



Lyke + Lorianne

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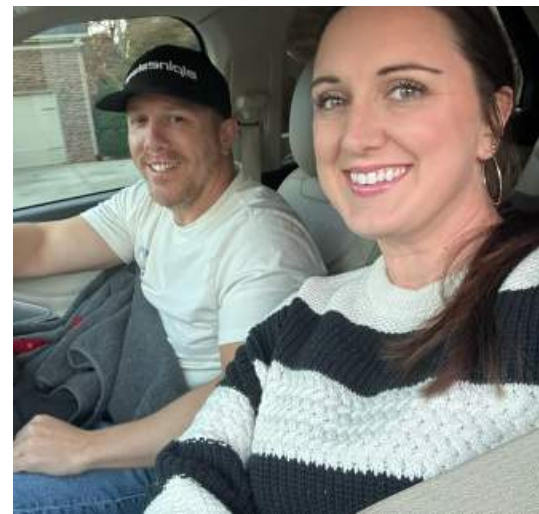
Every bit of becoming parents has taught us to rely on God's timing. Over the years we have learned to lean into His plan for our family, believing He is guiding each step. We believe God has a unique and meaningful story for you and your baby, and our hope is that this book gives you a glimpse into who we are. Our home is a place filled with kindness, patience, laughter, and people who truly show up for each other.

Adoption is what God has placed on our hearts as the way to grow our family. Our desire is to welcome another child into our home with open arms and open hearts, surrounding them with love, security, and a strong community of family and friends. If you choose us, your child will grow up knowing they are cherished, protected and deeply loved every single day.

We also want you to know that you matter to us. We have so much respect for you and the love you have for your baby. We would be honored to build a relationship with you in whatever way feels comfortable and meaningful to you. Both of us, along with our 5 year old daughter, have been praying for you. Even though we do not know your name, we pray for your peace, strength, and support during this time. From the moment adoption was placed on our hearts, we trusted that God was writing a story that would one day bring our paths together.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family.

Luke + Lorianne





OUR STORY

We are Luke and Lorianne. We were married in May 2013 and truly consider each other best friends. We love doing life together and enjoy staying active, travelling to the beach and the mountains regularly, having family date nights, frequently going to fun family events around our city, and simply spending time together as a family.

After praying for 5 years to become parents, we were so grateful to welcome our daughter Talie in 2020. Becoming her parents has been the greatest joy of our lives.

Our home is centered around faith, love, and the small daily moments that we believe matter the most. Most mornings begin quietly in our sunroom reading our Bibles before Talie wakes up, and our evenings usually end with family dinners, bedtime books, snuggles, and prayers. Our greatest priority is to raise our children in a home where they feel deeply loved, safe, and supported every day.



MEET *Lorianne*

I am a stay-at-home mom and work part-time from home as a financial planning associate. Being a mom is truly my favorite role, and I love creating a warm, joyful home for our family. I grew up in a small town in Virginia with my parents and younger brother. We spent weekends at sporting events, church, and gathering with friends and family. Those years shaped my love for family, faith, and community, and I remain very close with my parents, my brother, and his family today. I am involved in my church through a women's group that I help facilitate and hold dear to my heart. I love encouraging women to grow in their love for God and the communities they are called to serve. I am on the neighborhood social committee and enjoy keeping our family involved socially through the events we plan with our large, amazing neighborhood. I would describe myself as warm, intentional, and welcoming. I care deeply about the people in my life and love creating meaningful moments for family and my people. I want our children to grow up feeling a deep connection within our family unit and our community. I want them to have the skills and confidence to take that love and connection wherever they go in life.



What Luke Says ABOUT LORIANNE

Lorianne is my wife and my best friend. She always has a smile on her face and takes joy in everything she does, being active in her women's bible study group and being active outdoors. She exemplifies what a wife and mother should be by her passion to show love to her family. She's always teaching Talie how to love and be kind to others and be a leader among her peers. She loves going on trips to new places we've never been on our scratch-off map. Her adventurous and lively personality reflects who she is not just as a wife and mother, but as a person.



MEET Luke

Growing up in Charlotte, I was raised to work hard and play harder! I grew up making school and sports a priority. My passion growing up was wrestling. I was on the wrestling team in high school and did a few professional wrestling events in my college years. These days, I get the opportunity to be a referee from time to time for professional wrestling events. Talie really enjoys coming out and watching the shows! I enjoy being active in our community, going out on the lake, and staying healthy by working out at our neighborhood YMCA. I have an established real estate career and find deep satisfaction in providing financially for my family while helping others find their dream homes. My faith in Jesus is the foundation of my life and guides the way I lead and care for my family.



What Lorianne Gays ABOUT LUKE

Luke is our family's rock. He is the most steady, dependable person I know. He loves deeply and shows that love through the way he cares for our family every day. He is patient, playful, and incredibly present with Talie, and being her dad is the great joy of his life. Luke has established an amazing real estate business over the last 15 years and works hard to provide financially for our family. He always makes time for what matters most and speaks life and truth to everyone around him. I admire his strong character, unshakable integrity, his strength, his kindness, and his ability to lead our family with humility and love. I know he will be an amazing father to another child.



