



MICHAEL *and* REBECCA

FAMILY ID # 2082194



hello!

IT'S SO NICE TO "MEET" YOU!

Our hope as you flip through this profile book is that you feel loved and honored with each page. We don't know how many profiles you've viewed at this point or where you are at in your journey, but we care for you and your baby. Our prayer is that you feel supported today and know that we are humbled and grateful that you've taken valuable time to get to know our family.

We would like you to know that we already love you and your child. Your life is important to us. If it is your desire, we would like to develop a relationship with you. We have already begun thinking about what it would be like to meet you, to learn about the hopes you have for your baby. Please know you and your child will be loved and welcomed by our family.

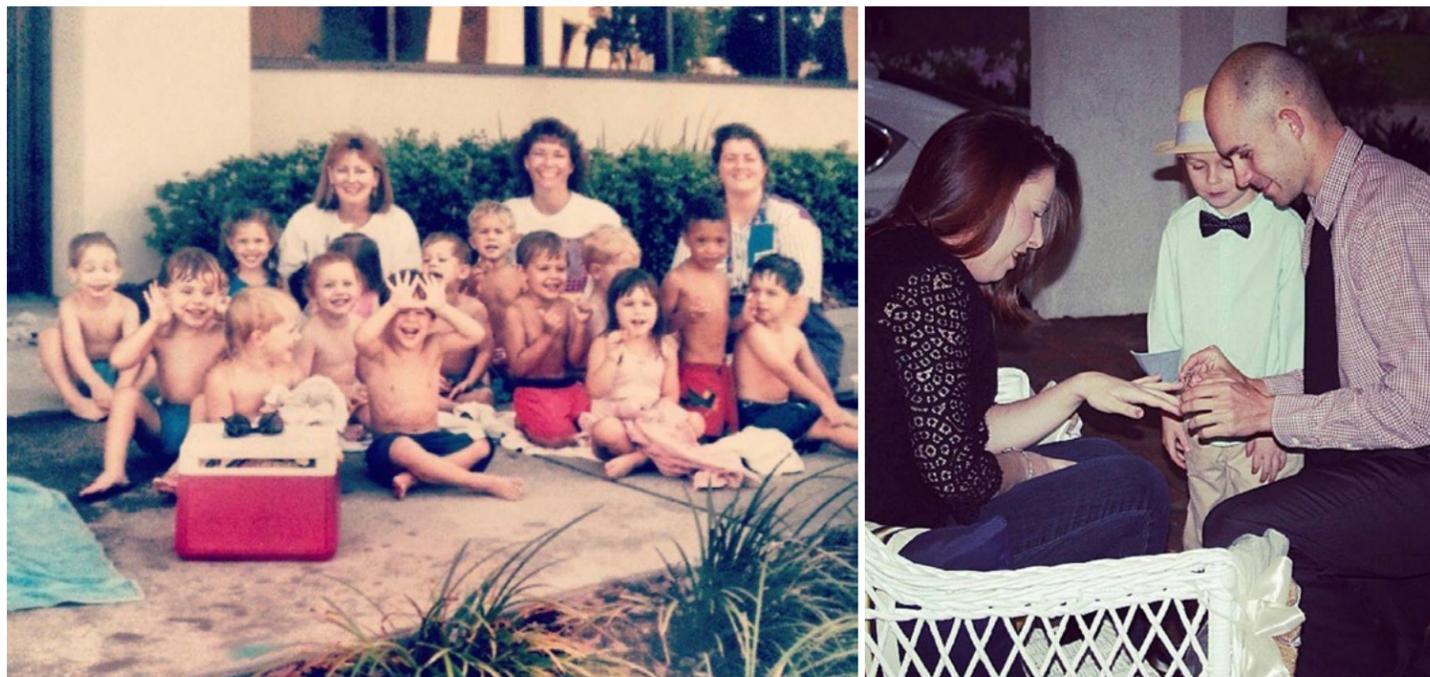
***Thank you for having courage. We pray you feel supported and loved in the days ahead, and hope you will consider our family to provide a loving and nurturing home for your baby.***

*Michael and Rebecca*

# our story

IN ORDER TO TELL THIS STORY, WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO WHEN WE WERE JUST LITTLE KIDS.

