

Carrie & James





IT IS SO NICE TO MEET YOU!

Words cannot express how much we care for you and your precious baby. Although we cannot begin to understand the feelings you are experiencing as you are deciding what is best for you and your baby, we want you to know that we admire and respect you.

You are selfless, brave, and strong. We pray for you and your baby often and hope you will feel peace, love, comfort, and support throughout this journey no matter what decision you make.

We feel honored and blessed that you are taking the time to get to know a little about our family.

Carrie and James

Thank You

FOR CONSIDERING US AS PART OF YOUR JOURNEY, AND WE HOPE THAT YOU CAN FEEL THE IMMENSE AMOUNT OF LOVE WE HAVE TO SHARE WITH YOUR CHILD THROUGH THE PAGES OF OUR BOOK.





fun facts

FAVORITE COLOR: BLUE ● FAVORITE
FOOD: CHEESEBURGERS ● FAVORITE
SEASON: FALL ● FAVORITE MOVIE:
JURASSIC PARK ● FAVORITE BOOK:
HARRY POTTER



HI,
I'M JAMES

I was born and grew up in Mobile, Alabama, and have always been surrounded by supportive family and friends. I attended college in Alabama followed by medical school in Missouri, where I trained to become a pulmonary and critical care physician. I enjoy my job because it affords me the opportunity to help people in some of their most difficult times. I love building LEGOs, playing video games, exercising, and watching movies. I also enjoy sports, grew up in athletics, and played baseball through college.

SELFLESS, COMPASSIONATE, AND DEPENDABLE

He is also loving, thoughtful, calm, and genuinely has a heart for people. He is very supportive, a devoted husband, my best friend, and the love of my life. James loves sports! He always enjoys being involved in a good game, whether that is playing tennis, playing pickleball in the backyard, or going to watch his favorite team play. He is also artistic, a wonderful cook, and can fix anything! Whether it is at home or at work, he always gives a hundred percent and never gives up.

FROM CARRIE

James provides, protects, and loves with his whole heart.





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HI,
I'M *Carrie*

I grew up in Mobile, Alabama, in a very loving and supportive home. I attended college in Alabama, where I studied communication disorders and became a speech-language pathologist. It was very rewarding to be able to help both children and adults communicate better with their loved ones. I am now a stay-at-home mom. I also enjoy playing tennis and exercising and find playing the piano to be very relaxing. I love being outdoors on a beautiful day as well as snuggling on the couch in my pajamas with a warm blanket and a good book on a rainy day. I also enjoy going on vacation and am always planning our next adventure!

"SHE HAS BEEN MY BEST FRIEND SINCE WE WERE TEENAGERS."

From then through the journey of being my wife, it has always been apparent how deeply she cares for others. You can feel it in the greeting cards she fills with thoughtful words and see it in her daily interactions with our family or even strangers. She displays an immense amount of love and compassion for everyone she meets.

FROM JAMES

I could not ask for a better person to spend my life with.



Together
IS THE BEST PLACE TO BE



JAMES DECIDED CARRIE WAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL, BROWN-EYED, BRUNETTE GIRL HE HAD EVER SEEN...

Although we went to the same high school, we actually did not meet until shortly after Carrie graduated. We were at a mutual friend's house when James decided Carrie was the most beautiful, brown-eyed, brunette girl he had ever seen, so he asked if he could drive her car around the block. Although Carrie was really shy, she did not want him to drive her new car alone, so she hopped in alongside him. Little did we know that nine years later we would be looking each other in the eye on a warm, sunny day at the beach and saying, "I do!" We have now been together for over 22 years and married for 15 years.

AS WE HAVE GROWN FROM TEENAGERS TO ADULTS, WE HAVE JOURNEYED THROUGH MANY STAGES OF LIFE TOGETHER...



We have always been best friends and have built a strong relationship based on trust, honesty, and mutual respect for one another. Our differing personalities complement each other well. James is confident and spontaneous and always makes us laugh. Carrie is nurturing, well organized, and always puts the needs of her family above her own. To keep our relationship strong, we like to make time for just the two of us as often as we can. We enjoy date nights out to dinner or the movies. Occasionally, we also love to spend a few days alone at the beach or one of our favorite theme parks. Spending time with family is very important to us. As we have grown from teenagers to adults, we have journeyed through many stages of life together, have supported each other, and stood together through both good times and bad. We are committed to both our marriage and to providing a stable, happy home for our family.

