



The Lawson Family





*And we know that for those who love
God all things work together for good
for those who are called according to
His purpose.*

Romans 8:28



Hello,

YOU ARE SPECIAL. YOU ARE WORTHY OF SO MUCH LOVE. WE ARE LEIGH AND COURTNEY; WE ARE HOPEFUL ADOPTIVE PARENTS. WHEN OUR SON WAS TWO WEEKS OLD, WE THOUGHT FOR SURE WE WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AND THRIVE WITH MORE THAN TWO CHILDREN. "IF YOU WANT TO HEAR GOD LAUGH, TELL HIM YOUR PLANS" WE ARE NOW IN A SEASON OF LIFE AND WE ARE POSITIVE WE ARE NOT READY TO CLOSE THE CHAPTER OF GROWING OUR FAMILY. WE ARE PARENTS OF A 15- AND 12-YEAR-OLD AND FEEL WE CAN OFFER THE WISDOM OF OLDER PARENTS, BUT STILL BE YOUNG ENOUGH TO ENJOY OUR TIME AND HAVE MANY ADVENTURES TO COME. WE BELIEVE ADOPTION INVOLVES NOT ONLY WELCOMING A BABY, BUT ALSO YOU IF YOU CHOOSE. YOU WILL ALWAYS BE A PART OF OUR STORY. THANK YOU FOR LEARNING ABOUT US.

BIG HUGS!

Leigh & Courtney

WE BEGAN DATING NOVEMBER 22, 2003. WE WERE YOUNG AND I WAS STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL. I GRADUATED AS A JUNIOR AND WE MARRIED JANUARY 7, 2007. WE BEAT THE ODDS. WE RECENTLY RENEWED OUR VOWS WHILE ON ONE OF OUR YEARLY TRIPS TO NEBRASKA. IT HASN'T BEEN EASY, BUT WE HAVE DECIDED TO CHOOSE EACH OTHER EVERY DAY. WE BOUGHT OUR FIRST HOME AT 17 AND 21. WE FOUND OUT WE WERE EXPECTING HALEIGH ONE WEEK SHY OF OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND HOLTEN FOLLOWED ALMOST 3 YEARS LATER. WE BOTH WORKED HARD TO BE THE BEST PARENTS WE COULD BE. OUR CAREERS HAVE FAR EXCEEDED OUR EXPECTATIONS. LEIGH AND I BOTH LEFT OUR CORPORATE JOBS, AND WE SELL REAL ESTATE AT A FIRM WE OWN AND WE ALSO BUILD HOUSES TOGETHER. WE SPEND MOST EVERYDAY TOGETHER AND THAT'S FINE WITH US. OUR JOBS ALLOW US FLEXIBILITY AS PARENTS TO BE PRESENT IN OUR KIDS' LIVES. WE LAUGH A LOT AND IT'S OUR FAVORITE. OUR HOPE IS OUR CHILDREN LOOK AT OUR MARRIAGE AND MAKE THE COMMITMENT TO FIND A LIFE PARTNER WHO WILL LIVE AND SUPPORT THEM ALWAYS.

Our Story





Courtney



I'M COURTNEY BUT IF YOU ASK LEIGH, I AM COURT, BUT MY KIDS CALL ME MAMA AND MY NIECES AND NEPHEW CALL ME NEA OR AUNT NEE. THAT SENTENCE SUMS UP SOME OF MY FAVORITE PARTS OF LIFE. I AM ALMOST 35 AND AM VERY SURE I WANT TO ROCK AND RAISE ONE MORE LITTLE ONE. I FIRST LEARNED ABOUT ADOPTION AT MY FAVORITE JOB AS A NURSE IN NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT. I COULDN'T BELIEVE THE AMOUNT OF LOVE THAT CAME FROM EVERY SIDE OF THE ADOPTION STORY. AS OUR LIVES HAVE CHANGED AND WE HAVE GROWN I KNOW IN MY HEART THAT IF GOD LETS IT HAPPEN THIS WILL BE PART OF OUR FAMILY'S FOREVER.





