

Nice to Meet You!



Jared (37), Becca (37), Kenley (9), Elijah (6), and Jeremiah (2)

- Christian Family
- Home Study Approved
- Hoping to adopt again!
- Willing to Travel
- Any race or gender, newborn to three years old
- Located in TN but originally from CA, so we have a strong support system in both states
- Own a four bedroom 3,500 sq ft home
- Together since 2005; Married since 2009
- Very involved with our family and our church family
- Financially stable; Great insurance
- First Aid, CPR and CERT trained
- We have always desired four children and would love to complete our family through adoption!



- We would love to have a relationship with YOU and have you as part of our family in the capacity that you feel most comfortable with.
- We want to have however open of a relationship that you would like—whether that includes pictures and updates and/or having phone calls and visits.
- We promise to love, cherish, nurture, and help develop your precious child into everything they can be!
- Adoption is already a significant part of our lives as Jeremiah was adopted and many people that we are close with have adopted or are adopted themselves.
- Our children pray daily for another sibling! Your child would be WELL loved and supported by everyone (family, church family, friends) in our lives, and especially at home with three adoring siblings.

Jared



- Full Time Sales Rep for a Global Fitness Company; Part time Marketing Director for a Family-Owned Business
- Works mostly from home, so he is around a lot with our family, which is a huge blessing
- He is an outstanding father whose highest priority is raising up strong, capable, God-fearing, loving and responsible children
- Serves as the Generations Pastor at our church, so we oversee the youth group (ages 12-18)
- Enjoys sports and staying active
- Loves to mentor young men and married couples
- Makes us laugh out loud
- Loves to play games and be silly



“Jared is everything I prayed for in a husband! He is God-fearing, faithful, loving, consistent, hands-on, funny, playful, dependable, level-headed, dedicated and disciplined. Jared is so loved and adored by everyone he comes in contact with. He spends a lot of time investing in our children and making sure they know how loved they are but also how powerful they can be. He’s an amazing father. While he always has a great perspective on things and is able to see situations clearly and decisively, he also knows how to crack a joke and be silly. He has his priorities right and he works hard to not only provide for our family (and he does a great job at it), but he also makes it a priority to love our family well. He’s an all-around incredible husband, father, pastor, mentor, and friend.”

- Written by Becca

Becca



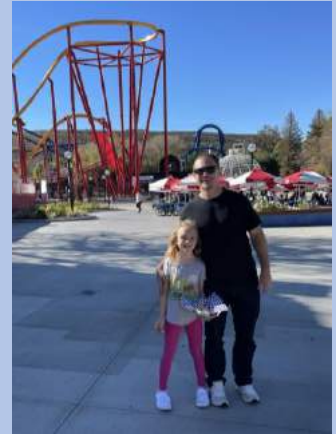
- Taught Middle School (6-8 grade) for 9 years and LOVED it
- Full time Stay-at-Home-Mom since 2018 because our highest priority is raising our children with love, faith, support, security and consistency
- Absolutely loves the ability to be a Stay-at-Home-Mom!
- Helps Jared to oversee our youth ministry (ages 12-18)
- Still has the occasional opportunity to speak at youth camps, women's conferences, middle and high school chapels, and retreats
- Loves to be outside and active; we go to a lot of parks, playgrounds, and on adventures
- Enjoys animals, kayaking, puzzles, board games and spending time with family and friends



“Becca is a powerful woman in every sense. Her greatest power, however, is her ability to love people. She is always looking out for the better interest of others while keeping her family the priority. Becca is very detailed and structured, which has made such an amazing impact on our children to grow in their gifts and talents. When it comes to raising our kids, I truly believe she has the perfect balance of nurturing them while also encouraging them to learn by experience. I couldn't ask for a better mother for our children and am extremely blessed and thankful to call her my wife.”

