



COOPER + CHANEL

TO YOU,

We can't thank you enough for getting to know our family. We believe the decision you're making to choose adoption is brave and selfless. We always dreamt of adopting children and promise to treat you with dignity and respect in this process.

Our desire is for our family to know you and love you to whichever degree you are most comfortable. Please know we are praying for you as we pray for our future child.

With love,

COOPER AND CHANEL





Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us.

EPHESIANS 3:20

OUR STORY

Our story began in 2016, and from the very beginning, our connection felt natural and easy. After only three weeks of dating, we both knew we had found the person we wanted to spend our lives with. We fell in love quickly, drawn to one another's personalities, values, and shared dreams for the future. In 2019, we were married and officially began building our life together.

Our personalities balance each other well. Chanel is bold, intelligent, and naturally organized. She brings structure, thoughtfulness, and determination into our home and family life. Cooper is fun, silly, intentional, and easygoing. He brings joy, laughter, and a sense of adventure into everyday moments. Together, our differences complement one another and have created a relationship built on friendship, trust, and a lot of laughter. We love spending time together, whether it is enjoying coffee in the morning, taking walks as a family, traveling to new places, or planning simple date nights at home. Our favorite moments are the ordinary ones.

Our faith in Jesus is at the center of our family and guides the way we live and serve others. We believe that every child is a gift from God and that adoption is a beautiful picture of love, belonging, and grace.

We welcomed our son Jeremiah into our family through foster care and adopted him in 2024. Jeremiah is now three years old and has brought so much joy, laughter, and love into our home. Becoming parents through adoption has been one of the greatest blessings of our lives and has deepened our appreciation for the beauty of this journey.

We are incredibly grateful for the story God has written for our family so far and are excited about growing our family again through adoption. It would be a privilege to welcome another child into our home, where they would be deeply loved, celebrated, encouraged, and cherished for exactly who they are.





MEET COOPER



I'm Cooper. I grew up in Missouri, and being outdoors has always been a big part of who I am. I love hunting, fishing, and loading up for a weekend trip. Being outside has always been a place where I feel refreshed and at home.

More than anything, I love being a husband and a dad. I don't take myself too seriously, which means there are plenty of dance parties in our kitchen, lots of laughter, and usually a forgotten coffee cup sitting somewhere around the house. I genuinely enjoy being around people, and faith, church, and community are important parts of my life. I want to be the kind of person who follows through, shows up for others, and invests in the people God has placed around me.

A few years ago, I started my own business because I kept seeing opportunities to do things differently and serve people better. Building something meaningful has been rewarding, but it isn't what matters most to me.

My favorite moments are the ordinary ones. Sitting on the couch with Chanel and Jeremiah beside me, George curled up nearby, and nothing on the schedule except being together as a family. Those quiet evenings are the moments I treasure most, and they remind me how grateful I am for the life God has given us.

MEET CHANEL



Hi there! I'm Chanel. Of all the things I could tell you about myself, I want you to know these two things: I love Jesus, and I love being a mom. I spent most of my young life dreaming of a family of my own, especially adopting children. I get to wake up and do the things I've prayed about since I was a kid, and I don't take a single day for granted.

Before Cooper and I started our family, I spent several summers in Africa on medical missions, and those trips changed everything about how I see the world. Those trips, partnered with having a mother who was adopted, is what grew my desire to pursue adoption. In addition to motherhood, I have a career in business consulting, which I genuinely love, but the thing that lights me up is my people: my husband, our son, my family, and my closest friends. I'm a quality-time person, and I'm almost always planning something to turn a regular weekend into a memory.

My favorite treat is an iced vanilla latte, I feel strongest after a hard workout, fashion and home design is my creative outlet, time with girlfriends fills my cup and my favorite time of the day is when I'm awake before the sun, reading my Bible.

I'm so thankful for the joyful chaos of our life and eagerly await our next baby!

MEET JEREMIAH

Jeremiah is three and a half years old and brings so much joy, energy, and laughter into our home. He is always on the move, whether he's racing down the driveway on his scooter, asking to play outside, or running laps around the living room. He loves monster trucks and Friday night movie night. He enjoys watching Mizzou football and cheering from the couch as if he's part of the team.

