

BRANDON, SAVANA & LAYTON



Dear Maha,

Thank you for considering us to be potential parents for your sweet baby. It's only a glimpse of our lives but we hope that you see what is most important to us, a family that loves Jesus and each other. Considering adoption is sacrificial, loving, and courageous, we are in awe of you. We are praying that you may have peace and discernment for the decisions in front of you. We are excited to grow our family and are joyfully waiting to meet your baby. We would be honored to have you as a part of our lives as well! We are confident that you will make the best choice for your child. We will continue to pray for you and your little one. Thank you again for considering us!

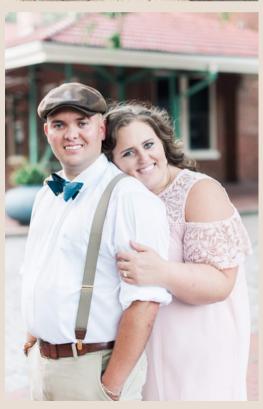
With love,

Brandon, Savana, & Layton









This is us

We grew up in the same small town and went to the same high school but only knew of each other. Brandon had a crush on Savana in high school and waved to her every day for 2 years. Savana was very shy in high school and never noticed. Brandon's senior year of college, he messaged Savana on Facebook. After that we were inseparable. The majority of our dating relationship was long distance but that made our time together in person so special. Brandon proposed in late 2015 at a lake, then took Savana on a horse-drawn carriage ride to see Christmas lights. We were married in early 2018 in Savana's childhood church. We danced the night away at our reception and then took a cruise to the Bahamas for our honeymoon. We have been together for 10 years and married for 6 years. Our relationship has faced many ups and downs, but through those times our marriage has only strengthened. We strive to have a Christ-centered marriage, love each other unconditionally, and prioritize one another. We truly are best friends and each other's rock. We love exploring new places, reading, drinking coffee, and laughing together.

Our Heart for Adoption

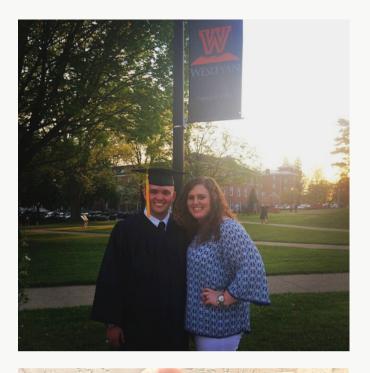
Brandon's grandfather grew up in an orphanage. Hearing stories about this is what prompted Brandon's desire to adopt at a young age. Savana has wanted to adopt a child since she was young. Two of her cousins were adopted and seeing their loving families strengthened that longing. We have discussed our desire to adopt since the early days of our relationship. After the difficult birth of our boys, we knew we wanted more children but were not sure how we would grow our family. We began praying for the Lord to lead us to His plan. We feel adoption is what our family is called to because of the love God the Father has shown us by adopting us into His family through Jesus.



Meet BRANDON

Through Savana's Eyes

Brandon is the most loving and hardworking person I know. He shows Layton and me sacrificial love and infinite patience. He is an excellent provider and protector. Brandon is loving, determined, resilient, and hilarious. He serves at our church in the children's ministry in the toddler room and is great with all the kids. He enjoys spending time in his men's Bible study and with our friends. Brandon's favorite pastimes are boxing, reading historical and fantasy novels, watching movies, eating good food, and drinking good coffee. He also enjoys being outdoors and watching New York Islanders hockey. He competitively swam for 23 years, including on his college's team. He has two bachelor's degrees in business management and economics. He is a Data Extraction Specialist where he investigates criminal activity in a digital format. Most importantly, he is a strong man of God, a loving husband, and a doting father. I am blessed to call him my husband, the spiritual leader of our home, and my best friend.





Meet SAVANA





Through Brandon's Eyes

Savana is a devoted wife and mother who sacrificially gives of herself daily. She loves God and her family unconditionally. She is empathetic, intelligent, diligent, and quite the comedian. In her spare time, she enjoys reading love stories, exploring new places, working on puzzles, watching romantic comedies, and drinking good coffee. She is an excellent cook and baker. She enjoys her women's Bible study and spending time with friends. Savana serves in the children's ministry at church teaching in the toddler room. She has a bachelor's degree in polymer and color chemistry with a concentration in medical sciences and a master's degree in Physician Assistant Medicine. She is a family medicine physician assistant in our small town caring for people of all ages. Her patients tell me she is the best medical provider they have ever had. She is a nurturing mother, a woman of faith, and a loving wife. I am blessed to call her my wife and best friend.



