



Jonathan & Emma



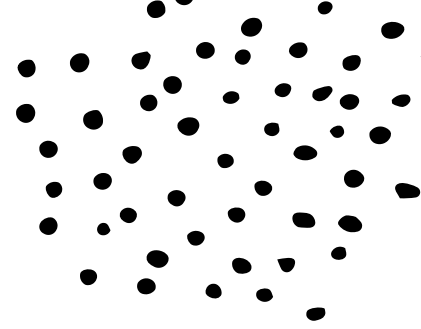


Dear Momma,

We are Jonathan and Emma! First, we would like to start by saying you are so brave. No matter what decision you make for your baby, thank you for putting your baby first and being selfless. We know that you must be so overwhelmed right now. Although we do not know you, we have been praying for you every day since we decided adoption would be part of our story. We pray you are surrounded by comfort and peace amidst the hard choices in front of you. If you choose us to parent your baby, we promise to raise them in a kind and loving home. We will love your sweet baby unconditionally and provide them with a safe environment to grow up in. Our home is filled with love, laughter, and two adorable pups who can't wait to have a baby sister or brother! We also promise always to include you as a part of their life as they grow up if you want that. Thank you for taking the time to learn a little about us. We pray that through our album, you feel like you have a glimpse into our lives and see how much we love each other. We have thoroughly enjoyed our first three years of marriage and cannot wait to grow our family with a precious baby. Thank you again for considering our family.

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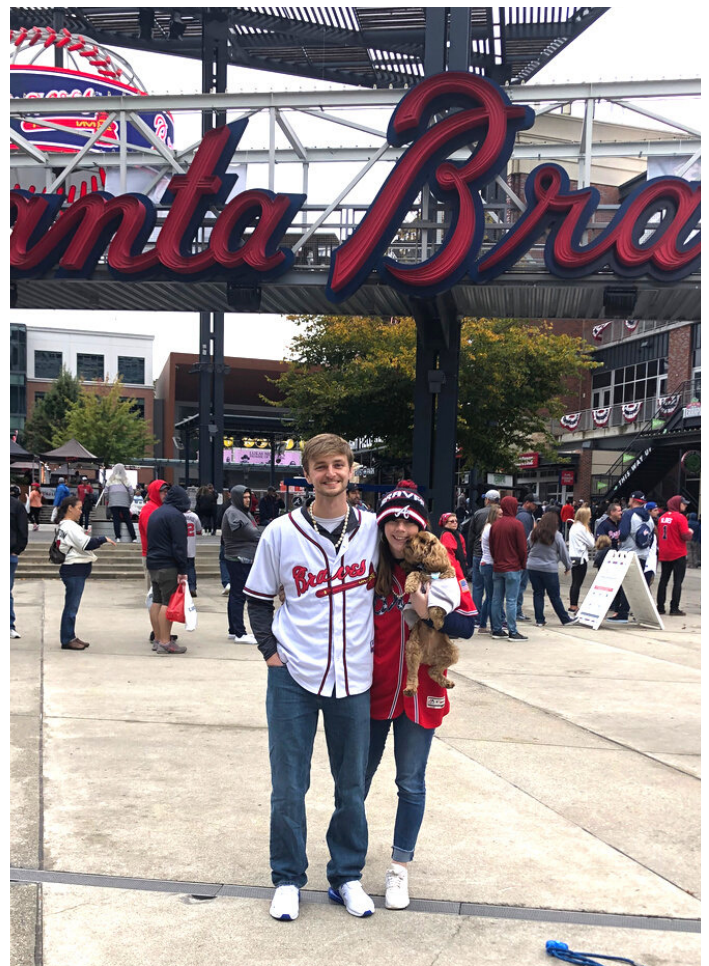
This is us



We met on a blind date. After Emma's best friend's aunt Sandee got to know Jonathan after a Christmas party at her house, she thought he would be an excellent fit for me! Sandee asked Jonathan if he would be willing to go on a blind date with her niece's best friend, and she showed him a photo of me. He was excited about the date, and we decided to meet at a local Italian restaurant soon after that. We were both so nervous; neither of us are very extroverted, so we didn't know what the night would hold! To our dismay, we talked for over three hours and enjoyed being with one another a lot. We were literally still sitting in the restaurant at closing time.

