

# Graham & Parker





# HELLO!

We are immensely grateful for your willingness to take the time to look through our profile album and get a glimpse into our lives. We pray that you can see our smiles and the joy we receive from obeying the Lord's calling on our lives throughout these pages.

We believe that a part of our family's calling is adoption. Our family's entire ministry, from serving in youth ministry to teaching in public school, revolves around joining with parents to help them raise their children for the glory of the Lord. We believe this also extends to our heart for adoption!

We are so grateful for you. We hope you know that we think you are a selfless, brave, and courageous person. You are in the midst of making a very difficult decision, and we pray that you have overwhelming peace, comfort, and stillness in this time. We are praying that the Lord gives you wisdom beyond all understanding. We are confident that no matter what choice you make, it will be what is best for your child.

*Love, Graham & Parker*



*My favorite  
love story is ours*



## THE BEGINNING OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Graham and I met in high school, during his senior year and my junior year. He was the captain of the football team who played every sport, while I was the nerdy cheerleader. Our friend groups started to merge together and play card games every Saturday night, and then our friendship grew into a romantic relationship. We quickly realized this relationship was a special gift from the Lord that we wanted to steward well. After we graduated from high school, we attended college together. This season of life included a lot of ministry on campus and inside our local church. These four years of serving the Lord together continued to solidify our desire to be married. We were constantly reminded that we did ministry better together than when we were apart. By the Lord's grace, we dated for five years and then got engaged in the fall of 2019.

Throughout our entire relationship, Parker made her desire for adoption very clear to Graham. Parker's aunt is the Director of a Pregnancy Resource Center, so Parker spent countless afternoons volunteering and then interning there. Throughout this time, Parker's heart was pulled toward adoption.

In the first few months of dating, Parker expressed her desire to adopt to Graham because, for her, it was a deal breaker. Graham began to express his own desire to adopt because he had watched his aunt and uncle adopt their two children. From that moment, very early on in our relationship, we knew our family would experience growth through adoption.

Our wedding was in the summer of 2020. We have now been married for three years and have been seeking the Lord with fervent hearts on His calling for our lives. Marriage has not always been easy, with multiple diagnoses leading to a major surgery, but the Lord has been faithful through every season. We confidently believe He is going to continue to be faithful throughout our entire life.

AND SO TOGETHER

*we built a life we loved.*





## Hey! I'm Graham.

I am very energetic and usually have a positive outlook on every aspect of life. I love to laugh and see others around me smile. My favorite ways to occupy my free time are spending time with friends and family, hunting, fishing, playing golf, and working out. I also enjoy hanging out at the house, cooking dinner, and watching a TV show with Parker. Some people say I can be a comedian at times, and the reason behind every joke is to make every situation lighter.

Currently, I serve as a student pastor. I see myself and Parker being involved in ministry for the rest of our lives. Middle and high schoolers have captivated our hearts since we were in college. We plan to be involved in their spiritual lives for many years. Someday, I would like to work at the state level overseeing student ministries. When it comes to ministry, the Lord calls us to it; we don't necessarily choose it.



Hi! I'm Parker.



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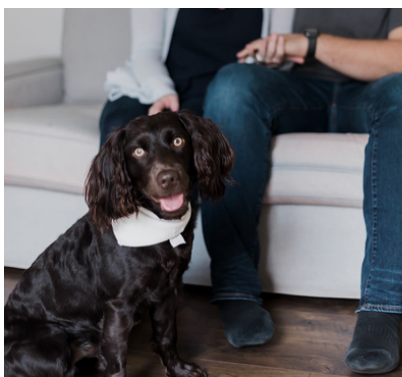
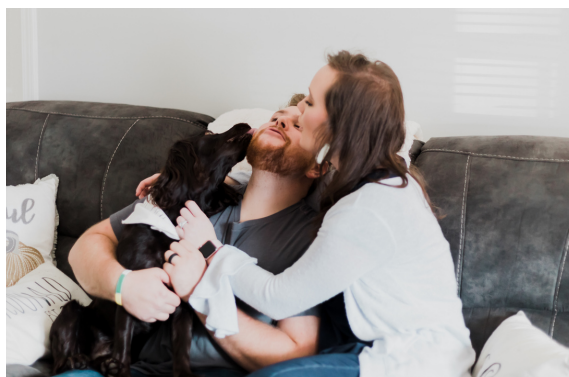
*Teacher, designer, + coffee lover*