- Written by Jared

Kenley Joy



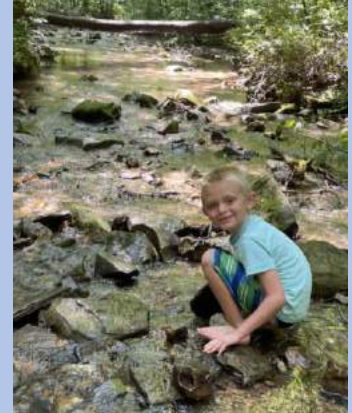
- Loving, Passionate, Silly, Fun, Creative, Athletic, Leader, Fearless and always ready to try something new!
- She is an exceptional big sister! She is naturally inclined to want to teach and help her brothers. She truly adores them.
- Prays daily for another brother or a sister, and she is always smitten when our friends have little ones!
- Smart and confident- Kenley uses big words and expresses her feelings well.
- She makes friends easily. We were recently told by a couple other moms that their daughters are

always glad when Kenley shows up to play because she's friends with everyone and treats everyone well.

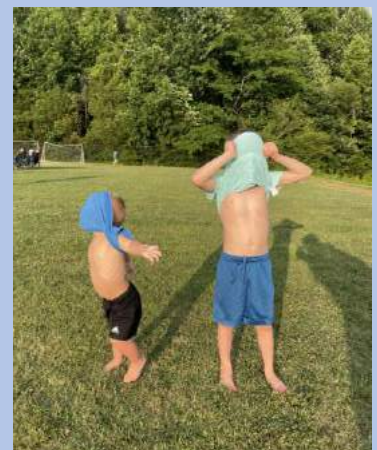
- Extremely creative and loves open-ended play, art projects, and trying new baking recipes.
- Great memory, enjoys reading, and does very well in school.
- Excellent soccer player- she's played since she was two years old!
- She also enjoys basketball and gymnastics.
- All around amazing young girl. She frequently receives compliments for her good behavior, kindness, and helpfulness.



Elijah Justus



- Elijah has the sweetest heart, he's kind and sensitive, and he loves to laugh.
- Cares about others and considers how others are feeling. He wants others to be happy.
- He thinks critically and logically about situations and he asks a lot of great "why" questions and wants to know how things work.
- Favorite class is engineering because he enjoys working with his hands and making pieces of a project come together and function properly.
- Math comes easily to him.
- While he does enjoy playing video games with his friends, he is also extremely active.
- Soccer and flag football are his two favorite sports.
- He also enjoys to play outside and the kids have created a few types of forts in our backyard, he loves to play in dirt with his construction toys, and the hose is in constant use for water play.
- Any body of water—the creek, the lake, the beach, the pool—are amongst his most enjoyed activities.
- He's often singing around the house and making up games with Kenley and Jeremiah.



Jeremiah James



- Born to us through adoption in June 2021.
- Adopted at birth, and we brought him home from the hospital after a five day stay in the NICU.
- Jeremiah has the sweetest heart, he loves to love his friends and family, and he gives the BEST hugs!
- He is very funny with his mannerisms and reactions; we laugh out loud at his hysterical antics.
- Favorite toys include trains, dinosaurs, cars, and musical toys.
- Much like his older siblings, he is extremely happy outside and loves the dirt and the water.
- He enjoys all types of outdoor play (building forts, jumping on the trampoline, getting dirty).
- He is always up for an adventure and enjoys swimming, going to the trampoline park, bowling (with bumpers and lots of help!), and playgrounds.
- Kenley and Elijah have helped him love soccer and kicking the ball around together.
- Kenley has baby dolls in her room, and Jeremiah has taken to helping with giving them a bottle and laying them down for a pretend nap.
- He has the sweetest spirit, paired with a special determination, and he is such a blessing to us all!