We had a lot of fun while we were dating. We have always enjoyed going on day trips to the lake, the beach, or to Braves games. Around three months into dating, we felt our relationship was turning into something serious. One afternoon after going to a Braves game, we were heading home, and Jonathan looked at me in the car and said, "What do you say we find a chapel and get married right now?" Of course, he was only joking. But, it was on this trip that I felt like I knew he was "the one."

Being together is easy and fun. We are both laid-back individuals and love doing everything together. After about nine months of dating, Jonathan proposed at the lake on the dock. He proposed in one of our favorite places to be.



The start of forever



We got engaged in the fall of 2019 and planned a wedding for the spring of 2020. One of our favorite memories during this season of life was when our church and school surprised us with a parade. All of our favorite people celebrating our marriage in this way made us feel honored and special. Our wedding was canceled a couple of times due to COVID, so we ended up officially having our wedding in the fall of 2020 and it was complete bliss. Our marriage has been so full of love and we are so grateful to be together. We honeymooned in Disney World. Marriage has been one of our greatest gifts.

Choosing adoption



Adoption is a huge part of both of our lives! Jonathan's dad was adopted, and Emma was adopted when she was an infant. After we got married, we decided we would like to be married for around two years before we grew our family. Emma suffered from a temporary illness in 2022 that resulted in the conclusion that pregnancy could be risky and dangerous for her. Although this felt crushing, we both sought the Lord individually about what He wanted for our family. One Sunday after church, we simultaneously brought up adoption and that we felt called to begin pursuing the call to adopt. It was truly incredible how the Lord brought us both to this beautiful decision at the exact same time. Since we started this process, the Lord has continued to make it so clear that this is how we were meant to start our family.



MEET *Jonathan*

THROUGH EMMA'S EYES

Jonathan is the sweetest, most caring man I have ever met! My family always prayed that I would meet a strong, loving, Christian man. Boy, did Jonathan make their hearts happy as soon as they met him! He is an Engineer, so he is smart and an excellent problem-solver. If anything breaks around the house or on one of the cars, Jonathan is the first to try to fix it. He loves to volunteer and is very active in our church. Jonathan is also adventurous and is willing to try new things. He is very athletic, and we love playing sports together. Jonathan also has the best sense of humor, he makes me laugh on a daily basis. Some of Jonathan's favorite things include: landscaping, tinkering with old electronics in his shop, watching Indy Car Races and Clemson Football games, or doing anything outside with the dogs!

Personality:

SERVANT-HEARTED | JOYFUL
ANALYTICAL | CONSIDERATE
STRONG | SILLY | FUN



Jonathan is selfless. He always puts my needs above his, and he always checks on me and makes sure that I am doing well. I am so excited to watch Jonathan become an amazing father!

Meet Emma



THROUGH JONATHAN'S EYES

Emma is the sweetest, most optimistic person I know. She always looks on the bright side of every situation, and it rubs off on everyone around her.

Emma goes out of her way to show me and tell me how much she loves me every single day. She loves to cook and makes dinner nearly every night.

Emma is extremely involved at church as well. Emma is a very hard worker, and she is currently a teacher and a coach, and works at our church. Emma is also very athletic, she was a three-sport athlete in high school, playing tennis, basketball, and softball, and she has coached all three in the time since she started teaching.

Some of our favorite date nights are when I go and watch her team play, and then we stay and watch the games afterward. Emma is always eager for new experiences and is an expert planner, which is a good combination. In her free time, Emma enjoys shopping and eating lunch with her friends, going on walks and bike rides, going to the lake, playing with the dogs, and watching movies.

Personality:

ADVENTURER | PLANNER
PASSIONATE | INTENTIONAL
GENEROUS | LOVING
NURTURING

She is an amazing wife, and I know all of these qualities are going to make Emma the best mother any child could ask for.