I am an organized Enneagram 1, introvert, and loyal friend. I am the wife of a youth pastor, and it is the greatest blessing of my life. My free time is spent with our youth ministry students at their sporting events, playing card games, eating Mexican food, or doing movie nights. You can also find me at a coffee shop reading a book on any given Saturday morning with my community of friends. I am currently in my fourth year of teaching high school math, primarily to freshmen students. I love creating relationships with my students, especially those who do not feel loved and need someone to believe in them to succeed. My career goal is to be in full-time ministry with Graham, focusing on administrative duties and girls ministry.

*Our fur baby*

MOSES

Meet our fur baby, Moses, a 4 year old Boyken Spaniel. An interesting fact is his breed is the South Carolina state dog. Moses is smart, loyal, gentle, and very social. Moses went to obedience training and was very successful, therefore, he is extremely obedient to us. Moses adores children and longs to be a big brother. When we are on trips, he spends time with families that have children. Those families always talk about how Moses followed the children around all day to every room in the house. Moses also loves for our house to be filled with people. He enjoys going from lap to lap and does his best to spread his time with each person equally. Moses is also gentle and likes to be held by everyone. We love Moses and we think he is the best!





# Daily Life



## A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS

Our daily life is filled with many blessings that keep us very busy every day. Our mornings are spent at work. For me, Parker, this includes getting to work early to get my classroom prepped and ready for the day. For Graham, it looks like getting breakfast with a student, leading a Christian fellowship meeting or hunting in the woods. The daytime includes work for both of us. One of the greatest blessings is that Graham comes to the high school once a week to meet with students, so I get to see him at work! This is one of my favorite parts of the week because he gets to see me doing what I love. Most of our nights are spent at a sporting event or extracurricular activity for one of our youth students. On the weekends, we choose to spend time with family and friends to refill ourselves. This way, we can minister to our students in the best ways we can.

# OUR LOVE FOR FAMILY TIME, VACATIONS, AND TRAVELING

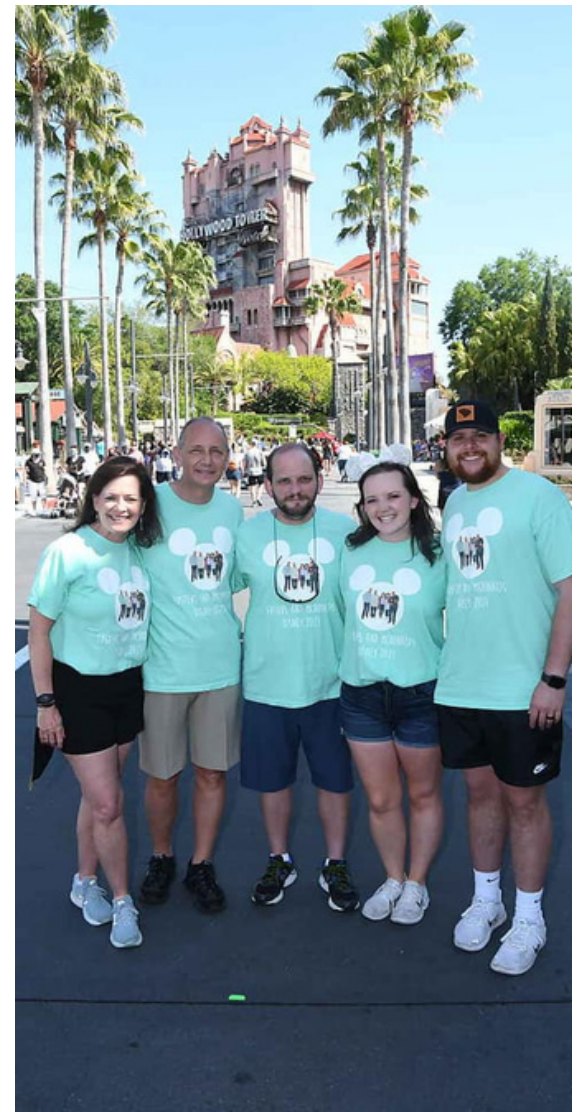
With Parker's side of the family, our favorite vacations are spent at Disney World. Parker's family has been going to Disney World since she was in elementary school. We are so excited to take your baby to Disney, too! With Graham's side of the family, our favorite vacations are spent at a local beach. We love to live on beach time, eat ice cream every night, play board games, watch movies, go fishing, and jump the ocean waves. Our favorite weekends are in the fall when football is playing every Saturday. We love to sit with our families on the couch, eat finger food all day, and cheer on our favorite team.



