

ALYSSA  
AND KYLE

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HI  
THERE,

We are so grateful that you have chosen to open up this little portfolio and journey with us for a moment.



Our hope as you examine the pictures and words we've written for you, is that you will find peace, confidence, and clarity. **We want to start by honoring and acknowledging the difficulty you are facing at each step of decision-making for you and your child.** We know just in taking this step, all that you are doing is wrapped up in loving sacrifice and the desire for your child's very best.

**WE ADMIRE YOUR**

**courage and are grateful for your time in considering our family.**



# OUR STORY



Friday night football is an East Texas ritual




We love playing board games together & with friends



Cheering on our favorite sports teams

We grew up just 25 minutes apart, but didn't meet until our freshman year of college in another state. Those were the days of AOL Instant Messenger (ha!), and after meeting one day on campus, there were many late night messages, talking about our family, friends, and interests. After a year of friendship, we took the next step into dating. Our first Thanksgiving break apart was the moment we knew we loved one another, and the rest is history. We married in 2010 after graduation and moved to Kyle's hometown in East Texas.

**We've always enjoyed quality time together, whether traveling or a simple night in with takeout and a movie.** The last few years we have faced a number of heart aches, such as infertility, but have always committed to putting in the time, communication, encouraging words, love, and laughter needed to grow and overcome together. We wouldn't trade those prior days for anything, because we know the best moments are yet to come for us.



# ABOUT ALYSSA

BY KYLE

“Alyssa is a nurturer of others at heart.”



A weekly favorite is being able to mentor young women

She is incredibly intentional in how she listens to others, and responds with openness and authenticity. She gives freely of herself to anyone around her in need a shoulder to lean on, or a simple word of wisdom. Her friendships are with women of all ages and backgrounds and she serves as a mentor to teens and senior adults faithfully in ministry. **Alyssa approaches all of her relationships with the consistent spirit of love, kindness and focused attention that the person sitting with her deserves.**

She is my partner in all things, and is eager to share the load of strength in times of weakness. She also has a deeply fun-loving personality. Her smile and laugh make me fall in love with her all over again.



I KNOW ALL OF THESE

qualities will  
translate easily into  
motherhood for  
Alyssa, as she raises  
our child.

I am excited to watch her seek out  
and understand our child's needs  
with empathy and unconditional  
love, because that is who she  
is. **She will teach them to live  
authentically and to pursue  
their dreams and passions  
wholeheartedly.**

Kayaking at one of our local state parks



Typical work week breaks for kisses and dinosaur playtime  
with Mateo, coworker's nephew

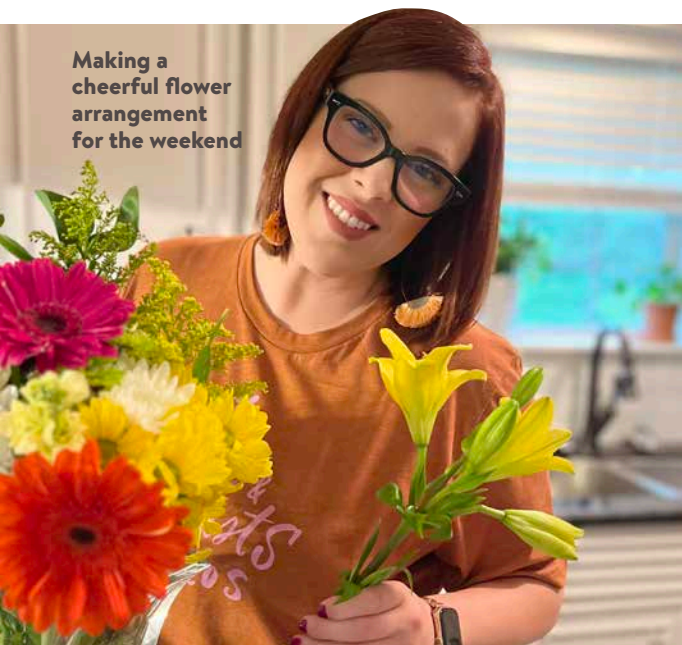
### ALYSSA'S FAVORITE THINGS:

- Big Earrings
- Taco Tuesday
- Kayaking and hiking
- Art Museums
- The smell of books
- Sunshine & a soft breeze
- Gerber daisies & sunflowers
- Singing 90's rap in the car
- Taking naps (though rare)
- Giving meaningful gifts

Cannot wait to snuggle with a little one in the hammock while reading



Making a  
cheerful flower  
arrangement  
for the weekend







# ABOUT KYLE

BY ALYSSA

“Kyle is a steady, consistent presence to all who know him.”



