

Brett + Brittany



Hello,

As we sit and think about all you might be carrying in this season as a mother, our hearts feel overwhelmed. We cannot imagine what you are feeling but know that we are thinking of you. Both of us have so much respect for you choosing life and choosing adoption.

We believe that adoption is God-designed. He has so intentionally, graciously, and lovingly adopted us as his son and daughter. It's truly miraculous to be knit into a family and we deeply desire to grow our family in this same way.

We hope that whatever choices you face in these days ahead, that you would be filled with peace and clarity. We have and will continue to be praying for you.

Since we aren't able to meet face-to-face for a first greeting (though we really wish we could), we put this book together to say hello and share a little about our family.



Our Story...



We met at a small church in Forsyth County in 2008. We were asked to lead worship as Brett (18) was playing drums and Brittany (21) was singing. As the story goes, Brittany doesn't remember Brett at all...but Brett remembers all the details about Brittany. After that night, we didn't see each other again for four years. We reconnected through a mutual friend, once again leading worship at an event together. Music has been and still is a very important part of our story.

After the second event, we spent a lot of time getting to know each other. We would hang out with groups of our friends and always seemed to gravitate toward each other. We spent so many late nights talking on Brittany's porch. This is where both of us knew there was something very special about how deep we connected. Once we knew, we knew 😊. We got engaged in June and were married by September of 2013...

Our Story... continued

We've been married for almost nine years and have had to learn a lot about choosing love even when we don't feel it. Our marriage has had its fair share of hard seasons where forgiveness and grace really grew us. Though there have been plenty of valleys, we've learned how to be a team and to embrace the refinement of every challenge. Today we love each other more than ever, in the realest way that we're not sure either of us thought was possible. We are truly best friends and our favorite thing is to just do simple, 'life stuff' together.

We have spent so many moments anticipating the joy it will bring to have our child join us in the normal day-to-day. We really want our child to know the beauty of the small things and how special it is to just enjoy one another.





Brett

(in the words of Brittany):

It did not take long for me to fall in love with Brett. What can I say? He's a sensitive soul and I adore this about him. He is still, to this day, the deepest, most emotionally intuitive person I have ever known.

Brett has a way of meeting people and making them feel comfortable and accepted instantly. He is charming, and not just because he's very handsome 😊, but because he's discerning and really sees people, listens, and observes, so they feel heard and connected.

He is fascinating, intelligent, and bright. Most days I'm learning random new things about people and the world and cycling and silly little animal facts, from Brett. He is constantly discovering and learning. I believe he will be a wonderfully curious and insightful father as he both learns about our child and teaches them the most interesting things about life.

Brett loves our animals (and they LOVE him), especially our dog—like, a crazy amount. He's an avid cyclist and runner. He is effortlessly gifted and so creative when it comes to playing drums.

No matter what Brett chooses to do, he succeeds and does it to the very best of his ability because he's determined, disciplined, and committed to anything he sets his heart on. I'm confident he will be the same way as a father. Our child will know without a doubt that they are valuable, loved, important, and can always count on their dad to be there for them through every happy and every heavy season.



Britt

(in Brett's words):

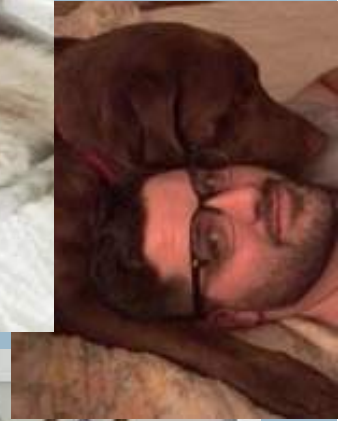
There are a few words I'd use to describe Brittany – or "Britt", as she is better known: she is *intentional, creative, and wonderful*.

Intentional. Brittany sees everything. As an interior designer, she can see a space for all of its potential and she is very purposeful in the way she designs. Every part has its place, and every place ends up being meaningful and beautiful. I have seen her take an ugly room (that seemed to be a total loss) and turn it into the most extraordinary space. But the best part of this characteristic is that she approaches people with intentionality, as well. She can bring out the very best in you and in me because of her thoughtful, challenging, and helpful words. I was a space that seemed to be at a loss and over the last 8 years, Britt has helped me to become a better space – all through her intentionality in our marriage.

Creative. My oh my... Britt is creative! She is quirky, colorful, and lively. A blank space is her canvas. When I think about raising a child with Britt, I consider all the fun activities that will take place in our home. Painting, arts & crafts, designing and redesigning rooms, and so on. Creativity is a passion and a career for Britt. She has successfully built a business on being creative. There was once a llama in our home for a photo shoot! Who thinks of that? (The llama's name is Pie and he was great.)

