Anthony & Emily

HELLO

Allow us to introduce ourselves: we are Emily and Anthony, and we are so humbled by this moment. Although we cannot begin to imagine what you are experiencing as you pursue an adoption plan, we want to express our sincere gratitude for taking the time to get to know us.

We have been happily married for nine years, and though it may sound cliche, we truly are best friends. You could say our adoption journey actually began years ago when we were just dating and discovered our mutual desire to adopt a baby one day. Since then, we have dreamed of being able to provide a nurturing home and a lifetime of love to a child/children. To put it simply, adoption has been our plan from day one!

As you read our profile and look at our pictures, we want you to know we are not perfect and we don't claim to be. We do, however, wake up each day and strive to be better than the day before. We are committed to raising a child/children who will learn to do the same. We will remind him or her daily that he/she was created in the image of God and has a significant purpose on this earth. Most importantly, we will be sure he/she knows the incredible selflessness you showed by making one of the most loving decisions a person could make for another.

Though we cannot pretend to know how you are feeling, we want you to know we admire your courage, and we recognize the weight of the decision ahead of you. While our hope is that you choose us to parent this child, our ultimate prayer is that God will bless you with peace and comfort, not only now, but for the rest of your life.

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Our Story

This is our favorite story to tell!
We met in college and quickly realized we had a great deal in common: mutual friends, attending the same church, having classes in the same building, and even living in the same apartment complex. Yet, our paths had never crossed. We believe God allowed us to finally meet at the perfect time. We began dating and fell in love with each other and the idea of building a life together.

We have been married for nine years, and we look forward to many more together. Each of us has our own personalities and quirks, but we are much more alike than we are different. We truly make a great team; we are continually learning how to work and grow together. We are fortunate to be surrounded by family and friends who love us, support our marriage, and agree that we complement each other in the best ways.

Meet Emily

The most important thing to know about me is that I love Jesus! The second? I love people!

I like to think my best quality is my giving spirit. There is never a question in my mind whether or not I should give to others, but rather how or what I should give. Whether it's a gift, kind words, a helping hand, prayers, or a listening ear, I am always thinking about what I can do for those around me. My love for people is a direct result of how I was raised. There was never a shortage of love in our home, and we used every opportunity we had to share that love with others. Because of this, I have always found great joy in caring for other people, especially children. I believe every child is created in the image of God and deserves to be loved as such.

It may come as no surprise then, I chose a career path which allows me to do just that. I have a Master's degree in Communication Disorders and have been a pediatric Speech - Language Pathologist for ten years. I truly enjoy getting to serve children and their families on a daily basis. As much as I love working with children, I am even more so looking forward to having children and a family of my own. I believe my years working in pediatrics will serve us well as Anthony and I prepare to bring a baby into our home.

My greatest hope is to raise a child who loves others and sees the beauty in all people. I want to instill these values in my future family by traveling to new places, experiencing different cultures, and making it a priority to appreciate the diversity in our world.

A note from Anthony

Emily has an immeasurable amount of love to give, especially when it comes to children. I have watched her heart break for the ones in need and walking a difficult road. I have also seen her come to life as she celebrates a child's accomplishments, no matter how small. As I continue to witness her kind spirit, I only become more confident that she will be a wonderful mother, and I feel truly fortunate to walk side by side with her into parenthood.

EMILY ENJOYS...

- Traveling
- Going to concerts
- Crafting
- Watching/going to football games

Meet Anthony

Love God. Love Others. Love Wake.

This sentiment is one I try to live by daily. My faith in and love for God has always been important to me and impacts the way I approach all aspects of life on a daily basis. My love for others is evident in the way I interact with my wife, family, friends, and anyone I've talked to for more than a few seconds.

I frequently find myself jumping at any opportunity to help someone in need. Whether it 's a small task or serving in another country, I feel like my purpose is to help anyone and everyone I can throughout this life we are living together. The statement "Love Wake" may seem strange to some, but it describes my passion for all wake/water sports which was instilled in me at a young age by my parents. My love for the water allows me to build countless friendships, gives me opportunities to serve within our community, and most importantly, it provides the ability for me to share my faith with people who share common interests.

As a direct result of my faith and my love for others, I seek opportunities to teach and care for children whenever possible. I began my professional career as a teacher after learning early in life that the ability to teach and guide others came natural to me. I was later presented the perfect opportunity to mix my passions for teaching and water sports by joining a company that allows me to teach water sports in various environments. I now get to spend my days teaching others how to safely enjoy life on the water. I believe my experience working with children and their families has prepared me for parenthood. I am eager to teach our child/children many things throughout his/her life, with the most important being how to love God and love others.

A note from Emily

Anthony is someone others admire because he leads by example in all aspects of life. Anthony is a man of integrity; he does the right thing even when no one is watching. I know Anthony is prepared to be a father because of the way he selflessly puts others before himself. I am blessed to have him as a partner and teammate as we navigate this life together.