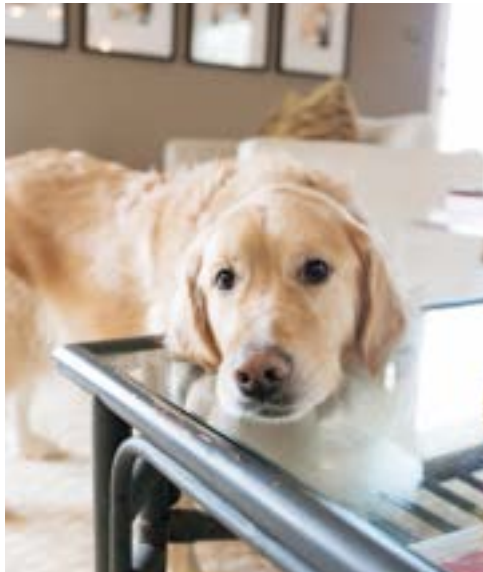
Even with all his energy, Jeremiah has a sweet and tender side. He loves snuggles, bedtime stories, and telling stories with lots of dramatic twists. He has a big personality, a love for ice cream, and adores spending time with his thirteen cousins.

Jeremiah came home to us straight from the hospital, and we officially adopted him shortly after his first birthday. We still can't believe we get the privilege of being his parents. One of our greatest joys has been watching his faith grow. He asks questions about God, sings worship songs in the car, and talks about Jesus with excitement.

Getting a front row seat to Jeremiah's life has been one of the greatest blessings we have ever experienced, and we are excited to watch him continue to grow and thrive. Every night before bed, Jeremiah prays for a sibling, and we cannot wait to see him take on the role of a big brother.



MEET GEORGE



George is our four-year-old golden retriever and, in many ways, our first baby. He joined our family before Jeremiah, and we still treat him like one of the kids, even if that means finding dog hair on just about everything we own. He has the gentlest personality and has always been incredibly loving and loyal.

When Jeremiah was a baby, George stayed close during every late-night feeding, lying quietly on the nursery floor as if he knew he had an important job to do. One of the things we are excited about with another child is watching George step into that role again.

These days, Jeremiah talks to him like a brother, sharing stories about trucks, snacks, and Paw Patrol while George listens patiently with his tail wagging.

Most of the time, George can be found curled up on the couch beside us, soaking up attention and offering plenty of snuggles. Of course, now and then he surprises us with a burst of energy, racing through the house before settling back down as if nothing ever happened.

We never expected to love a dog this much, but George has become such a special part of our family, and we cannot imagine life without him.

WHY ADOPTION

Adoption was never plan B for us. It's been part of our story since the very beginning. On one of our first dates, Chanel told Cooper she wanted to adopt kids someday, and Cooper said something like "yeah, no big deal" — turns out he meant it.

Chanel's mom was adopted, and Chanel spent many of her summers in Africa working with orphans. The longing to be an adoptive mom has been on her heart since she was a little girl.

We started fostering in 2022, and that's how Jeremiah came into our family. We later learned we have unexplained infertility, but that wasn't a discovery that pushed us toward adoption, we were already here.

Growing our family through adoption is simply the right next step for our family, and we're so excited to bring Jeremiah a sibling. The deepest reason behind all of this, though, is the way we've come to understand the gospel. Scripture tells us that God "predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ", and that we've received "the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'"

Adoption is the language God uses for what He does for us. We get to be part of that story in our own small way, and we don't take that lightly.





Because of the Lord's great love we are not
consumed, for His compassions never fail.

They are new every morning;
great is Your faithfulness.

EPHESIANS 3:22-23

OUR HOME

We live in Columbia, Missouri, on a quiet cul-de-sac that's full of kids. Our house is two stories with a finished basement — four bedrooms, four bathrooms, plenty of space to grow into. The basement is basically a giant playroom, with climbing equipment for Jeremiah and a cozy little reading nook tucked into the corner. We spend a lot of time outside. Scooters and bikes get a ton of use in the cul-de-sac, and we've become friends with our neighbors over the past few years. It's the kind of street where kids run between yards and parents end up chatting on driveways, and we feel pretty lucky to have landed here.



