare ability to bring beauty into everything she does, whether through her relationships, her home, or the way she pours love into our family.

**At her core, Sam is a devoted and fiercely protective mother who puts our children's well-being above all else.** Our boys see her as strong, athletic, and endlessly loving. She knows every song they want to hear, every park they want to visit, and exactly how their PB&J should be made. She has an innate gift for understanding their emotions, creating space for them to express their feelings while gently guiding them through life's challenges.

I am beyond grateful for Sam—for the way she loves, nurtures, and supports our family. Right now, our boys adore their mom more than anything, and while I look forward to the day they want to do more activities with Dad, I cherish seeing the **deep bond** they share with her.



I love reading while the boys have their quiet time



At Teddy's school Christmas party



At my sister's home in South Carolina



## MY CAREER

*Reading to the boys is one of my favorite activities*

We get new books from the library every Sunday



I have been a **professional wedding and family photographer** for eight years, capturing special moments for couples and families while also cherishing every opportunity to photograph our two boys. I feel incredibly blessed to be a **full-time stay-at-home mom** while still having a creative and fulfilling career. My photography allows me to express myself artistically while maintaining a schedule that works perfectly for our family—Andy works Monday through Friday, and I take on 10 weddings a year on Saturdays, giving us a great balance between work and family life.



ANDY IS

DEVOTED  
FAITHFUL  
PLAYFUL  
PATIENT  
HILARIOUS

MY HUSBAND

ANDY

*by Sam*

Andy has the biggest servant's heart of anyone I've ever met. His kindness, empathy, and compassion know no bounds—he's the friend who drops everything to help, the one who gives a wedding speech that brings everyone to tears, and the friend who never gives up on you.

As a husband, he is **incredible in every way**—supporting me, caring for our boys, planning date nights, and making sure I have time for myself. He cooks, cleans, and can fix anything around the house, all while keeping me laughing. Every decision he makes is with our family in mind.

Above all, Andy's faith and leadership in our home make our marriage strong. His commitment to the Lord brings peace and security that is unmatched. He was truly **made to be a dad**—patient, fun, and deeply devoted to our boys. No matter how demanding his job is, the moment he gets home, he jumps right into whatever they are doing, always making them feel seen and loved.

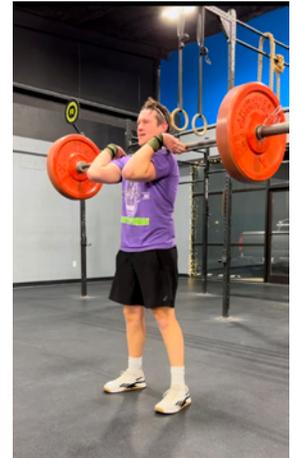
**Watching him guide our boys with faith and love fills me with gratitude.** I know they will grow up with his unwavering example as they hopefully become godly husbands and fathers one day.



Donuts with dads at Teddy's school



Making homemade crab cakes for our dinner on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July



I've been doing crossfit for 2 years now



We have a local park with a creek the boys play in whenever the weather is nice

## MY

## CAREER

Andy is a **Certified Prosthetist Orthotist (CPO)** and has served as clinic manager at Hanger Clinic since 2019. As a prosthetist, he specializes in designing and fitting custom prosthetic limbs, helping patients regain mobility and independence. As an orthotist, he creates braces and orthotic devices to support and protect the musculoskeletal system, including cranial helmets for infants. **Andy has a deep passion for caring for others**, often meeting patients during difficult times and providing life-changing solutions. The ability to restore function and improve lives makes his work incredibly rewarding.

*A few of Sam's*

# FAVORITE THINGS



## **COFFEE + BOOKS**

I could spend all day in a cozy coffee shop with a good book and good coffee.

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## **SWEET TREATS**

I love chocolate chip ice cream in a chocolate-dipped cone. Can you tell I like chocolate?

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## **STAYING ACTIVE**

Whether playing sports or exploring outdoors, I love including the boys in anything active.

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## **BAKING WITH LOVE**

I always bake our family's birthday cakes from scratch—it's one of my favorite traditions.

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## **QUALITY TIME WITH FRIENDS**

Connecting with friends over dinner is important to me, and I make it a priority each week.

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## **FAMILY FIRST**

Family is extremely important to me! I talk to my parents every single day, whether by phone or FaceTime.

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## **FAVORITE ESCAPE**

My happy place is Chesapeake Bay in Virginia, where life slows down, and I can truly unwind.



On a hike at Raven Run, a local nature sanctuary



Visiting our friends on a trip to South Carolina

**PASSION FOR COOKING**

I love experimenting in the kitchen, especially when cooking for Sam and the boys. If I had a dream job outside of what I do now, it would be a chef.

