

## Nice to Meet You!



Jared (33), Kenley (6), Elijah (3), and Becca (34)

- Christian Family
- Home Study Approved
- Willing to Travel
- Any race or gender
- Located in Southern California
- Nursery Ready
- Together since 2005; Married since 2009
- Very involved with our family and our church family
- Own a four bedroom home
- Financially stable; Great insurance
- First Aid, CPR and CERT trained



- We would love to have a relationship with YOU and have you as part of our family in the capacity that you feel most comfortable with.
- We want to have however open of relationship you would like—whether that includes pictures and updates and/or having phone calls and visits.
- After Elijah was born in 2017, we knew we weren't done having children and we feel called to adoption.
- We promise to love, cherish, nurture, and develop your precious baby into everything they can be!
- Adoption is already a significant part of our lives as many people that we are close with have adopted or are adopted themselves.
- Our children pray daily for their new sibling and cannot wait for him or her to be here! Your baby will be WELL loved and supported by everyone in our lives.

# Jared



- Full Time Sales Rep/ Territory Manager for a Global Fitness Company
- Works from home, so he is around a lot with the family, which is a huge blessing
- He is an outstanding father whose highest priority is raising up strong, capable, God-fearing, loving and responsible children

- Serves as Generations Pastor at our church, so we oversee the youth group (ages 12-18)
- Enjoys sports and staying active
- Loves to mentor young men and married couples
- Makes us laugh out loud
- Loves to play games and be silly



“Jared is everything I prayed for in a husband! He is God-fearing, faithful, loving, consistent, hands-on, funny, playful, dependable, level-headed, dedicated and disciplined. Jared is so loved and adored by everyone he comes in contact with. He spends a lot of time investing in our children and making sure they know how loved they are but also how powerful they can be. He’s an amazing father. While he always has great perspective on things and is able to see situations clearly and decisively, he also knows how to crack a joke and be silly. He has his priorities right and he works hard to not only provide for our family (and he does a great job at it), but he also makes it a priority to love our family well. He’s an all around incredible husband, father, pastor, mentor, and friend.”

- Written by Becca

# Becca



- Taught Middle School (6-8 grade) for 9 years and LOVED it
- Full time Stay-at-Home-Mom since 2018 because our highest priority is raising our children with love, faith, support, security and consistency
- Absolutely love the ability to be a Stay-at-Home-Mom!
- Oversees our youth ministry (ages 12-18) with Jared
- Still has the occasional opportunity to speak at youth camps, women's conferences, middle and high school chapels, and retreats
- Loves to be outside and active; we go to a lot of parks, playgrounds, and on adventures
- Enjoys animals, kayaking, puzzles, board games and spending time with family and friends



“Becca is a powerful woman in every sense. Her greatest power, however, is her ability to love people. She is always looking out for the better interest of others while keeping her family the priority. Becca is very detailed and structured, which has made such an amazing impact on our children to grow in their gifts and talents. When it comes to raising our kids, I truly believe she has the perfect balance of nurturing them while also encouraging them to learn by experience. I couldn't ask for a better mother for our children and am extremely blessed and thankful to call her my wife.” - Written by Jared

# Kenley Joy



- Loving, Passionate, Silly, Fun, Creative, Athletic, Leader
- She is an exceptional big sister! She always wants to play with Elijah and help him.
- She loves babies! She constantly plays with, talks to, and helps any baby she sees!
- Prays daily for another baby brother or sister. She frequently asks to have another baby and cannot wait until they are home!
- Smart and confident- she uses big words and expresses her feelings well
- Lots of friends- She has a lot of friends that we see regularly and also loves to meet new friends

when we're out and about at parks and playgrounds

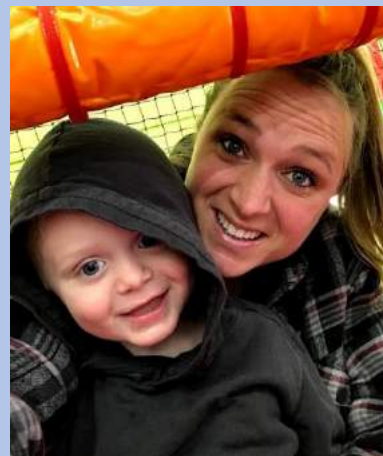
- Extremely creative and loves to play "Family," "School," "Doctor," or any other open-ended game
- Great memory and does very well in school with both her memory work as well as creative areas
- Excellent soccer player- she's played since she was two years old
- She also enjoys basketball, gymnastics and karate
- All around amazing young girl. She frequently receives compliments for her good behavior and excellence in everything she does.