Our pups



We have two sweet pups! Our oldest, Finley, is a three-year-old Schnauzer Lab Mix. We rescued her from our local SPCA when she was just eight weeks old. Finley is sweet and loves to play fetch. She can even catch a football in the air while jumping. Our other dog, Cotton, is a two-year-old Toy Cockapoo. He is 10 pounds full grown and will forever look like a baby Goldendoodle. Cotton is super cute, he is basically a celebrity whenever we take him out in public. Children love to come up and pet him, and he loves being the center of attention. He also loves to cuddle on the couch. Finley and Cotton both love children and are very easygoing dogs. They love to do anything we do. They love boat rides, car rides, walks, and bike rides, and they even love to help us pick vegetables from the garden. They will be the best big siblings.

FAMILY

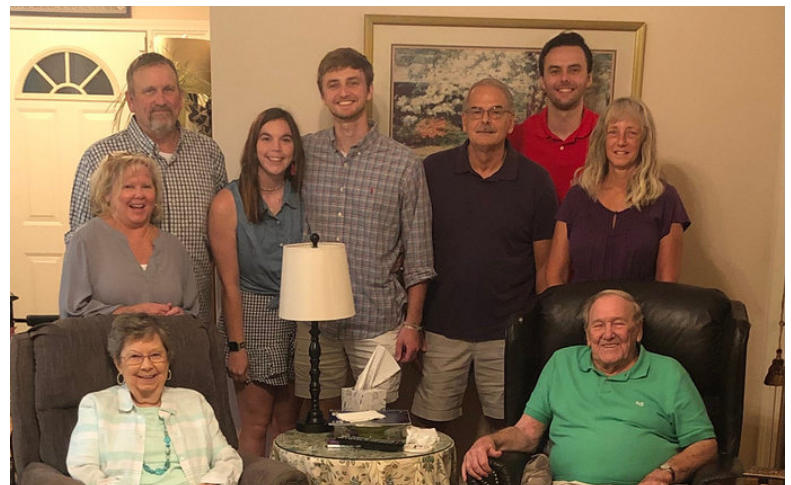


The love of a family is life's greatest blessing!



Jonathan's Family

Jonathan's family lives in New Jersey. Jonathan's family is very close, and they have always loved spending time with each other. We make the trip to see them around three to four times a year. They usually come down to see us at least once a year. Jonathan's father has a very strong relationship with the Lord, and we're so thankful he instilled this in Jonathan. Jonathan is such a strong spiritual leader for our family, and he will be an amazing father because of this! Jonathan also has a brother who lives in Maryland.



CLOSE-KNIT | TRADITIONAL | RELAXED | SENTIMENTAL

Emma's Family



Emma's family lives 15 minutes down the road, and we go to church with them every week. They have been a wonderful support system throughout our adoption pursuit. They live in a log cabin in the country on 25 acres of land. Emma grew up outside, fishing in the pond, riding 4-wheelers, and just enjoying God's creation. We cannot wait to include your baby in this outside fun! Emma's family is the epitome of a Southern family. They are great cooks and definitely taught her how to fry chicken and make grits taste good! Many of our summer and fall weekends are spent at the lake house with them. We are very close with Emma's family, and they cannot wait to be grandparents.

SUPPORTIVE | LOVING | INVOLVED | OUTDOORSY

OUR COMMUNITY

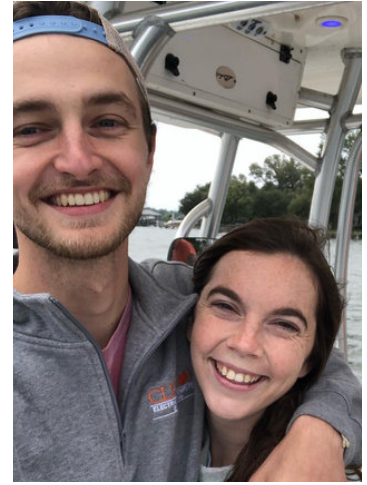
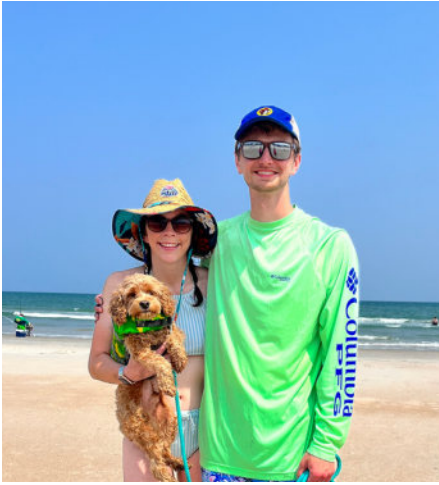
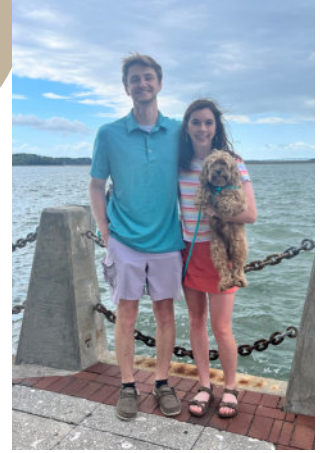