Meet LAYTON





Layton, who is four years old, has brought so much joy to our lives. He is loving, smart, silly, active, curious, and so brave. He loves music, books, climbing, dancing, and Disney movies. His favorite place is the beach. He is a fan of any body of water, including a bathtub, as swimming is one of his favorite activities. Just like his dad! He also loves going to parks and playing on playgrounds. Christmas is his favorite holiday and he loves "Baby Jesus" and Santa. He also enjoys playing with his friends from our church group. He is so excited to be a big brother and asks for a baby often. We are sure he will be an amazing brother.



Meet our sweet Lawson

In February of 2020, our twins were born 17 weeks early because they did not share their blood supply well. They weighed about one pound each. Layton spent 4 months being so brave and strong in the NICU before coming home. At almost 2 months old Lawson passed away from complications of his extreme prematurity. We thank God for the almost 2 months we got to spend with Lawson and the memories we made with him. He was such a strong, loving, and spunky baby. We all miss him deeply and look forward to the day we see him again in Heaven. This was a very difficult time for our family, but it showed us God's sovereign love and faithfulness. Our community of family, friends, and church supported us during this time. We praise the Lord for the miracle of their births and Layton's health and thriving childhood!





Meet ASHER

Asher is an almost eleven-year-old English bulldog Lab mix. Savana rescued him as a puppy the year before she met Brandon. He was attached to Brandon from the day he met him. Asher loves belly rubs, the beach, stuffed squeaker toys, his backyard, and treats. He has been the best big brother to Layton. He is very patient with Layton and protective of him. They love to go on walks, cuddle, and play together. He accompanies Layton to GiGi and Bubba's house every day while we go to work. He is excited to love another baby.

























While Brandon and Savana are at work, Layton goes to Savana's parents' home (Bubba and GiGi's) for preschool. Savana's mother is a retired elementary teacher, who creates lesson plans with lots of hands-on learning for Layton each week. Savana's childhood room has been turned into a classroom/playroom where they do calendar/story time, and work on learning new things, arts and crafts, and science experiments. In the evenings, we cook dinner together as a family (Layton loves to help cook) while we dance and sing to our Alexa. It is the best part of our day. After dinner together is bathtime, storytime, and prayers before we snuggle and go to bed. On Wednesday nights Layton goes to children's church and we go to our community group for a Bible study. Savana works a half-day on Fridays, which allows her to spend quality time with Layton. They usually play, go to the library, swim, or go shopping.

Weekends are our favorite, full of family time and rest. Each Friday we either get take out for a living room picnic and family movie night or we go out to dinner and walk through Target. On Saturdays we enjoy coffee and Bible study before Layton wakes up then, after he gets up, we make breakfast. Saturday afternoons and evenings are for fun in our hometown and spending time with loved ones. We go to church on Sundays to worship and spend time with believers. Sunday afternoons are often quiet and restful, while we prepare for the next week.

Weekends & Getaways



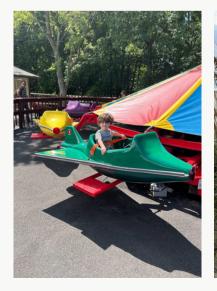


We love to travel and think it is a great way to spend quality time together as a family and try new things. We are blessed to take one big vacation a year and a few weekends sprinkled in as well. We do some vacations as an immediate family and some with extended family. Our most frequent vacation is to the beach where we love to play in the sand and wave, eat fresh seafood and ice cream, and make memories. We also enjoy staying in a cabin in the mountains and do that yearly where we enjoy small hikes, splashing in creeks, and finding waterfalls. We have also recently taken Layton on a Disney Cruise and to Tweetsie Railroad.