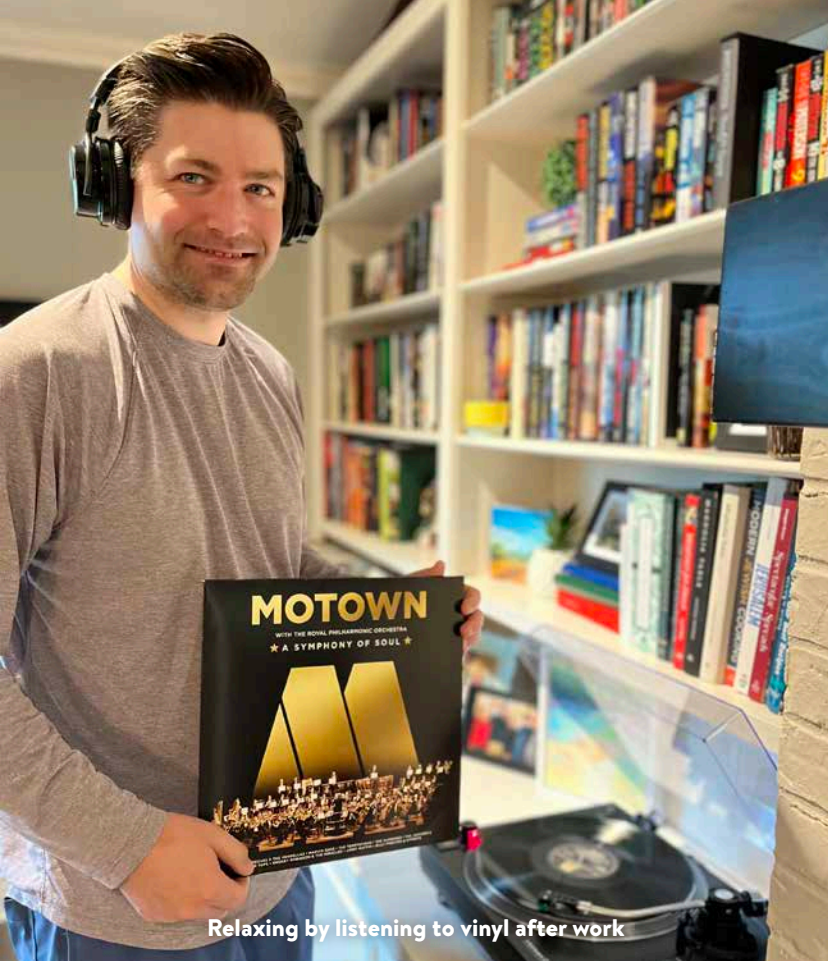
Annual backpacking and camping trips with old college pals



He is quiet, not needing attention or spotlight, but strong in the way he leads our family so very well. I love that he is always the same person regardless of the room he is in or the people he is with. Kyle also loves to be outdoors. **Some of my favorite moments with him are spent walking miles on a golf course as he watches a tournament, or hiking under shady pine trees while he lifts the low limbs up high for me to walk under.**

**I've always noticed that if we go to ball games or are waiting in line somewhere, children often gravitate to his easy, goofy presence.** Whether it be our friend's children or those we don't know, he always embraces kiddos with a warm smile and his gentle kindness.





Relaxing by listening to vinyl after work

## I CANNOT WAIT TO SEE

Kyle father our child  
someday from my  
front row seat, as he  
teaches them...

to have fun, laugh often, pursue  
their dreams, walk with integrity,  
listen to others with humility,  
pursue wisdom, and to always  
assume the best of circumstances  
and of people - because that is  
how he lives his life.

Kyle teaching Alyssa's cousin to fish at family cookout



## KYLE'S FAVORITE THINGS:

- BBQ/  
smoking  
meat/  
cooking
- Golf
- Kayaking
- Marvel  
movies
- Stargazing
- Watching  
any sport
- Unwinding  
by cooking
- Backpacking  
& camping
- Planting &  
gardening
- Vinyl record  
collecting

Kyle presenting a project for work



Kyle clipping some oregano  
from the box planter





# OUR HOME



We currently own a home that we are enjoying making our own, as renovating has become something to enjoy together in our free time. We live inside the city, about a mile from the church we attend. **One of our favorite things to do in the evening is walk around the lake on the church's property as the sun sets.**



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**OUR COMMUNITY,  
LONGVIEW, IS  
PASSIONATE ABOUT**

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**Friday night  
football, good  
Tex-Mex, local  
coffee shops, and  
filled with pine  
trees and parks  
to hike in.**



Our downtown has been revitalized in the last several years and we love being able to eat local food, enjoy outdoor concerts, and stroll the wonderful ArtWalk that spotlights local artisans of all ages. There are multiple school districts surrounding us, and with Alyssa's role on staff at our church, which draws students from each district, we have a built-in community of insight into which school will be best for our child's education, talents, and future friendships.



