

A photograph of a man and a woman standing outdoors. The man, on the left, is wearing a light-colored button-down shirt over a white t-shirt and jeans. The woman, on the right, is wearing an orange short-sleeved top and a maroon skirt. They are both smiling and looking at the camera. The background is a blurred natural setting with trees and foliage.

BRANDON
& LAURA

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Dear expectant mother,

Greetings from sunny Southern California!

We are Brandon and Laura, and we live in Riverside, CA with our daughter, Emma. Our family is very caring, loving, and compassionate, but most of all we love to be playful, funny, and laugh with each other often. Our home is filled with laughter, love, and plenty of silly moments. Beyond that, we love being outdoors, making memories together, and finding joy in both the big adventures and the simple everyday moments. We don't take ourselves too seriously and feel that life is meant to be lighthearted, fun, playful, and enjoyed with friends and family.

We want to thank you for taking the steps toward your child's adoption as we know it is a selfless and courageous decision to make. There are plenty of adoptive families out there, so we hope that you find comfort in knowing that whoever you choose, your child will grow up in a loving and supportive home. We hope that during your adoption process you are able to find a family that can provide the best life that you would want to see your child grow up in. We want to let you know that we are praying for you as you take the time to decide what is the best decision for you and your child. Know that God has a plan for all of us, your story matters to Him, and that He loves you no matter what your decision is.

Brandon & Laura



OUR STORY

meet us



Our wedding day!

Our love story started in a modern way—we met on a dating app, just like many couples today. What made our story special wasn't how we met, but how quickly we knew we had found our forever person. We met in January 2021, got engaged in February 2022, and were married in September 2022.

What drew us to one another initially was our love for our families and how we both enjoyed spending time with our families and close friends. Another thing was our love for football. Brandon is a Charger's fan and Laura is a Broncos' fan which means we are a house divided. We still love each other even through football season and when our teams play each other. Music is another thing that we share together, and we enjoy going to concerts together and/or with family and friends.

Some of our biggest moments in our marriage so far have been having our daughter and buying our first house. We had to figure out how to be first time parents along with first time homeowners, and though it was hard, we enjoyed it and are still enjoying every moment that we spend together as a family.

Other things we like to do together as a family are going to Disneyland, exploring our new city, and spending time with family and friends.



At a Broncos vs. Chargers game



**Us at the OC fair and
concert**



Us at church on Easter Sunday

OUR *family's* VALUES

Our family anthem is "I want you to want me" by Letters to Cleo. Our daughter always says "I want you" when she wants her mom or dad. When she says that, we always bust out into song singing "I want you to want me, I need you to need me, I love you to love me" then she makes us put on "her" song and we all rock out. We also love listening to worship music aka "Jesus music", Disney songs, and country music. This leads into what we value most as a family, and it is as simple as love, respect, and playfulness. While we definitely focus on having a healthy, loving relationship within our family, at the center of that is enjoying the times playing, laughing, and doing silly things together. Emma is at the age where she just loves being a goofball, and we embrace that and go right along with it.

Our faith is one of the foundations for our family. Without our faith, we would have crumbled while we were going through a rough time after we had our daughter. During the C-section delivery the OB had to do an emergency hysterectomy which was a devastating moment for both of us. What got us through it was having faith that God wasn't done writing our story and that one day He would provide the perfect addition to our family to make it complete. Prayer is a big part of our life - we teach our daughter how to pray throughout the day for different things, we read our Bible, and do Bible studies and devotionals. Also, when we are having a rough time or just not a fun day, we will put on some worship music and let God change the course of our day.



Us at Brandon's parents' cabin

LAURA

about me

I grew up in Orange County, CA and loved growing up there. I always felt like there was so much to do in our area: we have the beach, theme parks, tons of shopping malls, and coffee shops. When I was a teenager and had my license I loved looking for new beach spots and new coffee shops; I would grab a coffee and go exploring. I am still kind of the same way now. I love going to new coffee shops and going exploring, except now I am exploring new places to take my daughter in the city we live in. I do have a love for coffee and going to coffee shops, but I also love putting some worship music on and trying new coffee syrup experiments at home. I love being able to curl up on the couch with my coffee and read my latest Bible study or listen to one of the many podcasts I listen to. My life can be a bit busy with a toddler running around so most of my time is spent at home playing with her or being a homemaker. I feel like it was my calling in life to be a mom and a homemaker. I take joy in raising my daughter and making our home cozy, clean, and nurturing. When I do get some free time I like to spend it doing some self-care things like at-home facials, mani's and pedi's, or curling up in bed to watch a movie with my favorite snacks...hot cheetos and gummy bears.