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**GOLF + SPORTS**

I love sports, especially golf, basketball, and football. I try to golf once a month and have enjoyed teaching the boys, often taking them to the driving range for some fun practice. Anytime we get the chance to attend a basketball or football game, we make it a family outing!

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**STAYING ACTIVE**

CrossFit has been a meaningful part of my life—I love the challenge, the supportive community, and the opportunity to stay active.

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**SWEET TOOTH**

Nothing beats double chocolate chip ice cream from Graeter’s—it’s my favorite go-to dessert!

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**ULTIMATE FRISBEE WITH FRIENDS**

I’ve been playing ultimate frisbee for 18 years and still compete in both winter and summer leagues with friends.

*A few of Andy's*

FAVORITE THINGS



Golfing one of my favorite courses in North Carolina



At a UK vs USC basketball game



*Teddy*

THOUGHTFUL  
KIND-HEARTED



*Jamie*

ENERGETIC  
PLAYFUL

## MEET OUR BOYS

At 5 ½ years old, Teddy is a classic firstborn—**thoughtful, reserved** at first, but **full of imagination** once he's comfortable. He loves building with Legos, helping Andy with projects, and swimming with his best friend, Reese. Always eager to help, he's mature beyond his years and **excited to be a big brother again**, already planning to help with bottles and take the baby on adventures.

Jamie is our **fun-loving entertainer** who thrives on making people laugh. Whether singing for the family or dressing as Captain America, there's never a dull moment with him! He looks up to Teddy, wanting to do everything his big brother does, and is already proudly preparing for his new role as a big brother, promising to **play with** and **love** his new sibling every day.

# FAMILY TRADITIONS

We love to attend USC

*football games*



The holiday season is filled with **cherished traditions** that make this time of year **extra special**. We kick off Christmas by picking out our tree after Thanksgiving and decorating it while watching Elf. On December 1st, our boys receive hand-painted Christmas boxes from my mom, filled with matching pajamas, hot chocolate, candy, and a small toy. We love taking them to Joseph Beth bookstore for a morning with Santa, where he reads a story and takes photos. Another favorite tradition is driving around Lexington with friends to see Christmas lights, followed by hot chocolate and a festive market stroll. On Christmas Eve, we attend our church's candlelight service and host a special dinner with close friends.

**We spend Thanksgiving in South Carolina,** enjoying a full week of family, friends, and fun traditions. We visit grandparents and great-grandparents, take the kids to the zoo and children's museum, and cheer on USC football, ending the week with a big Thanksgiving dinner surrounded by both sides of the family—one of the most meaningful times of the year.

We love spending time with friends and making memories with our kids—here we are enjoying a fun day at the zoo!

THESE  
TRADITIONS  
BRING

SO MUCH  
JOY TO OUR  
FAMILY

WE CAN'T WAIT  
TO SHARE THEM WITH  
ANOTHER CHILD!



# our family + community



Celebrating Andy's mom, "Lolli," with a special family beach trip for her 60th birthday!

## SAM'S FAMILY

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**Family is everything to us.** My parents, both retired, live in Columbia, South Carolina and visit every other month. My two older sisters also live in South Carolina with their families. My oldest sister has four children (ages 10-18), **including Daniel, who was adopted from China, making adoption a special part** of our family's story. My middle sister has three kids (ages 7, 9, and 12). We stay close, and our boys FaceTime my parents every morning.

One of our favorite traditions is our annual 4th of July trip to my parents' beach house on the **Chesapeake Bay in Virginia**. The week is filled with beach days, crabbing on my dad's boat, thrift shopping, and a big parade. Some of my best childhood memories were made there, and now, it's a joy to share that tradition with our kids.

## ANDY'S FAMILY

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My parents live in Raleigh, North Carolina, and my younger sister and her family are in Charleston, South Carolina. I feel **incredibly blessed** to still have three living grandparents in South Carolina. Though we don't live nearby, we visit 4-6 times a year and stay connected through calls, texts, and FaceTime.



Sam's precious parents "Captain & GG" and their 9 grandkids!



*Andy's parents*  
"Lolli and Pops" with their 3 grandsons



At the horse races in Kentucky with Andy's aunt, uncle, and 87 year old grandfather



Celebrating our 10 year wedding anniversary with our very best friends

## COMMUNITY IN KENTUCKY

While our families are in South Carolina, we've built an incredible **support system** in Kentucky, largely thanks to our church community. Many of our closest friends are in the same stage of life—**we were even pregnant at the same time as six of our closest friends!** When we shared our heart for adoption, they immediately began praying for us and continue to offer support. We regularly gather for big family dinners, where the kids play while the parents enjoy time together.

We are **beyond grateful** for both our families and community, knowing they will be a **huge part** of our child's life!

Sam with her parents and sisters

Andy's parents and their 3 grandsons all together for Thanksgiving





Teddy plays tball at the park right by our house



At our small town 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade



We love taking the boys to see the horse races at Keeneland



We went on a "rock walk" and then painted the rocks!

