



SHANNON  
& NICK





# HELLO! WE ARE SHANNON AND NICK

We hope this profile book gives you a glimpse into our lives—what we enjoy, who we are as people, our love for each other, and most importantly our desires for our future family. We recognize this is a very unusual way to meet someone for the first time, but we've tried our best to be real and authentic, and we truly hope you can feel that!

We cannot begin to understand the journey you are walking and the magnitude of the decisions you are making. We admire your strength and the immense love you have for your baby. Honestly, we just admire YOU and your willingness to consider adoption. We want you to know more than anything that God loves you and cares for you and your baby deeply. We pray you feel His presence every step of the way.

We have longed to start a family for many years, and we are so honored to be considered to parent your child. We want you to know that, above all else, we want what is best for you and your child. Whether or not we have the blessing of caring for and raising your baby, you are now forever in our thoughts and prayers. Our paths have crossed, and that is no accident. We hope you enjoy the pages ahead and getting to know us a bit more.





## OUR STORY

**Nick and I** attended Texas A&M University, though I was two years behind him. We knew of each other, and our paths crossed multiple times through student organizations and classes in the business school, but we did not know each other well during this time. It wasn't until almost six years later that we reconnected at a friend's birthday party. Nick had just returned from living in Africa for work and I was about to head there for a mission trip through church. This immediately drew me to him and I couldn't stop asking him questions about his experience. We felt a connection immediately, and after talking and dancing the night away, **we both knew this was something special.**





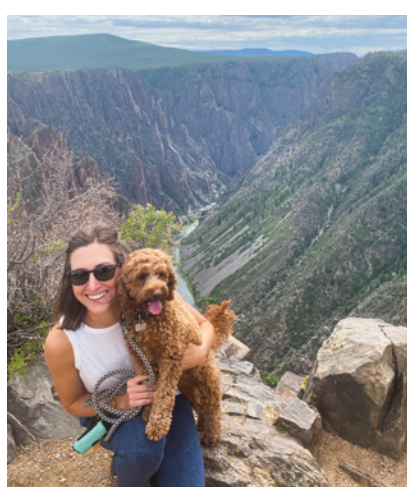
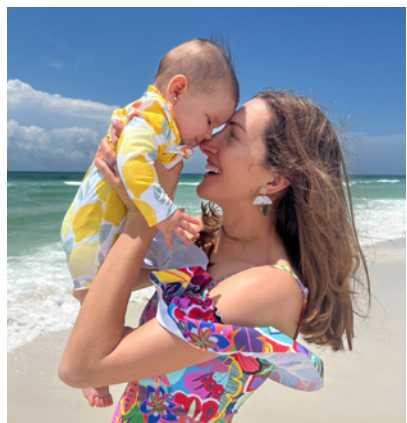
We dated for just about a year before getting engaged. It was Memorial Day weekend, and my family had plans to spend the weekend on the lake to celebrate my parents' 35th wedding anniversary. My sister and I had been plotting a surprise anniversary brunch for them, but little did I know the anniversary surprise was all a part of Nick's master plan! Nick led me down to the fire pit by the lake for coffee while waiting on the rest of the family to get ready. He pulled out a memory book he had been compiling over the course of our relationship. It was filled with our entire story: milestones from our dates, memories with friends and family, ticket stubs from shows and movies, and sweet notes to help me relive each part of our journey. As I finished looking through the scrapbook, I got to the last page — it was blank, with only that day's date on it. In that moment, as Nick stood me up, I finally realized he was proposing! After taking in the moment together, we turned

to see both of our families coming out of the house to greet us. The day was filled with so much joy with all the ones we love most.

We were married in February of 2018. We had a traditional wedding ceremony at a beautiful church followed by a reception overlooking the lake. There was a total of 250 of our friends and family who traveled from all across the country to celebrate with us.









Shannon is thoughtful and always puts others first.

She is the friend people lean on in times of need and the first one they celebrate with in times of joy. She has a huge heart and is dedicated to those she loves. Shannon is enthusiastic about whatever she sets out to do. Whether it's her friendships, our marriage, her career, traveling the world, volunteering to teach personal finance to women, involvement in church, or loving her nieces and nephews, she does it all for the glory of God. Through every stage of our life, Shannon has been fierce, dependable, and loyal. She is strong in her faith and seeks the Lord in both good and difficult times. During our struggles with infertility, Shannon has persevered and always remained committed to do what's best for our family, leading us here.