# Elijah Justus



- Three years old
- Has the sweetest laugh and loves to be hugged, kissed, and cuddled
- Asks a lot of great “why” questions about how things work
- Loves to play in his dirt pit in the backyard with all his construction truck toys
- Also loves his train set and spends hours putting together different tracks
- Enjoys to dance, sing, play, and laugh
- Has a great imagination
- Loves to be outside on the playground or on a hike or anywhere he can explore



# Church Family



- We attend and serve at a non-denominational Christian church.
- We've been at the church since it was founded in 2014.
- Jared serves as the Generations' Pastor, and so we oversee the Youth Ministry.
- Jared also serves on the elder board and occasionally with our Men's Ministry.
- Becca serves as a greeter, on our meal train ministry, and occasionally with our Women's Ministry.
- Kenley and Elijah both participate in the Children's Ministry.
- Our church is like family to us. We spend a lot of time with them, whether it's for a birthday party, having a meal together, serving the community, or doing an activity.



# Youth Group



- We have been in Youth Ministry (ages 12-18) since March of 2012. We were promoted from youth leaders to overseers of the youth ministry in June 2018.
- Youth meets every Wednesday evening at our home.
- Our youth group is servant minded and serves out in our community at least once a month.
- We have a fantastic team of ten youth leaders (young adults) who help lead the youth group.
- Our youth leaders not only serve with our youth group, but they also love Kenley and Elijah and pour into their lives as well.
- Our teenagers have incredible hearts and many of them have younger siblings who are friends with Kenley and Elijah.
- We have a lot of fun together and we are so grateful for a healthy, productive youth ministry!



# Our Families



- Family is very important to us!
- All of the grandparents, aunts and uncles live in Southern CA, and so we get to see them a lot!
- Becca's mom, Linn (top left picture), lives about 15 minutes from us, and she pours so much love, experience, and warmth into our children.
- Jared's dad and mom, Mike and Sandy (top right picture), live about two hours away in a lake community. Going to their house, even for a weekend, is like a vacation every time!
- The kids have three uncles (Matt, Joel, and Jake) and three aunts (Chelsea, Holly, and Rosario) who all love the kids deeply.
- Kenley and Elijah have a special relationship with each aunt and uncle, and the aunts and uncles spend time with them and make them feel special.
- All the grandparents, aunts and uncles are very much looking forward to having another niece or nephew to love!





# Day to Day Activities



- When we're not doing school or church activities, we like to give the kids a variety of experiences that enrich their lives including play dates, parks, playgrounds, bike rides, splash pads, theme parks, and hands-on activities!
- We have annual season passes to Six Flags Magic Mountain/ Hurricane Harbor, Legoland, the LA Zoo, and our local children's science museum.
- Both kids have played soccer since they were two, and Kenley has also done gymnastics and played a season of basketball.
- The kids get to pick any option of sports or enrichment classes to be a part of—we want to help them learn what they like and what they want to participate in.
- Because of our location in Southern CA, we are able to quickly take a trip to the beach or drive to the local snowy mountains.
- We have so many activities close by and we like to participate in all of them—parks, playgrounds, hikes, indoor play places, sports, swimming, snow, the beach, the lake, and so much more.
- We also have multiple play dates each week with our closest friends. Additionally, all of our closest friends have fostered and/ or adopted. Adoption is common and supported among our family and friends and those we spend significant time with.



# Home, Nursery, and Pets



- Our home has four bedrooms, two bathrooms, an open concept living room and dining room, a good sized grassy front yard and a grassy backyard with a large play structure.
- We bought our home in 2013 and have wonderful, sweet neighbors with a lot of diversity and kids around us.
- The baby's nursery has been freshly painted and has a brand new crib, dresser and cube storage case.
- We will add a colorful rug, cube fabric boxes and bedding.
- Below are a couple pictures of Jared and Kenley helping paint and set up the nursery.