MY PARENTING STYLE RUNS HEAVY ON GRACE AND NURTURING WITH A SIDE OF NATURAL CONSEQUENCES. I WAS A YOUNG MOM AND I ALWAYS WANTED TO DO THINGS RIGHT. I HAVE NOW LEARNED EVERYONE IS LEARNING AND TRUSTING JESUS AND RAISING KIDDOS TO LOVE HIM HELPS A LOT. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I AM CHEERING FOR YOU!! I MEAN THAT, I HAVE SAT AND TALKED WITH MOMS OF ALL SEASONS AND SITUATIONS, AND I KNOW THAT IF YOU ARE READING THIS YOU ARE WORKING TOWARD A SITUATION OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE FOR YOUR BABY! NO MATTER WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE I AM PRAYING FOR YOU ALREADY.

P.S. I LOVE COFFEE, SPAGHETTI AND HUGS.





LEIGH



SO, I AM DEFINITELY NOT THE WRITER OF THE FAMILY, BUT I CAN TALK TO ANYONE. MOST OF MY DAILY JOB REQUIRES ME TO TALK AND IT FITS ME WELL. I FEEL IT'S IMPORTANT TO TEACH THE KIDS TO SAY HELLO AND ACKNOWLEDGE PEOPLE. I AM THE BROKER AT OUR REAL ESTATE FIRM AND A GENERAL CONTRACTOR IN RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION. HAVING COURT WORK WITH ME IS THE BEST THING, SHE HANDLES ALL MY PAPERWORK, AND WE LOVE LUNCH DATES. I PROMISE TO WORK HARD TO PROVIDE A FINANCIALLY STABLE LIFE AND LOVING HOME FOR YOUR BABY. I AM NOT THE BEST AT WORDS, AND I KNOW THANK YOU ISN'T SUFFICIENT, BUT WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOU.



HEY, I AM HALEIGH, I HAVE BEEN ROCKING THIS BIG SISTER ROLE FOR OVER 12 YEARS. I LOVE SCHOOL AND AM ON TRACK TO GRADUATE AS A JUNIOR. I HAVE A HORSE NAMED LIPS. I REALLY ENJOY SPENDING TIME WITH MY YOUTH GROUP AND MY U-LEAD MINISTRY. MY FAVORITE FOOD IS SUSHI AND I LOVE DIET COKE. I AM SUPER EXCITED TO TURN 16 AND START DRIVING BY MYSELF. I AM WORKING HARD ON IMPROVING MY HORSEMANSHIP AND I WILL START BARRELL RACING SOON. I AM READY TO SHARE LOTS OF LOVE AND ALL THE FUN WITH A NEW SIBLING.



Haleigh



HOLTEN

I AM HOLTEN BUT NOT MANY PEOPLE CALL ME THAT. MOST PEOPLE CALL ME FRED. MY MOM GAVE ME THAT NICKNAME IN BASEBALL AND I PREFER IT. I PLAY BASEBALL AND BASKETBALL. I LOVE TURKEY HUNTING WITH MY DAD. I LOVE OUR TRIPS TO NEBRASKA EVERY YEAR. I SPEND MOST OF MY TIME PLAYING SPORTS OR HANGING OUT WITH MY FRIENDS. I LOVE DR PEPPER AND MY FAVORITE FOOD IS STEAK. I LIKE TO MAKE PEOPLE LAUGH AND WOULD SAY I AM PRETTY GOOD AT IT. I WANT TO TEACH A NEW SIBLING ABOUT SPORTS AND TURKEY HUNTING.



