

# Chris & Trish

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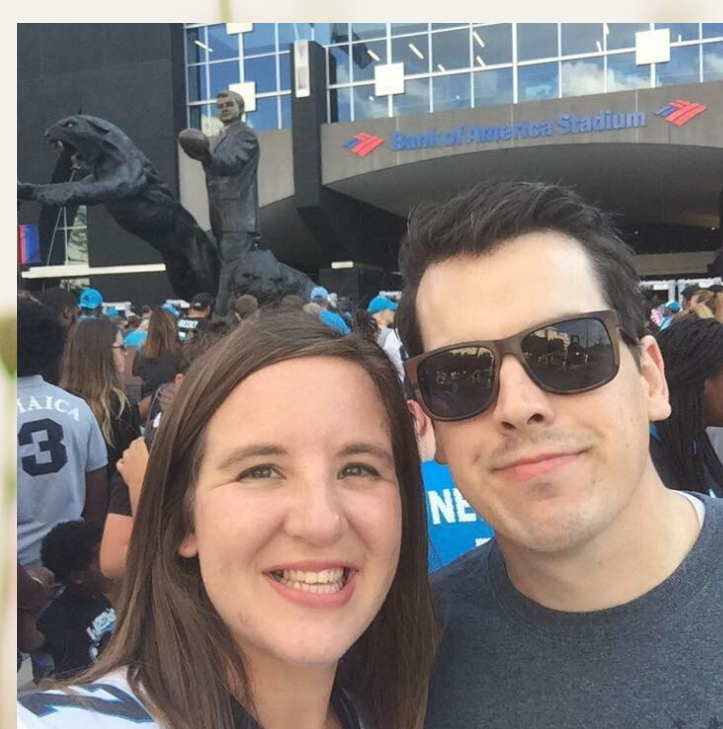
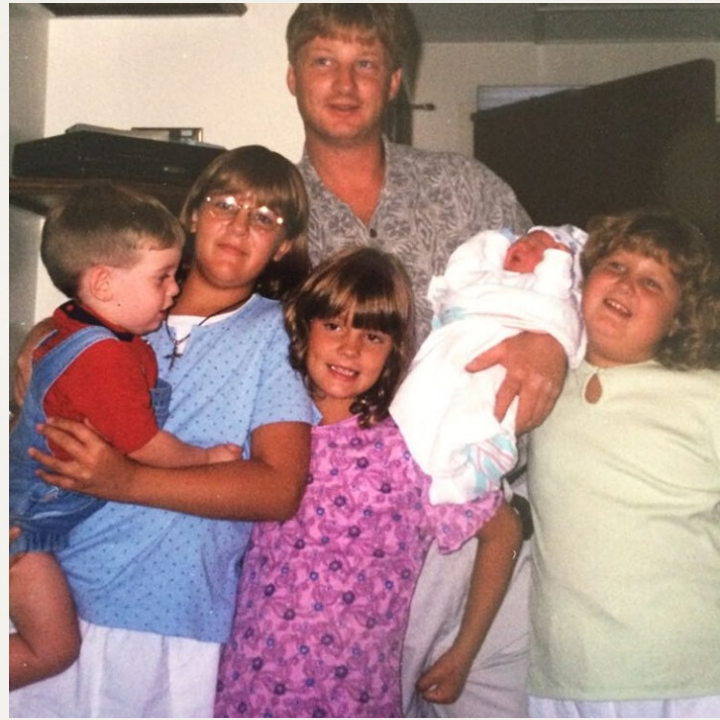
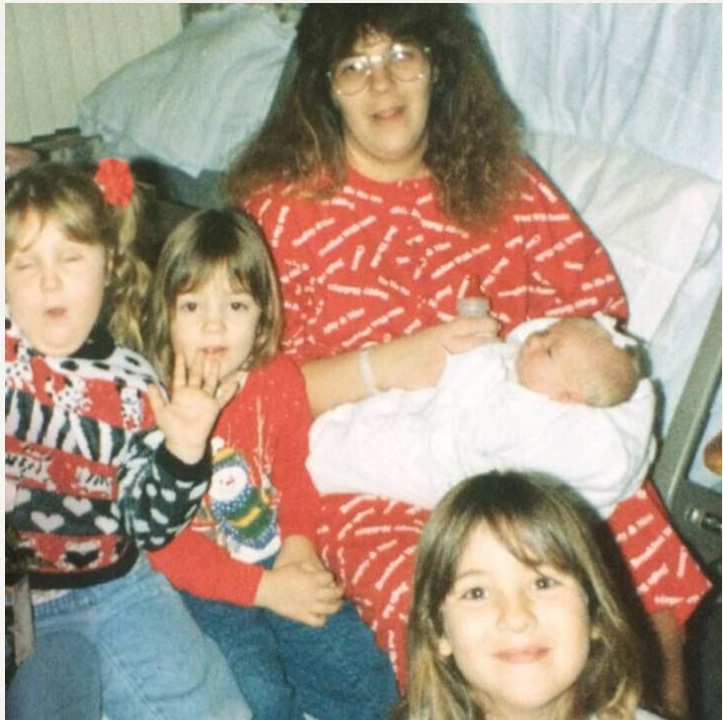
# Hello!

