



MIKE & BETHANY

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HELLO

Thank you so much for considering us as you walk through this incredibly brave and selfless journey. We can only imagine the weight of the decisions before you, and we want you to know how much we admire your strength, courage, and love. Our hearts have been praying for you and this precious baby for a long time, even before we knew your name. The fact that you're taking the time to learn more about our family means the world to us, and we are honored and deeply grateful to be part of your consideration.

Through these pages, we hope you've gotten a glimpse into the love, laughter, and connection that fill our home every day. Our relationship is built on a foundation of faith and we are excited to grow our family through adoption. We are surrounded by an incredible community of supportive grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and lifelong friends who are all ready to pour love and encouragement into this child's life. They've been walking alongside us with open hearts and open arms, already cheering for the day this little one joins our family.

Adoption is such a sacred gift—one that we do not take lightly. We believe it is a beautiful way to build a family, and we are humbled by the possibility of being entrusted with this child's future. Should you choose us, please know that they will grow up knowing how deeply they are loved—not just by us, but by you. We will honor your story and your love in the way we raise them. Thank you, truly, for considering us to be part of such a meaningful and life-changing decision.

WITH LOVE



OUR STORY

We met online in 2013. At the time, Bethany was working as a teacher in Palm Coast, FL, and Mike was a professor at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Mike's sense of humor and Bethany's kindness quickly drew us to one another, combined with a mutual love for the Lord and a strong Christian faith. Within a year of meeting, we were married, and Bethany moved to Gainesville. While we don't have family in town, we've built a strong support network through our church, and our friends have truly become our local family. We love exploring nearby state parks and visiting museums in surrounding cities. We welcomed our first daughter, Ellie Grace, in 2016. A year later, Sophia joined our family in 2017, and Madeleine arrived in 2022. Bethany now stays at home with Madeleine and volunteers at the older girls' school. Mike has a flexible job that allows him to work from home most of the year. We still love to explore, but these days, our adventures often include playgrounds, amusement parks, and other fun family activities that bring joy to our girls.

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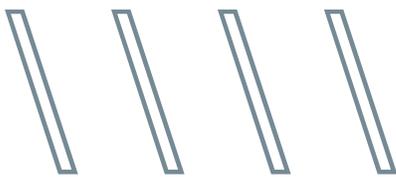
MEET BETHANY





Stay at Home Mom

I grew up in Minnesota with my parents and three sisters. We loved playing sports all year round and traveling to see grandparents, aunts, and uncles. I love reading and being creative, whether with baking and cooking, or with painting and crafting! I stay active and workout and take walks most days, but also love relaxing with my family at the end of the day. I used to be a teacher and love working with kids. I'm still very active volunteering at my kids' school and love helping kids reach their potential.



M I K E
S A Y S

Bethany is an amazingly sweet, kind, and patient woman. She pours herself into our family, our church, and volunteering at our girls' school. She goes out of her way to show love to people in need, whether it be a crying child, an upset student, or a teenager at church. She has a strong faith in Christ, and constantly reminds those around her of His great love for them. She truly makes our house into a home where all of us feel comfortable and relaxed.





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MEET MIKE





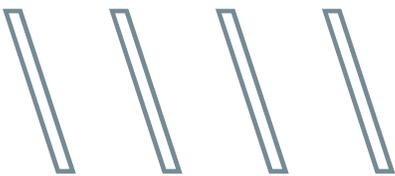
Professor and Empirical Tax Researcher

I'm a Florida native, born on the gulf coast. My parents raised me to work hard, help people, and to be generous. Growing up, my dad and I would go camping and fishing as well as watch documentaries and Star Trek. I'm passionate about learning new things by reading, listening to podcasts, or visiting museums - history, theology, business, and naval technology all interest me. During the week, I love picking my girls up from school and helping them with homework. During weekends, I like exploring our city with our girls, experiencing nature, or driving to see something new. My job is wonderfully flexible and stable, I get paid to research questions I find interesting and teach students useful skills.



BETHANY
SAYS

The first time I met Mike I thought that I had never met anyone so funny and considerate. 12 years later and I still agree. Mike is so thoughtful and the most generous person I know, both with his resources and with his time. He goes out of his way to spend time with me and the kids, creating memories out of simple experiences. He is such a wonderful father, spending individual time with each of our three daughters and his love for them is evident to everyone who meets him.





MEET OUR FAMILY

Ellie Grace is our oldest daughter. She has a very creative and curious mind. She loves to learn new things and is always asking how things work and why things are the way that they are. Ellie Grace loves playing with her sisters and spending time outside exploring our yard. She loves reading and is always ready to play a board game with the family! Ellie Grace is a great swimmer and loves going to the neighborhood pool after school, on weekends, and all summer long.

Sophia is our second born daughter and is such a fun and sweet girl! She is incredibly generous and caring. If there is a younger child around Sophia is the first to volunteer to play with them and take care of them. Sophia loves to learn and you can usually find her reading a new book. She is so kind to her sisters and loves to play with them. She loves to snuggle up with mom or dad to watch a movie or just to talk about the day.

Madeleine is our youngest daughter and is incredibly flexible, ready to go with the flow of the family. She loves talking to people and meeting new friends. She loves playing outside with the water table and sprinkler. Madeleine also loves playing with her baby dolls and wants to be with her sisters as much as possible.

Marty is our Maltese Poodle and is a really calm and gentle dog. He is 13 years old and loves to be around the family.
Ella is our cat, she is 5 years old and loves to lie in the sun and sleep.





