



Anderson & Jess





Hello Mama,

Welcome to our family profile! We are Anderson and Jess and we hope you enjoy this glimpse into our lives together. Thank you for your consideration in this process. We pray that God gives you peace in this time.

With love,

Anderson & Jess





From the start

Our love story always felt natural and effortless although it takes a lot of hard work each day.

We found each other through a dating app and we eventually met in person for a quick donut date. We felt that God had shaped us into the people we needed to be for each other. Six months later, we took a trip to visit family in Orlando and got engaged after the fireworks at Disney World. A year and a half after that, we got married! We love helping with the youth program at our church and having fun with our godsons whenever possible.



Our Heart for Adoption

Early in our relationship, we talked about our thoughts on adoption. Since Jess was adopted, we knew we wanted to spread God's love by adopting a child one day. As an adoptee, Jess learned that you do not have to be blood related to be in a family. The love given to Jess through her adoptive parent, planted the desire to adopt in her heart at a young age. Through the first two years of our marriage, we struggled with biological infertility issues with both of us. However, instead of dwelling on those issues that we could not control, we decided to trust in God's direction for our lives and to start our adoption journey. We are excited to start this next chapter of our lives, and we hope to spread God's love through adoption.



The most magical day!



Our Wedding

We got married in July of 2020 as the lockdowns were lifting. The ceremony took place in a big tent outdoors on the hottest day of the year!



Despite the heat, the day was absolutely magical. We had so many friends and family together that day. We were so excited to start the next chapter of our lives together and to discover what God had planned for us.

About Anderson

Through Jess' Eyes

Anderson is quiet but strong. He is a man of few words but when he speaks you should listen. He has an amazing sense of humor and makes it his mission to make me laugh every day. He is a source of strength and helps me keep my head on straight. He is consistent and loves fiercely. He strives to do what is right in every situation, no matter how hard it may be. He is always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. He loves his family with his whole heart. His father is one of his best friends and most trusted confidants. He loves the Lord with all his heart and does his best to share his love of Jesus with those around him.

Loving | Quiet | Husband | Son





About Jess

Through Anderson's Eyes

Jess lives for teaching children about God and the world. She cares so deeply for her students that she's willing to do everything she can to help them succeed. Jess keeps things entertaining in her class by finding creative ways to teach subjects and at home where she keeps busy with her many crafty projects. When inspiration strikes, she will grab her paintbrush or vinyl-cutting machine and make beautiful art. It's this creative energy that always keeps our home life entertaining and fun. She makes it easy to experience life from a new perspective.

Caring | Teacher | Passionate | Creative | Crafty



Together: Our favorite place to be

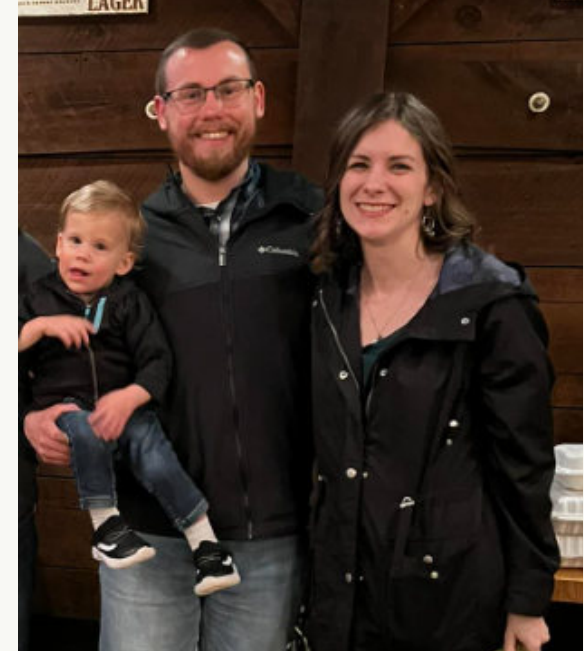
It doesn't matter what we do. As long as we're together as a family, it'll be a great time!
We always say the best part of the day is "spending time with you."



About our family



Our support system



We have an extensive family and support system that we love spending time with. They're there for us in the good and the bad, and we are there for them as well. Jess is always one of the first to sign up for meal trains for any church members going through a difficult time.

Anderson's Family

- Grew up in coastal North Carolina
- We'll often visit Anderson's family home for holidays (it was previously a bed & breakfast)
- Loves cooking for gatherings big and small (usually it's the same amount of food)
- Enjoys watching sports by the fireplace (UNC basketball is our favorite)
- Anderson's mother is beyond excited about our adoption journey

Jess' Family

- Grew up in eastern North Carolina
- Loves to play video games and board games (Mario Kart tournaments are serious business)
- Jess's dad is a master story-teller (he makes up his own characters)
- Has a network of friends that are like family (Jess calls them her circle of Mamas)





Holidays, Traditions & Celebrations



Those we hold dear to our hearts

We have a large circle of friends in town. We love hosting game nights at our home and cooking for everyone. Several of our friends' children call Jess their honorary aunt because she's been there for them through their lives either as the fun babysitter or in the youth program at church. One of our family friends followed a similar path to ours and they have also become adoptive parents.





Home Sweet Home



We recently moved into a new home. We have a large backyard complete with a small incline to roll down in the summer. Upstairs, we have a large loft play area we can fill with lots of toys and games. Jess turned one of the bedrooms into her art room where she keeps all the fun projects and art supplies. There's no shortage of creativity in our family.

The Nursery

Our nursery is complete with the essentials including a changing table, rocking chair, and crib. We received the crib from our godsons' family, and we love it because it reminds us of when they were little. The walls are decorated with Winnie the Pooh decals, and we've already collected a small library of fun children's books to help encourage their imagination. Additionally, their room provides the opportunity for growth with a large closet space.



In this family, we believe



- In the power of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.
- In encouraging each other.
- In helping those around us.

Our values

We value the Bible as the rock on which to build our family together. We hope to bring forth the fruits of the spirit. We work together through hardships and listen to the direction God provides for us. We know it's going to be okay.

Our traditions

We love to build traditions for every season. Every spring we travel to Pennsylvania to visit some of Jess's family. In the summer, we always take a vacation somewhere; it can be near or far. In the fall, we go to the pumpkin patch with our godsons and paint pumpkins. In the winter, we go see the Christmas lights either in town or at a Christmas festival. One day, we hope to grow our family and find new traditions to celebrate.

Our promise

We promise to love your child as God loves all of us. We will give him or her every option we can for the best chance at success. We promise to respect any of your decisions, and we pray for you to have peace in this process.



Our Sentiments

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and truly appreciate your consideration. Please know that we will be the best parents that God allows us to be, and pray that God's love will show through us for your child. We will show them unconditional love and strive to provide them with nothing but the best. Aside from Jesus' grace, this is the greatest gift we could receive on this earth. It is not a gift we take for granted. Please know that we are praying for you and are grateful that you are considering us.

Thank you,

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Thank you for considering our family!

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