Talie is five years old and full of life! She is the absolute light of our lives. She is joyful, playful, confident, and wonderfully social! She naturally includes others and often notices when someone feels left out, stepping in to help them feel welcome and loved. Watching her grow up into her own personality is the joy of our lives!

She is learning piano, enjoys learning and playing new games, chalking in the driveway, riding her bike or scooter up and down the sidewalks in our neighborhood, building “cubbies” with chairs and blankets all over the house, and setting up play dates with friends as often as she can.

Talie has already visited 15 states as part of our family goal to help each child visit all 50 states before graduating high school. She is incredibly excited about becoming a big sister and talks all the time about welcoming a sibling into our family. She will make an amazing big sister!



OUR HOME

We live in a beautiful neighborhood near a beautiful lake in the sunny Carolinas. Summers are spent boating and paddleboarding, enjoying the outdoors and God's creation together.

Our neighborhood is so fun! Children play freely, neighbors gather often, and our best friends and their 4 kids live two doors down, so the kids can walk back and forth between our homes. Evening golf cart rides before sunset are one of our favorite little traditions.



Our neighborhood connects to a large, newly developed park that serves as the hub for youth sports in the area. It features a beautiful playground and hosts monthly family-friendly events such as food truck nights, movies in the park, concerts, and community gatherings for every holiday. Luke's realty business proudly sponsors the park, which makes it even more meaningful for our family.



We are very active and involved in our local YMCA which is also within walking/golf cart distance. We spend a lot of time in the summer at the pool or paddleboarding on the lake which is also within walking/golf cart distance.

We truly cannot emphasize enough how wonderful this environment is for raising children!



Our home itself is peaceful and welcoming. We love spending time in the sunroom talking with friends while the kids play in the playroom or spending time outside while kids bounce in our bounce house during warm weather.



Godparents - Aunt Abi and Uncle Luke



Mini Golf with Aunt Lea



Cousins Avett and Henry with Talie



Talie Taking Care of Cousin Nora



Neighbors and Best Friends



Zoo Day

Extended Family

We wholeheartedly believe God calls us into community. And our church family has been one of His greatest blessings, especially during this adoption journey. We are active in a couples' group and both participate in men's and women's Bible studies. Luke helps lead a men's Bible study with his best friend Justin, encouraging one another as husbands and fathers. Lorianne helps lead a women's Bible study with her best friend and neighbor Jolene. Many of our closest friendships have grown through our church, and Talie also attends preschool there.

Family means so much to us, and we are blessed with loving relatives. Lorianne's parents are Papa and Nana - they show up for everything in our lives and are such a blessing. Luke's parents are G-pa and Gigi. Lorianne's brother is Uncle Luke. Lorianne's grandmother, Talie's great-grandmother, is Gram. Talie especially enjoys spending time with her Papa and Nana, Uncle Luke, Aunt Abi, and cousins Avett, Henry, and Nora. We also believe family is about more than biological ties. God has surrounded us with dear friends who are family to us and who will be loving "aunts" and "uncles" to this child. Uncle Lucas, Aunt Lea, Ms. Jolene and Mr. Ciaran and their combined 6 kids who Talie calls her cousins are excited to welcome and love the newest member of the family. These are the families we share holidays, birthdays, annual traditions, and life's most meaningful moments with.

By God's grace, we are surrounded by a strong and supportive community that is ready to welcome another child with open arms.



Papa (Tim) and Nana (Ann)



Uncle Luke, Aunt Abi, and their kids



Family and Friends in our Wedding Party



Nana and Papa with all the Cousins!



Both sets of grandparents





We love music!



Face Painting at Home!

Hobbies + Fun

We love being outdoors and exploring the beautiful world God has created. Lake days, walking trails, bike rides, camping, mountain biking, and family adventures are some of our favorite ways to connect. Our neighborhood includes a pond with a mile-and-a-half trail where we regularly walk and ride bikes together.

Traveling, even small weekend trips, is something we look forward to. Our favorite place to take a weekend trip to is the beach – 3 hours away. We also enjoy staying with family or vacationing to the mountains – 2 hours away. We live in such a great area to visit the beach or mountains on a whim. We want our kids to see the joy in living life to the fullest. One goal we have is for each child to visit all 50 states before graduating high school, building curiosity, confidence, and a love for exploration.