# HOME SWEET HOME



*meet Dunkin*

**Dunkin, our 8-year-old Goldendoodle, has been part of our family since before we had kids, and he's been the best big "brother" ever since! He's gentle, playful, and always by our side. Dunkin is more than just a pet—he's a loyal companion, a built-in cuddle buddy, and a cherished part of our family.**

We moved into our home in August 2021 and still love everything about it! **With four bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, and a spacious basement**, it's perfect for hosting friends and family. Our front office may one day become a study space for our kids.

**Our backyard is a dream** for our boys, featuring a raised clubhouse, plenty of space to run, and daily t-ball and soccer games. Our **kid-friendly neighborhood** is filled with young families, where playtime often turns into impromptu group walks or backyard adventures.

We live in a **thriving community** with grocery stores, restaurants, and shopping just minutes away. The boys attend a private Christian school 12 minutes away, and Andy has a quick 15-minute commute. We love spending time at the arboretum, Gratz Park, Shilito Park, and Joseph Beth Bookstore.

One of our favorite local spots is **Keeneland, a famous horse track** 20 minutes away, where we enjoy Kids Club activities, face painting, meeting the mascot Buckles, and watching the horses warm up during race season.



# our hearts for parenting + adoption

Our greatest goal as parents is to raise our children to trust in the Lord and live with **kindness, faith, and compassion**. We prioritize church, faith-centered conversations, and Christian education, with our children attending a private Christian school that integrates Biblical teachings into daily learning. While we value higher education, we believe in **supporting their unique strengths** and will prayerfully guide them in choosing the right path.

We are committed to **teaching our children to love and respect all people** as image-bearers of God. **Inclusivity** is a **core value** in our home, and we encourage them to be welcoming and kind in all their friendships. We are also **open to transracial adoption** and eager to **honor** and **celebrate** your child's heritage through books, classes, and meaningful connections. Adoption is already part of our family's story, as our nephew Daniel was adopted from China, and we have seen firsthand the beauty of embracing a child's culture.

**We fully believe in open adoption**, knowing how important it is for a child to understand their identity and story. We plan to speak openly about their birth mother's love, strength, and selfless choice and are happy to provide updates and visits if desired.

## ABOVE ALL

**We promise to provide a loving, Christ-centered home where our child will always feel safe, valued, and deeply cherished. Our boys are eager to welcome a new sibling, and we would be truly honored to be considered as a family for your precious child.**

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE  
LORD NEVER CEASES. HIS  
MERCIES NEVER COME TO AN END.  
THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING.  
GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS!





**Occupation**

Prosthetist/Orthotist

**Education**

Master Degree in P&O

**Religion**

Christian

**Date of Birth**

October 26, 1989

**Hair Color**

Brown

**Eye Color**

Green

**Height**

5'10"



**Occupation**

Wedding & Family  
Photographer

**Education**

BA in Early  
Childhood Education

**Religion**

Christian

**Date of Birth**

September 9, 1991

**Hair Color**

Auburn

**Eye Color**

Green

**Height**

5'2"

# FAMILY INFO

**Date of Marriage:** December 20, 2014

**Children:** We have two boys, Teddy (5½) and Jamie (3), who love playing sports and being outdoors. Teddy is kind and thoughtful, while Jamie is funny, energetic, and full of personality.

**Interests and Hobbies:** We love trying new restaurants and plan two date nights a month. We also enjoy playing ultimate frisbee together. Andy's hobbies include golfing, cooking, and playing sports with the boys, while Samantha enjoys baking, reading, working out, and photography.

**Home:** Our 4-bedroom home has plenty of space for family life, including a backyard clubhouse where the boys play t-ball and soccer daily. We live in a kid-friendly neighborhood with lots of young families. One of our favorite local traditions is spending Saturdays at Keeneland's Kids Club, where the boys love face painting, meeting the mascot, and watching the horses warm up before races.

**Pets:** Our 8-year-old Goldendoodle, Dunkin, is great with kids and follows us everywhere. He's been part of our family since before we had children and is adored by our boys.

**Why are you interested in building your family through**

**adoption?** Adoption has been close to our hearts since

Samantha's sister adopted her son, Daniel, eight years ago.

Witnessing the beauty and challenges of adoption deepened our desire to grow our family this way. After two difficult pregnancies, we felt called to adopt as the path God had planned for us.

**Openness to Birthparent(s):** We believe in open adoption and the importance of a child knowing their story and birth family. We will always speak about their birth mother's love and sacrifice and are happy to provide photo updates and annual visits if desired. Our goal is to ensure she always feels loved, valued, and included in our child's life.

**Childcare Plans:** Samantha has been a full-time stay-at-home mom for five years and will continue until all of our children are in kindergarten.



*Thank you!*