Holidays, Traditions & Celebrations







We love curating special traditions and spending time with family and friends during the holidays. We attend several extended family gatherings for all major holidays. Some of those traditions include Easter egg hunts, strawberry picking, July 4th cookouts, pumpkin patch visits, carving pumpkins, and homemade fair food. Christmas is our favorite holiday by far. Our family traditions include reading about the birth of Jesus, Christmas Eve church service, baking/decorating cookies, visiting Santa (this year we took Layton on the Polar Express), matching Christmas pajamas, and decorating our Christmas tree. We also love planning specialthemed birthday parties filled with family and friends accompanied by a homemade birthday cake. Layton's themes have been puppies, Mickey Mouse, and Toy Story. We have had a bounce house and this past year it was held at a children's museum near us. We want our children to feel loved and make wonderful memories.

Brandon's FAMILY







Brandon's mother (Grammy) and father (Granddaddy) both work, but see Layton almost every week as we attend church together. They love to spoil him rotten. Brandon's sister and brother-in-law live a few hours away, near the beach. We see them every few months, which Layton thoroughly enjoys, as they are so fun to hang out with. Brandon's uncle lives in New York, but we try to see him at least once a year. Unfortunately, Brandon's grandparents have passed away, but were amazing role models for him and an integral part of his life. Brandon's family is excited to love another baby.

Garapa's FAMILY

Savana's mother (GiGi) and father (Bubba) are both retired and keep Layton while we work. They love doting on him. We, especially Layton, are very close with Savana's sister who is such a loving aunt. We enjoy spending time with them frequently from vacations to family dinners. Savana has a large extended family that mostly lives within 20 minutes of us. Layton's greatgrandparents see him often and love spoiling him. Great aunts, uncles, and cousins are also close by and we get together regularly throughout the year. Layton loves spending time with his cousins. Our family is loving, supportive, and thrilled to love on another baby.











Friends & Community











We treasure our community full of Jesusloving friends. We have several close friendships in our small group at church. We also have several close friendships from work and previous jobs who have turned into family. Our friends have been praying throughout the adoption process and are so supportive. A few of our friends are also currently pursuing adoption and we look forward to raising our children together who will have a special bond with each other.

THIS IS HOME



We live in a 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with an open concept living space that is great for making memories with our friends and family. Our kitchen is full of music and dancing while we prepare dinner together. Layton loves to be the sous chef. After dinner, we love snuggling up on the couch to read or watch a movie together. We spend a lot of time in our fenced-in backyard which has a swing set, toddler play equipment, many outdoor toys, a firepit, and lots of room to run around. We live in a small, safe neighborhood that is surrounded by farms but only 10 minutes away from town and full of friendly families. Our home is located in a cul-de-sac that is perfect for family walks, riding bikes, driving the toy Jeep, skating, etc.









"GOD DECIDED IN ADVANCE TO
ADOPT US INTO HIS OWN
FAMILY BY BRINGING US TO
HIMSELF THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST. THIS IS WHAT HE
WANTED TO DO, AND IT GAVE
HIM GREAT PLEASURE."
FPHESIANS 1:5







We have prayed over this room as a family and for the precious child that the Lord brings to our home. We look forward to rocking, snuggling, reading, and playing here. The colors are a calming sage green, beige, and gray, with white and walnut wood furniture. After the gender is known we will add pops of pink or blue. We have filled the bookcase with our favorite children's books. It is located next to Layton's room and across the hall from the master bedroom. There is a crocheted baby blanket hanging on the rocker that Savana made while she prayed over the adoption.

Our Family Values

WE FIRMLY BELIEVE...

that Jesus Christ lived the perfect life we could not, died the death we deserve, was raised to life on the third day conquering the grave and defeating sin, and if we believe in Him, we will have eternal life.

WE VALUE...

loving the Lord and others. We say "I love you" frequently in our home and treat each other with respect.

WE HOPE...

our home and family remains joyful and we fill it with laughter.

WE COMMIT...

to make every effort to incorporate your child's culture into our lives and teach them about their background because we understand the importance of maintaining a connection with their heritage for their identity.

OUR PROMISE...

to you is to love and respect you, your name, and your space. We also promise to love your child unconditionally as our own, to teach them about Jesus and His love for us, and to provide them with experiences that will enrich their life.

Our Gentiments

Thank you for taking the time to get to know our family! We would be honored if you wanted to be a part of our lives. Considering adoption shows how courageous, selfless, and strong you are. We believe your child is "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalms 139:14) and we are praying that the Lord gives you "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7) as you make decisions for your child. Our community is praying for you and your baby!

With love,

Brandon, Savana & Layton



