



Josh + Kate

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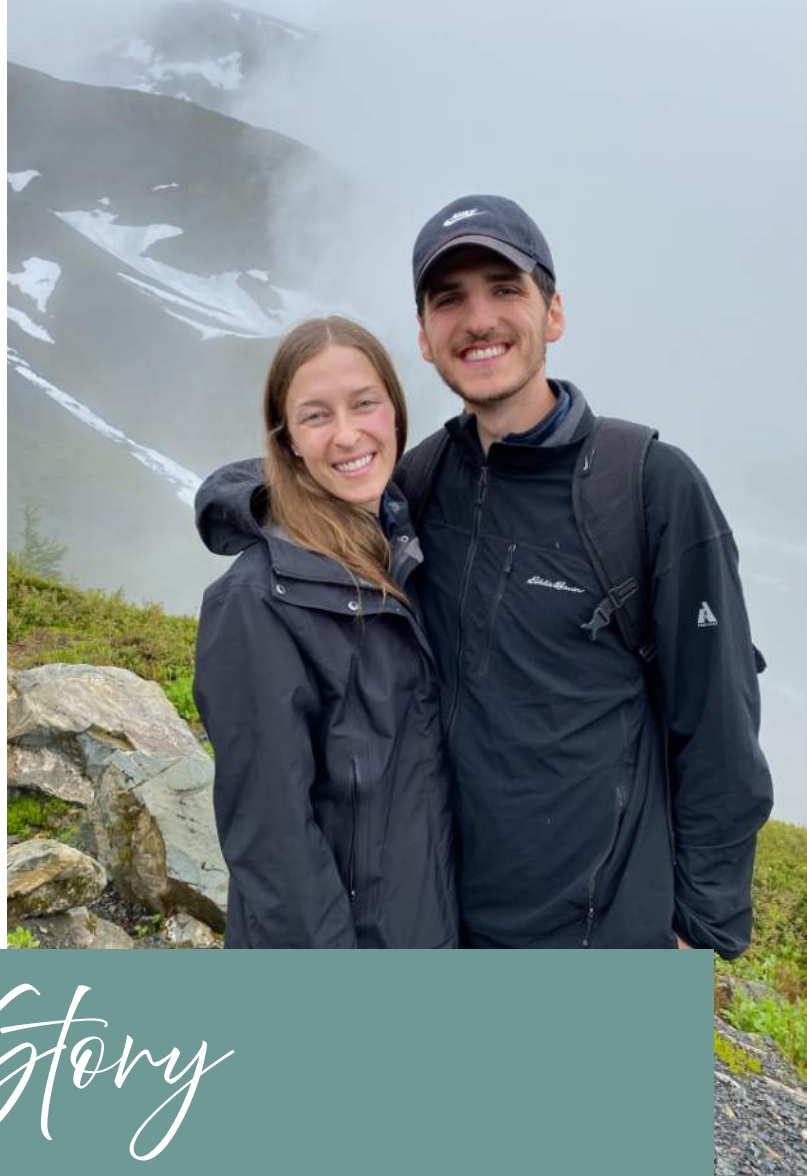
Our names are Josh and Kate. We want to start by thanking you for taking the time to learn more about us. We understand your situation may not be easy, but please know that we are praying for you now, even before meeting you. We are praying for your heart and health, knowing that the decisions you are facing are heavy and important.

Adoption is near to our hearts for a few reasons. One is that Josh's mom was adopted! We are elated to know that the very child God has planned to bless us with already has someone in the family who will be able to relate with them and share about their journeys. Second, there are so many beautiful truths about adoption in the Bible and we are thankful to be a part of it.

We are firm believers that God has a plan for each and every one of us; we are confident in his plan for us to adopt and to grow our family. Any precious little one(s) God places in our home will be loved immensely, not only by us, but also by our church community, dear friends, our parents, and our siblings. We pray that, through this book, you would feel the warmth and love that your baby will experience everyday in our home.

Josh + Kate





Our Story

We met in 2016 at California Baptist University, only thirty minutes from Kate's childhood home. Kate's older brother, Scott, actually introduced us! After a few years of interactions through mutual friends, we had our first date on December 11, 2019. We were married the following July 11, 2020! We were sure of our love for one another and for Jesus Christ.

