

A Glimpse Into Our Lives...

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile! Our hearts go out to you, as we can only imagine how difficult this decision is.



We are **so excited** to bring another child into our sweet and loving family! Our home is filled with **love, encouragement,** and **laughter!**

Christy & Brandon

We met in 2011 watching college football. We were married in 2014 and had our daughter in 2016. We are **best friends** and are a **good team**. It took us a long time to find one another, and are thankful every day that we finally met.



We've been through hard times and good times, but having one another to "do life" with is an **answer to many prayers**.

Now that we are parents, we realize even more than before the importance of modeling a **happy and healthy marriage** for our daughter and any future children.



Christy



I am **outgoing, full of energy, open-minded, friendly**, and have many friends. I am **generous, kind, and empathetic** towards my family and friends, and even to strangers. I also love to **laugh, relax, and enjoy life**. Being a **wife and mother are the most fun and important roles I have in life**, and I take on those roles with **all my heart**. I absolutely **love being a mother**, and love all the precious moments I get with our daughter. For 15 years, I worked full-time as a pediatric occupational therapist. Now I work 5 hours a week while our daughter is in a 3 morning per week preschool and am a stay-at-home mom most of the time. I plan to stay home full-time after we adopt another child.



At the beach with some friends



I **hope and pray to get the opportunity to be a mother to another sweet baby**. I have a very strong **faith in God**, which centers me and gives me peace. I consult God with all decisions and I trust Him to lead our family in the direction He will have us go.



Brandon

I am **friendly** and **social**, but naturally more **introverted** than my wife, which helps make us a good team. I am **honest**, **steady**, **patient**, and **consistent**.



I love being a father more than I ever imagined possible. I enjoy **being silly** with my daughter and **making her laugh...** the sound of her laughter is simply beautiful. I have a successful career as a **manager in information technology**.

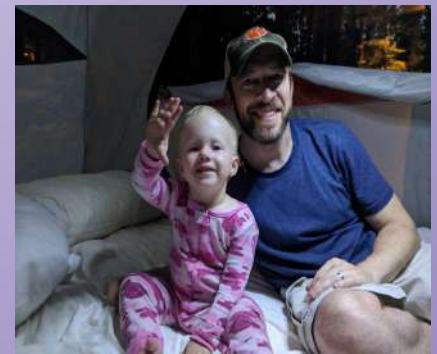


My **faith in God** is a stronghold in my life and guides my decisions. I like to **slow down, relax**, and **enjoy the moment** whenever possible. My **"happy place"** is with my family in **nature**, where I'm able to fully relax and recharge.



Ellie visiting Daddy's office

I am **so very thankful** for my family and everything we have. I try to **live my life in a way that shows my thankfulness**. I would love for my daughter to have a sibling and would love to start the parenting journey again with another child.



Family Camping Trip

Ellie



Ellie is sooo **sweet** and has such a **huge heart**. She is **full of life** and full of joy!



Ellie is very **creative** and loves to create art "masterpieces" with her paints, markers, crayons, and stickers. She also loves to play dress up, as well as play with baby dolls and stuffed animals.

She is a **natural caretaker** and says all the time how much she **wants to be a big sister**.



"If you can be one thing,
be kind."

That's our daughter's favorite quote. One day, we found a random piece of paper that looked like a fortune with that phrase on it and she wanted to take it home.

We put it on the refrigerator. It has since become our family's motto.



Ellie is **sensitive** and **playful, silly** and **smart**. She definitely keeps us laughing! She is **well-behaved** and she **loves to talk**. She can be shy upon meeting new people, but warms up quickly.



Ellie loves **having friends over to play** and loves spending time with her cousins. She **loves playing outside** in the driveway with her bicycle, scooter, bubbles, and sidewalk chalk.

She likes **going on "explorer" hikes** in the nature preserve, and playing at the playground.

Our Home and Community



We live in an amazing **suburban neighborhood** in North Carolina **filled with families and children**. We live only **a few hours from both the mountains and the beach**.

There are several beautiful lakes nearby. We love our 4 bedroom home, and especially enjoy spending time on our screened porch that overlooks the nature preserve behind our house.



This is at our neighborhood 4th of July parade/pool party. Since moving into this house 4 years ago, we are pleasantly surprised how many truly good people we have met and developed relationships with. We are friends with many, many neighbors and often socialize together as families. Christy is the social committee chair for our neighborhood and organizes many family neighborhood events each year.

This is our backyard. It backs up to a 22 acre **nature preserve that is right in our neighborhood** with walking trails, beautiful trees and large rocks, and streams and creeks. **Our community also has a pool with a swim team, a playground, and basketball/tennis courts.** There is also a pond in the **neighborhood**. We regularly get outside and use and enjoy all of these fun neighborhood features!

Our Families



This is Brandon's family. He has one younger brother. His parents ("Gigi & Pops") have been married for over 40 years.