We grew up in the same large church. Due to how large it was, we did not cross paths often, despite attending many of the same events. In our early 20's, we found ourselves both working in the preschool ministry at the same church. We recognized each other, however we knew very little about the other. Over time, we developed feelings for each other, and Rebecca vividly remember telling a friend, "You know who would make an amazing husband one day? Michael." She just knew she had to spend the rest of her days with this man.



During our dating years, Rebecca used to tease Michael saying "I bet there is a picture out there somewhere of us when we were little." Low and behold, one day while flipping through family photos on my parent's closet floor, there it was. A little brunette Michael in a navy-blue swimsuit, and a spunky Rebecca in a pink one-piece, at a preschool event around the age of four. Coincidentally, the same preschool and church we were presently working in, and to this day, still attend. Pretty funny how life comes full circle sometimes.



*Fast forward five years, and we were married. It was the best day! Rebecca loves that Michael has sound judgement and can always refer to him for good advice. Michael loves that Rebecca lights up a room, and leaves it better than when she arrived. But most of all, our favorite thing about each other is our ability to find joy wherever we are. We are better people together and we can't wait to share that joy with little one.*

**REBECCA LOVES:** A TALL GLASS OF SWEET TEA, CONNECTING WITH NEW FRIENDS, QUALITY TIME WITH HER FAMILY, ROCKING BABIES TO SLEEP, NEW ADVENTURES, AND TRAVELING TO SCENIC PLACES.



## meet Michael

AS TOLD BY REBECCA

Michael feels like home. From the moment I met him, I knew I couldn't live another day without him in my life. He's the most loyal friend, truly the greatest friend I've ever known. He's an amazing listener, objective in his advice, and gives feedback that you can tell has been carefully thought out. He's compassionate, always thinking of others needs before his own. When needs arise within our community of friends, he doesn't give it a second thought, he jumps right in and finds out what he can do to lend a helping hand. He has a big heart for others, and serves in such a selfless way.

*Michael is an amazing father. Words fail me to properly describe how my heart feels when I watch him with our son. A strong leader, a memory maker, a gentle guide are some of the ways I'd describe Michael as a Dad. I've observed him with our friend's children, as well as the children I have cared for in my career. He's just a natural. I know he will continue to be an amazing father, because it's just his nature to nurture.*

## meet Rebecca

AS TOLD BY MICHAEL

Rebecca is first and foremost a wonderful wife and mother. She loves our family and raises our son with a passion I don't see very often. She views these roles as part of her life's work and what the Lord has called her to do. What first attracted me to her was her sense of humor and outgoing personality. It was very easy to talk and connect with her. She loves sports too, which is a big plus. I also admire her for the way she navigated the loss of her mother 11 years ago. She took great care of her younger sister, who at the time was only 12 years old. She has used this painful life experience to reach out to others and help them heal by being there for them. I admire her boldness and pursuit of loving others within our community.

*Rebecca works with children for a living and has a reputation as a "baby whisperer" because of how well children respond to her. It is a wonderful thing to see and brings her joy. I'm excited to see her with a new little one in her arms.*



**MICHAEL LOVES:** ALABAMA FOOTBALL, VANILLA LATTE'S, HOME RENOVATION TV SHOWS, SITTING IN THE SUNSHINE, NORTH CAROLINA MOUNTAINS, AND WALKS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

# meet Bo

BO IS OUR ADVENTURE-LOVING 12-YEAR-OLD SON.



Bo enjoys swimming, art, volunteering at church and of course playing with his friends. Our favorite characteristic of his, is his heart. He has always been a caring and sensitive kid who can easily empathize with others. This will make him a wonderful big brother and he is very much looking forward to the adventure ahead. Despite being an only child to this point, he loves playing with the younger kids his mom works with. He has developed a real bond with them, and they look up to him.



