

ETHAN, SARA

*Bennett & Micah*



# Welcome

We are so honored and consider it a great privilege that you are reading our profile book. We hope that as you flip through the pages of this book, you'll have a small glimpse into our family's day-to-day life and the love for you and your child that we have to share! We have discussed our desire to pursue adoption since we first started dating and we are grateful for the chance to pursue this calling.

Our hearts are already so full of love for you, your family, and your child. We can't begin to imagine all the different emotions you are having as you walk through this process. We, along with our friends and family, are already praying for you in all the circumstances you may be facing. We are praying specifically for peace, comfort, and support for you through this season. We also want you to know that we promise you will forever be honored in our household, and you are always welcome to be a part of our family.

We would love to be a part of you and your baby's life and are waiting with open arms if you decide to entrust us with your child. We will love your sweet child unconditionally. We will advocate for, support, and encourage them each and every day of their life. Adoption is not a second choice for us, instead, this is the beginning of a lifelong prayer and journey come true for us. We can promise that no matter what decision you make, we will be continually praying for you. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and to look at our book!

*With Love,*

*Ethan & Sara*





# A BEAUTIFUL BEGINNING

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Ethan and I met in a Spanish class during our sophomore year of college. I walked into the room on the first day of class and thought Ethan was cute, so I sat beside him. He noticed me too, and we ended up starting a study group with some classmates. This allowed us to spend more time together. We continued to plan hangouts with friends and trips to meet each other's parents until we began dating a few months later.

Ethan wanted his proposal to be a complete surprise. I was on vacation with my family in Florida and Ethan had orchestrated to fly into town and have my brother pick him up from the airport. He set up the proposal under a clock tower at the end of a beautiful street. My mom had taken me for a day of shopping and getting our nails done and it ended at the clock tower. I was shocked to see Ethan standing there with a gorgeous bouquet of flowers as he dropped to one knee, telling me he loved me and wanted to spend the rest of his life with me. Then, he asked me to marry him. Of course, I said, "Yes!"

We had our wedding about a year later. We chose a historic house in my hometown with a beautiful side yard for the wedding and a large tent for the reception. It began sprinkling as the groomsmen and bridesmaids walked out. However, it didn't matter to us because as soon as we saw each other, we knew no matter the weather, we would love each other forever. As we sang a hymn after I walked down the aisle, the rain stopped — just in time for the vows. Afterward, we celebrated with traditional speeches, cake cutting, and first dances at the reception. It was an amazing day, and we loved sharing it with all those who love and support us!

# Our heart for Adoption

Our decision to pursue adoption was not out of the inability to have biological children. It came through hoping and longing to grow our family in this specific way. Since we first began dating, we have always believed adoption would be a part of our story. We know and promise that we will unconditionally love any child who joins our family through adoption. We are also committed to growing and learning alongside each other every step of the way.





# Meet SARA

AS TOLD BY ETHAN

Sara is a bubbly and caring person who lights up the room when she arrives. She is always optimistic and outgoing. She is also very passionate about loving God, loving those around her, and helping others. She takes a genuine interest in the feelings of others and helps them achieve their goals. I was initially drawn to her beauty and her positive outlook, which made her fun to be around. I was also looking for someone I knew would help me pursue God and Sara has always shown her dedication to loving God through missions, church, and the way she loves others. She has been the most amazing mother to our children, Bennett and Micah.

Not only is she an amazing mother, but she's also a wonderful mentor to other children. She dedicated years of her life to being a 6th-grade teacher, where she poured her soul into helping her students learn and push themselves. She has also led many Bible studies and mentor groups for 9th graders to help them pursue God during those awkward high school years. Sara has taken her skills from the classroom to our home and is continually teaching Bennett and Micah in new and creative ways. I love watching her play outside, read books, teach Bennett her letters, or bake cookies. She connects with children on their level, which I think helps them feel valued and eager to learn. She has a huge heart and drive to help those around her become the best they can be.

# Meet ETHAN

AS TOLD BY SARA

Ethan is the most incredible husband and father. I never dreamed I would find one so perfect for me and I'm so grateful the Lord brought him into my life. The first thing I noticed about him was how cute he was. What caused me to like him and fall in love with him, is his unconditional love for God and others. Ethan has the most amazing servant's heart and will do anything for anyone—no questions asked. He is involved in all parts of our daily lives. He helps prepare dinners, folds clothes right alongside me, and helps me clean our house in a frenzy right before guests come over. Ethan is the absolute best dad. He immediately comes home from work and is engaged in playing with Bennett and Micah until it's time for them to go to bed. Ethan is so go-with-the-flow and doesn't get frazzled by anything unexpected. I literally cannot imagine a better dad or husband for our family!

