



Clifton & Whitney

"Love Makes A Family"

HELLO

it's so nice to "meet" you

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us, and considering us as you make the final decision of who will parent your child. Please know we count it an honor that you would want to get to know about us and our families. We hope that through this book you can see a glimpse of our life and the love we share for our families, friends, one another, and our future child.

We cannot begin to imagine the circumstances that have led you to this place, but please know that we are praying for you, your child, and your family. Adoption is something that has been in our hearts for an exceedingly long time. We know this journey is meant for us to pursue. We strongly feel we can provide your child with a loving environment with lots of support, and a spiritual and moral foundation to help them grow into a self-confident adult. This would be a great honor for us!

Please know that your child will always know how much you love them and how selfless you were to make the brave decision to place them for adoption. We cannot wait to welcome a child into our home and we look forward to the journey ahead.

WITH LOVE & APPRECIATION

Clifton & Whitney

OUR STORY

We met at our elementary school, but one morning as we waited for the busses to drop us off at the entrance, Clifton asks me to be his girlfriend. I (Whitney) said yes! We would pass letters in the hallway and attend the school dances together. Our first "date" was in the fifth grade when his mom took us to the movies to watch *"Muppets in Space."* He also would visit me at my church for Sunday School. When I (Whitney) went to a different high school, we had broken up but remained friends. Throughout the years people in the community would always say we would end up getting married and that we were soul mates. When we both started college, I (Whitney) took a job working for Clifton's papaw at a local country store. Clifton began coming in to see me daily, and the rest is history. We knew we wanted get married within a few weeks of dating! We both felt that when we were together, we were "home." We were engaged within two months of dating, but waited four years to marry so we could finish college. We married in 2010 and our marriage is stronger than ever!



wedding day





MEET Whitney

"I love Music! I currently sing and play the piano at my church and anywhere else I can. Anything art and music related are my favorite hobbies. Clifton and I love to travel, and look forward to the day, we will have a child to travel with us! I am very spiritual and active in my church and community. I teach youth classes at my church on Wednesday night. I am a simple girl who enjoys a simple life, sitting on the front porch with our dogs, watching Saturday football, and cooking for my family."



WHAT I LOVE ABOUT *Whitney*

WRITTEN BY Clifton

"I love Whitney for a whole multitude of reasons. Not least among them, is that she is my role model, she is the kind of person I aspire to be. She talented, caring, loving, and selfless. She is honestly my best friend, who I have been fortunate enough to get to spend my entire life with. I have loved her for nearly as long as I can remember, and look forward to making countless more memories."



Whitney as a baby



SOME OF MY FAVORITE HOBBIES

MUSIC! I love to play the piano and sing! I can also play the drums. I am artistic and love to paint and take photos! I also enjoy traveling the world with Clifton.

MEET *Clifton*

"I grew up in a rural community with my parents and my younger brother. We lived in the same house my entire life. My parents have been married for 42 years. I am close to my family. My brother is married and has a five-year-old daughter. They live beside of us. Our niece loves to come over and help bake cookies and host makeovers with Whitney. We live close to our parents and enjoy when family come to visit. In my down time, I enjoy watching sports, playing an occasional video game, and working on graphic design. I also enjoy a quiet evening at home, watching movies with Whitney."

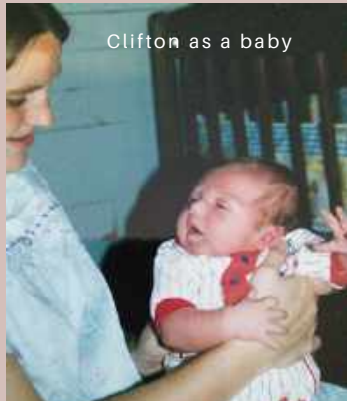


WHAT I LOVE ABOUT *Clifton*

WRITTEN BY Whitney

Besides being my best friend and the perfect person for me, it would be difficult to name all the qualities I love about Clifton. I love his integrity. He stands up for what is right even when it is hard. Clifton is honest and good. If he gives you his word you can rely on it. I love how he looks after me. He is such a gentleman. He always makes sure I don't forget my coat when it is cold, reaches his hand to help me step down, and always opens doors for me. He is a wonderful provider and shares the load of life with me. He loves my family and treats them as his own. He is so calm and collected. He never makes decisions based on emotions. He is God fearing and intelligent. I could go on and on about him. I love everything about my husband and I am thankful to share this life with him.

