



Amy & Cole

2100719

HELLO

We really appreciate you taking the time to learn more about us through this book. Adoption has had a big part in our family and hearts as three of our nieces and nephews were also adopted. We have been so blessed by their additions to our family and couldn't imagine our lives without them. Our hearts are so thrilled with the thought of growing our family through this process and seeing what God has in store. We can't pretend to know the courage and strength it takes to go through this process, but we have been diligently praying for you. No matter what path you choose, we admire you deeply and hold you in our hearts with so much respect.

As you get to know us better, we pray you feel the immense love we have for each other, our children, and future children through the pages of this book. Our home overflows with love and laughter and an eager support system of family that would welcome your child with open arms.

We thank you for considering us,

WITH GRATITUDE,

Amy + Cole

Our Story

Our story started in 2006. Being only eight and nine years old, we never imagined a third grade crush between two kids would turn into the love story it is today. We confessed our “love” for each other when we were just 13 and 14. Both of our families were very close friends and spent lots of time hanging out together and getting to know one another better. After five years of dating and having just graduated high school, Cole proposed and we got married the following year. We got to say our “I Dos” in Cole’s backyard under an oak tree we spent many summers playing under. After moving to our current town, we settled in and welcomed our first son, Clark, into the world a few days after our 2nd wedding anniversary. We then welcomed our second son, Hays, into the world two and a half years after that. We are so thankful the Lord brought us together and allowed us to grow up together, grow a friendship, and grow our love over these past 19 years.





meet

Amy

Stay at Home Mom

Growing up, my family bounced around the United States and moved frequently for my Dad's job. I absolutely loved getting to see new places, meet new people, and build a close bond with my parents and brother. This experience really instilled the importance of family and community deep within me. With my roots now strongly established in Texas, I have found so much joy and passion for opening our home for hosting family and friends. Whether it's birthday parties, football games, small groups within our church, or just family night dinners, I enjoy all aspects of setting a table, creating beautiful floral arrangements, and feeding the people I love most. I also enjoy reading, sewing, painting and gardening. Above all, I hope to showcase Christ's love and willingness to serve to anyone who enters our home.

Favorites

Movie: Clueless

Food: French Fries

Sport: Basketball

Candy: Peanut Butter Cups

Sports Team: Sacramento Kings

Cole says

Amy's heart is overjoyed by serving others. The way she cares for me and our kids is unmatched. She has turned our house into a home that I look forward to coming home to every evening. She is creative and intentional and loves to celebrate people. She will take any small accomplishment and turn it into a reason to bake a cake or put up a hand-painted banner to show her support for the people she loves. She always jokes that she got to start her dream job when we had our first son and she got to stay home with him. I believe that's true. I genuinely see the fulfillment and love she has doing what she feels God has always called her to do.





meet

Cole

Construction Manager

Growing up in a family with seven kids, my childhood was family oriented, loud, and fun. I grew up in the country and spent most of my days fishing and exploring. My siblings and I are extremely close and still do an annual trip with all my brothers. Most of my childhood hobbies are still things I enjoy today with the addition of running relay races, playing basketball, and watching movies. I am a very detail oriented person and get to utilize that strength in my job. I love managing a construction site and watching the stages of a home come together to make a client's vision come to life. I love to serve at church on the set up team and volunteer for a home building non-profit organization in my area.