Church Family and Youth Group



- We attend and serve at a non-denominational Christian church.
- We've been at the church since it was founded in 2013.
- Jared serves as the Generations' Pastor, and so we oversee the weekly Youth Ministry.
- We have been in Youth Ministry (ages 12-18) for over a decade, and we were promoted from youth leaders to overseers of the youth ministry in June 2018.
- Youth meets every Wednesday night at church, and we also have summer camp, youth conferences, and special events throughout the year.
- Jared also serves on the elder board and occasionally with our Men's Ministry.
- Becca serves as a once a month teacher for the Women's Ministry.
- Kenley and Elijah participate in the Children's Ministry. Jeremiah goes to the Nursery.
- Our church is like family to us. We spend a lot of time with them, whether it's for a birthday party, having a meal together, serving the community, or doing an activity.
- We are a church plant in TN from our original CA location, and roughly 30 of our members moved from CA to TN, so we are doing life with people we've known and trusted for many years.
- One of the biggest blessings about our church is that the people there are truly family to us, and they are like a whole extra team of aunts and uncles to our children.



Our Families



- Family is very important to us!
- Becca's mom, Linn (top left picture) pours so much love, experience, and warmth into our children.
- Jared's dad and mom, Mike and Sandy (top right picture), love to spend time with the kids and have always made it fun to be with them!
- Uncle Matt (Becca's brother, bottom left picture) is truly very funny and he keeps the kids laughing and joking all the time!
- Auntie Rosario and Auntie Holly (Jared's sisters-in-law, pictured in the bottom middle along with

Kenley and Jared's mom, Sandy) are wonderful aunties and enjoy making the kids feel special and loved.

- Uncle Joel and Uncle Jake (Jared's younger brothers, pictured in the bottom right along with Jared, Jared's dad Mike, Jeremiah and Elijah) are the type of uncles who will roll around on the floor with them, play in the pool with them, and throw a ball around with them.
- We feel extremely blessed that our kids have such loving, supportive, and active grandparents, aunts, and uncles!



Our Dogs and Our Home



- Ace (top left) is our twelve-year-old German Shepherd mix.
- Honey (top right) is our two-year-old Labrador Retriever.
- Both dogs are so much fun to be around, and they're also protective of our family.
- Ace, in his older age, still loves family walks and outings, but he's also very content to lay around and watch the action around him.
- Honey is full of energy and is happiest when she's with the kids.
- The dogs are also great for teaching responsibility as the kids help with their daily food, water, and brushing.



- Top left is the front of our home, middle is our dining room and kitchen, top right is from our backyard looking out East at a sunrise.
- We own a four-bedroom, 3,500 sq foot house in TN. It also has a large open concept living area, and two big extra rooms upstairs.
- There is plenty of space in the front yard, driveway, and backyard for the kids to play soccer, ride bikes, shoot hoops, jump on the trampoline, build forts, run in the sprinklers and so on.
- Our house is in a quieter area a few minutes off the highway, and we get to be close to a creek, and we also get to see cows, chickens and goats from our yard.
- We absolutely love our community and location—there's a great mix of national retailers (Walmart, Sam's Club, TJ Maxx, Home Goods, Hobby Lobby, etc.) and also smaller, family-owned shops and restaurants. It truly is the best of both worlds.

Day to Day Activities



- As a homeschooling family, we are able to have a lot of time available to us to give the kids life experiences and different opportunities.
 - After 9 years of being a teacher, Becca knew that she did not want the kids to go to school all day long just to come home and do more homework.
 - We wanted them to have time to enjoy family time and pursue their interests.
 - By homeschooling, the kids do roughly 2-3 hours of school each morning, plus some family chores, and then the days are available to enjoy other activities. They still have normal summer, fall and winter breaks.
 - We live in a city that has a huge homeschooling population, and because of that, there are a large array of options for our kids to enjoy.
 - Kenley and Elijah both take weekly engineering, art, music and drama classes for homeschoolers.
 - They also do a weekly physical education class for homeschoolers where they swim for an hour and play PE games for an hour.
 - Our community offers archery, horseback riding, vet tech classes, baking classes, sewing classes
- and so much more geared toward our homeschool kids.
- Because most of our friends are homeschoolers, we set up a lot of times with them throughout the week to go to the zoo, the creek, mini golf, the farm, the trampoline park, a playdate at each other's houses, and the list goes on. We feel extremely blessed to have such an incredible community around us.
 - Our kids are also able to have the time and freedom to learn life skills, such as cooking, money management, and household responsibilities.
 - We have a lot of options for parks, water play, and activities right around us, but we also have theme parks, zoos, aquariums, and children's science museums about an hour from us, so there are a lot of options for activities.
 - Our kids have lots of friends and are learning a lot of life experiences.
 - We have so many activities close by and we like to give the kids a wide range of experiences.