Ethan is wonderful with kids. He is great at being silly with little ones while also thriving at leading our youth group with the middle and high school guys. He pours into them and encourages them through the stages of life they are experiencing. I love watching Ethan play with Bennett and Micah. He loves them so well and can match their energy by swimming for hours with them, pushing Bennett on her bike around our neighborhood, and then returning home to dance around the kitchen. His sweet devotion to our family is the thing that I thank God for every single day!



*These are a few of our favorite things*

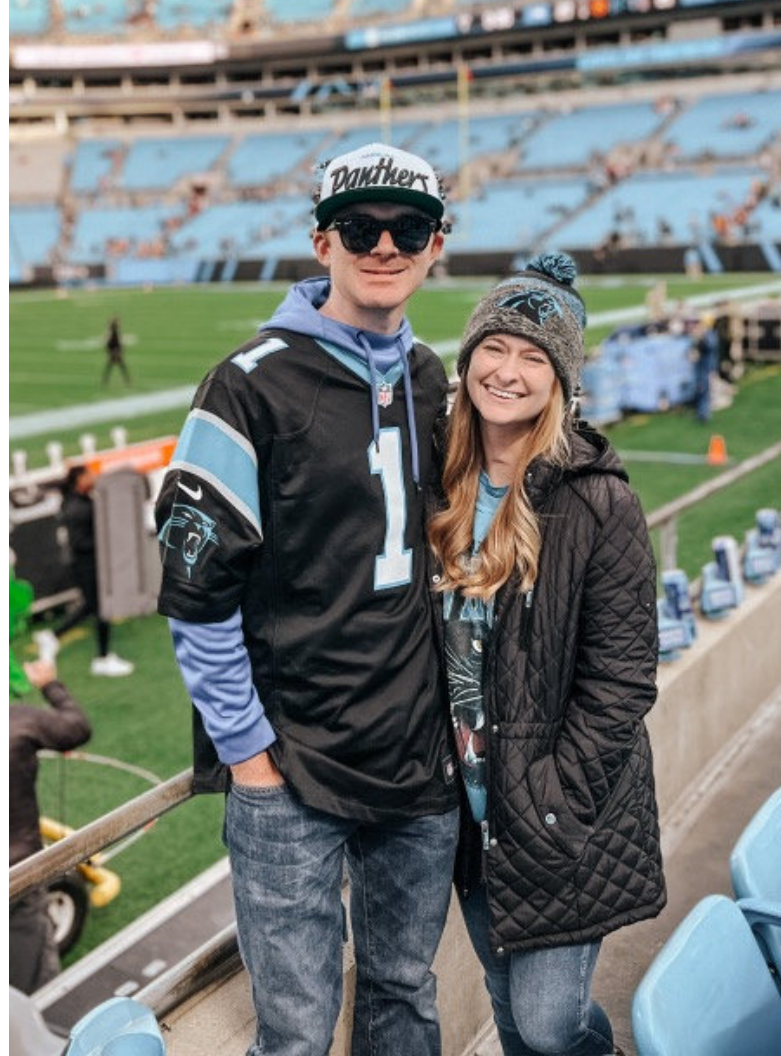


## ETHAN

- Playing pickleball with friends
- Diet Mountain Dew
- Carolina Panthers Football
- Carolina Hurricanes Hockey
- Any type of sweet treat
- Fishing
- Going on a run

## SARA

- Green Bay Packers Football
- Reading a new book
- Swimming in our pool
- Game nights with friends
- Pepperoni Pizza
- Hosting people in our home
- Watching musicals and listening to the soundtracks
- Traveling









## Meet BENNETT ELISE

Bennett is the kindest and most loving child. She has the sweetest heart and loves being silly to make everyone laugh! We love her goofy songs, silly dances, and her attempt to make up her own jokes. Bennett inherited my bubbly personality and Ethan's caring nature. She loves swimming all summer long, playing make-believe with her dolls and toys, and dressing up. Bennett loves listening to stories so we spend lots of time telling them and reading book after book to her. Bennett tells us all the time that she's so excited for another baby to join our family so she can snuggle them all the time!

