

PATRICK *and* EMILY





hello.

WE ARE SO THANKFUL THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN
THE TIME TO LEARN A LITTLE ABOUT OUR FAMILY.

We truly admire and respect your deep love for your child and your courage to consider adoption. While we know we can't possibly fit every detail about our family life in these pages, we hope that the moments and words we do share help you get a true glimpse of our hearts. Should you have any questions at all, we would be happy to answer them!

We are so excited about the possibility of growing our family by ten little fingers and toes, and we are honored that you have considered our family in this process.

**We are praying for you and your baby,
no matter what decision you make.**

patrick and emily

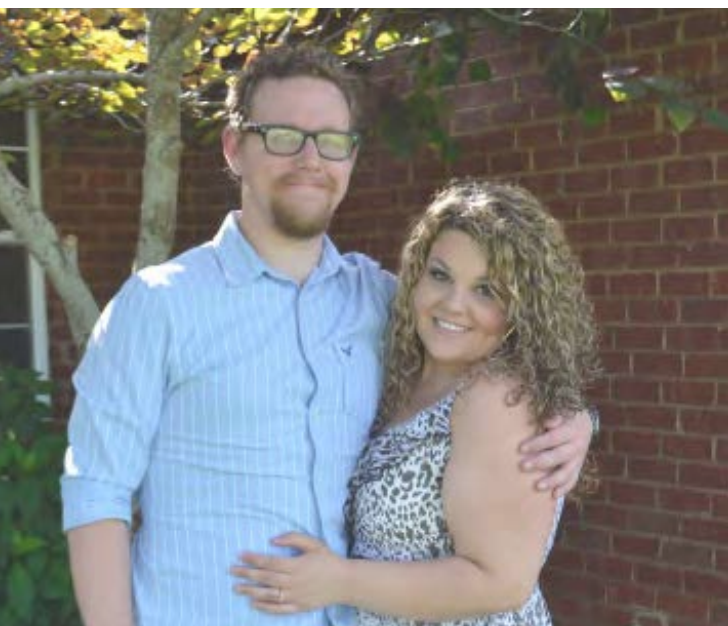




OUR story

WE MET IN 2011 WHILE WORKING OVER SUMMER BREAK.

For two years we crossed paths while working during Holidays and breaks from school. In 2013 Emily started working at Starbucks while finishing up Cosmetology school, and Patrick would come into the coffee shop often. One day our mutual friend, Jessica, asked Patrick to stop by Starbucks before work, and while there he asked Emily if she would like to grab coffee sometime. Emily thought it was really cute that he asked her to get coffee (since she was surrounded by it all the time), and appreciated how humble and down to earth he was. **Two years into dating**, Patrick decided to propose during a small family gathering on Easter. Patrick hid the ring inside an easter egg, and while taking some pictures Patrick gave Emily the egg. It was the sweetest proposal, and we will never forget getting to celebrate our engagement with our families that day!



The following November we got married at a local botanical garden surrounded by our family and closest friends. As luck would have it, our outdoor ceremony was disrupted by a dreary day full of thunderstorms. But with the help of our amazing friends and family, they turned the rainy mess into the wedding of our dreams! It was a day that we can barely remember, but will never forget.



WHY adoption

LONG BEFORE WE WERE MARRIED, WE DREAMT OF HAVING A LARGE FAMILY AND COULDN'T WAIT FOR THE DAY WE BECAME PARENTS!

We always envisioned our home – and our hearts – filled with the love and laughter of a bunch of little ones, no matter how they entered our family. So, when Emily was encouraged not to have any more babies due to health complications that only happen during her pregnancies, we knew that didn't mean our family had to stop growing. We immediately began praying about welcoming another child(ren) and their family into our family through adoption.

We believe that family is so much more than sharing DNA, and we are excited and can't wait for our family to be brought into relationship with another family through overwhelming love for a child.





MEET *emily*

BY PATRICK

Emily honestly completes me. In all of the areas where I am lacking, she is there to balance me out, I love that she tries so hard to take an interest in the things I enjoy, even if they don't matter to her. She's the kind of person who will drop what she is doing to help out someone in need.

I'm lucky because she sacrifices on a daily basis to provide for our family in ways I don't believe I could. She is the best teammate. I count it as a blessing that she has such an immense love for our children.

"When it comes to our children, she takes the "mama bear" passion to a whole new level. There is no one else I'd rather have by my side on this journey."



MEET *patrick*

BY EMILY

Patrick is an amazing husband, and an even better father. He shows up and is always willing to help me to the very best of his ability. He has a kind heart and a softness that not everyone gets to see. He has a very strong sense of loyalty, and will never let you down if he commits to something.

He is thoroughly committed to our family, and he loves our kids fiercely. I can honestly say that Patrick was created for fatherhood. Patrick is a man of his word, loves me well, and always strives to be the best partner he can be.

"Patrick is strong where I am weak. He helps keep me grounded. He always sees the good in every person and situation. There isn't anyone else I'd rather do life with."

OUR *kids*

EILA IS OUR SPUNKY, YET INCREDIBLY SWEET 2 YEAR OLD.

She loves all things girly – like nails and shopping – but also loves playing in mud puddles and getting dirty. Her favorite activities include impromptu dance parties, taking care of her baby dolls, and spending time at the beach!