WHY adoption?

CARRIE COMES FROM A VERY LARGE, BLENDED FAMILY AND HAS ALWAYS KNOWN SHE WANTED TO HAVE A BIG FAMILY OF HER OWN SOMEDAY.

When we got married in 2007, James also shared the hope of one day raising many children together. After we had our first son, we got pregnant with our first daughter in 2012. Sadly, we lost our baby girl, Isabella Faith, who was born sleeping into the arms of Jesus at 21 weeks. We gave her this name because Isabella means "God is my oath," and she strengthened our faith in the Lord. Walking through the darkest time in our lives together has also brought us closer and stronger as a couple.

Our love has only grown, and it was during this time that our desire for adoption began to grow as well. Although we have added two more children to our family, our desire to adopt has only grown stronger with time, and we have so much love and room in our hearts to share with another child.

Carrie's cousin, Tara, spent many years as a missionary in Japan, and she and her husband, Jared, have adopted two of their six children from there. They are excited about our family growing through the blessing of adoption as well.

ADOPTION HAS BEEN IN OUR HEARTS FOR NINE YEARS AND HAS ONLY GROWN STRONGER OVER TIME.

OUT OF THE ASHES
beauty will rise







Dear Baby Sister or

bruther I can't wait
to play outside with
you and

help feed you
a bottle. I can not

wait to hold you and

I can't wait for you

to get here!

love Kathryn





"BEING A FATHER HAS BEEN THE BEST PART OF MY LIFE. GETTING TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF PLAYING WITH MY CHILDREN AND EXPERIENCING THE WORLD THROUGH THEIR EYES IS AMAZING. MY TIME WITH THEM IS ALWAYS THE HIGHLIGHT OF MY DAY."

He is an incredible, hands-on dad to our three children, and his work schedule allows him to be off most afternoons when they are out of school. He builds the best forts and block towers, uses funny voices as he reads bedtime stories, dresses up for tea parties, and sings as he drives the kids to and from school.

"BEING A MOM HAS TAUGHT ME TO LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY, TO CELEBRATE EVEN THE SMALLEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND TO APPRECIATE LIFE'S BLESSINGS. THE JOY OF SEEING LIFE THROUGH A CHILD'S EYES IS TRULY A GIFT. I FEEL THERE IS NO JOB MORE IMPORTANT THAN TEACHING OUR CHILDREN, PLAYING WITH THEM, AND WATCHING THEM GROW. I LOVE TO HAVE ONE-ON-ONE DATES WITH EACH CHILD, AS IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE SPECIAL TIME TO BOND AND STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONSHIP. THIS INDIVIDUALIZED TIME HELPS EACH CHILD FEEL IMPORTANT, UNDERSTOOD, AND VALUED."

She always creates the best opportunity for them to learn, play, and succeed. Carrie is very organized and keeps our daily life running smoothly. She is always ready for a board game day, family movie time, playing outside in the backyard, or a fun adventure out of town! She strives to spend our family time to the fullest and never waste a day that we have together.

**describe your
favorite weekend**

"SOME OF OUR HAPPIEST WEEKENDS ARE THE ONES WE SPEND AT HOME WITH OUR CHILDREN PLAYING IN THE YARD, PLAYING BOARD GAMES, AND JUST ENJOYING TIME WITH EACH OTHER."

Carrie



JOSHUA

Joshua is our compassionate, sensitive, old soul who is wise beyond his years. He is extremely smart and enjoys playing the piano, tennis, and loves all things sports. Joshua is kind, gentle, gets along with everyone, and gives the best warm hugs just when you need one the most. He adores his little sister and brother, reads to them, teaches them new things, and cannot wait to be a loving and protective big brother to the baby that joins our hearts and home.