Shannon has a strong, yet soft, personality and isn't afraid to be herself or speak her mind. She asks the best questions and is incredibly intentional with everyone she encounters. Shannon has a genuine curiosity and wants to give everyone the love and kindness they deserve.

And you certainly can't overlook her sense of adventure! Shannon's energy is gravitational as she pulls in everyone around her for the fun times that just cannot be avoided. She is goofy, silly, and even laughs at my corny jokes. I don't think either one of us would have ever imagined how







### Nick can make anyone feel special.

He shows up for people and always follows through with what he says he will do. Nick is calm and level-headed, but also playful. He enjoys being active and never says no to an opportunity to play a game or sport. He never sits still for too long before he is planning our next adventure. He is a loyal and generous friend and has maintained a strong community of 13 Christian buddies since college. His faith is strong, and he looks to God's word to guide our marriage. Nick is a true protector and provider for our family, but still the perfect kind of goofy and always finding ways to make me laugh. Nick is my best friend and the best partner to do life with. I'm the luckiest girl.

I remember the first time I realized that Nick was "the one." We were sitting in a minivan about to do a group hike in the Smoky Mountains, and Nick was decked out in what I would lovingly call his dorky dad hiking gear. I remember looking over at him in the car and seeing

our future together so clearly. From family road trips to cheering on our kids at weekend sports tournaments and bedtime stories. I just knew Nick would be the best dad, and he was the one I wanted to do life with.

Nick is totally the FUNcle. He is attentive, engaging, and playful with kids. Nick loves our nine nieces and nephews and helps mold them into kind, respectful and compassionate people. He is always quick to get down on the floor and play, say yes to a board game, give





## In our home we:

Live on spicy foods — bring on the jalapenos!

Set aside time for morning prayer dates

Say life is about balance — we try to eat healthy and work out so we can have days where we don't

Don't take life too seriously — we try to keep in mind that God is in control

Love a good jam session in the car or dance party in the living room

Eat breakfast for dinner often

Tell each other "I love you" daily

Think Chick-fil-A sauce and sriracha can go on anything!

Shower our pup Sadie with cuddles, belly rubs, and treats







# OUR HOME

We live in a three-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath split-level home. The layout allows us to feel together and part of the action at all times. We can't wait to turn the lower level of our home into a dedicated play area one day. Nick and I both love reading and collecting books, and we have a big bookshelf that fills an entire wall. Our favorite place is the backyard where there are huge trees providing lots of shade. We love eating dinner on the patio when the weather is nice and dream about the day when we will add a playset in the backyard for little ones. Our home also backs up to a big park and 70+ mile trail where we like to walk with our cock-a-poo puppy, Sadie.

We live in a Colorado suburb with a great school district. We can see the mountains from our subdivision — one of our favorite things that made us move here. We live in a family-oriented neighborhood with lots of people out and about and kiddos always playing in the street. The huge community park is visible from our home and includes playgrounds, baseball fields, and soccer fields. During the holidays our neighborhood goes BIG decorating their homes with Christmas lights, which is fun for all the neighborhood families.









# OUR FAMILIES

My parents recently celebrated 40 years of marriage and have built a beautiful life together. I have one older sister who is married with three young kiddos. My family often spends time together at the family lake house boating, floating, or hanging around the firepit during the summertime. Time together is often spent sharing a yummy meal cooked by my dad, telling old stories, and creating new special memories for the little ones. We have an annual beach trip to Seaside, Florida where my parents do an extravagant buried treasure hunt for the grandkids. My parents (aka GiGi and Pops) make special dates with their grandbabies a priority and shower them with all the love in the world. When we're all together, the boys like to go fly fishing and us girls love a good spa day. We truly cherish our time together as a family, and we can't wait to bring a new little one into the fold.

Nick's parents have been married for close to 40 years and are a wonderful example of a Christ-centered marriage. He has two sisters who have both married awesome men and have started families. There are six nieces and nephews in total, and the family get-togethers are filled with the best kind of chaos and play! Nick's extended family is also giant - with over 50 first cousins! Nick's family loves playing all sorts of games, especially a Midwest card game called Euchre, and as big Texas A&M fans, they enjoy cheering on the Aggies. They are all very active and enjoy hiking, swimming in the pool or rivers, and playing all kinds of sports. We always look forward to our time together with Nick's family, especially for holiday traditions and activities centered around the kids.