This is Christy's family. Her parents ("Sunshine and Granddaddy") have been married for 50 years. Her older brother and his wife have 2 kids whom Ellie adores (ages 9 and 12).



We are both very **close with our families**, as well as several extended family members (cousins, aunts, etc). We **see our families regularly** and **Ellie has special relationships** with everyone in our families. We have many **fun traditions as families**. We want to create a similar childhood experience for our children as we were blessed to have... **solid and grounded, but also full of love and fun!**



Backyard Campout with Cousins



Ellie's 3rd Birthday

What We Like to Do



Annual beach trip with Christy's family and her childhood family friends. We **LOVE** going **to the beach** and go several times per year.



We love college football. Go Clemson Tigers!!!



We **enjoy the outdoors and get outside** with our daughter as often as possible, whether it's playing in the driveway or yard, riding her bike or scooter to the neighborhood playground, or going on the walking trails in the nature preserve inside neighborhood.



We also **love traveling to the mountains** and do several mountain trips each year with our friends and their families.



Our Promises to You

If you decide to commit to our family, we would also like to commit some things to you:



- We will **love your child** with the same unconditional love that we love one another with and that we love Ellie with. Your child will **always feel loved and secure**.
- We will be **open to whatever relationship you want with your child** and encourage that relationship. If you are open to it, we also hope to get to know you better, so we can know your hopes and dreams for your child. **We will make sure your child always knows that you love him/her.**
- We are both college graduates and value education highly, so your child will be given the **best education possible**, as well as the option to go to college. We will plan for this with a College Savings Account.
- We will teach your child the **importance of saving money and giving generously to others**. We are debt free and we work hard to consistently make good financial decisions, so that we are able to both give generously and save money every month.
- We will **support and encourage your child and be there every step of the way as he/she grows up**. We will **explore his/her interests**. We will also help **teach your child how to make the best choices possible** that lead to a successful, happy, fulfilled, and healthy life.
- We will help your child **build a support system** through friendships and family relationships.
- We will raise your child with **Christian values** and encourage his/her personal relationship with God.

Fun Facts About Us

Christy loves trying new recipes and cooking/eating yummy foods. Brandon is a great breakfast chef and makes yummy grilled/smoked meat. Even Ellie loves to help with cooking!



For her birthday each year, Christy hosts a "Wig Party" where friends come over wearing wigs. Ellie likes trying on the wigs!

Brandon's favorite color is blue, Christy's is yellow, and Ellie's are pink and purple. Christy likes "chick flicks" and her favorite movie is either *Pretty Woman* or *Remember the Titans*; Brandon's is either *Braveheart* or *Tombstone*.

Brandon loves camping... Christy prefers electricity



Christy is one of the few women on the planet who doesn't like chocolate. She has never liked it, even as a child. But Ellie LOVES chocolate!



Though singing quality is not great, Christy sings songs all the time to Ellie, and Christy, Brandon, and Ellie all enjoy making up their own silly songs.



Christy was a competitive gymnast in her younger years and a college cheerleader... she can still do a back handspring! Brandon was a state champion power lifter in high school.



Christy has many childhood friends and their families who she has known since she was less than 5 years old.

Final Thoughts

We both waited a long time to find one another and begin our family. We feel that gives us an **understanding of reality about life that is unique**. We try **not to sweat the small stuff** and we realize that **parenting and life are beautiful (though sometimes hard) journeys**. Our daughter almost died at birth... God saved her life through the hospital staff's hands the night she was born. Because of those circumstances, we are not able to have a second child biologically. After we began our adoption journey, we were matched with a birth mom who ultimately changed her mind and decided to keep the baby after we had prepared our hearts, our daughter's heart, and our home for 3 months to welcome a new baby. It was so very devastating that it didn't work out, but our faith leads us to believe that God must have a different child in His plan for us. **We both love being parents, and can't wait to grow our family.**

We imagine **you may have mixed emotions right now** and we want to respect that, as those are very real... they are part of your story and of your baby's story. Even though you don't plan to raise your baby, we know that **you will always have a piece of your child in your heart... you will always be a part of your child, and he or she will always be a part of you**. There will always be a **special bond**, which we want to help both you and your child explore and develop if that is your desire.

We are **truly good people** and strive to be the **best parents we can be**. **We would love the honor and privilege of being blessed with another child to complete our family**. We can't imagine how difficult this decision is for you, but **we are praying for you** as God leads you to the right family for this baby. We are praying that you feel peaceful in your adoption plan and in the family you choose for your baby. Thank you for taking the time to read about us. Everything we have written is from the heart. We trust that God is part of this and that He will make sure your baby has an amazing home. **We are ever so hopeful that the amazing place you choose for your baby will be our home.** 💜



With Love and
PRAYERS,
Christy, Brandon,
and ELLIE 💜