Josh showed himself to be a gentleman by packing an extra jacket and gloves if Kate got cold, paying for her meal, and opening every door. There is no doubt Josh will be an amazing father, teaching his sons to honor the Lord and respect women, and teaching his daughters what it's like to be treated by a godly man. Kate has shown her love and care for others, always putting their needs before her own. She is fun to be around and is always looking for ways to serve and encourage those around her.

After one year of marriage in California (where Kate was born and raised), we moved to Alaska (where Josh was born and raised). We have enjoyed cooking, baking, reading, spending time with friends, exploring Alaska, beachcombing, and loving on our mini bernedoodle, Dottie. She is kind, gentle, and absolutely adores children. Our friends ask us to bring her over so their children can play with her!

These past few years, we have only grown closer to the Lord and to one another through our struggle of infertility. Although it has been extremely challenging, God has used it to grow and cultivate our marriage. We have grown closer than we could have imagined and are confident God gives us the strength and courage to endure anything we may face.



meet

Kate

My name is Kate :) My full name is Katelynn, but I go by Kate to those who are closest to me. I have two brothers, one older and one younger. I was a swimmer from third grade into college. I enjoyed spending time with my friends and my brothers. I went to concerts, swam and played at the beach, surfed, and read books. I really enjoyed going to Dodger baseball games with my dad.

I grew up in Corona, California and had never envisioned leaving, let alone to Alaska. However, I love it! It has stretched me to try new things, like hiking, exploring, and finding hobbies to do during the winter. Many of my friends have children of their own, so Josh and I help by providing meals when they have a newborn or babysitting if they need a date night! I love spending my time with my friends, reading, crafting, baking, and walking my dog, Dottie! She has been a joy for us in these past few years. She is gentle, sweet, cuddly and thoroughly enjoys babies and children. For me, being a mom was never a question of if it would happen, but rather of when. I've always wanted to love, nurture, and raise children up to be thankful, joyful, loving people.

Joshua says

Kate is a kind, fun-loving, and empathetic woman. Each one of her relationships is a testament to the fact that she is a joy to be around. She not only serves her friends well, but she serves her church well through greeting and children's ministry. Kate has truly adopted Alaska as her new home and has gone from a "Cali Girl" to an "Alaska Girl"! I am so thankful that Kate is not only a fun and kind wife, but she is also an amazing cook and baker. So often after a hard day of work, I look forward to nothing more than eating the delicious meal she has prepared. I know Kate will be a fantastic mom because she loves people well and already connects with her friends' little ones. I know the moment she is able to adopt a child into our family, she is going to be the best mom I could ever imagine.





meet *Josh*

My name is Joshua, but I go by Josh. I was born in Anchorage, Alaska and raised by kind and loving parents. I have one sister who was my best friend growing up. I spent most of my time playing in the woods as a kid and in the mountains as a teenager. My parents instilled in me hard work, honesty, kindness, and a love for the outdoors and basketball. Once I graduated high school I attended California Baptist University where I got my Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. Since then, I have worked for the United States Navy and in Healthcare Construction. I still carry my love of basketball today through coaching the local high school team and running a basketball ministry for the community each week. I would love to be a father because I desire to raise children who love Jesus, love others, and make an impact on those around them. I hope my fun-loving nature, my love for sports, and my love for the outdoors are picked up by my kids because I want them to enjoy their childhood as much as I did!

Kate says

Josh is amazing! Although, I may be a little biased. He is kind to everyone he meets and is intentional when getting to know them. He treats me very well and I am blessed to call him my husband. He is godly, funny, smart, and reliable. He is a fantastic cook and helpful around the house. Josh has proved himself to be amazing with kids: he has loved and supported our nieces and nephews, serves with me in the kids ministry at church, and is an incredible example to our friends' children. They all love him and when they see me they ask, "Where's Josh?" I think that speaks for itself!



Home Sweet HOME

We live in a three-story home in Alaska. Our backyard is fenced in and has grass and trees. Our home is located near a gorgeous trail system known as the Coastal Trail. We've taken Dottie on walks there and in the winter, when the lake is frozen, we run her around and watch people while they ice skate and play hockey. We have often ridden our bikes down and back (22 miles) enjoying the scenery and wildlife (i.e. belugas, moose, bald eagles). The views are breathtaking and we are grateful to live nearby.