Clifton as a baby



In Alaska



Pie your teacher day!

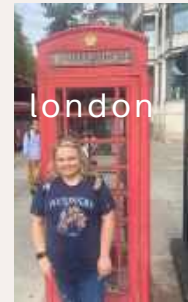


SOME OF MY FAVORITE HOBBIES

"I enjoy graphic design, traveling, sports, video gaming, and listening to podcasts."



Favorite things to do together...



- Spending time with family and friends
- Spending evenings at home sitting on the front porch
- Attending sporting events
- Traveling around the world





My Dad, Step-mom, Sis, and Brother



My Mom's Side



My nephew



My Niece



Mom's Family at my wedding

MEET OUR FAMILIES

Whitney's FAMILY

My parents were divorced when I was 8 months old. Although it was tough at times, I was blessed with wonderful step-parents. My family always ensured I had lots of love and support! I have 5 siblings and I am the oldest of them all! I have a 5-month-old nephew and a 3-week-old niece! I am thankful for my family! I was truly raised by a "village". We grew up living close to my aunts, uncles, and cousins. Growing up in my family was simple, but loads of fun! My family is so excited to add another blessing to our bunch!



Our Cooper



Our Ann

family

Clifton's FAMILY



Clifton's Parent's, 40th Anniversary Celebration



My parents and I are close. My parents have been married for 42 happy years. I have one brother who is 4 years younger than me. He is married and they have one daughter who is 5 years old. I have been blessed to live close to my brother and parents. We also live just less than a mile from my only living grandparent. Growing up, my brother and I loved to watch wrestling and cartoons every weekend. Now we get to do those things with my niece!

My niece enjoys many different activities. She often tells us that she is excited about her "Uncle Bub" and "Aunt Whit" getting a cousin she can play with. My dad was injured at work early in his career and my mom was always a stay-at-home parent.

Now she works for our local Wal-Mart. Our families are excited about our journey to adoption and are incredibly supportive.

Family Vacation



Clifton's mom and dad



Whitney With Clifton's mom



Christmas Shopping trip



Clifton with his mom, dad, and brother

Christmas Morning



Clifton's Grandma



Work

For our careers we both work at the same elementary school. Clifton teaches middle school science and Whitney is the school's guidance counselor. Clifton has taught for ten years and Whitney six. We both love our jobs! In the past we have coached basketball and ran some school clubs. Our students are following along with the adoption journey, and are so excited about their teachers becoming parents!

Below are some pictures from Halloween, field trips, and spirit week.



OUR COMMUNITY & Church

We are regularly active in our community and church. In our church, Clifton is a minister and I am the music director. We also teach youth classes and help with vacation bible school. Since we work in the community elementary school, we both are involved in outreach programs that allow us to aid in community projects. We are blessed to have many adoptive families in our church and community!

Our Church



Youth Group



Church Pic-nic



Kids Paint Event



Clifton teaching Bible School



Kids sensory event



Christmas Party

Church and Community (continued)



Sensory Event



Trunk OR Treat



Stuffing Christmas boxes for the community



PIE the pastor Day



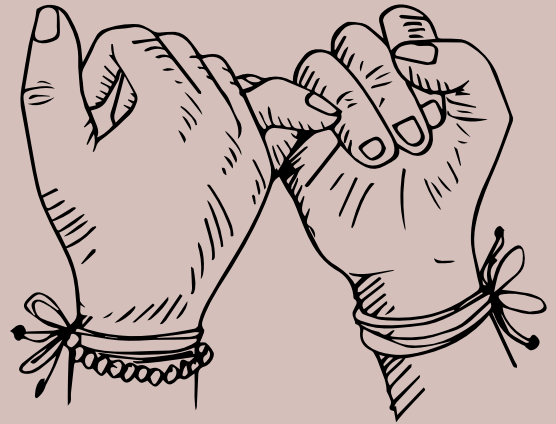
Whitney's cousin, but also best friend



Church Friends



Best Friend from College



Clifton's friends since elementary school



Whitney's best friend since they were 5 yrs. old



ONE LAST THANK YOU

We want you to know that we are honored that you have taken time to review our profile. We hope we have given you a glimpse, of not only of our lives; but also of our heart and our hope to become parents. We pray many blessings over you!

CLIFTON + WHITNEY