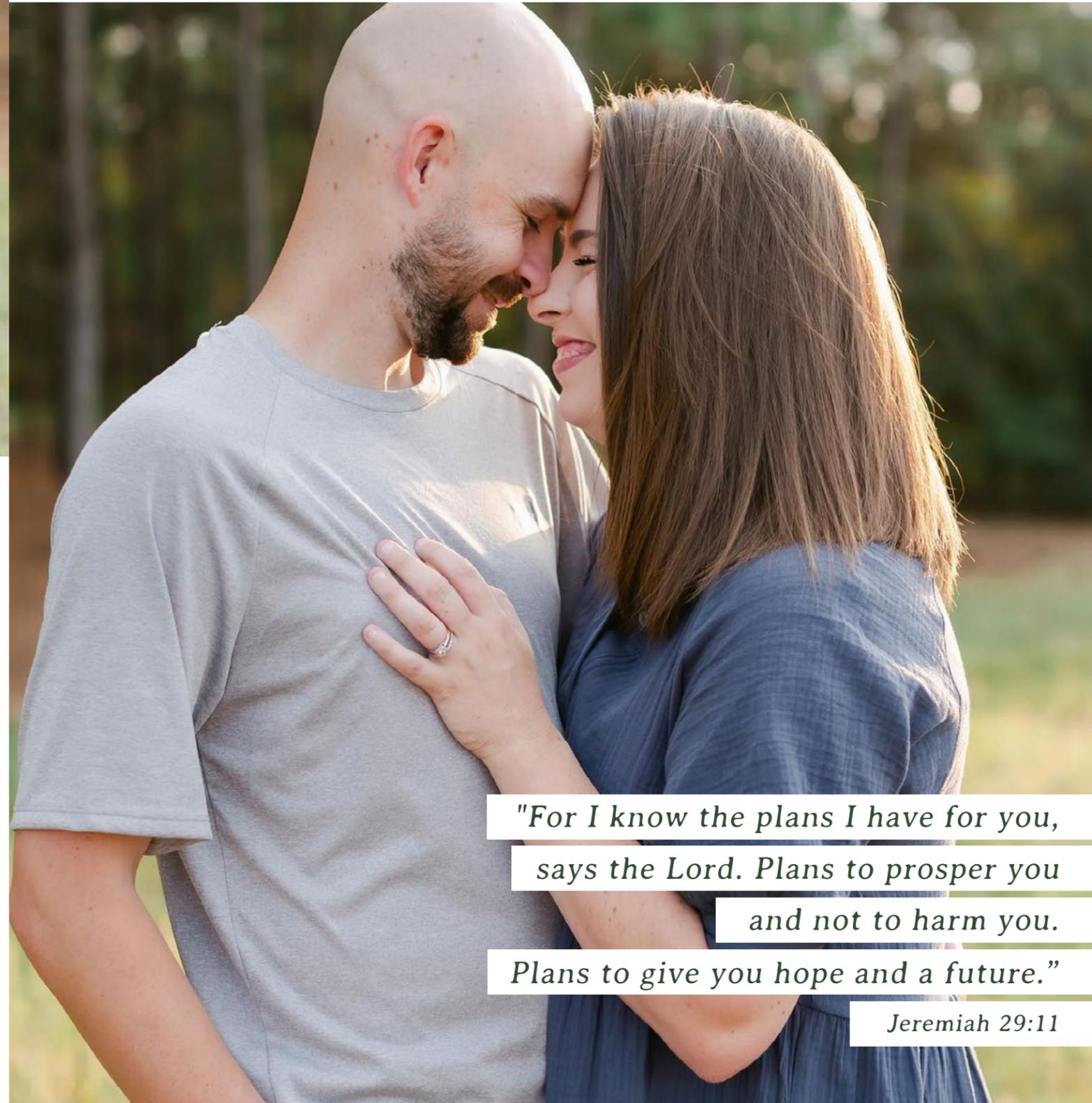


EXPERIENCING INFERTILITY HAS BEEN DIFFICULT, BUT WE'VE USED THOSE EXPERIENCES AS A CATALYST TO NAVIGATE THE JOURNEY TO GROW OUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION. WE HAVE AN AMAZING FAMILY, BURSTING AT THE SEAMS WITH LOVE TO GIVE, SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO SUPPORT US, AND HAVE ALSO EXPERIENCED THIS SEASON THEMSELVES.

