

Jenna AND
Jeremiah



Hello,

**This is the part where our journey
beautifully comes together with yours!**

We hope we have the chance to meet you one day to offer our support, compassion, and friendship, but if we don't, just know that you are always in our prayers. We admire your courage and the love you have for your baby in giving them such a valuable opportunity and future. We are looking forward to finding the missing piece to our puzzle. We are a judgment-free family and only want what is best for everyone.

We look forward to meeting you!

WITH LOVE

Jenna and Jeremiah



A B O U T U S

Together

We met on an online dating website after we each had a friend coerce us into signing up for the free trial. We met for the first time in September 2006 and became the best of friends. After dating for 3 years, Jeremiah proposed while parasailing in Virginia Beach, and we were married in Jenna's childhood church on July 10, 2010, with 300 loving, supportive friends and family members in attendance.

our fun facts

- We have run a full marathon and many half marathons together.
- We have been featured in a magazine as a family.
- We employ over 50 individuals on a daily basis.
- We have flipped over 150 homes and own many rental properties.
- Starting out, the two of us poured all of our blood, sweat, and tears into completing the renovations ourselves.
- We lived in Switzerland for 6 years.
- We taught in the same international school together for 5 years, with colleagues and students from all over the world.
- Our faith is important to us.





We are extremely compatible and find that open communication and working together as a team plus relying on God are the best tools for a successful, happy marriage that can endure all challenges and hardships that life throws at us.





ABOUT Jenna

- I am a stay-at-home mom who also works as a realtor and owner of multiple businesses.
- I played volleyball in a huge Division 1 college, then professionally in Switzerland for 6 years. I still compete in high-level tournaments and leagues!
- I taught 1st and 3rd grades in a small rural school here in the U.S. and at a large international school in Switzerland.
- I have coached volleyball, basketball, gymnastics, track and field, and my son's t-ball and soccer teams.
- I am constantly completing DIY projects around the home and for others.
- I thrive on spending time with loves ones.
- I have a passion for youth and the elderly, therefore volunteering in our church ministries.
- I enjoy doing laundry and cleaning.
- I have the violin that I played all through school and for my class of students.
- Growing up, I had my own horse and showed in 4H for many years. Definitely would love for our kids to experience the same!
- I love watching Survivor and The Amazing Race. Jeremiah and I have even applied to be competitors on the shows!





ABOUT *Jeremiah*

- Despite the fact I have a lot of responsibility managing lots of employees, I always put my family first and strive to keep a healthy work-life balance.
- I have taught secondary math, science, and technology in both Ohio and overseas in Switzerland.
- I have coached many sports; football, volleyball, tennis, gymnastics, etc.
- I know how to do electrical, plumbing, and mechanical work for any home renovation.
- I have been a groomsman in 15 weddings!
- I was voted the funniest and most fun-loving in my university.
- I'm able to solve the Rubik's cube and have taught our oldest nephew how to do so.
- I cut hair; my own, our kids', nephews', grandfathers', and anyone else who is not afraid of a free haircut. Ask me about the story of cutting hair in Switzerland!
- I enjoy completing woodworking projects and even made our large dining room table that seats 16!
- I, with Jenna, have competed in many cornhole tournaments, having won a few.