She loves following Hudson, learning and exploring with him. Eila absolutely loves babies, and is a natural at taking care of and loving on younger kids, so we know she will be an amazing big sister.

HUDSON IS OUR FUN-LOVING, KIND-HEARTED 5 YEAR OLD.

He loves helping with tasks around the house, especially if it involves helping his little sister Eila. He loves to sing and dance, and loves activities where he gets to build things.

Some of his favorite things to do include building pillow forts, swimming at the beach, and going to the zoo. Hudson said that having another baby in the family is going to be "so awesome" and he can't wait to welcome a new little brother or sister.



ALL THAT WE
LOVE DEEPLY
BECOMES
part of us.



OUR *home*

IN 2016 WE BUILT OUR HOME ON THE SAME
PIECE OF FARMLAND THAT EMILY GREW UP ON.

Our four bedroom home sits on two acres, built right next door to Emily's parents, and has a large backyard. We feel incredibly blessed that our kids have plenty of room to run, play and explore. Emily's favorite thing about our home is our living room. She loves that it's open enough to have friends and family over, yet cozy enough to snuggle on the couch and read books or watch movies together.

We love that while we get to raise our kids in a smaller, tight knit community, we are only half an hour away from two larger cities, and just minutes from the beach! Emily's grandmother, two of her aunts, and a few cousins are our neighbors as well. One of our favorite things about having family as our neighbors is that we know our kids are safe, protected, and surrounded by people who love them, and the kids really love that we get to visit our family every day.



OUR family

EMILY'S FAMILY

Emily has one younger brother, six aunts and uncles, twenty-four first cousins, and nineteen second cousins. She is closest with her moms two sisters, and has five cousins that are more like her siblings. Christmas with Emily's family is always loud and full of laughter and fun! Her family is originally from Florida, but is now spread out throughout Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Texas and Tennessee.



PATRICK'S FAMILY

Patrick has two older sisters, two nieces, and two nephews. They have regular family reunions with extended family members, and always spend Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve together at his oldest sisters house! Every year before school starts, Patrick's cousins get a beach house and we all hang out and celebrate the end of Summer together.

WE BOTH COME FROM LOVING, TIGHT-KNIT FAMILIES.

THINGS WE *love*

EMILY LOVES:

BEING A WIFE & MOM
BEING A HAIR STYLIST
MUSIC
LEADING WORSHIP
BEING SILLY
DANCE PARTIES
MEXICAN FOOD



PATRICK LOVES:

FAMILY, ABOVE ALL
WATCHING SPORTS
PLAYING BASKETBALL
AND FLAG FOOTBALL
READING AND WRITING
PIZZA - ESPECIALLY
MELLOW MUSHROOM
ALL KINDS OF MUSIC



EILA LOVES:

PLAYING BABY DOLLS
BAKING WITH MOMMY
DRESSING UP IN
PRINCESS DRESSES
CHIPS AND SALSA
PLAYING OUTSIDE
DOING WHATEVER
HUDSON IS DOING

HUDSON LOVES:

BEING A BIG BROTHER
PLAYDOH AND
KINETIC SAND
READING WITH
MOMMY AND DADDY
MOVIES AND POPCORN
SUPERHERO CAPES
JUMPING ON THE TRAMPOLINE



TOGETHER WE LOVE:

HARRY POTTER MARATHONS
HOMEMADE PIZZA
EXERCISING
PLAYING OUTSIDE IN
OUR BIG BACKYARD
BEACH DAYS
READING BOOKS
BEING SILLY



HAPPY *holidays*

We love sharing some of our own families' traditions with our kids, like coloring eggs at Easter, and decorating sugar cookies at Christmas...but we also love adding in new experiences and celebrations, like getting all of our family together to take the kids to local Fall Festivals, and finding matching pjs for us to wear on Christmas Eve.

We value all the time we get to spend together with family and friends, and our hope is that our kids will always be able to look back on happy holiday memories, and have lots of family traditions that they can share with their own families some day.



IN THIS *family* we...

LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY, FORGIVE ALWAYS, LOVE TO
EXPLORE, PUT EACH OTHER FIRST, AREN'T AFRAID TO
GET MESSY, LAUGH A LOT, AND ACCEPT EVERYONE.



OUR PROMISE *To you*

WE WANT TO CLOSE OUR BOOK WITH A FEW THINGS

WE PROMISE TO UPHOLD. IF YOU CHOOSE OUR FAMILY:

We promise to love your child fiercely and unconditionally; to make our home a safe space where they can thrive, and always be and feel completely accepted and adored.

We promise to allow him/her to be a child, to guide him/her through the tough parts of life, to celebrate and cheer on in the exciting times, and to help him/her flourish into the young man or woman that God designed him/her to be.

We promise to surround your child with family and friends who love him/her, who have vowed to support, to guide, to teach, to listen, to laugh, to encourage, to adore, and to always pray with, for, and over him/her.

We promise that we will always extend forgiveness and grace.

We promise that he/she will always know the overwhelming, unrelenting love and never ending grace of God.

We promise that your child will know of your selfless, sacrificial love, and that we will honor what you desire our relationship to look like to the best of our ability. Your child will never doubt that every single decision surrounding every moment of his/her life has been nothing short of unrelenting, sacrificial love.

We promise to prayerfully enter into an adoption agreement with you, and to always do what is in the best interest of your child.

Thank you again for taking the time to get to know our family.

patrick, emily, eila, and hudson