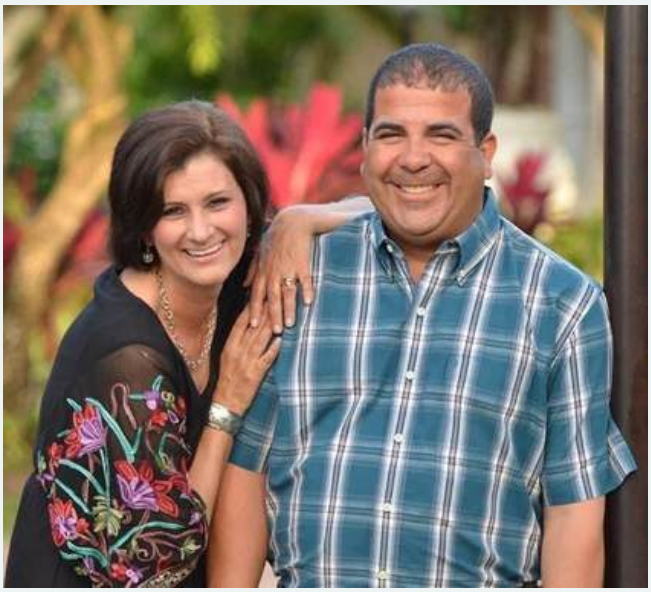
ANTHONY ENJOYS...

- Water sports
- Photography
- Traveling
- Watching/going to football games

Emily's Family

Growing up, I don't think I realized just how fortunate I was to have such a tight-knit family. My father and mother were (and still are) hardworking individuals, but they always prioritized family. My younger brother and I always felt loved and supported no matter the circumstances. Some of my happiest memories as a child include vacations and holidays with my family. However, the older I've become the more I have learned to cherish the smaller moments such as family dinners, game nights, laughing to the point of tears, phone calls, and family group texts so we all stay connected. These little things are actually the big things.

My brother Chris and his wife Katelyn live nearby and are truly some of our best friends. They each have careers working with children and they cannot wait to be Aunt and Uncle!



My Mom and Dad have been married for 33 years and are incredibly excited to take on their new role as grandparents. Each of them are retired school teachers, so caring for children comes naturally. My Mom has a nurturing spirit and the sweetest disposition. My Dad is an extremely hard worker, but loves to have fun and laugh with his family. These two individuals did a great job parenting my brother and me, and I know they will make even better grandparents.

Anthony's Family

Growing up in a family of four children never allowed a dull moment for my parents, but I am grateful for being raised exactly the way I was. There was always a sense of love and support surrounding me and my three siblings. We have always been a close family, doing just about everything together. From camping trips to spending time on the lake, we could always be found making memories together.

My parents are a great example of a strong, committed, and loving marriage. They both worked hard to provide for my siblings and me, and they allowed us to pursue individual opportunities when it came to extracurricular activities and hobbies. My Dad is one of the most intelligent people I know, and he always found time to share his knowledge by teaching me about camping, working on cars, and repairing things around the house, to name a few. My Mom spent time as a preschool teacher and tended to things at home, specifically the busy schedules of four children.

I am fortunate enough to have maintained a close relationship with my brother, TK, and my sisters, Jenn and Breanna. We all live in close proximity and get to see each other frequently. My siblings have started their own families, so Emily and I love spending time with our three nieces and one nephew. As an added bonus, we have had the joy of watching my parents become the most loving grandparents! My entire family is supportive of our decision to adopt and they are excited to welcome another child with open arms.

Auntie Em & Uncle A

We are blessed with three nieces and one nephew, all of whom live close. We never pass up an opportunity to spend time with these four cuties and we look forward to the day we can introduce them to their new cousin(s)!

Home Sweet Home

We are so grateful for God's provision of a beautiful home with plenty of room to grow our family. However, we have come to learn that "home" is more than walls and floors; home is a place where your heart and soul find comfort in knowing you are safe with your people: your family.

We live in a diverse, active, and safe neighborhood surrounded by a great community full of things that make life enjoyable:

- Family friendly parks and hiking trails
- Sports stadiums/arenas
- Museums and exhibits for learning
- Beautiful mountains
- Relaxing beaches (just a few hours away)

"There's no place like home."

We think Dorothy was really onto something when she said these words upon returning home from the Land of Oz, and we couldn't agree more!

THANK YOU

We appreciate you taking the time to get to know us as you make your courageous decision to pursue an adoption plan. We hope you are able to get a glimpse of our lives and our sincere desire to grow our family through adoption. We are humbled and grateful to be considered as potential parents.

Should you choose us, you can rest assured we will do everything we can to give this child a life full of love. With God's help, we will raise him or her to be a woman or man who knows their worth, embraces their unique gifts and talents, isn't afraid to try new things, perseveres through hard times, and learns to love God and love others.

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