# Family: Our loving support

All of our family members on both sides are within 30 minutes of us. It is a huge blessing to have them so close to us and be extremely supportive of our ministry. Both sides of the family help take care of our dog, Moses, whenever we are out doing ministry to our students. We could not be successful in our careers and ministry without their help. Graham and I see our individual families about once a month. This typically looks like a family dinner for a birthday or holiday celebration. It could either be a Saturday night or a Sunday lunch.





EPHESIANS 4:2

*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient,  
bearing with one another in love.*



# Holidays

AN OVERFLOW OF LOVE,  
PEACE, AND HOPE. TIMES  
OF GIVING, CONNECTION,  
AND INTENTION.



Our holidays and celebrations are always spent with friends and family. We gather around a table of wonderful food, share stories to give updates on our lives, reminisce and laugh about old stories, play games, and watch sports or movies. One of our favorite memories during the holidays is welcoming people who do not have family in the area to sit at the table with us. Both of our families seek out people who they know will be alone on the holidays and invite them to come spend the holidays with us.

# Friends we call family



We have about five friends who are more like family than friends. These friends will be aunts and uncles to our children. We have been friends for almost a decade and have walked through many seasons together. This community of friends has withstood the test of time because the friendship is rooted in the love of Christ.

BLESS THIS *home*  
AND ALL WHO ENTER



Our home is nestled on a short street right outside a small town in South Carolina. Since our street is short and only has ten houses, we are all close and friendly. Almost all of our neighbors have multiple children, and they are frequently playing up and down the street on their bicycles.



We are looking forward to raising our children on this street that is already an established street that loves children and welcomes them to play. Our home is about 30 minutes from our family land and we love to walk through the woods and enjoy the Lord's creation. We are excited to walk through those woods and teach our children about how the Lord created it all for His glory.



# The Nursery



The overall theme for the nursery is animals and forest. The animals on the walls have special meanings related to some of our youth students. The Olive Tree in the corner is a special biblical representation of peace. The room is also filled with multiple small Disney elements because we are so excited to introduce our child to Mickey Mouse. Our favorite part of the nursery is the sign above the crib. The phrase “from generation to generation” is extremely important to us. This is the phrase that has carried us through the first three years of our marriage and is the phrase that was on our adoption announcement t-shirts. The Lord has carried us faithfully through our lives, and we believe He will continue to be faithful in our children’s lives and their children’s lives. We are already so in love with this room and pray over it daily because we believe it is important to cover our child’s room in prayer.

*In this family,*

*we believe God is faithful through generations.*

Our favorite word as a family is “community.” We have a sign in our living room that states, “Come in the morning or come in the evening. Come when expected, or come without warning. A thousand welcomes you’ll find here before you, and the more often you come, the more we’ll adore you.” We love hosting people in our home (even if it is not clean), eating a good meal together, and sharing stories.




# *Our sentiments*

Thank you again for spending some time getting to know us through these pages. We hope you caught a glimpse of what it would be like for your child to be welcomed into our family. We know our fur baby Moses is eagerly awaiting a sibling, too! We are praying the Lord fills you with peace as you continue in your journey. We know this is a difficult decision, but we believe in you. We trust that whichever decision you make for your child is the best one.

*Blessings, Graham & Parker*





*Thank you for  
considering our  
family.*

Graham & Parker