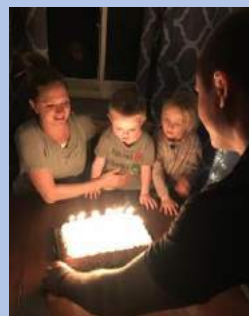
- Ace, our German Shephard mix, is nine years old. We adopted him into the family when he was a year and a half and he's been an excellent cuddle bug and protector. He's older now and while he enjoys his hikes and walks, he's also perfectly happy to sit on the couch and watch everyone around him play.
- Shiloh, our Husky/ Rottweiler mix, just turned three years old. We adopted her into the family when she was only nine weeks ago. She has A LOT of energy, she loves hikes, playing in water, and running around with the kids! The kids love to include in her whatever they're playing!



# Birthdays, Traditions, and Holidays



- We believe it's important for our children to grow up with sweet memories and traditions. We want them to feel celebrated and also to learn how to enjoy celebrating other people and traditions. We want this for you baby, too.
- Within our home, we have weekly game night on Thursday evenings, which is also when the kids "make dinner" for the family (with a lot of help!). We find it important that they learn how to measure out ingredients, use creativity, improvise, plan ahead, follow directions, and think of others while making a meal for the family. This is a life-long skill and we always tell them, "You're part of the team, so everyone pitches in."
- We also have takeout and movie night at home on Fridays, which is another favorite activity!
- For the kids' birthdays, they get to pick whether we take an overnight trip somewhere or have a party with friends. They also pick the theme, cake, and what they want to do all day. We like to make their birthdays something where they are reminded once again how loved and cherished they are.
- The biggest holidays that we always celebrate with both sides of the family are Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas! It usually ends up being two days for each of those holidays and lots of food, fun and family!
- Every Fourth of July is spent at the lake and ends with watching the fireworks over the water.
- Every September, we take a three day "End of Summer" trip to our favorite hotel right next to Legoland that has pools, a splash pad and lots of kid's activities.



# Our Heart for You, Your Child, and Parenting

Dearest Mama,

Thank you for taking the time to consider talking with us. We are here to support you and the decisions you make for your child. We strongly believe that you can never have too many people to love a child, and we would love to have a relationship with you and the rest of the child's first family. We believe having a healthy, solid relationship is beneficial to your family, the child, and our family.

In parenting, we are passionate about teaching our children to love God and love people. We believe that when these two things are in proper order, everything else falls into its right place. We want to equip our children to be successful. We know that this starts with preparing them at home. We teach our children to learn how to take care of themselves, at an age-appropriate level, of course. This begins with learning to take care of their own responsibilities such as making their beds, keeping their rooms picked up, and cleaning up after messes that they make. It is then extended to learning skills like how to prepare a meal. Beyond that, we want our kids to think of how they can care for other people. We have conversations and get them engaged in the fight against racism, the fight to help those that are trafficked, unhoused and fatherless. Now that Kenley is getting a little older (as we will do with the others as they grow), we bring her to some of our age-appropriate service projects, and we will continue to do that so that the kids have hands-on experience of learning to care for other people in their community.

We know that learning in any capacity is best done with hands-on experience, and so we try to provide those opportunities in schooling, household responsibilities, and community engagement. We are so thankful for a strong support system of family, family friends, and church family. Engagement with all of our support systems is critically important to us and our children. We love to have fun and invest in our children! We want them to have a strong foundation, a solid support system, and treasured childhood memories. In everything we do and teach our children, we want them to be trained up to be servant-hearted and think of others. We want our children to have the ability, freedom, and opportunities to pursue their God-given talents. It is important to us that they grow up learning a variety of skills so they can feel confident in their abilities and use those abilities to not only thrive in their own lives but to be able to reach out and help others.

## Thank You for Taking Time to Consider Talking with Us

- We know that if you're reading this and considering adoption for your child, it is not an easy decision. We know that it is both a brave and difficult choice. We are praying for you and we have been praying for you as you navigate these waters.
- We would love to talk with you about what you feel most comfortable within an open adoption.
- We firmly believe that a child can never have too many people in their corner—we are desiring a relationship with you and your family and that the baby knows they have a lot of people who are rooting for their success and who love them.
- We have created a YouTube channel so you can see some videos of us and our children. It will give you a feel for who we are. The YouTube channel is JaredandBeccaAFMC
- It is also important to note that our families are completely on board with adoption. They cannot wait to have another baby to love and to join our growing family! Everyone in our support system- family, friends, and church family- is very much looking forward to welcoming a new baby with open arms.
- Adoption is common and supported in our community of friends and family.
- Please feel free to ask us any questions. We would love the opportunity to connect with you, answer any questions you may have, and hear your heart. We can be reached at any time at (818) 917-0957.