Birthdays, Traditions, and Holidays



- We believe it's important for our children to grow up with sweet memories and traditions. We want them to feel celebrated and also to learn how to enjoy celebrating other people and traditions. We want this for your baby, too.
- For the kids' birthdays, they get to pick whether we take an overnight trip somewhere or have a party with friends. They also pick the theme, cake, and what they want to do that day. We like to make their birthdays something where they are reminded once again how loved and cherished they are.
- Within our home, we have some game nights, movie nights and sometimes the kids "make dinner" for the family (with a lot of help!). We find it important that they learn how to measure out ingredients, use creativity, improvise, plan ahead, follow directions, and think of others while making a meal for the family. This is a life-long skill, and we always tell them, "You're part of the team, so everyone pitches in."
- The biggest holidays that we always celebrate are Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas! There is time, preparation and care that go into these big days. They hold some of our sweetest memories.
- Every year Fourth of July involves fireworks and barbeque! And swimming, of course!
- Twice a year we go back to CA (usually in May and then again at Christmas) to spend time with our family there, and enjoy the theme parks and local activities.
- We also like to try to take a yearly trip to FL, where we have a lot of family and some of our best friends. Our favorite spots there are the beach and there is a hotel with waterslides that we've stayed at a few times that the kids LOVE!
- Pictured below are the kids' most recent birthdays. Kenley chose a girls' trip with horseback riding; Elijah had a Pokémon party; Jeremiah opened presents before a day at his favorite place—the lake!



Our Heart for You, Your Child, and Parenting

Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to consider talking with us. We strongly believe that you can never have too many people to love a child, and what a blessing for a child to know they have so many people who are in their corner and rooting for them. We would love to have a relationship with you and the rest of the child's first family, and we believe having a healthy, solid relationship is beneficial to your family, your child, and our part of the family.

In parenting, we are passionate about teaching our children to love God and love people. We believe that when these two things are in proper order, everything else falls into its right place. We want to equip our children to be successful, and we do everything in our power to not only provide them with a quality education but to also equip them with practical life skills. We encourage our children to pursue the God-given calling on their lives, and we are doing our very best to help them be successful.

While it shouldn't even have to be said, we want to be so so clear—every child in our home is treated the same and given the same opportunities. Every child is able to join the sports they want to join, take the classes (art, music, drama, karate, gymnastics, etc.) they want to try out, go to the day camps they'd like to be at, and each child is given the same opportunities as the others. No child gets to “do more” than another. Every child receives the same amount for Christmas gifts, birthday gifts and parties, and any other special event. There is a college fund that was started years ago, and each child will get the same amount to go toward their future education and career goals. Again, we would hope that goes without saying, but unfortunately, it's not always the case, and we want it to be clear that each child in our family receives the same opportunities and chances.

Additionally, not that we are experts, but because we have adopted before, we have a strong sense of compassion for everyone involved in the adoption process—especially you and your heart. We are so thankful for Jeremiah's first mom trusting us with him, we have a relationship with her, and she has blessed our family tremendously but choosing our family to care for her son. We have had the opportunity to meet one of Jeremiah's sisters, and we are hopeful we will get to meet more of his siblings as time goes on. We know that adoption is both a beautiful and a hard thing. It is something we take with the upmost respect and responsibility.

We take the role of being entrusted with children incredibly seriously, and we are giving everything we've got to raise solid, integrity-filled, sincere, respectful, compassionate, hard-working, helpful young people. While we are far from perfect, and we have definitely apologized to our children at times when we've made mistakes, we are serious about our faith, and we are serious about our family. There is a lot of support around us—our families, our church family, our friends, and neighbors—and we are truly grateful for the amazing people in our lives. We are open books and we would love the opportunity to connect with you, answer any questions you may have, and hear your heart.

Sincerely,

Jared and Becca