KATHRYN

Kathryn is a spunky, fun-loving, free spirit who has a smile that can light up a room. She enjoys school and loves playing the piano, dancing, dressing up, swimming, and literally cartwheels her way through life. Kathryn is a caring child with a soft heart, gives the best kisses, and is our "little mama" who takes care of her brothers, makes sure a friend never feels left out, and loves all animals. She usually has a book with her and is praying for a new baby to read to and love.



NOAH

Noah is an energetic, loving, outgoing, little boy who is always trying to make us laugh. He loves dinosaurs and superheroes. He also enjoys drawing, going to the park, and playing any sport with a ball but would love nothing more than playing in the backyard blowing bubbles and eating popsicles. Noah is our little firecracker! We do not know if he looks for mischief or if it just finds him. He loves snuggling, being read to, and cannot fall asleep at night without giving everyone high fives, fist bumps, hugs, and kisses.





home is where the heart is

We live in a 4-bedroom, 3.5-bathroom home in a beautiful and safe neighborhood in Mobile, Alabama. We love the outdoors and spend a lot of time in our big, fenced-in backyard swimming, playing basketball, and playing on the swing set or playhouse. There is also usually a family game of Wiffle ball, football, or pickleball in the yard. We have a big, screened back porch where you can find us relaxing on our bed swing, playing ping-pong, or watching the children play in the sandbox. Most of our extended family live within a 15-minute drive from our house. We are also excited to be building our forever home about a mile down the road, and it will have 5 bedrooms, which means a special room just for our new little one!

WE ARE ALSO EXCITED TO BE BUILDING OUR FOREVER HOME ABOUT A MILE DOWN THE ROAD.

Mobile is a historic port city located at the head of Mobile Bay known for its local fresh seafood and southern hospitality. On the weekends, we enjoy visiting places such as the local parks, Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center, Bellingrath Gardens and Home, and the children's exhibit at the Mobile Museum of Art. Our hometown is also the place where Mardi Gras celebrations started! During carnival season, our children love to see the many beautifully decorated floats and catch strings of beads, moon pies, or other trinkets. We also love that we live close to our church and are only about an hour away from the beach, so we can take numerous trips a year!

WE ALSO JUST ENJOY PLAYING AT OUR LOCAL PARK. MOST WEEKENDS YOU CAN FIND US AT HOME HAVING A BOARD GAME TOURNAMENT, MOVIE NIGHTS, OR PLAYING IN OUR BACKYARD, AND YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN A DANCE PARTY MAY BREAK OUT! WE ALSO LIKE TO END EACH DAY AS A FAMILY SHARING OUR BEST PART OF THE DAY AND SAYING OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER AT BEDTIME.







O U R T I M E I N T H E *sunshine state*

Although we live in Mobile, Alabama, we are a little less than an hour's drive from the Florida state line, and we love to spend most of our vacations there!

Carrie's dad, stepmom, and their dog, Katie, live on the intracoastal waterway just around the corner from the beach, so a lot of our vacation is spent swimming, fishing, and going on boat rides. One of our favorite things to do is take the boat to a little island and swim and play in the sand. When I (Carrie) was a little girl, my dad found a spot where he would anchor his boat, and we would get out in very shallow water. There were so many sand dollars covering the ocean floor, and it was so neat to pick them up and see their beauty before releasing them again. Our children now love to do this as well!

While we are at my dad's house, we also love to drive to Tampa to visit places such as The Florida Aquarium, Zoo Tampa at Lowry Park, and the Glazer Children's Museum as well as see a baseball game in St. Petersburg. In addition, we always take a trip to Pensacola Beach at the end of the summer every year. When we are not at the beach, our favorite place to go on vacation is Disney World (occasionally Universal Orlando Resort as well), and we usually go at least once a year!

"OUR FAVORITE PLACE TO BE IS TOGETHER, WHETHER THAT IS TAKING ANNUAL TRIPS TO DISNEY WORLD TO MEET THE CHARACTERS AND EAT MICKEY ICE CREAM BARS OR SPENDING TIME AT THE BEACH BUILDING SANDCASTLES AND JUMPING IN THE WAVES UNTIL THE SUN SETS."

