

# CHRIS & SYDNEY

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## Dear expectant mother,

We want to begin by saying how deeply honored we are that you are taking the time to read this. While we may not know your story yet, we want you to know how much respect we have for you. We can only imagine that this season may feel overwhelming or uncertain at times, and as you sit with these decisions we hope you feel supported, cared for, and reminded that you are not alone in this. The love and care you have for your baby is so evident in the way you are thoughtfully considering your options. That takes courage, strength, and deep selflessness. We see that, and we honor you for it.

We live in Tulsa, Oklahoma with our two fluffy dogs and have been married for almost 9 years. Sydney grew up with two adopted siblings and Chris has had a heart for adoption since he was very young, so pursuing adoption is something we have desired and thoughtfully considered for many years. If we are chosen, we will create a home where your child is safe, deeply loved, and encouraged in who God created them to be. We would also love to have an open and ongoing relationship with you, in whatever way feels comfortable. We truly value the idea of staying connected and honoring your place in your child's life.

We are praying for you - that you feel an overwhelming sense of peace during this time, that you have clarity in your decisions, and that you feel loved and supported through every step of this journey.

*Chris and Sydney*





# OUR STORY

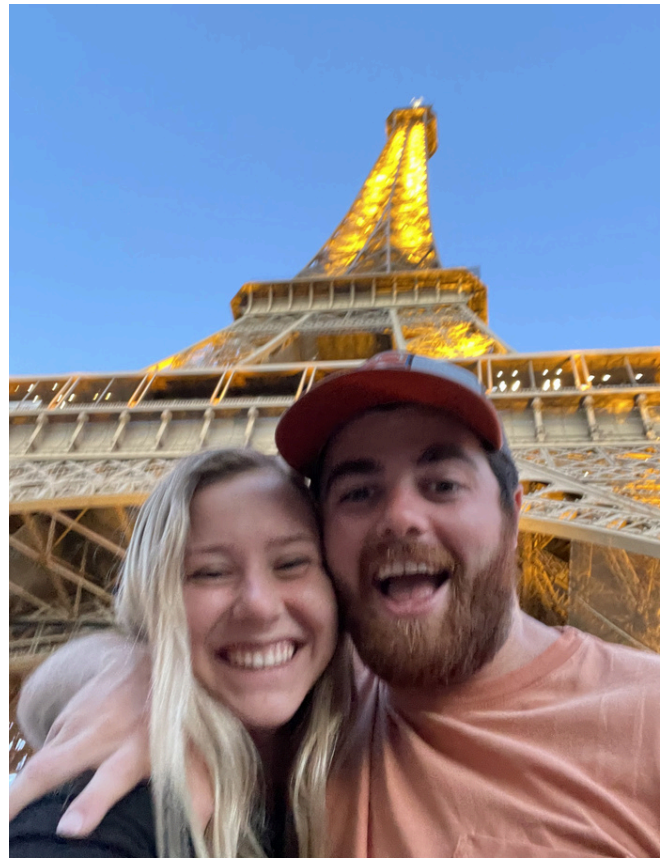
*meet us*

We first met on a church youth missions trip to Monterrey, Mexico when we were just 13 and 15! Chris' family had recently moved to Cincinnati and began attending the church Sydney had grown up in, so we continued to see each other at church events over the years. We didn't become close until we both interned at our church the summer before Sydney's senior year of high school. During that time, we were drawn to our shared faith, our love for people, Chris' sense of humor, and how naturally we enjoyed being together. Over the next year, our friendship grew into something more, and we began dating shortly after Sydney graduated. We were married two years later in July 2017.

During our nearly nine years of marriage, we've navigated two out-of-state moves together - first from Cincinnati to Chicago in 2020 for Chris' job, and then to Tulsa in 2022 to be closer to family. Our move to Chicago was especially pivotal, as it was our first time building a life together as newlyweds without family nearby. That season helped us grow together in our independence, communication, and teamwork. When Chris decided to return to school to pursue his master's degree in counseling, we felt ready to move closer to family again - especially with so many nieces and nephews on his side to be part of our everyday lives.

One of our favorite things to do together is travel to new places. Over the course of our nine years of marriage, we've had the opportunity to visit many different countries and states, and we love experiencing new cultures, hearing new languages, and trying new things together.

Visiting Paris during our month in Europe



Skiing in Colorado

Exploring a new city  
together



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# OUR *family's* VALUES

Our faith is the foundation of our family and shapes the way we live our daily lives. We believe in loving God and loving others, and we strive to show that through kindness, respect, and the way we care for the people around us.