We live in a small town and go to a church that has provided us with amazing friends who have become like family. Our church is supportive of our pursuit of adoption, too! Our closest friends are Emma's best friend, Rebekah, and her husband, Will. We have a weekly supper club with them, and they are currently expecting a baby! We have been on several family vacations with them, and every Christmas, we all pile into the same car and drive to see Christmas lights. This is one of our favorite Christmas traditions that always ends in Ye Ole Fashioned Ice Cream.

*A sweet friendship
refreshes the soul*

PROVERBS 27:9

Our weekends



QUALITY TIME TOGETHER | HOUSE PROJECTS
THRIFTING | BIKING | RELAXING

We love the weekends! Whether we spend them at home or go somewhere, we are happy as long as we are together. Weekends at home are usually quiet and laid back. Some weekends are spent at the beach or the lake! Emma's family has a lake house that is only 45 minutes away. We love to go down for the day or the whole weekend. While there, we love going for boat and jet ski rides, and the dogs love getting to swim!

VACATIONS

Some of our favorite vacation spots over the years have been: Disney World, Dollywood, Savannah, Mount Airy, and Volcano Bay. For birthdays, we gift one another with a fun weekend getaway. Jonathan took me to a real Dairy Cow Farm last March, and we went to Dollywood for Jonathan's birthday last December. We love gifting one another with experiences because the memories last a lifetime.



CELEBRATIONS & TRADITIONS

Birthdays _____

Emma loves baking our dogs' cakes for their birthdays and having the family over!

New Years Eve _____

We love going to our close friend's home to celebrate New Years with fireworks and yummy food. Staying after midnight to play games and eat s'mores is a fun tradition we share with them!

Valentines Day _____

We love spending Valentine's Day mornings eating breakfast out together. Emma always makes Jonathan his favorite pasta dish for dinner.

Easter _____

We spend Easter with both of our families together. We make Easter baskets for each other and the dogs.

Memorial Day _____

We always go see Jonathan's family to watch the Indy 500 together, and then we go see the Memorial Day Parade together too!

4th of July _____

We spend the 4th of July at the lake. We grill out hamburgers and hot dogs and eat boiled peanuts and watermelon. We love watching the fireworks at night.

CELEBRATIONS & TRADITIONS

Halloween

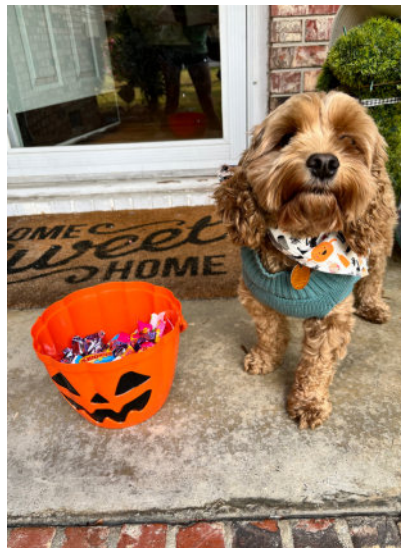
Our neighborhood hosts an annual Halloween parade where the children can show off their costumes walking around a big duck pond lined with candy stations.

Thanksgiving

We alternate families every year for Thanksgiving! Jonathan's family has a more traditional Thanksgiving meal while Emma's hosts a pig pickin'.