## why adoption?

*Before Michael and I had even begun dating, adoption was placed in our hearts.*

We grew up in a church that was passionate about adoption and foster care. It wasn't a new concept to us. However for me, Rebecca, adoption became a closer part of my life when I began nannying in 2014. Two of the children are adopted twins, whom I have had the upmost pleasure of caring for over the past seven years. The way they've grown to learn about their beautiful birth story and courageous birth mama, has been a privilege to see. Additionally, one of our best friends is an adopted child and two of my out of state friends have adopted precious children. Your baby will be surrounded by children who have also been welcomed by families through adoption.



*"For I know the plans I have for you,  
says the Lord. Plans to prosper you  
and not to harm you.*

*Plans to give you hope and a future."*

*Jeremiah 29:11*



*Our neighborhood is the greatest! In fact, one of the things that drew us to this neighborhood was the number of young families with children who lived here. It's extremely common to see kids riding bikes, young mom's sitting on benches deep in conversation, and Dad's working on their lawns in the evening. Our neighborhood has a great pool, a beautiful lake with a walking trail around it, tennis and volleyball courts and is in a great, highly desirable part of town. We are close to our local hospital, shopping areas, and great schools. It's been an excellent community to make new friends and continue to enjoy adventure with our family.*



# home sweet home

WE LOVE OUR HOME, IT'S COZY.

We've taken much time to create a safe and loving home for our family. We live in a 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath town home in an amazing neighborhood. We have a great kitchen, where Rebecca loves cooking and baking delicious food and desserts for our family and friends. We have a nursery ready for a sweet baby complete with a beautiful crib and a rocking chair passed down from past generations. It's cozy and quiet and we've spent so much time praying over the life that will fill it one day.



## OUR CITY

We live in sunny, Central Florida! Yes, we live about 10 minutes from Disney World! We spontaneously hop in the car and drive over, just to ride one or two attractions and then head home for dinner. We are so close to many great lakes, beautiful beaches and yummy restaurants. As a family, we love getting up early on Saturday's and finding some adventure to enjoy. It's the perfect city for a child to grow, always having fun activities and making new friends!

# things we love



## meet Scout and Boone

We have two wonderful golden doodles Scout and Boone. They are siblings and we got them as puppies last year because Michael and Bo have always wanted a dog. I must admit, I am also obsessed with them! They are a great mixture of fun and calm at the same time. Scout is a big softy and will just lay down right next to you. Boone is a little spunky and loves his belly rubs. They get along great with our friend's young children and kids in the neighborhood.



# our family

FAMILY IS EVERYTHING TO US.

Both of our families live within 20 minutes of our home, and that is such a gift to us! Your child will have two wonderful grandfathers who love their family and lead by example, and two amazing grandmothers whom are very nurturing and love to celebrate the holidays. We each have a sister as well, both of them are married to great men, and they can't wait to be Aunts and Uncles. We all get along so well and truly enjoy doing things with each other. Rebecca's parents also just built a vacation home at the beach an hour away. It's common to find all of us going on the weekends to enjoy the ocean. We also have a big family reunion in the mountains each summer, and love getting together and sharing stories. It's such a gift to have such supportive people in our lives and they are excited to welcome another little one to the family.



# our friends

"THE GREATNESS OF A COMMUNITY IS MOST ACCURATELY MEASURED BY THE COMPASSIONATE ACTIONS OF IT'S MEMBERS."

We are so fortunate to have an amazing group of friends who have done life with us over the past 10 years. We have had the pleasure of gathering around dinner tables to laugh and dream big things for the future of our friendship. There have been many "friendscations" taken across the state of Florida to relax on our beaches and watch our kids play in the sand. Michael and I have visited each couple as they've brought life into this world, and Rebecca has gone on to nanny for two of the children. We are lucky to be able to say we have a community of 10 people who love us like family, and have been counting down the days to add another little one to our crew.