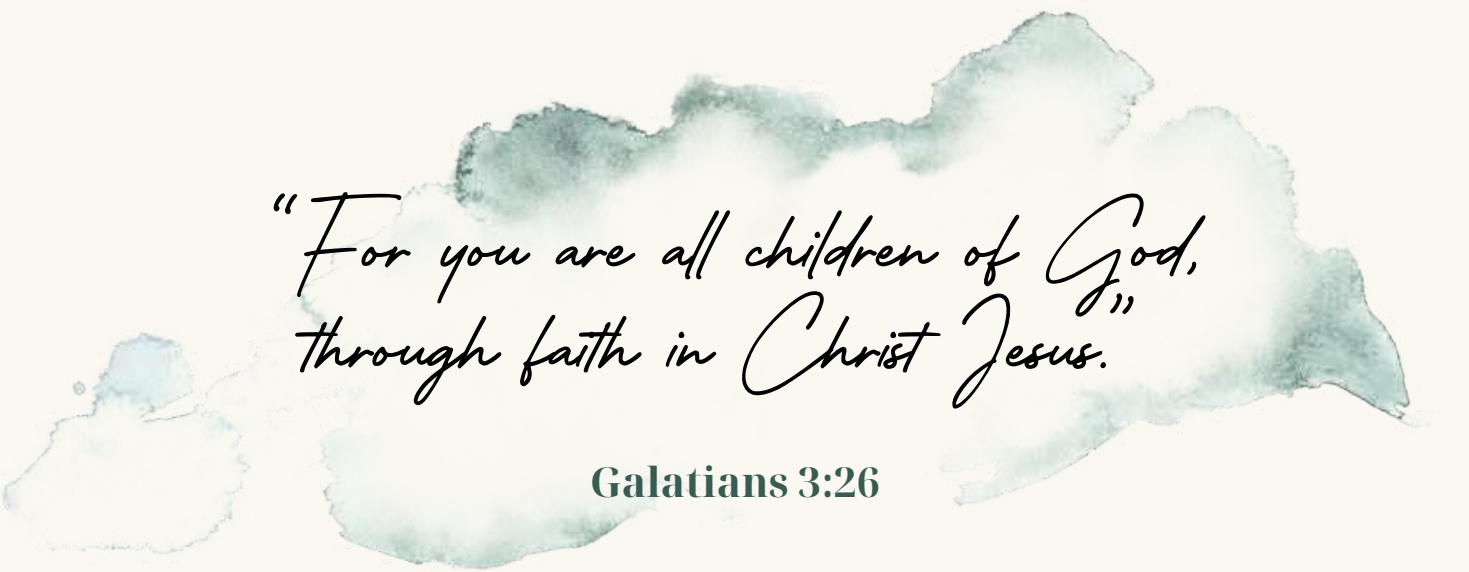
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adoption

We have so much extra joy, love, faith, and blessings and just want to share that with more children. We were always hoping to have another child but it is medically too risky for Jenna. As that door closed, it helped to solidify our decision to adopt as we had always discussed and our hearts desired.

We look forward to keeping the lines of communication open with you and sharing letters, photos, and visits, as you prefer.

We have so much love, time, and resources to give your child and we can promise they will be surrounded by very loving and supportive parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, church family, and friends.

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*"For you are all children of God,
through faith in Christ Jesus."*

Galatians 3:26



O U R K I D S

Ethan, Everlee, and Everett



ETHAN, EVERLEE, AND EVERETT LOVE JUST BEING TOGETHER AS A FAMILY.

They take turns eagerly deciding what we will do for our weekly "Family Fun Night."

Nerf gun fights are a favorite! We love playing together; Legos, imaginary play, riding bikes in our huge circle driveway, jumping on our trampoline, being in the tree house that daddy built, walking to a nearby playground and beach, and playing in our huge sandpit. They love learning by going to the library and storytimes, museums, doing

art and craft activities at home, and completing puzzles. They also enjoy playing piano at our home. Our eldest son will soon

be in Cub Scouts and Jeremiah will volunteer as one of the leaders! Our kids are anxiously awaiting the arrival of a future sibling and are always asking about when they will join our family. Ethan and Everlee already act as caregivers and parents to

Everett, so we know that they will do the same for your child. All 3 children get along really well with each other and other children in our family and circle of friends.



Siblings

ARE JUST BUILT-IN
BEST FRIENDS





OUR HOME

We live in a castle-like house with 8 bedrooms, 7 bathrooms, and a finished basement filled with toys, a ping pong table, a pinball machine, exercise equipment, and lots of room to run! We live on a private lake where we enjoy boating, tubing, swimming, fishing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, ice skating in the winter, and using the pedal boat. Next door is a private beach that has a trapeze swing into the water, a diving board, a pickleball court, a playground, and a sand volleyball court. We are planning to add an indoor pool to our home so the kids can swim all year long! Within walking distance, there is an elementary school, 2 playgrounds, an ice cream shop, and a Dunkin Donuts where we go for occasional treats.



OUR FAMILY LOVES ADVENTURE!

