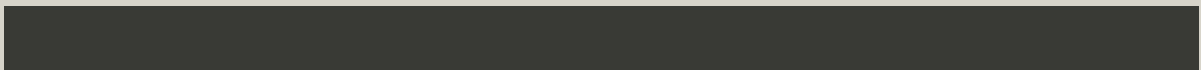




Mike and Leah





# OUR FAMILY

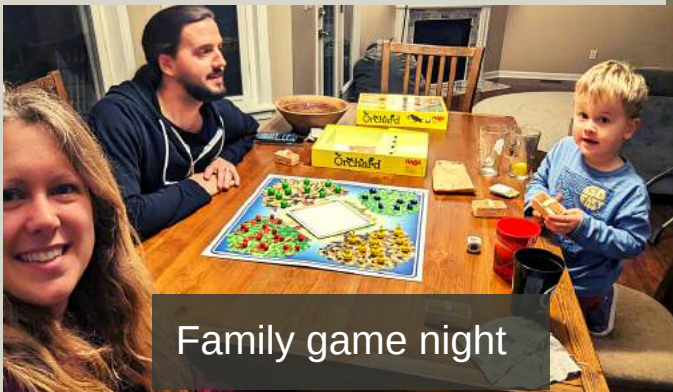


We've been married for seven years and are blessed to have a 4 year old biological son, Clark, and a 1 year old adopted son, Gage.

We enjoy sharing all we love about life with our kids- like good food, music, art, traveling, and exploring the outdoors.



We value spending time together as a family. We eat dinner together as a family every night. We try to plan fun things to do together outside of the house, and we spend time at home playing games, riding bikes, and working on projects.



Family game night





# OUR HOME

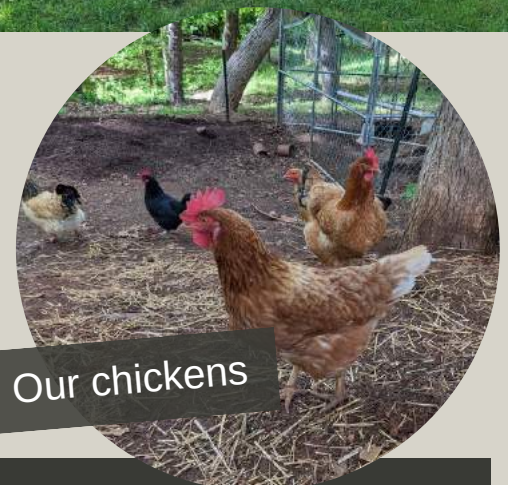
Our home in North Carolina is the last house at the end of a private road. We love it because there is no traffic and plenty of space to safely play.

We spend a lot of time outside. We hike through the woods around our property, play in the creek, and have bonfires. Our dog Wrigley and cat Winston love to explore with us. We're even raising chickens!

We live in a small town 30 minutes outside of the city. We love the balance of small town charm and local events, with access to big city fun!



Playing outside in our mud kitchen



Our chickens





Our two-story home has an inviting farmhouse feel. It includes a loft area that we use as a playroom. We love to hang out on our screened-in deck during the warmer months. Our small pool is made from a livestock watering trough. It's perfect for cooling off and playing in the summer!







# FAMILY LIFE

Day to day, we spend a lot of time outside playing, working on projects around the house, meeting up with friends, and visiting local parks.

We like to take several family trips each year. We love visiting the beach and mountains. We also visit our families in Ohio.



Clark and Gage are kind and loving, always making each other laugh! They love to play together in our play room and outside. They're excited to have another little sibling to spend time with.



We've grown our family once through adoption. We are familiar with the process. We maintain an open relationship with Gage's birth mother, talking to her often and sending photos. She is a part of our family. We also strive to respect Gage's African American heritage. We want him to know his history and culture..







# Mike

Mike is Mr. Fix It. He repairs our cars and our house whenever issues pop up.

Mike is a hard worker in his career too. He is Lead Manager for the East Coast Region for his company. He is respected in the workplace, and just received a promotion with high praise from his supervisors.



**Favorite Sport:**  
Hockey

**Favorite Vacation Spot:**  
The beach

**Favorite food:**  
Hot wings

**Hobbies:**  
Working on cars,  
building and  
fixing things,  
playing soccer,  
golfing



Mike & his twin sister, Jen



Mike is a supportive father. He lets Clark and Gage help when he is working in the garage or on a project. Mike is extremely patient, taking extra time to show them how to use tools and give them a chance to try.



Mike's Jeep- He rebuilt the engine & painted it



# Leah

Leah worked as a teacher before she became a stay at home mom. She loves art and music. She plays the guitar and piano. She is almost always working on a creative project, whether it's DIY, art, or writing.

Leah is dedicated to her family and doing the very best for them. She works hard to plan activities and get together with friends.



Leah & her sister, Jenna

**Favorite TV Show:**  
Justified

**Favorite Vacation Spot:**  
Japan (sister lives there)

**Favorite food:**  
Mac & cheese

**Hobbies:**  
Photography, music, art, DIY, writing

Leah enjoys being a stay at home mom. She takes Clark and Gage to gymnastics, music classes, and story time. She loves to play outside with them, let them help cook, and read them endless books.





We've been through dirty diapers, temper tantrums, and bedtime battles.

We've learned to savor the sweet moments and persevere through the tough parts of parenthood.

We'll use all of our experience for your child's wellbeing.

We hope you'll bless us with the opportunity to discover what makes your child unique.

We truly value your role in the process of adoption. We will respect your wishes and work with you to establish the amount of contact and relationship you want with your child. We have experience with the adoption process thanks to Gage, but we will be sure to focus on your individual needs since every adoption is unique.

