

hello

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us.

We want to start by saying Thank You. Thank You for choosing life. We know that this will be one of the toughest decisions that you will make in this lifetime and we do not take that lightly. Shortly after God laid adoption on our hearts, he also gave us a heart for you. We have been praying over you and will continue to do so throughout this journey and after.

We have always known that we wanted to be parents and after having Lily Mae, decided to make her a big sister. Due to an unexplained stillbirth, her sister was delivered straight into the arms of Jesus. The Lord has truly been healing our hearts since then and has ultimately led us to the decision to adopt and we could not be more excited.

We can't wait to get to know you and share in the wishes that we all have for this beautiful life that is being created.

*With Love,
Ted and Desiree*





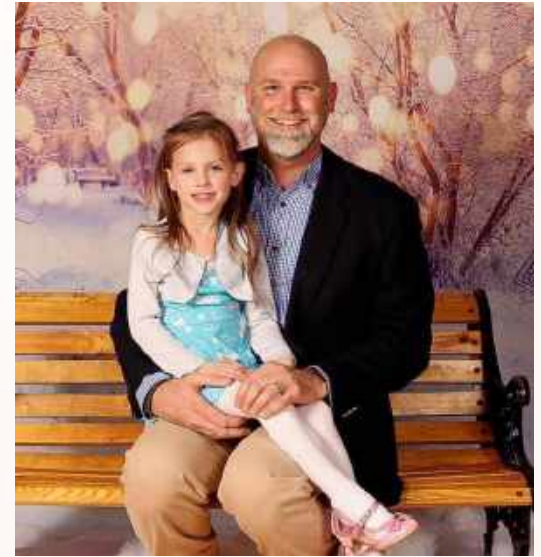
About us

We have been married for 5 years and together for 6. We met when Desiree' was a server at Cracker Barrel and Ted would request to sit in her section often. We hit it off immediately. We got married in March of 2015 and had our daughter shortly after. Desiree is the Manager of an apartment complex and Ted is a Wildland Firefighter and both of our offices are located within 10 minutes of our home. We love our jobs and getting to help others! We are Christians and will always teach our children about the Love and Grace of Jesus Christ. We are both very involved in our children's lives and go to every field trip and school event!

We love the beach and try to go at least once a year and soak up the sun and sand with our little family. We also love the mountains (which is why we live on one!) so we usually rent a cabin in the Smokey Mountains and visit Gatlinburg, Tn yearly as a family. We love college football and are a house divided only when it comes to this! Roll Tide! Go Dawgs! During the summers we love to spend almost all of our time outdoors. We love to go kayaking, canoeing, hiking, fishing, biking, camping ~ you name it! We grow a big garden each year and love to share our home grown veggies with the community.

Whatever we can do as a family, that's where you'll find us ~ Together.

What I love about Ted



Ted is a natural born leader. His ability to react in any given situation or emergency is truly impressive. He is very outgoing and adventurous and always up for a good time. He is a protector and makes our family feel safe. He is a peacemaker even when I'm not ready to "make up." He is a comforter and has been my rock through the valleys. He is an amazing Daddy and has the ability to make our children giggle in a way that no one else can. He is a first responder and if there is a need-he goes. He is a hero. He is OUR Hero.



What I love about Desiree



Desiree is the most selfless person I have ever met. She has a huge heart and always puts others before herself. She is a wonderful mother and a terrific wife. She is outgoing and a good helper in the garden. She is a good companion for this journey we call life. She is my best friend. She is as sweet as honey and as tough as nails. She has a smile that lights up any room. She completes me and has given me the best gift on this earth ~ a child. I am forever grateful. She is my world - my life. She is always up for anything ~ from sitting on the porch in the evening air to kayaking, camping, and hiking. As long as we're together we're happy. We call ourselves the 3 amigos but the one thing that's missing is that fourth addition.





About Our Kids



Lily Mae

Lily Mae is the spunkiest 5 year old we know. She is always full of energy and giggles. She is her very own person and loves to be independent. She dresses herself most days and has a shoe collection that trumps her Mama's any day! She loves to sing and dance and play with her cousins. If there's a muddy puddle in the yard, shoes go flying and she's splashing away! She misses her sister and can't wait to be a Big Sister on Earth and continually asks...when are we adopting our Baby?

Hattie Rae

Our beautiful Heavenly daughter and sweet "Rae" of sunshine who we miss so much. Hattie was delivered stillborn in April of 2018 due to unknown causes. We are so proud of the impact her little life has made in our community and families already. She has taught us to never take anything or anyone for granted. She will always be a part of our family and we cannot wait until the day that she is in our arms again.

Our pups...



Ted

First and foremost, my greatest accomplishment is being a husband and a father. Aside from that, I'm an avid hunter and fisherman. I love to provide food for my family. I enjoy being outside, kayaking, or just in the woods in general. I am a Wildland Firefighter and love doing my job. I get to travel the country to remote places and fight fires. I am a loving Father and enjoy getting to be silly with my children.



