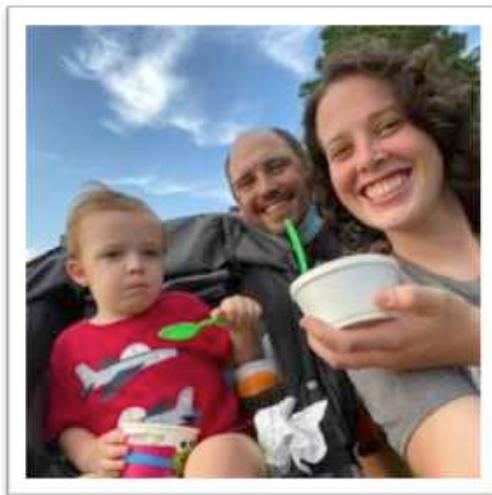


# Our Family

Chris, Brooke & Abel



We're Chris and Brooke. We live in Virginia with our 3-year-old son Abel. We are very excited at the thought of adding a new little one to our family and allowing Abel to grow up with a brother or sister. We have always talked about adoption for our family and we believe now is the time to open up our home and hearts. We can't wait to learn about you and your family so we can continue on the tradition of your family as part of ours. We know the importance of an open adoption and we are excited to see how that will play out with you.



## Our Home

Newport News, VA

We have lived in this area for many years, but in this home for a little over a year. We love the quiet neighborhood and the neighbors who check in on you and love to watch Abel play in the yard. We love being close to the country life and city life as well as walking distance to the neighborhood beach. Our area has lots of activities for kids, such as, parks, museums, schools, amusement parks, beaches and exposure to lots of different cultures.

## Our Story

Our story began in the fall of 2012 when mutual friends invited Chris to our church. We became good friends over the next couple months and from there the rest fell into place. We have been married since September 2014 and have made more memories in the past few years than we could have imagined. We had always talked about having 2 or 3 kids and the Lord blessed us with our first child, Abel.

We planned to have another child, but then Brooke was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and we are unable to have another biological child. We are excited to now be cancer free with a long life ahead and are looking to make Abel a big brother.



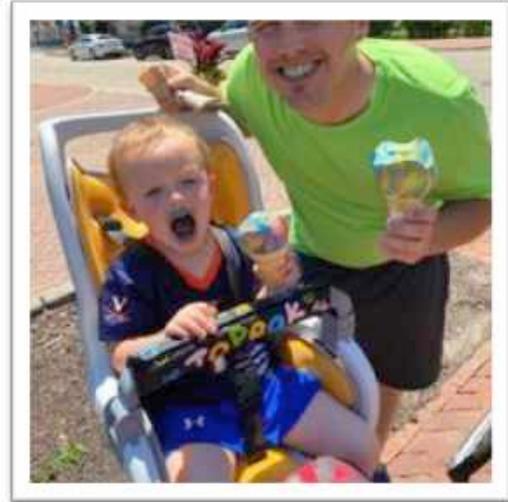
## Things we enjoy

- Spending time with family-
- We enjoy being outside at parks, our backyard swings or sand box, walks in the neighborhood or going to the beach (15 mins away).
- Yearly family vacations to the beach in South Carolina with his 13 cousins under the age of 7.
- Going back to Chris' hometown in the mountains to see his family.

## Chris

I was born in a small rural town in Southwest Virginia, where I was surrounded by encouraging and supportive family. I am the middle son of 3. We loved to be outside playing sports, riding around the yard with bikes and spending time with family. My passion since I was a young boy has been playing golf and I had the opportunity to play all through high school and college. I moved to Newport News in 2009, shortly after met my

- What I Do- Golf Professional
- Education- Bachelor's degree in Psychology
- Favorite Bands- The Beatles, Electric Light Orchestra, Queen, Pink Floyd



## Brooke

Born and raised in Yorktown, Virginia, I have loving parents and an older sister who was always there to encourage, support and love me. Only being 15 months younger than my sister, we were able to play basketball, go to camps and mission trips together (I would love Abel to be able to experience that). I have always been one to be outside, working with my hands rather than being inside playing games. I graduated from Christopher Newport University and became a Realtor working side by side with my mom. Since having Abel I have been working from home enjoying my time with him. Family is very important to me and I love anything that gives me the opportunity to spend time with them.

- What I do: Realtor since 2011, Independent Consultant for Usborne Books & More
- Education: Bachelor's in Religious studies with a minor in Business
- Favorite Bands: Needtobreathe



## Abel

This little guy is 3.5 years old and is all boy. He loves being outside, working with tools and playing with his grandparents. Spending time with his grandparents (Mamo and G-Paw and Paw Paw and Nana) and his Appie (his Aunt). He loves to read books; his favorite would be Nibble's, Dragon Post or the Beast Feast. We are so blessed to have such an amazing little boy and would love to share his love, joy and fun times with a little brother or sister.

We are excited to share these fun adventures and day-to-day life with another little one. We are teaching Abel, most importantly, to love the Lord, but to also strive for his dreams, go to college, travel, play sports and to cherish his family.