We deeply value relationships and prioritize spending intentional time together and with our friends and family. Whether it's sharing a meal, serving others, or simply being present with one another, we want our home to be a place where people feel known, welcomed, and loved.

We also believe in celebrating diversity and learning from people of different backgrounds, cultures, and experiences. This has already been a meaningful part of our lives and our families, including having nieces and nephews on both sides of our family who are of mixed race.

Adoption is especially close to our hearts. Sydney grew up with two adopted siblings and two adopted cousins, which made adoption a natural and beautiful part of her family story. Our extended family already reflects both adoption and diversity, and because of this, we have always felt excited about growing our own family through adoption and creating a home rooted in love, belonging, and connection.



Hiking in Hawaii

# SYDNEY

## about me

I was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, and I grew up with four siblings in a close-knit family. From a young age, I've loved reading and traveling to new places. I'm a natural planner and genuinely enjoy the process of researching and organizing trips, especially finding creative ways to make them both meaningful and budget-friendly. That love eventually led me to start a side business as a travel agent. At my core, I am someone who loves caring for others. One of my favorite parts of becoming a wife has been turning our house into a home - cooking meals, creating a welcoming space, and spending quality time together. I especially love time with our nieces and nephews, whether we're doing crafts, making their favorite foods, playing games, or having cozy movie nights.

While I've been fortunate to work for a great company in their accounting department, I truly believe my greatest calling is to be a mom. I am so excited for the opportunity to become a stay-at-home mom and pour my time, energy, and love into our future child.



## fun facts

### FAVORITE VACATION SPOT

Somewhere we've never been!

### FAVORITE HOBBY

Reading

### FAVORITE DESSERT

Ice cream

### FAVORITE PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD

Disney World or Universal Studios

### FAVORITE BOOK

*Harry Potter*

### FAVORITE SATURDAY MORNING ACTIVITY

Getting coffee at a local coffee shop



**Working on house projects**



**I love reading!**

Traveling to new places



# MY WIFE SYDNEY

*by Chris*

**LOVING,  
GENTLE,  
LOYAL**

I fell in love with Sydney because of her deep love for God, her kindness and strong character, and the way she genuinely cares for the people around her. From the beginning, I was drawn to her pure heart and the sincerity of her faith - it was something that stood out to me right away. She has a gentle, steady presence that makes others feel safe, known, and deeply valued, and she brings so much warmth into our home and relationships.

Sydney has such a natural way with children! She is patient, nurturing, and attentive, always taking the time to understand their needs and help them feel cared for. I've seen this in the way she loves our nieces and nephews and in how she interacts with children of all ages. She loves with her whole heart, and I have no doubt she will be an amazing mother. Any child in her care will be deeply loved, supported, and truly cherished.



Singing at church



Playing golf with Chris

# CHRIS

## about me

I grew up in Tulsa and have three older sisters. As a kid, I loved playing sports like baseball, soccer, and running track, and staying active is still a big part of my life today. I enjoy running local races - from 5Ks to longer distances - and currently play in an indoor soccer league. My favorite hobby, though, is golf, which I've really gotten into over the past couple of years and now play as often as I can.

Helping others is central to who I am. I pursued a career in counseling because I care deeply about people and want to support them in becoming the best version of themselves. I now work as a mental health counselor at a middle school, and I love getting to invest in and encourage students during such an important stage of their lives. I also love spending time with our nieces and nephews, whether that's playing games, cheering them on at their sporting events, or just hanging out together. I am so excited to become a dad and to pour that same love, energy, and encouragement into our future child - playing, laughing, and being silly together along the way.



## fun facts

### FAVORITE VACATION SPOT

Scotland

### FAVORITE MUSICAL ARTIST

Brandon Lake

### FAVORITE SPORT'S TEAM

Cincinnati Bengals

### FAVORITE HOBBY

Playing golf

### FAVORITE DESSERT

Brownies

### FAVORITE COMFORT FOOD

Buffalo Wild Wings



**My favorite hobby - playing golf**



**Running local 5k's**

Trying adventurous new things like paragliding



# MY HUSBAND CHRIS

by Sydney

JOYFUL,  
LOVING,  
COMPASSIONATE

I fell in love with Chris for so many reasons! He cares for people so deeply and is always the first to befriend someone who might feel left out. He is incredibly funny and goofy, constantly making me laugh, and he loves trying new things and exploring new places with me. He is hardworking and always pushes himself out of his comfort zone, whether that's continuing his counseling education, pacing a friend through 25 miles of an ultra-marathon, or diving into a good book with me.