We are Chris and Trish. We have been married for 6 ½ years and it has been an adventure! Chris is from South Dakota, a family of 5. Trish is from Ohio, a family of 5. We went to school together at North Central University in Minneapolis, MN.

Trish fell for Chris' skater hair, smile, and steady faith in God. Chris fell for Trish's sense of adventure. We have lived in North Carolina for the past 6 years and love it! Grateful to have both the mountains and ocean not too far away. We love hiking and camping in the Blue Ridge, soaking up the sun and waves at the beach, exploring new places, and discovering local spots.



# A Glimpse of the past



# Meet Chris



This is Chris. Chris is usually described as smart, quiet, funny, and easy going. He enjoys the outdoors, camping, hiking, kayaking, and finding new places to explore. He enjoys reading books about history, business, leadership, and faith. He likes to volunteer at church. He enjoys connecting with other people over a meal or on a hike. He often volunteers in the sound booth at church and helps Trish lead a life group made up of other young families. Unlike his wild and outgoing wife, he enjoys being behind the scenes making sure everything is going smoothly for those on stage. His favorite season is the summer. When he and his wife moved to the south, they were excited about the short winters and the closeness to both the beach and the mountains. One of Chris' favorite adventures was visiting Israel. Chris is looking forward to adopting and hopes to raise a child to be adventurous and explore new things, help others in need, and to keep their focus on God in the good and the bad.

# Meet Trish

Trish is a big kid at heart. She loves meeting new people. Making friends with the cashier at Walmart or the random person in the elevator. And loves new adventures. Waking up in the middle of the night to be on a mountain top or on the beach for a sunrise is one of her favorite things to do. She uses her love for kids and the Lord in her job as a children's pastor at our church. Her favorite color is lime green because it's beautiful and bright. Favorite season is fall because of the vibrant colors in the mountains, the smell of pumpkin spice candles and campfires, and snuggling up in a cozy warm blanket. She loves fried chicken, mac n cheese, and sweet tea, that's probably part of why her heart called her south. Country music is almost always playing, and Disney movies are watched regularly. Right now, Trish is just trying to be patient as she waits to share her love with one she will call her own.



# Our Adoption Story

We have always wanted to have children. When we were first married, we wanted to wait a few years. When we decided it was time, we had some trouble getting pregnant. In 2019 we discovered Trish had a cancerous tumor in her uterus. What a crazy time that was for us. But what a great time. God truly gave us peace that passed all understanding. We continued to trust God with every step. A few months later, Trish had a hysterectomy and is now cancer free! Praise God! Adoption had been on our hearts and mind since early in our marriage, and now we understand why.



# Family

Family is very important to us. We live out of state from both of our families. Facetime calls, yearly visits, and letters are how we stay in touch. We love our big, crazy family vacations. We rent a beach house for 17 people, go camping together, go to amusement parks, or just get together at the parents house. It's wild with so many people, but we wouldn't have it any other way. We love our 16 nieces and nephews!



# Faith

Jesus is who we believe in, who we trust and depend on for our daily needs, our goals, our hopes and dreams. While we plan for the future, God is in control of our lives and we are along for the ride. We recently went on a trip to Israel and now reading the Bible, and really our lives, will never be the same.

Our church is made up of people we call our family. They are future aunts, uncles, grandparents, and babysitters. Praying for our future children. They are people we call on for help. People who come over to our house for games, bonfires, and smores. We are a community, a tribe.



