



Justin & Natalie



Hi there!

We are so excited to start this journey to add our final little bookend to complete our family! Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know our family; we are honored that you might become part of this journey. We have so much respect for the brave and loving choice you are making by considering adoption for your child. We have always had the desire to adopt and are honored to be called to the role of parenthood. As joyful as all of this is for us, we can't imagine the challenges you are facing in this process and are already so encouraged by your bravery. It is our hope that our profile and story will provide you with great peace as you move forward.

♥ Justin
& Natalie



A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS

- TRAVELING AND ADVENTURE, WHETHER IT BE THE BEACH, MOUNTAINS, OR ANYWHERE IN BETWEEN
- FOUR WHEELING AND HIKING
- FAMILY GAME NIGHTS
- SATURDAY MORNING DONUTS
- FAMILY TIME COOKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A YUMMY MEAL

Justin and I met as awkward students in youth group. Fast forward to after college when we reconnected and quickly realized there was something more. We began dating and now have been married for almost nine years.



I still remember the sheer joy and excitement I felt when he bent down on one knee. He quietly whispered,

“THIS IS HAPPENING.”

I forget the specific details that came next, but I know there was a ring involved and at least one excited, “yes!”

Since then, our life has been full of the joyous, big moments...our wedding day, buying houses, visiting the Taj Mahal, work trips to New York City, muddy adventures in the Dominican Republic, the birth of our son and later Justin being able to help deliver our daughter. The big moments where your heart feels it may burst. Yet, along with the mountaintop highs, we have experienced some valley lows – learning lessons from renovating our fixer upper, moving across the country, two miscarriages, and loss of family members from illness.

Throughout our life we have learned that the big moments are grand, but the richness of life seeps in through the cracks of the ordinary. Coffee on Tuesday mornings, bedtime prayers, soapy dishes in the sink, grocery lists, and “I love you” notes.

Those momentous, mountain top moments are worth remembering, but there is an abundance of joy to be found in the ordinary. Years ago, as we stood overlooking the city lights and mountain range I said “yes” and immediately pictured a beautiful wedding and dreamed up what life might look like. I had no idea just how beautiful and full our life would turn out to be. Different than I had envisioned and filled with raw, real, and hard work...but brimming with beauty in the mundane – board games, giggles, and ice cream on a Thursday night - the good stuff, both big and small.

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CONTINUE EXPERIENCING THE BIG AND THE MUNDANE MOMENTS AS
WE CONTINUE TO GROW OUR FAMILY.**

ALL ABOUT

Natalie

A NOTE FROM JUSTIN

One of the first things that comes to mind when I think of Natalie is how well she serves those around her, whether it is the kids and me in everyday little ways or through inviting friends, family, and neighbors over for dinner and games. She always keeps the house warm and inviting and knows how to cook up the perfect, delicious meal.

She is incredibly hard working and determined and does a great job of modeling these attributes for our kids. Between working part-time and being a full-time mom, she stays quite busy but does so with grace and love. She is the one that keeps our family running smoothly and without her there would simply be chaos. I get as excited to see her with another little one as she does when she imagines finally getting to hold them for the first time.

♡ Justin



JUSTIN & NATALIE

NATALIE'S FAVORITE THINGS

- COFFEE
- ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS
- READING BOOKS AND WRITING
- COOKING
- DECORATING AND HOMEMAKING



NATALIE & "LITTLE MISS"

A NOTE FROM NATALIE

ALL ABOUT

Justin

Sacrifice. Hard work. Dedication. Showing up, embracing the mundane and the crap (literally and figuratively), he started at the bottom of his field and has worked his way up. Justin models a life of constant drive and determination. Before welcoming our son, Justin graduated from nursing school and right after having our daughter, he went back to school to become an Anesthetist. Amidst moving up in his workplace, family has always been his number one priority.

He is seeing his hard work pay off and I truly believe he is living out his calling. I am so thankful to be his number one fan and that our children have a front row seat to his hard work, grace, sacrificial love, tenderness, patience, and of course his spontaneous and silly personality. Even between juggling full-time school and work, he always makes time for our kids. Not a day goes by that he isn't connecting with them or shepherding their hearts.