Chris is kind, gentle, loving, and just so much fun to be around. He became an uncle at just 10 years old, and it shows - he has such a natural way with kids. He loves chatting with them, learning about their interests, playing games, and fully embracing his silly side. I can't wait to see him bring that same joy and care to our child, and I know he will be an incredibly loving, involved, intentional, and fun dad!



Leading worship  
at church



Playing indoor soccer



# OUR HOME SWEET HOME



We live in the suburbs of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and there is so much we love about this area. We enjoy being outdoors year-round, whether golfing, hiking at Turkey Mountain, or visiting The Gathering Place (a massive park near downtown) with our nieces and nephews. Tulsa also has so many great restaurants and coffee shops, and most importantly, we love living near family. Some of our favorite weekend traditions include reading together at our local coffee shop, relaxing on our back porch with our dogs, and going golfing together.

We are fortunate to have a close-knit community. Sydney works at the same company as Chris' parents and sisters, so we often plan fun activities with them and their kids: movie nights, baseball games, and a monthly family bowling night. Sydney's family lives in Cincinnati, but we stay connected through frequent visits, FaceTime calls, and virtual game nights. We also enjoy spending time with friends, whether that's golfing, running in local races, or just hanging out.

Our faith community is very important to us. We have both been actively involved in our church and the worship team for many years, and we love the connections and support our church family provides. Being part of this community has shaped who we are and continues to be a source of joy, encouragement, and shared purpose in our lives.

Our friends and family have been incredibly supportive of us throughout our adoption journey and are excited to welcome a child into our lives. Tulsa has been a wonderful place to build our family, and we are grateful for the loving community we get to share it with.



## FRANKLIN LILY

We have two adorable, fluffy pups - Franklin, an 8-year-old Malshi, and Lily, a 7-year-old Goldendoodle. We've had both since they were puppies, and we could not ask for sweeter dogs! Franklin loves playing with toys, basking in the sun, and going wherever Lily goes. Lily is gentle and affectionate - she loves snuggling, getting pets, enjoying treats, and running around in the backyard with Franklin.

Both of our dogs are fantastic with kids. They've been around our nieces and nephews since they were puppies, and the kids love hugging and playing with them. We know they will be wonderful companions for a baby and bring so much joy to our family.





**5k with friends  
in town**



**Tulsa Renaissance  
festival**



**Bike ride with  
Chris' family**



**Leading worship  
at church**

# OUR hobbies



In our free time, we enjoy finding a healthy balance between relaxing at home and spending time doing activities we love. During the week, Chris often unwinds by heading to the golf course for an hour or two after work, while Sydney enjoys cooking and trying new recipes, reading a good book on the couch, or taking a walk through our neighborhood. In the evenings, we love to reconnect by spending time together on our back patio and then winding down with a show before bed.

Weekends are a great time for us to slow down and be present with each other. We love visiting our favorite local coffee shop, where we can sit and talk or read books together. We also enjoy spending time with friends and family, getting outdoors for a hike or jog, or doing something fun like indoor rock climbing. When we have extended time off, we love to travel. Whether it's visiting Sydney's family in Cincinnati or exploring a new destination, we enjoy the adventure and the chance to create new memories together. No matter what we're doing, the most important thing to us is being together.

These hobbies and traditions give us time to connect, recharge, and fully enjoy the life we're building as a family.

**Playing golf together after work**



**Bengals game with Sydney's family**

# OUR *family traditions*

Each year, we look forward to the traditions and moments that bring our families together. Chris enjoys an annual golf trip with his brother-in-law and their family, and we both look forward to spending holidays surrounded by the people we love most. We also cherish family trips with our nieces and nephews, especially the chance to make fun, lasting memories together - whether that's a beach vacation or a visit to a place like Universal Studios.

Family is a big part of our lives, and we feel incredibly grateful to both come from such close-knit, supportive families. Some of our favorite traditions include Chris' family's annual Halloween costume party, watching Fourth of July fireworks from his sister's neighborhood, and attending a candlelight Christmas Eve church service with Sydney's family. These are moments filled with laughter, connection, and a sense of togetherness that we deeply value.

These traditions mean so much to us because they give us time to slow down, celebrate, and be fully present with the people who matter most. We are so excited to share these experiences with a child - welcoming them into the love and joy of our families, while also creating new traditions of our own along the way.



Universal Studios



4th of July fireworks with our nephew



Universal Studios with Chris' family



Vacation with Sydney's family

EXTENDED  
family

Our extended family is a very important part of our lives and would play a meaningful role in our child's life as well. We live in Tulsa near Chris's immediate and extended family, including his parents, sisters, and their children, and we spend time with them regularly. Sydney's family lives in Cincinnati, and while we are not as close geographically, we stay closely connected through frequent visits every couple of months, along with FaceTime calls and daily texts in between.