Laura

fun facts

FAVORITE HOBBY

Crafting - making things on my cricut, embroidery, kids art projects

FAVORITE ITEM TO COLLECT

Antiques

FAVORITE PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD

Disneyland

FAVORITE COMFORT FOOD

Mac and Cheese

FAVORITE HOLIDAY

Tie between Halloween and Christmas

FAVORITE SATURDAY MORNING ACTIVITY

Watching cartoons with my family while drinking my coffee



Laura and Emma at Disneyland

MY WIFE LAURA

by Brandon

LOVING,
CREATIVE,
PASSIONATE



Laura and Emma at the lake

What made me fall in love with my wife is her personality and watching her interact with her nephews and niece. I love the passion that she puts into all of those important people in her life. My wife is very caring, loving, passionate, understanding, faithful, and charismatic. She is also very loving, playful, and reasonable when it comes to raising our daughter. She is very calm and learns to keep a calm demeanor when our daughter is struggling or unhappy. She is very involved and creative when playing and thinking of all sorts of activities to do with our daughter or even little craft projects for herself as she recently took on embroidery. Everything I have already listed above is what I would want the adoptive mother to know about my wife. She puts all her love and passion into providing a fun, playful, exciting, caring, and loving life when it comes to raising our children.



Getting haircuts!

BRANDON

about me

I grew up in Upland, CA with my parents and older brother (4 years older than me). I loved to play sports and just play outside with all the neighborhood kids. Something that I enjoy doing nowadays is just getting lost in a certain project. This may include building something for my family or for someone else. This applies a lot to woodworking projects and building something with my own hands. Today in my professional career, I feel like I was called to my current job simply because I enjoy structural engineering and helping to build the community around me. The reason I am passionate for my current job is that the buildings that I work on include hospitals, utility companies, schools, etc. that truly have a huge impact on the community around me. This also leads into my passion outside of work. Since I am typically in the office and working on the computer, this lead me to enjoying doing activities with my hands and building things myself. For my free time, with all the fast pace of life nowadays, I just like to relax, spending time with my wife and daughter and doing something fun and/or exploring new places that we haven't been before. I also enjoy spending time with family and friends, creating memories and building our relationships with our loved ones.



Brandon

fun facts

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT

Lake Havasu

FAVORITE PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD

Disneyland

FAVORITE HOBBY

Woodworking

FAVORITE DESSERT

Cheesecake

FAVORITE COMFORT FOOD

Chili

FAVORITE SATURDAY MORNING ACTIVITY

Watching a show in bed with my family



Pumpkin Patch Petting Zoo

MY HUSBAND BRANDON

by Laura

**CARING,
SUPPORTIVE,
UNDERSTANDING**

The thing that made me fall in love with my husband was seeing him interact with my nephews and niece. When he first met them he just jumped right in and started playing with them and had a genuine interaction with them. He really showed that he cared about them. He is the fun uncle and he is a fun dad as well. He enjoys playing with our daughter even when she makes him dress up and have tea parties. My husband is a strong, patient, and fun loving man that really wants to take care of his family. I love how my husband is so easygoing and can go with the flow of things. This really helps to balance me out since I am a planner and like to know things ahead of time. My husband is a hard worker and wants to provide for his family, and not just work, or provide for us financially, but to provide for us emotionally and relationally by spending time with us and being understanding of the emotions that comes from living with girls. He is an amazing dad and husband!



**Brandon and Emma in
Tennessee**



**Playing with our remote
control car**

meet

EMMA

AFFECTIONATE,
IMAGINATIVE,
PLAYFUL



Our little girl is a full-on girly girl. She loves all things pink, barbie, and princess. She loves to play dress up (literally changing dresses every 5, 10, 20 minutes), pretend play with her barbies, dolls and little figurines, and play outside in her playhouse or swing. She is a girly girl, but still loves playing with her boy cousins, driving remote control cars, playing with monster trucks, and playing all kinds of sports with her boy cousins. She loves playing with other children like her friends from church or our next-door neighbors' kids. Emma enjoys being around other children, so having a younger sibling to play with would be a dream come true to her. She has already started practicing being a big sister with her baby dolls and learning to be gentle and caring.