When he isn't helping others or working hard at the hospital, Justin is most likely with one of our children going on an outside adventure, at home with them working on DIY projects, teaching them how to work on cars, or dreaming up our next family vacation. He absolutely adores his children, is the best husband, and keeps our family grounded and feeling safe amidst life's ups and downs.

♥ Natalie



JUSTIN'S FAVORITE THINGS

- **TAKING THE KIDS ON OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**
- **DRIVING HIS JEEP OVER ANYTHING (ROCKS, SNOW, MUD)**
- **MOUNTAIN BIKING AND ROCK CLIMBING**
- **WOOD WORKING AND DIY PROJECTS**

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we are fortunate to live within driving distance to most of our family. Natalie's parents live three hours away and we see them at least once a month. They love getting to attend Grandparent's Day, sporting games, and are a huge help at birthday parties. Natalie's sister and her family live about nine hours away, but her entire family still manages to get together every summer and winter. They have so much fun playing board games, crabbing and collecting shells at the beach, and running around and playing in Grandma and Poppa's backyard!

OUR Family & Friends



Every summer Justin's family gets together at a lake house for quality time, boating and tubing, and some years fishing. Around Christmas, his entire extended family gathers from across the country for a day full of food and treats, playing with cousins, and adventuring in the woods. Justin is the youngest of three boys. One of his brothers and his family live ten minutes up the street from our house. His other brother lives across the country but we are still able to see them every year.

Our friend group feels like extended family. We have been blessed with a tight knit group of friends who attend the same church as us and live out daily life with us. Many of our friends send their children to the same school that our son attends. Whether it's a bonfire and s'mores on a Friday night, to cutting down Christmas trees, or folding laundry and hanging out together, our friend group is a constant source of encouragement and support for our entire family. Everyone has been so supportive of our adoption journey!

Our children have thirteen cousins and countless second cousins that are often at family events. Cousins are the best playmates! We are so thankful to have involved families!

"Bud" and "Little Miss"



Our son is five years old and started Kindergarten this year. He absolutely LOVES school and learning - math is officially his jam. This year he learned to read and starred in his school play. Somehow it feels like he should be three and thirty years old all at once.

He is tender hearted, adventurous, curious, and energetic. He loves playing soccer and basketball, building with Magnatiles and Legos, and playing outside in any weather. He is the best older brother to our Little Miss and loves to let everyone know she is his best friend. He is beyond thrilled to add another addition to our family and hopes that one day he will have enough siblings to form his own family sports team.



Our daughter just turned two and is constantly on the move. She loves sharing snacks with her brother, constantly wants her toenails painted, and is obsessed with all things baby dolls. She will climb anything without thinking twice and is convinced she can keep up with her brother in everything. She gives Daddy the best belly giggles, loves to create, and pigs are her current favorite animal.

Our Little Miss has the perfect blend of dainty tenderness and fierce strength. She is nurturing, determined, and has such a big personality. We know our Little Miss will be the best big Sis!



OUR Home



Justin's hospital is less than a mile away – he is SO thankful to not have a commute. Even though we live outside of a big city, we are tucked away and conveniently close to everything (shops, parks, restaurants, church, and school). We moved into our current neighborhood just before the pandemic and have been able to develop some of the sweetest relationships with our neighbors during our time here. We adore our neighborhood and where we live!



Lennon (named after John Lennon) is our sweet and gentle Australian Shepherd. We got him as a puppy shortly after we were engaged, and he has been our loyal companion ever since. He is the sweetest with our kids and lets them climb over him, generously bestowing kisses to anyone who will show him attention. Aside from Lennon we have Linus, our outdoor cat, and Larry, our hardy seventy cent goldfish that's turning one.



Lennon

Thank
you

Thank you again for taking the time to get to know us. More than anything, please know we are grateful for you and rooting for you. We are committed to making sure our family is one that joyfully celebrates the big and small moments, while persevering through life's challenges. We hope you have gotten a glimpse of who we are as a family and know that our children will always be loved and supported.

♡ Justin & Natalie