Our backyard



We love updating the house together



Lola



Olive



Conway  
Kitty

## OUR FURRY FRIENDS

We have two dogs,  
Lola (Dachshund  
Terrier mix we got in  
college), and Olive  
(a lab mix), and one  
cat, Conway Kitty.

They each love to cuddle  
and are all known to snore  
after a good day of play.



# OUR VILLAGE



Saturday lunch with Alyssa's parents



Hanging out with Kyle's parents at the park



Having good conversation with friends at the local coffee shop



Cooking for family & friends brings a lot of joy

**Both of us grew up in loving homes and are both only children. Family is very important to us.**

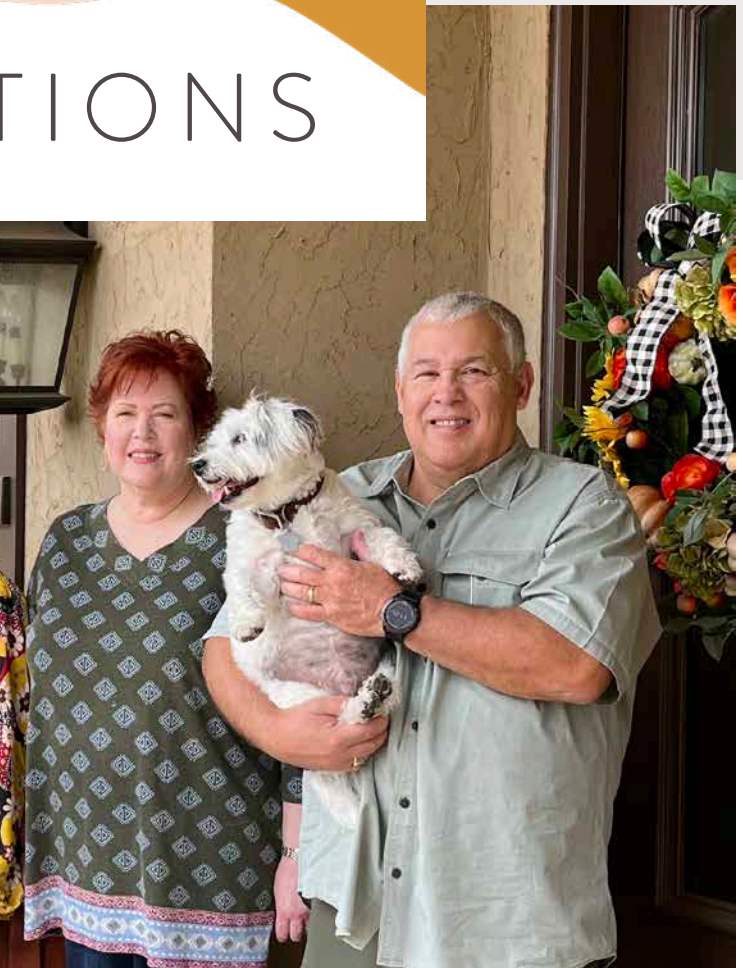
Kyle's family lives in our town, and Alyssa's are just an hour away. We love that both sets of our parents get along well and come together for us on major holidays, instead of asking us to split or rotate time each year. All of our grandparents have passed, and because we are both only children, we have many friends ready and eagerly waiting as stand-in "aunts" and "uncles" for the moment our family grows.



# TRADITIONS



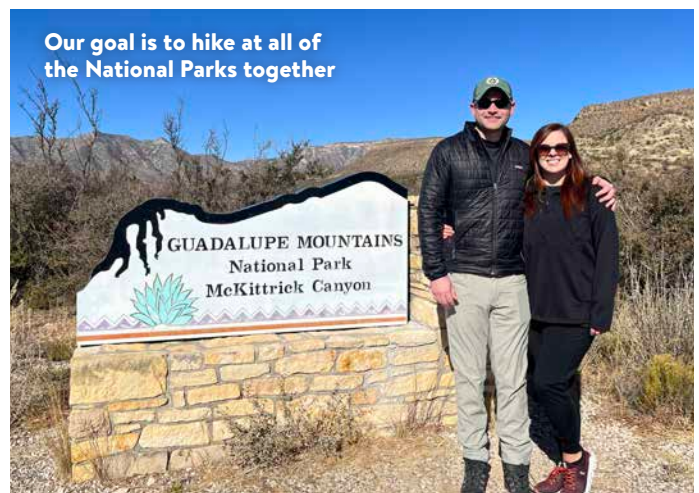
Celebrating each holidays with both sets of parents all at once means so much