OUR DOG, DAISY



We have one dog - her name is Daisy. She is 9 years old and a rescue from iCare dog rescue. Laura rescued Daisy when she was 7 months old. She has been a good dog with some little quirks. Daisy has always loved Emma, and when she was a baby, Daisy would cuddle up with her on her blanket and snuggle with her. Now, Daisy really loves Emma since she has snacks all the time and always drops something on the floor for Daisy to get. Daisy has never snapped or bit anyone ever, but she will growl when she feels she is not safe, or if Emma is too rough with her. Daisy can/has endured a lot with Emma like pulling ears and tails and has never showed any aggression.

OUR HOME SWEET HOME



We just moved to Riverside, California a couple years ago. Since moving here we just recently started going out into our new city and finding fun things to do. Our neighborhood is tucked back into the hills so we feel like we are away from the hustle and bustle of the city, but it's still only 10 minutes to get to our local shopping centers. We enjoy going out for adventure walks or golf cart rides with our neighbors to explore our neighborhood. Since our home is located just on the outskirts of the city and rural areas, we have access to farm fresh produce, eggs, dairy, and local bakers for our breads and pastries. Our daughter participates in a Mommy and Me ballet class at the local dance studio, gymnastics at the local community center, and goes to music for munchkins at our Church. We enjoy going to the local farmers market and local events that Riverside puts on throughout the year. We spend a lot of time with our neighbors who have two kids, as well as some new friends we have made at our local church. Another plus side to living in Riverside is that we are forty-five minutes to an hour away from Orange County and the mountains/Lake Arrowhead which are the two areas where our other friends and family live. We also love that we are forty-five minutes to an hour away from Disneyland, which is one of our favorite places to go as a family and for date nights.



Emma at ballet



**Neighborhood
golf cart ride**



**Matching PJ's with the
neighbor's daughters**



Disneyland with friends



Craft night with Laura's Bible study group



Exploring in TN



Halloween trick or treating



Off roading in the kids ATV



Baking with Nona

OUR *hobbies*

In our free time we try to spend as much time together as a family whether it's just hanging at home or going out to explore our city. We also love to go for bike rides down in Huntington Beach or just go to the beach and play in the water. When we have time, we like to go to Lake Havasu and go boating or off-roading with Laura's family or up to Lake Arrowhead to go boating or hang out at the cabin with Brandon's family. We have Disneyland annual passes so we try to go there 2-3 times a month (mostly just Laura and Emma). Laura enjoys catching up on her TV shows while she works on some kind of project she has going on, currently that is embroidery. When she can, Laura likes to get together with her friends and have girl time and also enjoys catching up on her reading or podcasts. Brandon enjoys tinkering around the house and building things for the house or Emma. He also enjoys barbecuing outside or cooking outside on anything (flat top, grill, smoker, etc.). Brandon also enjoys just relaxing and watching some shows or movies with the family in his downtime.

Beach bike ride



OUR *traditions*

As a family we look forward to planning lots of trips and going somewhere new. Last year we went to Sedona, and this year we are planning a Yosemite trip. We also love to travel to other states like Oregon, Arizona, Tennessee, Colorado, and Illinois. We also look forward to celebrating all the holidays like Halloween and Christmas which are our favorites. We love decorating our house for these holidays and driving around to see other people's Halloween or Christmas decorations. For Halloween we pick a family theme for our costumes, and we all dress up together. December is filled with so many traditions we participate in. After Thanksgiving the Christmas decorations go up and we get a Christmas tree, we decorate the tree together as a family, we bake cookies with Nona (Laura's mom) like Laura did with her mom and grandma when she was little. Also, every December 9th we have a mini celebration for the baby that we lost through a miscarriage where we have cupcakes to celebrate our Angel Baby Wave. All the major holidays are spent with either family or friends. We love celebrating with the ones we love the most.

Friends trip to Sedona



EXTENDED

family

We live pretty close to both sides of our family. It is about 45 minutes to an hour to Orange County where Laura's family lives and Lake Arrowhead area where Brandon's family lives. Since we don't live that far from our families, we see them pretty often. Both families would be very involved in the child's life since most of the time we ask the grandparents or aunts and uncles to babysit when we need a sitter. Brandon's parents will come down to spend time with Emma once a week since they are retired. As for Laura's parents and family, since we used to live in Orange County, Brandon's work is in OC, and our doctors are in OC, so we are often spending time and staying at Laura's parents and spending time with them. We also just love spending time with our families and try to do fun things with them once a month or more. Both of our families are kind, loving, and love to have fun. Both families love watching football, going boating, bike riding, and traveling together.