We are both incredibly close with our families and value those relationships deeply. Because of this, our child would naturally grow up surrounded by strong family connections. They would see Chris's side of the family on a weekly basis and Sydney's side of the family every month or two, creating consistent and meaningful bonds with both sides.

Both of our families share a love of spending quality time together and truly enjoy each other's company. Whether it's taking a weekend trip, attending a baseball or football game, hosting a family game night, or simply gathering for dinner, time together is something everyone prioritizes.

Our families are warm, supportive, and fun-loving, and they are genuinely excited about the opportunity to welcome another child into the family. A child in our home would be embraced wholeheartedly and surrounded by a strong, loving network of relatives who are eager to be a part of their lives.



Escape room with Chris' family



Watching football with Bryce

# ADOPTION &

## parenting

We have always felt a deep desire to grow our family through adoption, even before we were married, and we truly believe God has been guiding us toward this path. Because adoption has played a meaningful role in Sydney's family story, it's something we've always felt drawn to as we build our own.

We believe diversity is a beautiful gift and would be overjoyed to welcome a child of any race into our home. We are committed to honoring and celebrating your child's heritage, and they would be surrounded by a loving, diverse extended family from the very beginning.

At the heart of our parenting is our faith. We believe every child is created in the image of God and deeply loved. Our greatest hope is to raise your child in a home where they feel safe, secure, and unconditionally loved as they grow into who they were created to be.

### THOUGHTS ON OPENNESS:

We would love to have an open and ongoing relationship with you in whatever way feels comfortable. We truly value staying connected and honoring your place in your child's life, and we hope to grow a relationship with you over time built on trust and respect.

Our hope is to stay connected through photos, texts, and updates as your child grows. We would also love to have at least one in-person visit each year, with openness to more if that feels right as our relationship develops.

At the heart of this is our deep respect for you and the role you play in your child's story. Our hope is that your child grows up with a sense of wholeness - knowing and valuing both their biological and adoptive families.



Sydney with our newest niece, Lyric



Carrying our niece after a long day outside



Bottle time at the daycare Sydney worked at



# FAMILY

## information



**Mother's Name:** Sydney

**Occupation:** Billing Manager

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Psychology

**Religion:** Christian

**Date of Birth:** 9/6/1997



**Father's Name:** Christopher

**Occupation:** Mental Health Counselor

**Education:** Master's Degree in Counseling

**Religion:** Christian

**Date of Birth:** 1/18/1996

**Date of marriage:** 7/29/2017

**Interest and hobbies:** Chris loves to play golf, soccer, and video games, read books, go for runs, and play guitar and sing. Sydney enjoys reading, cooking, doing little projects around the house, singing, and planning trips. Together, we love to travel and explore new places, do fun activities together like rock climbing, golfing, hiking, biking, as well as spending slow mornings together at our local coffee shop.

**Home:** We live in a three-bedroom, two-bathroom home in a safe, suburban neighborhood in Tulsa, OK. Our community is family-friendly with many children nearby, as well as a park and an elementary school within walking distance. We are also just a few minutes away from the library, coffee shop with an indoor play area, roller skating rink, bowling alley, and a hospital, making everyday activities and services very accessible.

**Pets:** Frankin is an 8-year-old Malshi with a playful, higher-energy personality who loves toys, sunshine, and spending time with his family, but he also enjoys cuddling when he's in the mood. Lily is a 7-year-old Goldendoodle who is especially gentle and affectionate - she loves being close, getting attention, and snuggling. Both dogs are very sweet and good with children.

**Why are you interested in building your family through adoption:** We have felt led toward adoption for many years, especially with Sydney's family history with adoption, and we believe it is part of the story God is writing for our own family. It feels like a natural and meaningful way for us to grow our family, and we are deeply excited and grateful for the opportunity to welcome a child into our home.

**Childcare plans:** Sydney plans to transition into being a stay-at-home mom, while continuing part-time remote work from home in a role that she enjoys.

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# THANK

*you*

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our profile and learn about us. We cannot imagine the weight of the decision you are carrying, and we are truly grateful for the opportunity to share our hearts with you.

If you choose us, we promise to love your child wholeheartedly and unconditionally. We will create a home filled with safety, joy, stability, and love, and raise them knowing how deeply they are wanted and cherished. We will honor their story, speak of you with gratitude and respect, and help them grow with a strong sense of identity, belonging, and purpose.

We deeply admire your strength, courage, and love for your child as you consider this plan of care. We are praying for you and asking God for His guidance, protection, and peace over you as you move through this journey.

*Chris and Sydney*

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