We go hiking, visit the local zoo and amusement park, zip lining, county fairs, skating, skiing, escape rooms, riding the 4-wheeler and golf cart at Grandma and Grandpa Johnson's, camping, and playing games. Our extended family and friends also come over to play board games, cards, ping pong, cornhole, Family Feud, trivia, dice, and dominoes. We also love to cook together. The kids love pancakes, which daddy makes in the shape of whatever they can imagine. They really put him to the test! We have a healthy balance of fixing and eating meals together at home, especially on the deck overlooking our spacious backyard and lake and dining out with family and friends. We also enjoy lakefront bonfires where we roast marshmallows for s'mores, tell stories and jokes, play games, and just relax. We attend church regularly, where Jeremiah is the financial director and Jenna works with the young and elderly, both leading a small group Bible study while the kids play with their friends. Our church has a very high percentage of families who have adopted so there is a lot of support, and your child would have friends who were adopted too! We also volunteer in the community by visiting nursing homes to pray for and spend time with the residents. The kids often color pictures to take to them to help brighten their day.

Our Travels

We love traveling within the U.S. (especially to Florida), the Caribbean via cruise ships, staying at resorts in Mexico, and especially touring Europe. We are planning to go on a world cruise and on mission trips as a family when all the kids are a bit older. We have traveled to just over 100 countries since we got married in 2010 and all of the kids have been out of the country at least 3 times. Our favorite destinations have been Rome, Italy; Athens, Greece; Cairo, Egypt for its interesting history, Israel for its significance in relation to our faith, Scotland, England, and Ireland for our heritage, Madagascar for its authenticity, all over Asia for appreciation of its culture and differences to ours, Croatia for its beaches and all over the U.S. for its diversity and landscape. There is just so much to see and learn!

Hobbies & Traditions

The kids play soccer, t-ball, basketball, and take swimming lessons. We play competitive volleyball, tennis, pickleball, ping pong, cornhole, and run 5k, half, and even full marathon races! We often team up with family and friends.

OUR FAVORITE TRADITIONS

- Host an annual family reunion for a few days each year
- Have a 4th of July party with fireworks every year
- Celebrate birthdays with a large group of family and friends
- Host the entire extended family for holidays where we eat, play games, and laugh together



We are very close with our families!

There are currently 10 cousins who are quite close in age and they are all such good friends. Everyone is overjoyed at the idea of having another cousin, grandchild, or niece/nephew to love on! Jenna's grandpa and wife live in Florida and we visit at least twice a year. We have even discussed buying a second home there since we visit so often. We both were blessed with happy childhoods, and we hope to emulate the wonderful wisdom and example of parenting that our parents have and continue to show us. All in all, we have a fantastic support system! There will never be any shortage of cousins to play with, camping trips, sleepovers at grandma and grandpa's house, cruises and road trips together, as well as large family gatherings!


"My family all live very close by. I have younger twin brothers and sadly, my brother Jordan was tragically and unexpectedly killed in a traffic accident. He is survived by his wife, Carly, and young children, Selah and Asher, with whom we are very close. They are more than a niece and nephew and our kids really enjoy spending time with them. My other brother, Justin, lives about 5 minutes away and comes to our house almost daily. My parents live only 3 minutes away so we are fortunate to see them daily and they are like a second set of parents to our children."

- Jenna

"My parents are very accommodating and a wonderful example of how to treat and love others. My younger sister, Heather, who formerly found permanent, loving homes for children with an adoptive plan, and her husband, Jacob, have twins and an older daughter. Even though they all live about 1.5 hours away, we visit a couple of times per month. My older sister and her husband have 2 sons, the eldest was adopted and we were actually the first in the family to meet him! The four of them live in Virginia Beach but we love traveling down there to visit. As a family, we are always sending photos to the group text, and seeing each other whenever possible. The cousins I grew up with were also adopted so I am very familiar with the process and long-term effects."

- Jeremiah





*Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts
for considering us as parents.*

Above all, we want you to know that your child will be respected and encouraged in everything they do. If we have to sum it up in one word, we are promising your baby love. We believe love is what makes a family. We will share our love in both our actions and our words. As parents, we promise to raise your baby with kindness, respect, and lots of hugs and kisses while affording them the financial means to succeed and achieve their dreams. We can promise that your selfless choice now will ensure a lifetime of love, from all of us, for you and your child!

**We hope that reading about our family will help you make
the best decision for your beloved little one.**

 *Jenna & Jeremiah*