Laura's family



Christmas with Laura's parents



Disney with Brandon's brother



Brandon's family at Disneyland

ADOPTION &

parenting

We always imagined having two children to complete our family, which is why we want to grow our family through adoption. Since Laura had a partial hysterectomy and is not able to carry a child, we weighed all of our options, and based on our beliefs, decided that adoption would be the best fit for our family. We have so much love to give and would love to be able to share that love with the perfect baby that God has selected for us. We are open to a Caucasian and/or Hispanic race because they are present within our community where the child would be involved and grow up within a community of their own race and culture. Our family's philosophy on parenting is to be caring, nurturing, and loving, but to also allow the child to grow and learn on an individual level. We spend lots of time playing, teaching, and learning with Emma, but also encourage her to play on her own and let her creative side come out all by herself. As for our type of parenting, we practice a grace-filled style of parenting which emphasizes on unconditional love and understanding and helps them learn and grow from their mistakes.

THOUGHTS ON OPENNESS:

We would love nothing more than for you to be a part of the child's life; however, we also want to ensure it is a healthy, positive, fun, and most of all loving relationship. In the beginning, we would prefer to keep it simple and would be open to phone calls, letters, Facetime, etc. As we build our relationship and trust with you, we would be open to visits and becoming closer as an extended family. While this is our preference for a relationship with you, we understand that every expectant parent(s) expectations are different, and we only want a relationship that is best for the child.



Emma is excited be a big sister

FAMILY

information

Date of marriage: 9/24/2022

Children: Emma - born in 2023, biological daughter. She is loving, silly, and a girly girl. She loves all things princesses, Disney, and Barbie but still likes to get dirty playing outside.

Father's Name: Brandon

Occupation: Structural Engineer

Education: Master's in Civil Engineering

Religion: Christian

Date of Birth: 8/20/88



Mother's Name: Laura

Occupation: Stay-at-home mom

Education: Master's in Special Education

Religion: Christian

Date of Birth: 4/7/1990

Interest and hobbies: We both like to spend time together as a family hanging out at home or going out exploring our city. Laura likes to do craft projects like embroidery or creating on her cricket machine, watching her TV shows, reading her bible study, or listening to podcasts. Brandon likes to hang out with Emma since he doesn't get to see her as much as Laura does. He likes to work on projects around the house, catch up on TV shows, and just relax with family and friends.

Home: We have a 2-story house on half of an acre with lots of land for the children to run around and explore. Our house has 4 bedrooms which includes the master bedroom, guest bedroom/office, Emma's room, and our future child's room. Downstairs we have a big playroom setup with a lot of toys for the kids to play with. Our living room has nice big, deep couches perfect for snuggling up together and watching movies. Our neighborhood is tucked back into the hills that gives a secluded feel and has some amazing views of the city and mountains.

Pets: We have Daisy who is a Maltipoo dog. She is a little, 10-pound, white fluffy dog that loves to play and steal snacks from our daughter.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption: We are building our family through adoption since our ability to have children on our own was taken from us when Laura had to have an emergency hysterectomy during her c-section delivery with our daughter. We always thought we would have at least 2 children of our own but that was taken away from us, so we decided to pursue adoption. We have so much love to give and would love to provide a loving, caring, and fun home for another baby.

Childcare plans: Laura is a stay-at-home mom and would be home with both children. We also plan to home school both children as well, because we love the freedom and flexibility that home school offers. With our home school program, we would also join a home school enrichment program that would include a social component to interact with other families that home school and provide support for more difficult subjects.



THANK YOU

We want to thank you for taking the time to read through our profile book. We want you to know that if you do choose us, we will provide a loving, safe, and fun home for your child. We will make sure that your child is well loved, taken care of, and will have an amazing life that will be filled with so much love from our little family, our extended family, and close friends that are practically family. We know that this is a difficult and important decision in your life, and we are praying for all the birth moms that read our book. We want you to make the decision that you feel is right for you and your child.

Brandon & Laura