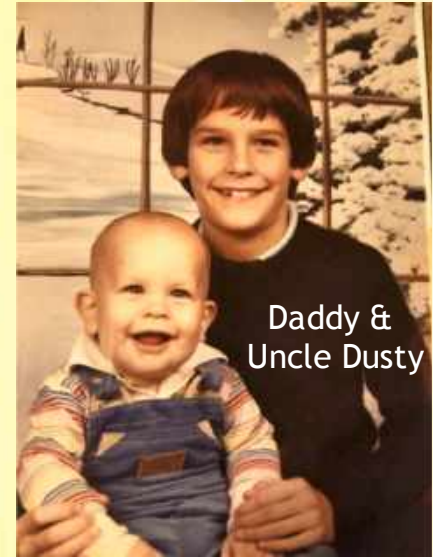
Desiree

My favorite thing is being a Mom. I love to go on adventures with Lily Mae and can't wait to add another little one to go on adventures with! I love to sing and play the ukulele. I dabble in all kinds of arts and crafts from vinyl, jewelry making, water color paint, DIY gnomes, chalk art, etc. I love to be outside on a warm and sunny day and rock in our rocking chairs on the porch and watch the hummingbirds play. I love being with family and hosting cookouts. I am a patient Mama and try to always understand and allow our children to express their feelings and help them come up with a good solution to the problem they are facing. I also discipline when needed to ensure these little babes turn out to be phenomenal people in this world.



Ted's Family

My family is very close. My parents were high school sweethearts and got married shortly after graduating. My brother is 8 years younger than me and we have grown close since becoming adults. Most of my family, including my parents, brother, nephew, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins all live within 15 minutes of my home and we visit often and have big family holiday parties together.



Daddy & Uncle Dusty



Daddy, Uncle Dusty, Nonnie, & Papa





Nonnie & Papa



Nanny & Pawpaw



Memaw



Papa, Daddy, & Uncle Dusty

Desiree's Family

My family has been my rock. We have all been super close from the very start. I have two older brothers and 5 wonderful nieces and 1 nephew. My parents divorced when I was 21 and my Dad and Bonus Mom recently relocated to Texas for his job. We plan to do a yearly road trip to Texas for visits. My Mom and brothers all live within 30 minutes of my home and we get together often for cookouts, sleepovers, etc. We have a huge extended family that live near Birmingham, Alabama and we do the Holidays together. The kids are all more like brothers and sisters and can't wait to welcome another kiddo into the fun.

Mommy & Her Brothers



Cousins catching lightning bugs





Pepaw & Mommy



Fall Festival with Family



Mimi & Her Grandkids



Pepaw & Memaw



Mommy, Mimi, Aunts,
Uncles, and Cousins



Cousins

Our Home

We moved into our home a little over 3 years ago. We have over 14 acres of land to play on! We have a large garden we do each year, a play set for the kids, a small trampoline with a net, a tire swing, hammocks in the trees, a four wheeler to ride, front porch with rockers to enjoy the beautiful mountain view and a back patio for hosting cookouts. It really is our little safe haven and brings us so much joy and peace. We can't wait to see our next little one running around in the yard and playing!





Friends



We have made some wonderful friends to do life with and are so very thankful for each and every one of them!



Holiday Traditions



Desiree' has to calm her urge to decorate for Fall through out the year and by September 1st, she declares it's officially "Pumpkin Spice Season!" Our family loves to visit the pumpkin patches around town and go to Fall Festivals, Apple Orchards, and Trick-or-Treating is a must!



Christmas is a magical time of year at our house. "Noel" the elf is constantly up to his shenanigans and wrapping paper is usually strewn all about the house. We hang Christmas lights, go to the Christmas tree farm to cut our own tree, and last year we started a new tradition of going downtown Chattanooga to ice skate on Christmas night with family. We spend Christmas Eve with Ted's family and have a big dinner and go to his parents after to sip hot chocolate and open presents. Christmas morning we bake a breakfast casserole at home while Lily Mae rips open her presents in excitement and afterwards, she plays with toys all day and then we go to Desiree's parents for more food and presents and laughter and then on to ice skating. It usually snows 2 or 3 times during the Winter and makes for a beautiful white mountain Christmas.

Our Adventures

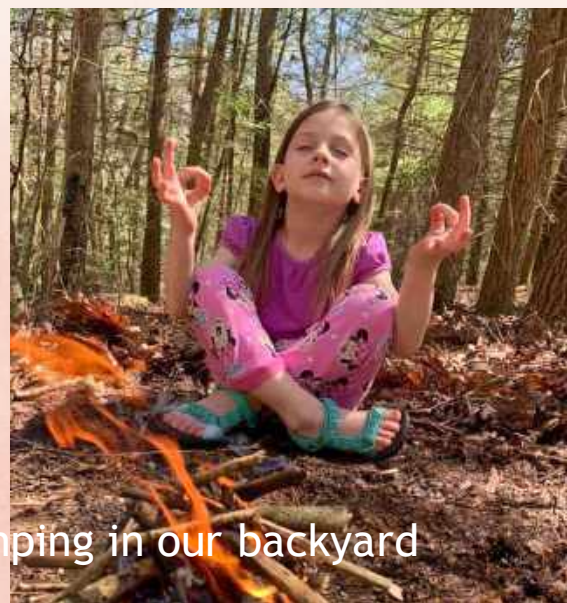
We love the outdoors! We like to go kayaking, fishing, hunting, camping, canoeing, anything and everything in nature! We love to find small little "undiscovered" towns and explore and just be together.



Hunting with Daddy



Beach trip



Camping in our backyard



St. Augustine Beach



Go Karts in
Gatlinburg



Train Ride



Sledding in the yard



Camping & Kayaking



Our promise

We promise to love this child unconditionally

We promise to always make this child a priority

We promise to teach this child the Love of Christ

We promise to always be open about this child's story

We promise to always provide a safe and secure home

We promise to always protect this child

We promise to always be there for this child and love them with everything in us!



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