Christmas

Emma loves Christmas and may be guilty of listening to a bit of Christmas music all year round. We go to the same Christmas tree farm every year to pick out our tree. After that, we have a stocking scavenger hunt through Target. We wear matching pajamas on Christmas and have dinner with Emma's family. We also go see Jonathan's family the day after Christmas in New Jersey!



Home, sweet home



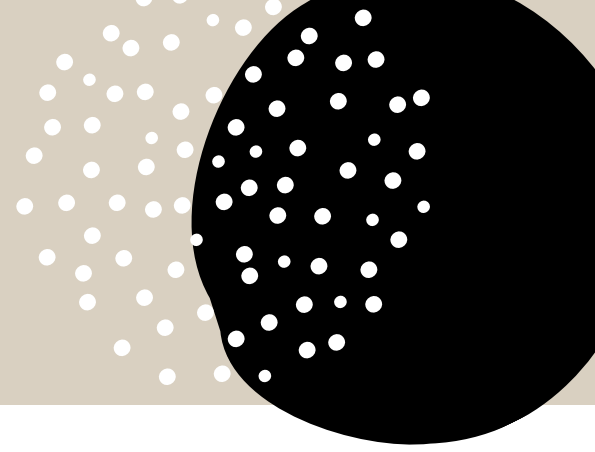
We live in a wonderful neighborhood. It is filled with children, has a duck pond, and is less than five minutes away from school! Our neighborhood also has a pumpkin patch right across the street from our house. Every October, we love walking the dogs to pick out a few pumpkins for our front porch! We have a garden in the backyard where we grow a myriad of fruits and vegetables. This year we have strawberries, blueberries, cucumbers, corn, asparagus, carrots, squash, okra tomatoes, and green beans. We love to share fresh veggies with our families and friends. We have a chain link fence with a gate separating us from our neighbors. Some days we leave the gate open and let all our neighbors' dogs and ours play together. It is so comforting having neighbors that you can depend on if you need something. Our town also has a new bike trail that just opened. It is about three miles long, and it connects two beautiful parks. The entrance is very close to our house.



By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

Proverbs 24: 3-4

The Nursery



The baby's nursery has a sweet farm animal theme. Emma has always loved cows, and we both dream of living on a farm. So, we felt farm animals were the perfect theme for the nursery. We have filled the nursery bookshelf with tons of children's and baby books. The colors are greens, tans, and grays. Once we know the gender, we will spruce it up with pinks or blues. We stop by and pray over the crib each day.

Our sentiments

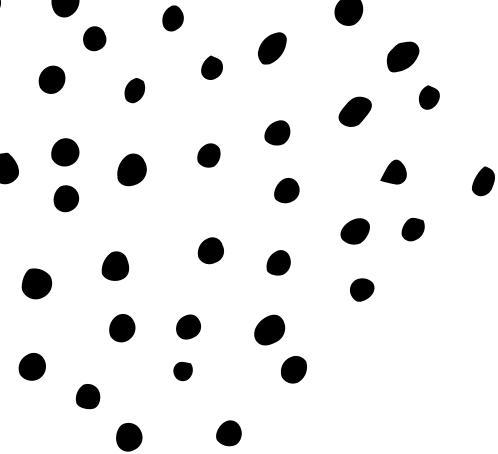
Thank you again for spending some time getting to know us a little better. You are a strong, courageous, and beautiful woman! We know that you will make the best choice for you and your baby. If you decide to choose adoption and us as the parents of your baby, we would love for you to know these things:

We promise to love your child no matter what, and grace will abound in our home. We will provide your baby with a warm and loving home to live in. Your child will have a warm home-cooked meal every night, with the occasional trip to Chick-fil-A during a busy week. Your child will be loved and poured into by so many wonderful people like our families and church friends. Once your child reaches school age, we will enroll them into the best private school in our town. Emma already works there! This school provides a wonderful learning environment, small class sizes, and a close-knit family atmosphere.

We will tell your child all about you and how loving and selfless you are. If you would like, we would also love to get to know you and welcome you into our lives. Thank you for considering us as the parents of your child and gifting us with a precious life. Adoption is a miracle to us.

We cannot imagine how you may be feeling right now, and we have a lot of respect for you. We are praying for you every day. We pray that the Lord's comfort and peace surround you.

With love,
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Thank you for
considering
our family.

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