Anchorage has been ranked one of the most ethnically diverse neighborhoods in the nation, and there is quite a bit to do! We have theaters, parks, museums, sight-seeing, national parks, pools, etc. Coming from California and having enjoyed the ocean growing up, Kate was very pleased to see that both the mountains and the ocean surrounded the city. The sunsets are impeccable and the air is so fresh.



Our home



Lake with some otters!



Building our fence



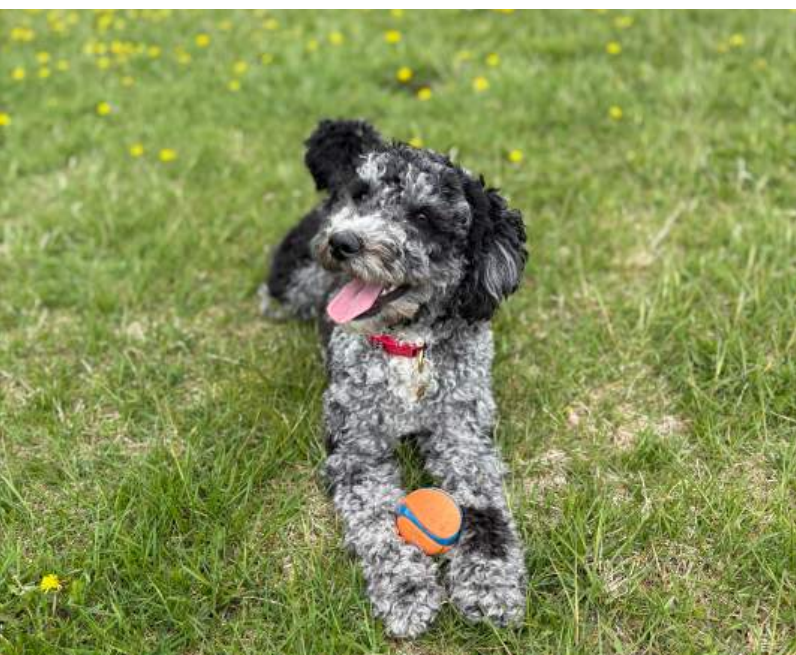
Lake near house



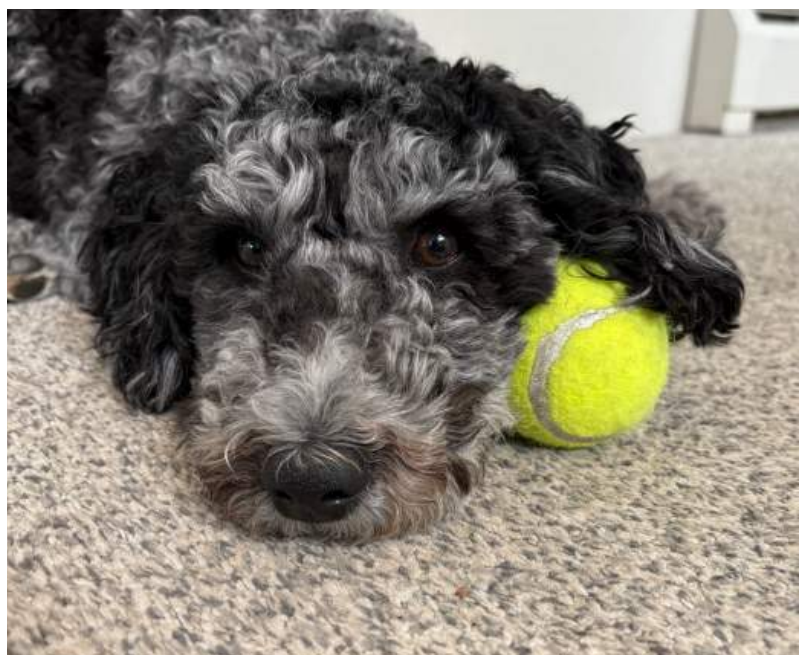
Beach near our house



Dottie



Playing fetch



Dottie and her ball



The three of us!

We have an adorable little bernedoodle named Dottie. She is the sweetest and most fun-loving pet. She is always up for an adventure and has truly helped us get outside more during the winter. The snow is her favorite thing to play in! She is cuddly and gentle.

VALUES & *Traditions*

Thankfully, we have an amazing support system here. We have many friends who are not only excited for us to grow our family, but who have stated their joy and willingness to help us along the way. Josh's parents are in town and are excited to love on and care for any children we are blessed with. Kate's parents are in California in her childhood home. They visit often, but it's also nice to go there and see where Kate grew up. Kate has two brothers who are both married, the older one has four children. Josh has one sister who is married with two stepchildren and with one on the way. We are very close with our siblings, we talk to them almost weekly.