# our travels

WE LOVE TO TRAVEL TO NEW AND DIFFERENT PLACES.

We usually go to the North Carolina mountains a couple of times each year. We enjoy exploring nature and doing outdoor family fun activities. You also can't beat the cool summer temperatures there! We also love to travel to the Florida beaches and enjoy the relaxing sounds of the Ocean. Our family trip to New York City a few years ago was also very memorable. The best part was ice skating in Bryant Park with all the Christmas decorations on display. We would love to continue traveling after our adoption so that our family can continue to grow stronger and develop memories to cherish.



*in this family we...*

TAKE GRAND ADVENTURES

ENJOY CHEERING ON OUR FAVORITE

SPORTS TEAMS

MAKE GOOD FOOD TOGETHER

ENJOY "DINNER TABLE TALKS"

SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

SNUGGLE PUPPIES

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

LOVE THE LORD

# our promises

SHOULD YOU CHOOSE OUR FAMILY FOR YOUR CHILD, WE PROMISE YOU:

**We promise to love and honor** you through the years. As you share the dreams you have for your baby, we commit to supporting them and doing our best to bring them to life with every adventure in our home. We promise to joyfully share your child's birth story. We will always support and speak of you with love.

**We promise to speak** respectfully and love tenderly as we move throughout the seasons of our life. Celebrating with each accomplishment, and coming alongside each other as we navigate difficult things.

**We promise to immerse** your child in a diverse culture, knowing how to respect and honor those who look alike and also different from them. We will help your child build lasting friendships in their community and learn what it means to selflessly serve alongside others.

**We promise to prioritize** memories over messes, our home looking well lived in. This looks like creative art projects strewn on the kitchen table, toys left in the driveway, tiny fingerprints on the fridge doors, and heaps of towels leftover from water play outside. We will have BIG fun, and make lasting memories as a family.

**We promise to raise** your child knowing the depths of God's love for them. We will worship together as a family, fellowship in life with our community of friends, and always show your child that they are cared for by a God who designed them for a special purpose.

*Michael, Rebecca and Bo*



# family profile

Rebecca

OCCUPATION: Professional Nanny  
EDUCATION: Associates Degree  
AGE/DOB: 33 / 9-28-1987  
RACE: Caucasian  
EYE COLOR: Green  
HEIGHT: 5'6"  
HEALTH: Good - moderately active  
RELIGION: Christian

Michael

OCCUPATION: Compensation Analyst  
EDUCATION: Bachelors degree  
AGE/DOB: 32 / 1-1-1989  
RACE: Caucasian  
EYE COLOR: Blue  
HEIGHT: 5'10"  
HEALTH: Good - very active  
RELIGION: Christian

**DATE OF MARRIAGE:** April 7, 2014

**CHILDREN:** Bo, 12 year old boy : Bo enjoys swimming, art, volunteering at church and of course playing with his friends. He has always been a caring and sensitive kid who can easily empathize with others. This will make him a wonderful big brother!

**INTERESTS AND HOBBIES:** Active in our community through serving activities, intramural softball, and church events. We both enjoy spending time exploring local eateries and new shops/venues. We have both of our families living locally, so we are very fortunate to have the ability to spend time with them very often. We love music and sports and taking our son to make memories at the local theme parks.

**HOME:** 2-story town home located in Central Florida in a highly sought after community. Close proximity to shops, hospitals and restaurants. Our neighborhood has a lake, playground, volleyball/tennis courts, and a nature trail. We are surrounded by amazing neighbors.

**OPENNESS WITH BIRTH FAMILY:** We would like to pursue a supportive and loving relationship with the birth parents. One treated with honor and respect.

**CHILDCARE PLANS:** Rebecca: Will stay home full time with the baby.

Michael: Works mostly from home and will also be very present.

We have both sets of grandparents within 20 minutes of our home, and tons of support through friends and neighbors.