*Kind, Friendly, and Imaginative*



## Meet MICAH

Micah is our goofy and active little boy. He loves to explore everything and is always wanting to play chase around the house. We love watching him crack a smile when he knows he is being silly and seeing his eyes light up every time he learns something new. He loves animals and is currently learning the sounds and sign language signs for different animals. He loves playing with toy cars and throwing balls back and forth all day. Micah has the best time following Bennett around and they have the sweetest little relationship that is growing and getting cuter every day. Micah is so precious around his younger cousins, and we just know he will be a great big brother when the time comes!

*Energetic, Cuddly, and Silly*





## *Holidays & Celebrations*

In our home, we love birthdays and holidays! We always love to spend these celebrations surrounded by family and friends. For birthdays, we always hang up our birthday banners and do a special breakfast with balloons. Then we always do a party or special outing to make the birthday person feel extra special! We love leading up to Christmas with new books each day of December as we countdown. It's also fun going to our mailbox each day to look for Christmas cards from friends and family to hang up around the house. On Christmas Eve, we do a candlelight service at our church and then come back home to host our Christmas Eve dinner and game night with our family. For Christmas Day, we love the tradition of taking a picture at the top of the stairs in our Santa hats and then racing down to see what Santa left for the kids! It was so fun seeing Bennett and Micah's faces light up this past year. We cannot wait to continue these traditions and create new ones as we grow our family through adoption.

# OUR ADVENTURES

*Creating memories near home and around the world*

Some of the most impactful and beautiful memories we have as a couple, and as a family, have come from our travels! We can't wait to continue to make more memories together. Some of our favorite trips have been to Uganda, Disney World, London, and the beach!



# Our Families



## SARA'S FAMILY

I am so blessed that my parents and both of my siblings' families live so close to us! My parents live 30 minutes away from us on a 10-acre farm! They have been so excited to add animals like chickens and Highland cows for all the grandkids to love and "take care of". My brother, his wife, our nephew and niece live in the same city just 10 minutes away. We love our weekly playdates and have such a sweet time when our kids are together. My youngest brother, his wife, and our nephew live just 15 minutes from us. We love getting together for dinners and playing pickleball together as often as we can. I am so grateful for my family and for their support in our adoption! Not only are we extremely close with my immediate family, but we are also close to my extended family as well. All my grandparents are still living, and we love seeing them regularly on our family vacations to Tennessee and Georgia. We see my aunts, uncles, cousins, and all their children too. Most of my cousins have young children and I love that there are so many kids for our children to play with whenever we are together. We are grateful for my family who love cheering each other on through each season of our lives!

# ETHAN'S FAMILY

My parents and sister's family all live in a beach town about 2.5 hours away from us. We have been blessed to have so many opportunities to visit them at the beach or host them in our home and spend time together. My sister, her husband, our niece and nephew are so intentional in making sure we get together often. We love watching our kids grow up and create so many fun memories together! My aunt has a daughter who is eleven years old and my uncle has twins that are sixteen. My grandmother lives in my hometown and it's our favorite place to gather together with my entire extended family. My extended family is always so intentional to celebrate life's big moments together! We are so grateful that my family is always so supportive of everything our family does.







# THIS IS HOME

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Our home has four bedrooms and two-and-a-half bathrooms. There is a pool in the backyard where we plan to spend many summer days. We have a playroom where kiddos will have plenty of room to play. The kitchen has an awesome island perfect for baking treats together, and gathering around as we cook dinner. Eventually it will be the ideal homework spot as our kids get older. Our neighborhood has incredible playgrounds and great trails where we plan to take many walks together. We love the open concept of the house. It's great for when we fill our home with friends and family. We love having our room on the same floor as the kids' rooms too!



# THE NURSERY

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We have absolutely loved creating this space in our home. As we started to gather and put the details of this nursery together, we kept finding ourselves ending up in this room, and still do. We end up sitting in the chair and looking over the room while praying over you and your child. We pray for this room to be a place of peace and comfort for your child and a place where they always feel safe and loved.

We cannot wait to add more to this space so that it may reflect you and your child!





## *Our Promises To You*

- We will always love your child unconditionally.
- We will always encourage your child to chase their dreams and support them in all they do.
- We will raise your child in a Christian home where we hope to always model Christ's love, joy, peace, patience, and kindness to each other and those around us.
- You are, and will always be, an important part of your child's story and will be respected and honored in our home!

*Thank you for considering our family!*  
*Love, Ethan, Sara, Bennett and Micah*