The main people we rely on for support are our parents and friends. We have deep rooted friendships with other couples who have the same values and faith as us. These friends will definitely take on aunt and uncle roles as Josh and I have with their children! Our children will have many other kids to play with, some of which are of different ethnicities.



Josh's Family



Kate's Family

Family VALUES



Josh's Parents



Family Wedding



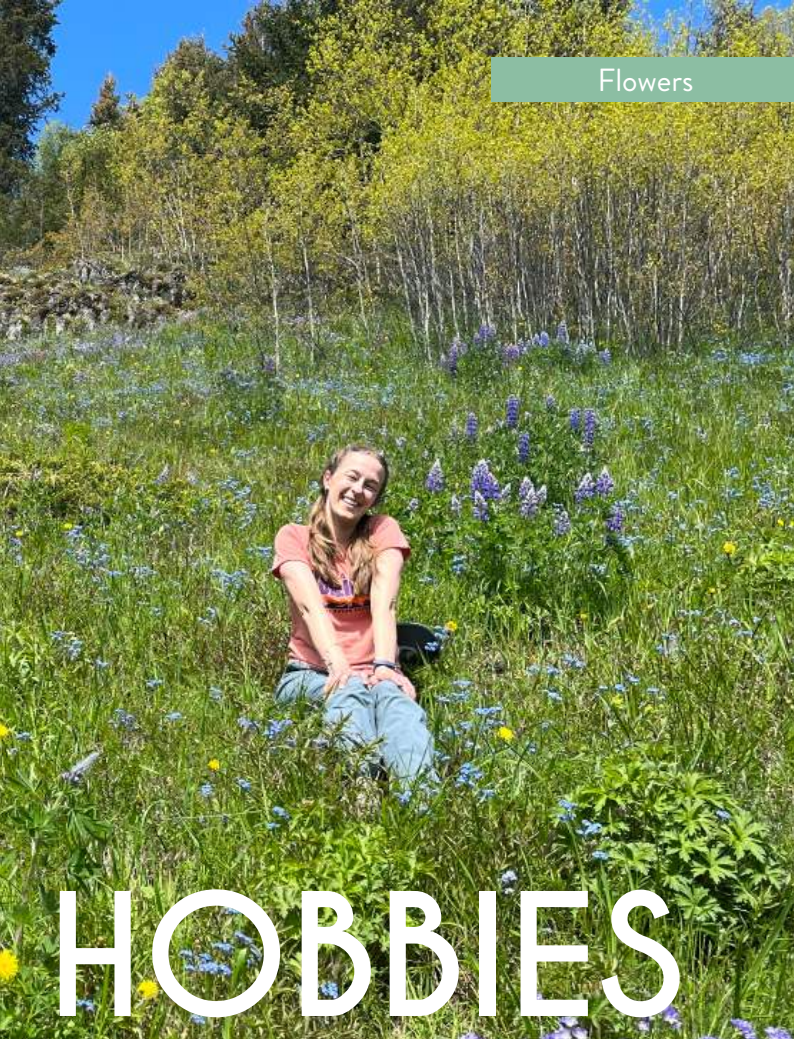
Kate's Family

Our faith is very important to us. We believe it is vital for both our individual growth and for our growth as a couple. God has worked in both of our hearts over the years, especially during the years of infertility. Kate was told she may never have biological children due to her endometriosis. God has blessed her with a solid support system and with joy and strength.

We value family time and hospitality. We make meals for those who are hurting in the church or welcoming a new baby into their home. We will teach them how important it is to treat others kindly and to love unconditionally, as our Good Heavenly Father has graciously loved us. We desire for our children to believe and know that God loves them. We want them to know their worth is not dependent on what they achieve in life but on what Jesus did on the cross to forgive us of our sins.

Every Sunday after church we go to Josh's parents house for brunch and games. Dottie loves running around with his parents' sweet dog, Miska.

Flowers



HOBBIES

+ Activities

We love hiking, biking, baking, cooking, reading, playing board games, and making each other laugh! We both participated in multiple sports growing up, which taught us perseverance, commitment, and endurance. We try to take a vacation each year, so this is something our children will be able to experience with us! Josh has gone on two mission trips to Malaysia and one to Guatemala. Kate went on mission trips to Thailand, Spain, and Bangladesh. We both love caring for people and reminding them of their value.

