



DEAR EXPECTANT PARENTS,

Hello, we are JT & Marianna. We thank you for taking the time to learn more about our little family. Thank you for considering your choices. We are so excited to be adopting again and bringing another child into our family! Our daughter is excited to be a big sister! We hope our story will help you in making your choice. Please know that no matter what you choose, we wish you and your child all the best. We hope this book gives you a glimpse about our family. We look forward to meeting you and we are praying for you!



about us

HOW WE MET

We knew of each other way before we started dating because we went to the same High School and had mutual friends. We started dating when we were both teenagers, in 2014. We started going to the same church and love serving together. Our families started spending a lot of time together which was something that meant so much to us both! We both love God and put Him first in everything that we do. August 2017 is when we got engaged. May 12, 2018 we got married at our families lake house, surrounded by so much love! Since then we have had such a full marriage! We are truly blessed to be raising our daughter through the gift of adoption. We love to go on road trips, serve in ministry, gather with our friends and family, and love going on adventures! We appreciate the little things like rainy days, coffee dates, spending time with our kitties, movie nights, game nights, and showing love to each other in all things. We are ready to give our unconditional love to another child through adoption!



a little about

JT



JT grew up in a charming small town in Virginia. He is the only child and his parents have been married for 40 years. Although he has no siblings, he has always been close to his cousins and extended family. There is no lack of family gatherings! JT's parents have always taught the importance of family and God's love. One of JT's favorite things to do with his daughter is explore new museums and parks. JT loves to play guitar, sing, and make new coffee recipes. His favorite foods include pasta, steak, and anything sweet. He graduated high school in 2016 and went on to Toccoa Falls College to study Ministry Leadership. He serves as the Worship & Young Adults Pastor at a thriving church.



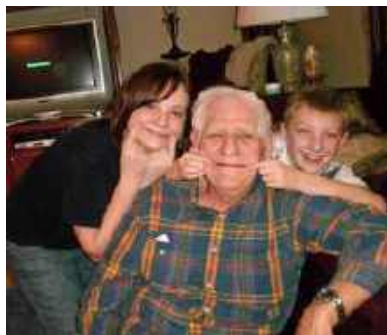
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Mom & JT



Pawpaw, Dad, & JT



Mom & Marianna



Dad & Marianna

a little about
MARIANNA

Marianna grew up in a small city in Virginia. She has two brothers and three sisters. There is no shortage of family fun when it comes to her large Greek family. So she is excited for her daughter to be big sister and know the joys of having a sibling. She is an Aunt to two nephews and four nieces. Family has always been very important to her, and regardless of where she's been in life she keeps them as a top priority. Most importantly her faith is always first in her life and feels blessed to have a large family. Being a mama is her pride and joy. She loves cooking with her daughter and going to the library to read together. She loves to travel, but also loves to cuddle up inside with a blanket and cup of coffee. Her favorite foods include anything Greek, pasta, and brunch. She graduated high school in 2014 and went on to Old Dominion University studying Interdisciplinary Studies. She now serves as the Administrative Assistant and Social Media Dream Team Leader at a thriving church. She is also co-owner of her and her nieces small business, LuuMarr Naturals.





HOW JT THINKS OF MARIANNA

Marianna is an amazing wife, mama, best friend, work partner, cat mom and so much more. She is the strongest person I know and anything she puts her mind to she will flourish in. Marianna always has me on my toes as we look for our next adventure. Whether it be by looking for a new restaurant or coffee shop, whatever it is Marianna will make the most out of anything. There is never a dull moment because she is always making me laugh and feel loved no matter what. Any room she walks into she lights it up by her sense of humor and confidence. She is passionate about serving the Lord and serving others. She makes sure that she puts her time with God first before anything else because He leads the way in all that she does and we do. I am blessed to call her my wife and the mother of our daughter. She is an incredible mama! Everyday is a different day, always learning something new with our daughter. But she takes it on with ease, making it look like a breeze. She is so patient, loving, caring and puts our little family first. Our daughter is Marianna's mini me in every way. Our daughter learns something new everyday and I know she will make an awesome and loving big sister by mimicking the way she sees Marianna love her.



HOW MARIANNA THINKS OF JT

JT is a wonderful husband, dad, and best friend. We work, play, and laugh together every single day. He never ceases to amaze me or make me laugh. He's compassionate yet strong. He's loyal and honest. If I ever doubt myself or get discouraged, he is always there to point me back to God and encourage me. He always makes sure that I am taken care of and have everything I need. Whether it's around the house, taking me on an adventure, or making me the best cup of coffee, there is never a dull moment. I love this man and can't imagine my life without him. The bond we share is truly a gift from God. I love serving in ministry together. The way he loves others is so selfless and without condition. JT stepped into fatherhood with so much strength and patience. He has taken on the role of a protector and a provider in a whole new way. Watching him strive to be the dad that God has called him to be has been incredible. I love hearing the sound of him and our daughter laughing together. Whether they are building forts, reading "one more" bedtime story, or chasing each other around the house - it is always with so much intention and love. I know with every fiber of my being, that he will be the best dad to another little one. Always putting our needs first and making sure we are taken care of and loved.

OUR *home* AND NEIGHBORHOOD





We live in a family oriented neighborhood, with many parks, beaches and museums within driving distance. Our home is a two story and has 4 bedrooms. We have been renovating our house and made it into our dream home! We love spending time trying new recipes in our kitchen with our daughter. We have a little over an acre which makes it so much fun to spend time outside. There is a ranch right behind our home with the friendliest horses we love to watch while we swing. One of our favorite things to do is drive our golf cart to the beach located in our neighborhood or go on back porch picnics.



FRIENDS





Adventures

Together we love to see and experience new places, people, and foods! We appreciate the beauty of the world around us, and try to soak in as much as we can each year, whether it's around our home or a far off destination. Our favorite places to travel to are Savannah, GA and Greece. We love going on adventures with our little family.





JT & MARIANNA'S

CAREERS

JT is the worship and young adults pastor at their church. Marianna is the administrative assistant and social media dream team leader at their church. They both serve in additional areas of ministry such as cafe, Vacation Bible School, and helping plan events for the church. Marianna is very thankful to have flexibility to work from home. Marianna also has a small business with her niece, LuuMarr Naturals, which is a non-toxic beauty brand that gives back to non-profits.





As a family we have many traditions. We look forward to them each season. One of our favorite traditions is having a Christmas Eve dinner and game night with the entire family!







Our Interests

In our free time we like to take our daughter on adventures, go to museums, try new coffee shops, try different cultural foods, and spend time with our sweet kitty cats. Marianna loves making traditional Greek recipes from her village in Greece and JT loves to spend time playing the guitar.



SO MUCH *Love*



Milo and Meli are hypoallergenic Bengal Kitties.

They are incredibly friendly with everyone of all ages.

Our daughter absolutely loves her kitties. They are so good with her and let her cuddle them all she wants.



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Our promise to you...

We have always dreamed and prayed about being parents and raising a family in a loving, godly home! We are very grateful and excited to be adopting again and have so much love to share for this child as we expand our family. Please always know we will unconditionally love and cherish your child and we will make sure that he/she will be proud to be adopted. We have so many family members who are so excited to welcome a little one in our lives through adoption. He/she are already loved immensely. We hope this book gave you a good look at our lives and we look forward to meeting you. We are praying for you! Thank you for taking the time to read this.

With love,
JT & Marianna Latham