Carrie



THIS IS OUR FAMILY

Spending time with family is very important to us. Since we met as teenagers, our families are very close. They are loving, supportive, and ready to open their arms and hearts to a new little one.

CARRIE'S FAMILY

"I grew up in a very large, loving, blended family as the oldest of nine children. My mom and stepdad, known lovingly as Noni and Pop, live on a farm about 15 minutes away from us. They are always at our children's activities to support and cheer for them. Our kids always ask us to go visit their house where they can jump on the trampoline, swing on the rope swing, play with their dogs and cat, and even go on hayrides at Thanksgiving! My dad and stepmom, affectionately called Papa T and SuSu, live in Florida. We look forward to getting together during the summer as well as for holidays and also stay connected by phone calls, texts, and video chats. My dad lives on the beach, so visits to his house are always full of boat rides, fishing, swimming, and collecting seashells! Although my brothers and sisters are spread out across multiple states, I enjoy it when everyone comes together for holidays or just to spend time together making new memories. Most of my sisters live in town, are very involved in our children's lives, and love attending their sports events and recitals. Our children also have three cousins who they enjoy playing with, and two of their cousins also live in town, attend the same school, and love to have sleepovers together at Noni and Pop's house!"

JAMES' FAMILY

"I grew up in a very loving and supportive family as the youngest of two children. My parents, who our kids named Papa and Pama, live about 10 minutes from our house. The kids love to go to their house to play outside, pick kumquats and blueberries, help feed their turtles, and spend the night! Papa and Pama also enjoy going on yearly vacations with us to the beach and Disney World. My brother also lives in town and loves being fun Uncle Chris. He loves to tell our children silly stories to make them laugh and is always playing games with them. My family enjoys getting together to celebrate holidays, birthdays, and see each other several times a week."

OUR TRADITIONS

We love to celebrate birthdays and holidays together with many family traditions. On their birthday, the kids get to decide what kind of party they will have, choose their favorite restaurant for dinner, and always enjoy blowing out the candles on their birthday cake.

For Easter, we love to dye eggs together to get ready for Easter egg hunts. The kids also look forward to reading the story of Jesus' resurrection by opening resurrection eggs, which contain a symbol representing a part of the story.

In the fall, we always decorate the house, go to Seward Farms where we can enjoy hayrides and a corn maze, and visit the pumpkin patch where each person chooses their own pumpkin to help carve and decorate. On Halloween, we love to dress up (sometimes as a family theme) and go trick-or-treating!

Each night leading up to Thanksgiving Day we take turns adding a reason why we are thankful to our Thanksgiving tree and celebrate Thanksgiving Day being thankful for our blessings with our families.

At our house, Christmas decorating starts as soon as Halloween is over! We love to make our own Christmas ornaments, bake and decorate cookies, make gingerbread houses, and drink hot chocolate as we decorate our multiple Christmas trees. We also enjoy watching many Christmas movies, going to see Christmas light displays, and always have fireworks at our house to ring in the new year!







THANK YOU

FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS

We appreciate you taking the time to learn a little more about us and for considering us to raise your child. We promise, should you choose us, to love your child unconditionally. Your child will also have two big brothers and a big sister who are excited and ready to teach them, play with them, and love them.

They will have the best possible education, an opportunity to go to college, and support from us to follow their dreams and be whatever they want to be. We promise to teach your child about Jesus and how to show compassion, thankfulness, honesty, and perseverance. We will swing with your child, chase bubbles, and show them the beauty in a rainbow after a storm. We will build sandcastles, splash in the waves, and teach them that broken seashells are just as beautiful as the ones we find whole. Although we love having routines, we also promise to know when it is the right time to stay up a little past bedtime to play a game of family dodgeball in the living room ending with the biggest belly laughs.

We will hug, kiss, and snuggle often. Most of all, we promise to tell your child how much they are loved by you, their selfless, brave, strong mother. We hope you will always be a part of your child's life, but we respect your wishes, whatever they may be.

**WITH ALL OF OUR LOVE,
CARRIE AND JAMES**

"LOVE ISN'T SOMETHING YOU FIND. LOVE IS
SOMETHING THAT FINDS YOU."
- LORETTA YOUNG