Wonderful. It's easy for me to attribute this word to Britt; she is good and marvelous. I have the honor of being married to her and now I will have the honor of watching her be a mother. I know she will continue to inspire me, and she will inspire our child. She will be an intentional, creative, and wonderful mother. I am confident of that.

Our Fur Boys



Bear (7year old chocolate lab)

One of the greatest gifts we have ever received. He is our shadow, our sweet boy, and companion. He is gentle and kind. He loves kids so much. He's always getting low to the ground when our nephews And our friends kids come over. He was made to be a big brother and a family man.



Gus (5year old tabby cat)

An unexpected joy. He keeps us laughing, constantly. We rescued Gus when he was just weeks old. He was missing a paw and became disconnected from his mom.

From early on he made a place in this family. He is mainly obsessed with Bear and often bosses us all around - until he is fed.

He enjoys popcorn, catnip, and the laser pointer. Typically he can be found under the covers.



Our Home + Neighborhood

While we were dating, Brittany lived in Midtown, Atlanta. Brett would visit pretty much every day of the week 😊. We often found ourselves walking to Piedmont Park or going to a restaurant nearby. We fell in love in this neighborhood and now are in love WITH the neighborhood. Our first home together was on the west side of Atlanta but we moved back into Midtown after just two and half years – because we missed the beauty, walkability, and people of Midtown. Why the city? For us, it is the diversity. There are many beautiful, creative, smart, talented, and cultural people. It is not uncommon to hear many different languages or see many different ethnicities and people of every race while walking around town or at a restaurant.



This all reminds us just how small we are and how big the world is. It is very humbling to be surrounded by so many different kinds of people, all that God created uniquely and intentionally.



In 2020 we purchased a condo near our favorite park and around the block from our favorite restaurant – which we go to on every Friday for date night (the staff knows us by name 😊). The condo was simple and just the size we wanted to start a family. Brittany, with all of her experience in design, went to work and created a perfect home for our family. What once was unfamiliar is now uniquely ours and very much a home, not just a house. We have Two bedrooms, Two bathrooms, One office for Brittany's design headquarters, a simple French countryside style kitchen, a wonderful dining room, a large porch, and what we like to call a beautiful "English garden." We love this home and how it has brought us so much peace and joy to prepare a space for a child in the second bedroom. We look forward to the day when we can introduce our child to this home and this neighborhood.



Our Family

We both have spent most of our lives in Georgia, and we really love it here! We have amazing relationships and are very close with our parents and siblings. Both Brittany and Brett's parents live less than an hour away and about 20 minutes from each other. We still find that going back "home" is one of our favorite things to do. We see our parents at least once a month and chat with them every few days. We both have dads that we adore and call anytime we need someone to walk us through a decision with grace and wisdom.

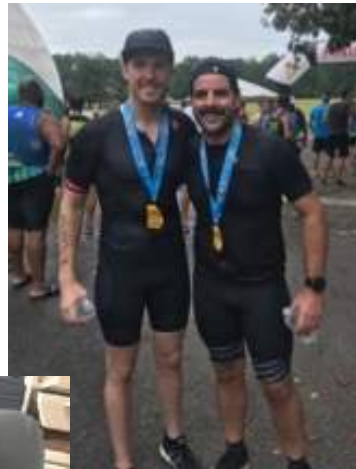
Brett has an older sister, Kelly, who lives in Atlanta, too. Brittany has an older brother, Bobby, and a younger sister, Brooke. Bobby and his wife Mandy live about an hour away in Cartersville with their three boys Noah (7), Luke (6), and John (3). They are so special and so fun! Brooke and her husband Jordan live not-too-far away in Marietta with our newest nephew, Leon (18mo.) We see them at least once a week and baby Leon has quickly become one of our favorite humans on earth!

Everyone is so excited for our family to grow through adoption. We know without a doubt that our child will be very, very loved and accepted by them.



Our People

We truly do not know where we would be without our friends, who are honestly more like our family. They have been there on our worst days to cry with us and on our favorite days to laugh and be silly with us. Our friends are the real deal. They speak wisdom into our lives and help us navigate decisions. They are a constant voice of truth in every season, helping us to become all we were created to be. We really cherish the people Jesus has chosen to walk closely with us.



Our Promise

We want to honor you through this journey together and these are some things we would like to promise you:

We promise to respect you with our words and our actions.

We promise to admit when we are wrong, to say sorry, and learn from our mistakes. We will always choose forgiveness.

We promise to share this child's adoption story and be open with them from the beginning.



We promise to recognize your child's strengths and encourage them to grow into all that God has created them to be

We promise to not shy away from hard conversations, instead we will choose to lean in and be intentional.

We promise to have fun together, find joy in the small things, and adventure as a family.

We promise to be a family that trust in Jesus and choose to faithfully follow his lead.

We promise to love this Child with our whole heart, unconditionally, for their entire life.