Something specific that has brought us joy here in Alaska is bringing a blanket and snacks to a beautiful scenic spot and reading or listening to a book. We love to feel the sun on our face, the breeze in our hair, and hear the water splashing on the rocks. We also enjoy taking Dottie on hikes; she thrives being outside!

Coaching



Glacier



Camping



Coastal Trail



Time together



We love dancing!

Adoption + Parenting

We believe the goal of parenting is to raise children up to love the Lord and to love others. We will teach them what it means to endure, commit, be kind, and work hard. We will pray for them always, as we have already started doing.

We desire for our children to learn the importance of being confident, caring, and impactful to their community.

We've spent a lot of time reflecting and praying about what openness could look like in our adoption journey. It's deeply important to us that the birth family feels valued and connected. Our desire is to build a meaningful, respectful relationship that feels natural and supportive for everyone involved. We truly believe that openness about the birth family is a beautiful way to give the child a deeper understanding of where they come from and how deeply they are loved by everyone.



Hiking



Baseball!



Strolling together



Father's Name:
Joshua (Josh)

Occupation:
Project Manager

Education:
Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
1996

Hair Color:
Black

Eye Color:
Hazel

Height
6' 5"



Mother's Name:
Katelynn (Kate)

Occupation:
Registered Nurse

Education:
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
1994

Hair Color:
Dirty Blonde

Eye Color:
Green

Height:
5' 8"

Family Information

Date of marriage: 2020

Children: We have yet to experience the blessing of children.

Interest and hobbies: Josh loves helping others, being active, and being outdoors. He has a fun, adventurous spirit and has helped Kate learn more about hiking and frisbee golfing. Josh loves learning and, because of this, is very intelligent. He coached the boys high school basketball team this year at the school where he went to school for K-12. Kate was able to go to the games and support him from the stands! She also has immense joy baking for others - the players would do anything for her chocolate chip cookies! Kate is a former collegiate swimmer and has enjoyed participating in the city's triathlon where she can still race in the water. She loves crafting with her friends and reading books. We're thankful to live near many trails, lakes, rivers, and friends.

Home: We live in a quiet neighborhood in a cozy three-bedroom, three-bathroom home. It's a warm and welcoming space with plenty of room to grow our family. It gets plenty of natural sunlight and has a beautiful view of the trees and sunsets in the backyard. We enjoy hosting book clubs, bible studies, sport nights, and craft nights! One of our favorite things about this home is being a short drive from family and friends. It is so easy to share dinners, celebrate milestones, and spend quality time together during the week.

Pets: We adore our sweet dog, Dottie. She's a mini bernedoodle with a friendly personality and a big heart. She seems to always be wagging her tail and ready to cuddle or play. She's especially gentle around children and loves being part of the action. One of her favorite parts of the day is going on walks or to the park where we throw the ball for her. We've never seen her more happy than when she's chasing down a ball!

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption: Kate was diagnosed with endometriosis at the beginning of our marriage. The provider told us we may never have children of our own. We had both talked about adoption being a part of our future, but after years of trying to get pregnant, God put adoption to the forefront of our hearts. We would be honored to be chosen by a birth family to love and parent their child. We are thankful to be considered and for the opportunity to grow our family of two!

Openness to birthparent(s): We've spent a lot of time reflecting and praying about what openness could look like in our adoption journey. It's deeply important to us that the birth family feels valued and connected. We hope to share updates—through photos, letters, or emails—as the child grows. Our desire is to build a meaningful, respectful relationship that feels natural and supportive for everyone involved. We truly believe that openness about the birth family is a beautiful way to give the child a deeper understanding of where they come from and how deeply they are loved by everyone.

Childcare plans: Kate will be the primary caregiver for the child, becoming a stay-at-home-mother when the time comes. Josh's mother will babysit. She lives close to us and is a wonderful, godly woman! Kate also has many friends who share babysitting amongst one another, as we love each other's children dearly.



We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking the time to learn about our family. Thank you for considering us - we would be honored to be able to spend the rest of our lives loving this child.

We cannot imagine what you are feeling, but we hope you can find peace knowing this child will be unconditionally loved and cherished in our home. Regardless of your decision, we want you to know how much we respect and admire the strong woman you are.

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