We do a lot of puzzles



Spartan Race



Playing in our driveway



Family Camping Trip with Cousins



Each Year We Go To A College Football Game



Annual Broadway Show with Papa and Nana



Father Daughter Dance



Playing Cards on the Back Deck



Family Date Night

Traditions

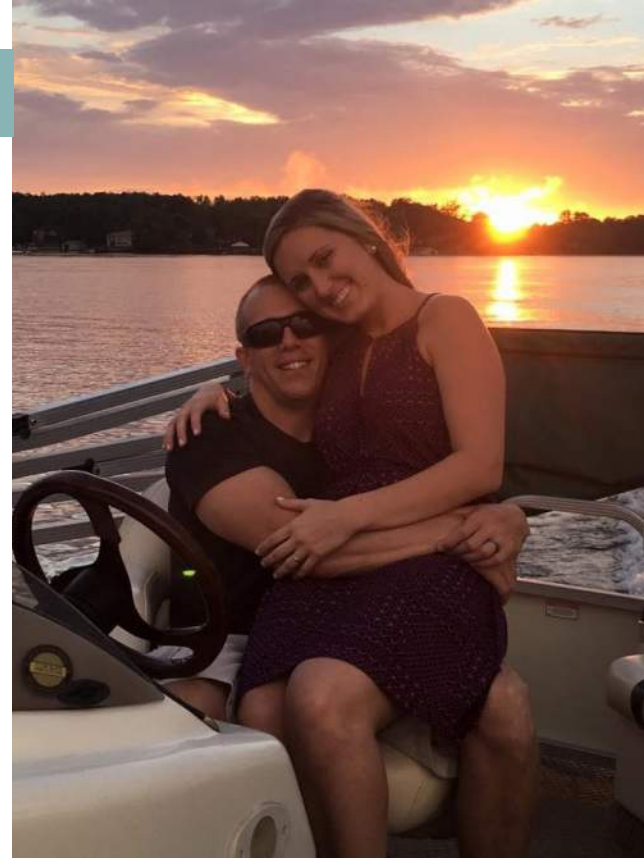
Some of the traditions and rhythms that are special to our family include:

- Friday Family Nights every week - games or a movie, dinner together, and popcorn
- We keep annual season passes to the local Themepark/Waterpark and Zoo!
- Every Monday a local theatre offers free kids movies - We attend with friends often.
- Baking and cooking together in the kitchen
- An annual beach trip with our friends
- 4th of July living by the lake is SO much fun. We have several sets of fireworks to see every year!
- Christmas in the mountains with extended family
- A yearly Broadway show with Nana and Papa
- Frequent day trips to visit cousins
- Family date nights where we dress up and go out as a family often
- Summer movies and concerts in the neighborhood park that bring our whole neighborhood together
- Our neighborhood Christmas golf cart parade
We look forward to welcoming another child into these traditions and creating many more memories together.

ADOPTION & PARENTING

We believe parenting means creating a safe, loving environment where children feel deeply valued, heard, and protected. When Talie is upset, we spend time talking through her emotions and helping her learn healthy emotional regulation. We want our children to grow emotionally strong and secure. We hope siblings in our home grow up being a source of strength, love, and support for one another, and as they mature, that they become a source of wisdom and encouragement to each other throughout life. Having this ourselves has been one of our biggest blessings, and we will be intentional about instilling these skills and love into our children so they can have a firm foundation of love and connection as siblings and pass it down as a generational gift.

Adoption is a calling God has placed on our hearts. We view it as a shared journey, where love extends between families. We hope for an ongoing relationship with a birth mother in whatever way feels meaningful and comfortable.



Family Information



Father's Name:
Luke

Occupation:
Realtor

Education:
BSBA Marketing

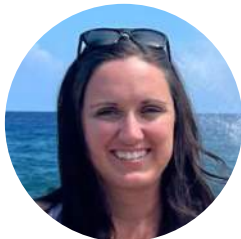
Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
1985

Hair Color:
Sandy Blonde

Eye Color:
Brown

Height:
5' 9"



Mother's Name:
Lorianne

Occupation:
Financial Planning

Education:
Financial Planning and Business

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
1988

Hair Color:
Brown

Eye Color:
Green

Height:
5' 7"

Date of marriage: 05/11/2013

Children: Talie was born in 2020 and she is our only child.

Interest and hobbies: We love exploring the outdoors, from lake days and walking trails to bike rides, camping, and family adventures, often enjoying our neighborhood pond and mile-and-a-half trail. We also value travel, whether quick trips to the beach or mountains nearby, and hope to inspire our children to experience all 50 states, fostering curiosity, confidence, and a love for exploration.

Home: We live in a vibrant, family-friendly neighborhood near a lake in the sunny Carolinas, where summers are spent boating, paddleboarding, and enjoying outdoor traditions like evening golf cart rides, while our home and nearby parks, playgrounds, and YMCA provide a safe, welcoming environment full of community events, play, and connection for our children.

Pets: Two dogs, Radar and Bella. Fish, Robbie.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption: God has placed adoption on our hearts as the way to grow our family, and we hope to welcome a child into our home with love, security, and a supportive community, ensuring they always feel cherished, protected, and deeply loved.

Openness to birthparent(s): We hope for an ongoing relationship with a birth mother in whatever way feels meaningful and comfortable.

Childcare plans: Lorianne will be the primary caregiver for the child. Her job is part time and remote.





Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family. We hope as you read this you can feel the love, faith, and support that fill our home. If you choose us, your child will be deeply loved, protected, and surrounded by a strong community of family and friends. This is our prayer for you:

“That God gives you the peace and wisdom to guide you through this journey. That you trust in His perfect timing. That you know God has already started putting this story together. That He will give you His strength and surround you with the support you need during this time. That God gives you rest when you are weary and that God pours His love over you and grace into your life”.

LUKE & LORIANNE

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