FAMILY FUN & TRADITIONS

- Every Sunday after church we get ice cream! The girls go with their dad and get to pick out a treat to close out the weekend before the school week starts again.
- Each Christmas we decorate our house together starting in November! We love watching Christmas movies and driving around to look at Christmas lights.
- Every summer we travel to Minnesota where Bethany's family has a house on the Mississippi River to see extended family and enjoy the beautiful weather.
- Throughout the year, we visit Mike's parents near Tampa and take the girls to the beach.

OUR VALUES

At the heart of our family is love—the kind of love that seeks the good of others, even when it comes at a cost to ourselves. We believe this is the greatest calling we’ve been given. God asks us to love Him and to love our neighbors, and we strive to live that out each day. We teach our girls about love through daily Bible time, prayer, and regularly attending church as a family. Whether we’re dropping them off at school or tucking them in at night, we remind them, “I love you—and remember, Jesus loves you even more!” Our love as parents isn’t perfect, but we rest in the deep and unwavering love that Christ has for us. We also deeply value generosity—giving our time, talents, and resources to care for others. We believe that because God has blessed us richly, we are called to share that blessing. One way we help our daughters grow in this is through their allowance, which we divide into three parts: spend, save, and give. It’s a simple but meaningful way to help them learn that generosity can be a joyful part of everyday life.





OUR HOME &

In 2021, we bought our dream home. We love our 2 story home, sitting on a half acre and adjacent to a nature easement, it is the perfect blend of a suburban home with a private nature feel. In our 3000 sq ft house we have 4 bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms, and 3 living spaces where we enjoy family time. Our master bedroom has plenty of space for a newborn until they are ready to move to the nursery. Our house has many options for adding extra bedrooms or office spaces in the future as our family continues to grow. We have a creek on one side of our property where our kids can catch minnows and tadpoles while searching for sharks teeth. We have a large fenced in backyard with swings, a climbing dome, and a ninja course where our kids love to play. We have a firepit and love to roast hot dogs and marshmallows in the colder months. We see lots of wildlife such as deer, foxes, and turtles and always keep our eyes out for new creatures.

We have a wonderful community, large enough to support a diverse group of people without the headache of larger cities like traffic or crime. It is home to the University of Florida, where Mike teaches. We are fortunate to have a large variety of activities and events for families. Our kids enjoy going to the University sporting events like gymnastics, football, soccer, and basketball. Every Halloween, the kids love getting dressed up and going trick-or-treating on campus! We love going to the zoo in town and exploring the Natural History Museum with its butterfly garden. We have several state parks nearby and multiple nature preserves we like to explore, including Paynes Prairie which has the only wild herd of buffalo east of the Mississippi. Between our church, Mike's work, and our daughter's school, we have a wonderful and loving community surrounding us.

COMMUNITY





PARENTING & ADOPTION

Being a parent is a privilege and we don't take our role lightly. We raise our kids to know that they are God's children, are created in His image, and are loved by Him. We teach them about God's Word through reading the Bible nightly as a family and going to church weekly. We strive to submit all of our parenting practices to Scripture so that we can glorify our Father in Heaven. Each kid is unique and we believe it is our duty to sustain a stable home where our kids can grow, learn, and thrive. We strive to equip our kids with the necessary skills to be able to flourish later as adults. We are excited to grow our family through adoption and maintaining an open relationship with you is very important to us. We want our child to be proud of their story, knowing that God is directing their life at every step.





Mother's Name:
Bethany

Occupation:
Stay at home mom

Education:
Bachelor's of Education

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
06/25/89

Hair Color:
Brown

Eye Color:
Brown

Height:
5' 10"



Father's Name:
Mike

Occupation:
Empirical Tax Researcher, Professor

Education:
Bachelors, Masters, and PhD in Accounting

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
07/16/85

Hair Color:
Blonde

Eye Color:
Blue

Height:
6' 0"

FAMILY INFORMATION

Date of marriage:
07/12/2014

Children:

Ellie Grace (born 2016), Sophia (born 2017), and Madeleine (born 2022) are our three daughters. They love to play together and spend time as a family. They all love playing outside, swimming in the neighborhood pool, and having movie nights at home.

Interest and Hobbies:

Mike and Bethany love to explore our city and state. We enjoy taking the girls to our neighborhood pool and visiting family.

Home:

We live in a cul-de-sac in a quiet neighborhood without thru-traffic. We have a large, two story home set in the woods with plenty of privacy. We have wonderful neighbors with grandchildren who love to play with our kids.

Pets:

We have a dog named Marty and a cat named Ella. Both love snuggling on the couch and eating food that our daughters spill on the ground.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption:

We have always loved the idea of adoption and have been blessed with the ability to provide for another child. Bethany's pregnancies were difficult yet we believe that God isn't done building our family. We have seen the beautiful impact adoption has for children and are humbled to be able to welcome a child into our family.

Openness to birthparent(s):

We are committed to maintaining an open and loving relationship with you. We believe that this child will be blessed by having this transparency and honesty.

Childcare plans:

Bethany stays home and takes care of the children. Mike has a very flexible job, only teaching one semester a year, and qualifies for 8 weeks of paternity leave. We have a large support net in Gainesville and beyond if situations arise that we need extra help.



BEFORE YOU GO

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family. We can't imagine what you're going through as you make this brave and selfless decision, but we pray that you will be confident in the knowledge that this child will be loved and cherished unconditionally by us. Our hope is to guide this child to know and love the Lord, embracing who God created them to be, so they can find their purpose and positively impact others. We deeply care about nurturing this child's heart and will make sure they always feel the love of their entire family, growing into someone who loves others generously and wholeheartedly.