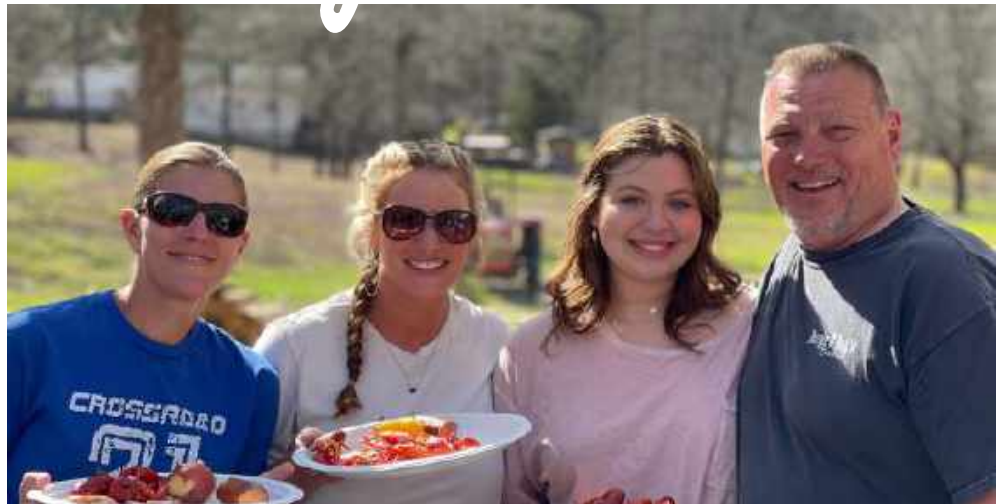


Our Home





Our





NIECES, NEPHEWS, HUNTING, SPORTS AND SWIMMING IN THE BACKYARD

STELLA IS OUR PUPPY AND SHE IS A FRIEND TO ALL THE KIDDOS



The Lord has done great things for us:

We are glad.

Psalms 126:3

LEIGH

- MUSIC- ANYTHING COURT SINGS
- HOBBY-HUNTING
- CHILDHOOD DREAM- BE SUCCESSFUL.
- HIDDEN TALENT- HEADSTANDS
- I HAVE 2 SIBLINGS.
- MY PARENTS HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR OVER 40 YEARS AND I ONLY KNEW MY MOM'S PARENTS BUT NOW THEY HAVE PASSED.
- I AM A PROBLEM SOLVER AND LIKE TO TAKE CARE OF MY FAMILY.

COURTNEY

- MUSIC- NOT MANY SONGS I DON'T LOVE.
- HOBBY-READING AND WORKING OUT.
- CHILDHOOD DREAM- WIFE/MAMA/COOL AUNT
- HIDDEN TALENT- I WAS A HAIR STYLIST BEFORE I WAS A NURSE.
- I HAVE 5 SIBLINGS AND ALL BUT ONE OF MY GRANDPARENTS ARE LIVING.
- I LIKE TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE.

HONESTY

LOVE

*Our
Family
Values*

FOCUS

RESPECT

GRACE

GRATITUDE

When I am afraid,

I will trust in

You

PSALMS 56:7

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and do not rely on your own understanding;
in all your ways know Him,
and He will make your paths straight.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

Now these three remain:

Faith, Hope, and Love

But the greatest

is

Love.

CORINTHIANS 13:13

*My Grace is Sufficient
for You*

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

Before you go.....

OUR PROMISE TO YOU AND YOUR BABY: WE PROMISE TO LOVE YOU BOTH UNCONDITIONALLY. OUR HOPE IS TO PROVIDE A LIFE YOU WOULD BE PROUD OF. WE STRIVE TO TEACH HARD WORK AND KINDNESS ABOVE ALL. WE LOVE JESUS AND WANT OUR KIDS TO SHOW HIS LOVE THROUGH ACTION. ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS. WE PRAY FOR SERVANT'S HEARTS. WE PROMISE TO NURTURE AND FOSTER INDEPENDENCE. WE HAVE HAD A LITTLE AND PLENTY AND PROMISE TO ALWAYS STAY GROUNDED. HUMILITY AND EMPATHY ARE TRAITS WE VALUE. WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR CONSIDERING ADOPTION AND PLEASE KNOW YOU ARE SPECIAL TO US.

Leigh, Courtney, Haleigh & Fred

A photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water. The foreground shows dark, rocky terrain. A white rectangular frame is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the text "everyday is a fresh START" in a white, sans-serif font. The word "START" is in all caps and larger than the other words.

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