OUR FAMILY

Family is one of the greatest blessings in our lives, and we are grateful to be surrounded by so much love and support. Much of Cooper's family lives within a mile of our home, including his mom and her husband, his grandma, and his two siblings with their children. Thursday night dinners at Great Grandma's house are a favorite tradition, and with nine cousins nearby, Jeremiah is growing up surrounded by family and built-in best friends.

Chanel's family may be a little farther away, but they are deeply connected to our lives. Her mom and stepdad live a few hours away in Kansas, her dad lives in Florida, and her brother and sister are raising their families in Texas and New Jersey. Chanel also has a little sister who is attending school at Mizzou, so she is at our home often. Whether family is down the street or across the country, they are a huge part of who we are.

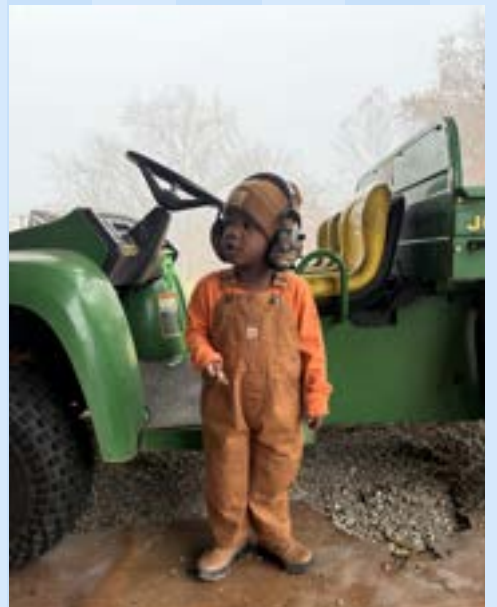
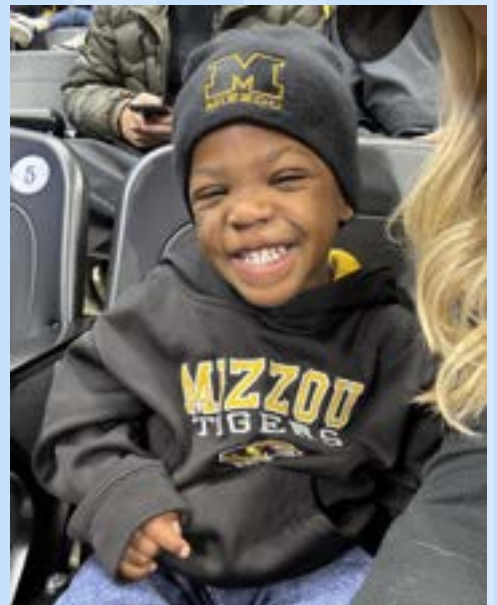


OUR COMMUNITY

We love calling Columbia, Missouri home. For Cooper, growing up attending Mizzou games and now sharing those traditions with Jeremiah has made living in a college town feel especially meaningful. There is always something happening, from football Saturdays to local events, while still maintaining the warmth and simplicity of a Midwest community.

We are grateful for the strong relationships we have built through our church, our gym, our friends, and our family. We love that our children are growing up in a place where neighbors know one another, community matters, and life feels a little slower, simpler, and centered around the things that matter most.





TRADITIONS

Traditions are a special part of our family. We love having rhythms our children can look forward to year after year, from spending the Fourth of July with Cooper's family and watching all the kids ride bikes through the neighborhood with Great Grandma as the grand marshal of the Bike Parade, to Christmas Eve church and Christmas morning with a big breakfast made by Dad. Birthdays always begin with balloons and donuts and a handwritten card, fall brings the Mizzou Homecoming parade, and deer season means time at the family farm to slow down and play with cousins. These traditions may be simple, but they are some of the sweetest parts of our family life.



TRAVEL

Travel is something we truly value as a family. We love exploring new places, creating memories together, and showing Jeremiah both the beauty of our country and the world around him. Whether it's relaxing on the beaches of Cabo and Santa Rosa Beach, exploring New York City, visiting family in New Jersey and Texas, or discovering somewhere new, we believe travel creates meaningful experiences and helps us appreciate different people, places, and cultures. Some of our favorite family memories have been made on the road, and we look forward to sharing many more adventures together.