Favorites

Movie: Avengers - End Game

Food: Fried Chicken

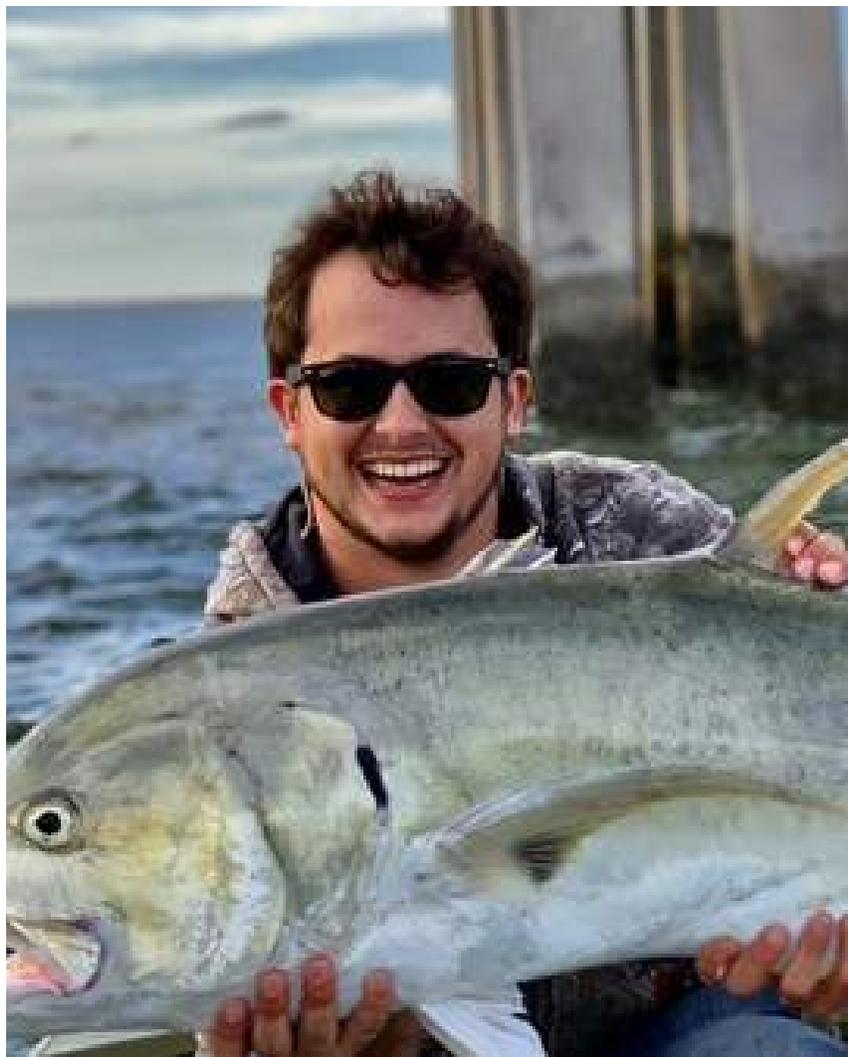
Sport: Golf

Candy: Skittles

Sports Team: Houston Rockets

Amy says

Being highschool sweethearts, I have gotten to know and love Cole for nearly half my life. He is hilarious, loving, and encouraging. He is a fantastic listener and is always inspiring me, our sons, his siblings, and friends to try new things and explore new opportunities. For as long as I've known him, he has been passionate about his love for God and truly makes his faith the foundation for how he loves and treats others. Desiring to be a father since a young age, he has seamlessly taken on this role the moment our first son was born. He is affectionate and adores our children so much. He takes interest in the things and hobbies they enjoy and loves to play alongside them. He truly is my best friend and we have a blast trying new restaurants, baking a new dessert, or singing as loud as we can on a car ride. He makes a wonderful teammate in parenthood and life.



meet
The boys

Clark is our oldest son and always knows how to make everyone feel loved and welcomed. He is extremely inquisitive, tenderhearted, and nurturing. He is a wonderful big brother and loves any opportunity to help out with cooking, working in the garage with his dad, or assisting his little brother with tasks. He loves playing at the park, building forts, and going on hikes. He persistently prays for another baby brother or sister and is beyond excited to welcome another sibling into our family.

Hays is our youngest child and is the life of any party. His silly and hilarious personality keeps us all laughing. He is brave, bold, and so thoughtful. He loves doing anything his big brother is doing, including sliding down the big-kid slides at the park. Some of his other favorite activities are reading books, playing in the backyard, and having dance parties! His thoughtful personality shines when he is getting to share his toys and snacks with his brother and baby cousins.





Backyard with the family



Children's library



Fishing with cousins

our Home

Shortly after purchasing our home, we completely remodeled it and really got to make it our own. Since Cole is a project manager and in construction, he headed up the renovations and was even able to do some of the work himself. It is roughly 2,400 square feet, has four bedrooms, and two full baths. Next to our primary bedroom, the closest bedroom in the hall will be the future nursery. We have a large backyard that houses a separate building we utilize as our "school room". We love to spend time in this room reading, learning our letter sounds, and doing crafts. Our boys love to play the piano, and Clark is excited to start lessons soon. We love to garden and have a plethora of fruit trees and plants that our children care for and love to watch grow. During the cool evenings, we love to eat dinner outside under the covered pergola and play on the swingset. Our home is on a quiet street full of other families and children that regularly put on events for the block. We are walking distance to some of our favorite parks and walking trails, our favorite weekend activities.

Learning the piano



River near our house



our Community

Our community is rich in all the outdoor activities it has to offer and the wonderful family and friends we get to share it with. We are surrounded by numerous rivers, hiking trails, and excellent fishing locations. Our family loves to gather friends and spend the day on the trails, river, or playing pickleball. We also love to go to the farmer's market with cousins. Because we both have siblings that live in our neighborhood, they and their spouses also join us on our adventures. Our town has a wonderful Children's library that hosts a storytime and lots of playdates. Our church is not far from our house and they initiate monthly community potlucks at the park, volunteering at local schools, and providing an abundance of play gatherings for children. We have a wonderful and supportive church family that we love doing life alongside and being a part of.



Farmer's Market



Hiking trail near our house

Church family



Christmas light show



family

Traditions

Living close to most of our family, we have the privilege of getting to spend lots of time together and create many fun traditions! Amy's mom stays the night on Thursdays and makes waffles and coffee every Friday morning. This has become one of the most anticipated days of the week for our kids and often includes a few uncles and aunts that pop over for the festivities. Similarly, Cole's brother hosts a Sunday night family dinner that is open to all grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins. We gather around yummy food and play football in the backyard. Our family takes an annual beach trip every year with family and also takes frequent trips to stay at a river Cole's family has visited since he was a child. During Christmas time, our favorite tradition is matching pjs and watching a light show in town. Because both sides of the family live near each other, all holidays get to be spent all together!