Collecting children's books from every place we travel



- 1) Buy an ornament, local artwork & a children's book from each travel spot
- 2) Visit one National Park each year
- 3) Combine both sides of family for all holiday celebrations
- 4) Enjoy cooking together each weekend
- 5) Sending & receiving Christmas cards to/from loved ones



Our goal is to hike at all of the National Parks together





**An annual favorite is decorating the Christmas tree with sentimental ornaments**



**Counting ways to be thankful each November by writing them on a pumpkin**



**Walking at our church's land on Sunday afternoons**

## OUR FAITH

We are Christians who actively seek to walk worthy of the call God has placed on our lives. We love the Lord, are actively involved in our local church, and live with a mission to serve our city with the compassion He has shown us.

**We will teach our child to:**

- 1) To love the Lord
- 2) To love their neighbors
- 3) To put on kindness
- 4) To live with gratitude
- 5) To keep a joyful heart



# THOUGHTS ON PARENTING

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Making snack boards to  
munch on together

**We both come from loving, supportive families where God comes first, family comes second, and the rest falls into place by His grace.** Family has always been a priority to us, and we love the traditions that allow us to come together, cook delicious food, and the ability to reflect with thanksgiving on those blessings. We value turning our time, gifts, resources outward in order to serve others. Investing in relationships that value honesty, integrity, selflessness, creativity, learning, and wisdom are crucial. Teaching children to value teamwork and people over tasks will always be at the center of what we do together as a family. **Mostly, we hope to raise a child that knows that their identity & purpose have been uniquely molded by a Heavenly Father who loved them before the beginning of time.** Our heart is to see them live out of that God-given identity, purpose, and talents as they grow into a flourishing individual.





# ON OPEN ADOPTION & DIVERSITY



**It is our desire to always tell our child the story of what makes them, them: honoring their heritage/ cultural origins, and the people who've formed them (physically, emotionally, spiritually).** If you choose us to partner in loving your child, you will always be honored and regarded with love, integrity, and beauty as our child grows and explores their own unique identity. Our tribe of people are have already been praying specifically and lovingly for you for months at our request.

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**WE CANNOT WAIT TO**

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**show our child  
the messages of  
encouragement  
and prayers for  
you someday.**





# FAMILY INFORMATION

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**Father's name:** Kyle  
**Occupation:** Project Manager  
**Education:** Master of Architecture  
**Religion:** Christianity  
**Date of birth:** April 10, 1987  
**Hair color:** Brown  
**Eye color:** Blue  
**Height:** 6 ft., 3 in.

**Mother's name:** Alyssa  
**Occupation:** Minister to Women  
**Education:** Master of Architecture, Master of Theological Studies  
**Religion:** Christianity  
**Date of birth:** July 10, 1987  
**Hair color:** Auburn  
**Eye color:** Green  
**Height:** 5 ft., 6 in.

**Date of marriage:** November 6, 2010

**Children:** None

**Interests and hobbies:** We enjoy getting outdoors (hiking, kayaking, yardwork, reading in the hammock), cooking together, traveling (food, art, taking in local culture), photography, playing board games, working on home projects, and spending time with family and friends. Our hobbies are very similar to one another, so we can enjoy doing these things together or apart.

**Home:** We live in a 4BD/2B home in a neighborhood that is minutes from work, church, and everything we enjoy doing in our community. We have a fenced-in backyard, and there are paved walking trails close by.

**Pets:** We have two dogs (Lola and Olive) and a cat (Conway Kitty). They love people and time with their family.

**Why are you interested in building your family through adoption?** Alyssa has always wanted to adopt, but we as a couple arrived at this journey due to infertility. As we continue to learn about the opportunity we have through adoption, it has become more about what our future child needs to thrive and the ability to point them to our faithful Father.

**Openness to birthparent(s):** Our hearts are open to what our child needs to thrive and be healthy. Our desire is to have open communication with you about what that looks like: handwritten letters and photos, calls, periodic visits - all based on what level of comfort we all have together. Regardless of what we determine together with you, please know that you will hold a place of honor in our household.

**Childcare plans:** We both have jobs that offer great flexibility. Alyssa is planning to work a few weekday mornings from home & is off on Friday; but Kyle's parents will assist however needed during work hours Mon – Thurs.



# IN CLOSING

Thank you for considering us, we don't take a moment of it for granted.



We cannot promise to always get things right on this journey (we are 100% human), but we can promise that we will always seek the best interest of your/our child. We promise to always champion their unique voice and to surround them with family and friends who will support them in all things. **We promise to always speak of you with the honor and love that you deserve, because you already do hold a special place in our hearts.**

**BLESSINGS AND  
PEACE TO YOU,**

**Kyle and Alyssa**

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