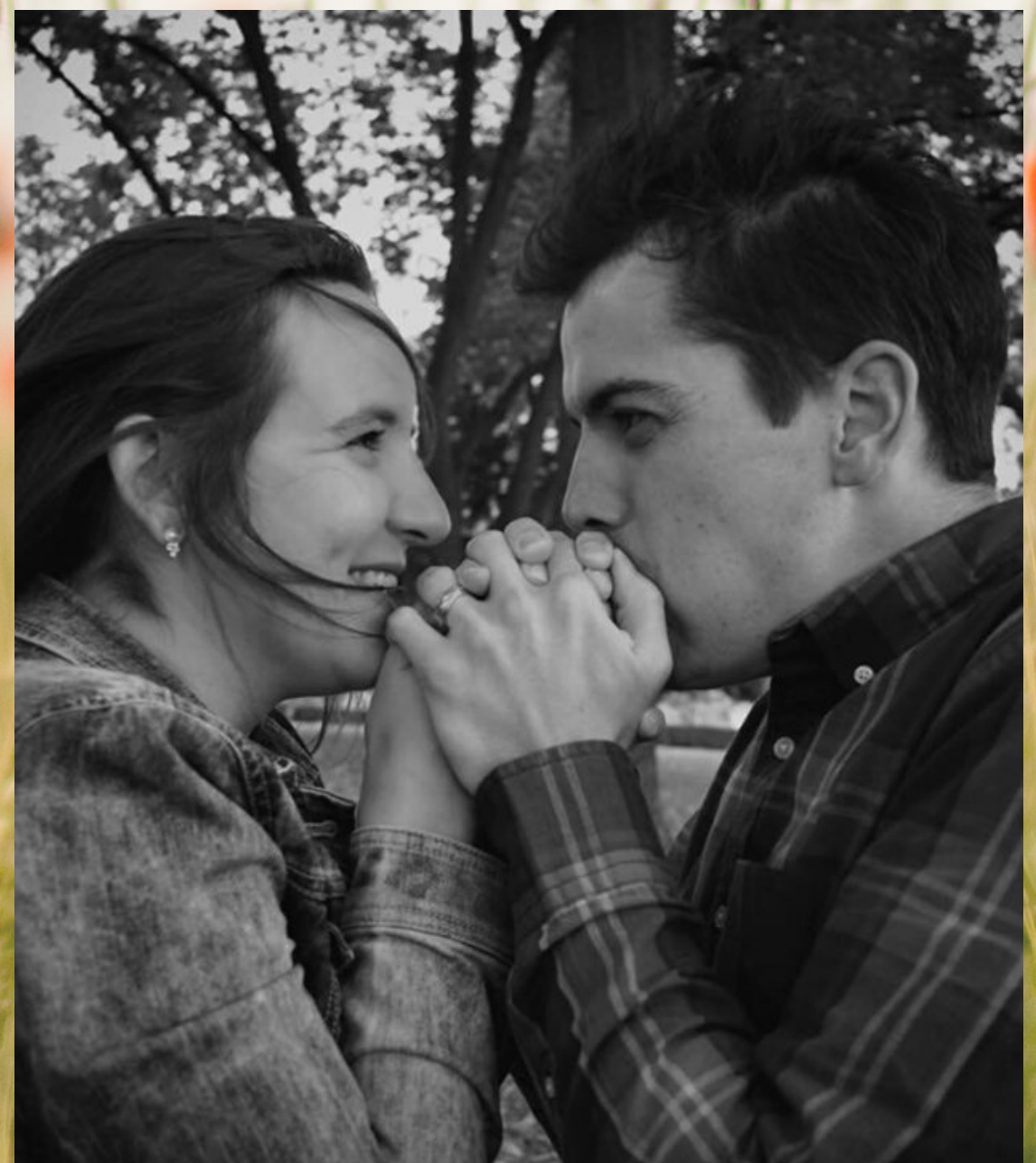
# Our Home

We live off a country road in North Carolina; far from traffic jams and sidewalks, but just about 15 minutes from everything. It's perfect. We enjoy having families over for game nights, bonfires (with s'mores of course), movie nights, Bible studies, and meals. We moved into this house with a vision for it being a place of community.



# A Look Into Our Future

Our children will be loved. They will be taught that Jesus loves them more than they can ever imagine. We plan on having lots of family adventures experiencing new things. Lots of trips to the mountains and the beach, pajama parties, singing, dancing, and playing games. They will know they are loved by us, our families, our friends, and if you wish, by you. We will guide them to the best of our abilities and help them grow into their full potential.





# Thank You

Thank you for reading this and considering placing your child with us. We do not take this lightly. May God give you peace and wisdom in your decision.

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26*