Cousins





Cole's family



Grandparents



Cousins at Christmas

our

Values

In our family, our values shape how we treat one another and guide the way we live each day. Faith, Love, and forgiveness are the leading values we prioritize. We believe that faith in God is the foundation of everything we do. We trust Him to guide our lives, in both happy and difficult times. Love is at the center of our home—we do our best to care for one another with patience, kindness, and understanding. We desire our children to know how deeply we love them and how much they are loved by God. When we make mistakes, we practice saying sorry and asking for forgiveness, knowing that God has forgiven us first. We as parents are not above making mistakes and want our children to know we aren't going to be perfect, but we are striving to acknowledge when we mess up and ask for their forgiveness as well. These values help us grow closer as a family and reflect the example of Christ in our everyday lives.



parenting + Adoption

Our parenting mission is to make sure our children know how loved they are by God and their family. Biological ties or not, all children are a gift from God and we have a deep desire to instill that truth into them. We are committed to raising children that see and feel their value to our family and to God, being created in God's image. Cultivating an open environment where children can feel free to ask questions of their beginnings and have connections to their birth families is a huge priority to us.

We desire a healthy and open relationship between our family and you, getting to share in big milestones and momentous occasions in this child's life. We have seen, through the adoption journey of our nephews and niece, this openness in communication to be incredibly beneficial in a child's life and allow them to connect to where they come from. We pray for this journey to be one of unity, openness, and beauty.



Father's Name:
Cole

Occupation:
Project Manager

Education:
Bachelor's of Construction Management

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
04/15/1999

Hair Color:
Brown

Eye Color:
Green

Height:
5' 11"



Mother's Name:
Amy

Occupation:
Stay At Home Mom

Education:
**Bachelor's of Communication
Minor sociology**

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
01/18/1998

Hair Color:
Brown

Eye Color:
Green

Height:
5' 4"

Family Information

Date of marriage: 05/13/2018

Children: Clark was born in 2020 and is full of curiosity and creativity. He is a wonderful helper and is happy to do anything his Dad is doing, especially working on a lawn mower or helping in the garden. He is incredibly tenderhearted and cares so much for his family. Hays was born in 2022. His fearless personality and bravery always amaze us. He loves to make us laugh with silly faces and funny voices. He is very thoughtful and will always make sure everyone feels included.

Interest and hobbies: Cole loves all things outdoors. Fishing, golfing, and running are some of his favorite pastimes. He participates in relay races and half-marathons alongside many of his brothers. Amy loves creating things, whether that's art, a new sewing project, a floral arrangement, or a new recipe. She also loves being outside and loves to spend days at the river or in her garden. Family hikes are some of our favorite memories and a great opportunity to spend uninterrupted quality time, while taking in God's beautiful creation. Dance parties and karaoke before bed are also family favorite activities. Hosting is also a huge passion of ours and we love to have our house full of family and friends, and we love that our kids get to grow up surrounded by so many people who love them.

Home: Our neighborhood is quiet and full of young children. Our home is a four bedroom, two bath house, perfect for a growing family. With areas such as a playroom and detached "school room", it is perfectly geared for busy children who love to have fun. We have family that live across the street from us as well as down the road. We love being so close to our siblings and the convenience of quick visits to borrow milk or just say hey! We are on a corner lot with lots of yard space for playing on the swingset or riding bikes.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption: We have always felt a tug on our heart for adoption. Having seen three of our niece and nephews join our family through adoption, we witnessed the incredible impact this decision can have on families, mothers, and their children. After Amy experienced pregnancy complications with both of her pregnancies, we decided growing our family biologically was no longer an option. We are very honored for the possibility to grow our family through adoption and be entrusted to raise and love another child.

Openness to birthparent(s): We've discussed in great detail how openness in our adoption process is one of our biggest focuses. We have seen the importance of connection to the birth family, open conversations, and feelings of belonging are directly correlated. We hope to include you in big milestones through photos, videos, letters, and emails as your child grows. We desire to cultivate a lasting relationship to best help everyone feel comfortable, supported, and connected to their beginning. Ultimately, we pray the child understands how important and loved they are by everyone in their life.

Childcare plans: Amy will be the primary caregiver for the child. She is a Stay at Home Mom who does not have any work responsibilities outside of the home. Both Cole and Amy's mothers provide babysitting for errands or date nights.



THANK YOU

We truly thank you for investing your time to get to know our family. It is an honor and privilege to be considered by you for this important journey of raising this child. While no family is perfect and is bound to make mistakes, we promise that grace and love will always overflow in our home, and this child would always know their value and worth in our family. Whatever path you choose, we are praying for you and the brave journey you are embarking on.

All our Love,

Amy & Cole