# HOLIDAYS AND TRADITIONS

For the holidays, we make it a priority to spend time with both of our families. With Nick's family, we spend Christmas together in a small town in Texas making spritz butter Christmas cookies and playing tons of games. His family likes to say that if we do it once it becomes a tradition.

My family enjoys spending the holidays at our family lake house – usually dressed in matching Christmas jammies gifted from my mom. Some of our other Christmas traditions include attending church, opening presents on Christmas Eve, and sharing a nice meal with those we love. For Easter, we attend church as a family and then watch the kiddos hunt for Easter eggs. This year's hunt involved raffle tickets and an over-the-top scavenger hunt!

For our wedding anniversary, we like to travel back to Austin and relive our wedding weekend. We have dinner where we held our rehearsal dinner, go to the church we were married in, and stop by our wedding venue to see if we can catch another wedding to drop in on.



# FUN FACTS ABOUT US

## Shannon:

cherishes one-on-one time and deep conversations  
“happy place” is the family lake house in Austin, Texas  
down time is usually spent getting lost in a good book or podcast  
has fallen in love with hiking and recently took on her first 14,000ft mountain  
likes country dancing with Nick to Cody Johnson  
can fall asleep anywhere—cars, planes, beach chairs, you name it!  
dream job is to stay at home to raise future kiddos  
is a personal finance nerd and loves sticking to a budget  
surprised herself with how much she loves RVing and camping  
has a mom-daughter trip with her two college besties and their moms each year  
has watched the show *Friends* more times than she can count

## Nick:

can't get enough Texas A&M football  
doesn't leave the house without his ChapStick in his pocket  
has to be forced to “relax”  
loves all things outdoors – camping, fishing, hiking, skiing  
is one of the best country dancers that I know  
is unafraid to belt Shania Twain any chance he gets  
always kisses Shannon before he leaves for work and when he walks in the door  
has watched *The Office* all the way through probably 10 times  
loves his truck and being a “truck guy”  
learned the Rubik's cube last year and still plays with it about a dozen times a day





## MEET SADIE

Sadie—aka puppy girl, Sadie bug, puppy love, and goober. She is a 2-year-old cock-a-poo (Cocker Spaniel/Poodle mix) who makes us laugh daily and brings SO much joy into our home! She loves people, especially kids. She is best buddies with our five-year-old niece and they are inseparable when she comes over. Sadie can play fetch for hours, melts for belly rubs, enjoys car rides, can hike like a champ, and gives the very best snuggles.







“Nick and Shannon have always had a passion for children, and I have seen this firsthand with my two babies. Nick and Shannon have come over for game nights, played in the backyard, and have loved our kids since before they were born. I also see them pour out their Jesus-like love to their own nieces and nephews, and I know those little ones are thrilled when Aunt Shannon and Uncle Nick come around. I trust them completely with my children’s wellbeing. They have built their marriage on a solid foundation, with the center focused on Christ. Their marriage fosters a healthy, loving environment for children to join.” —Diane

“Shannon and Nick’s relationship has been solid and grounded in their faith since the very beginning. We have seen them turn toward God and each other when they’ve faced trying times. They have used those experiences to strengthen their faith and their marriage. Shannon and Nick not only talked about having kids one day, they also both had adoption on their hearts long before even getting married. We feel like it is God’s plan for adoption to be part of their story. We are confident they will provide a stable, loving, God-centered home for their family. As parents, they will lead by example on how to have a deep, personal relationship with the Lord.” —Janelle

“They understand the importance of life and hold the family unit with great reverence. We have watched countless times as they have given all glory to God for the blessings in their lives and as they have leaned on Him during times of suffering and struggle. The way they have loved and supported us in our





# GOALS FOR THE FUTURE

We will make it a priority to have special one-on-one time with each of our children. We want them to feel known and seen during their childhood and truly understand how much we value them. We want to foster our children's interests. If our child is obsessed with Disney, you bet we're going to take them to experience the magic of Disney World. If they like baseball, then we will make it a priority to see their favorite teams play and visit different stadiums. If they like animals, we will have annual passes to the zoo and pets in our home. We will encourage them in every way to learn, play, explore, and fall in love with the world around them.

Family time will be a priority in our home. We love being outdoors and envision family camping trips, days spent playing in the sand at the beach, boating on the lake in the summer, and trips to the mountains to ski in the winter. We also hope to take each of our kids on a special solo trip of their choosing in early adolescence to provide them a memorable "coming of age" experience with us.

Nick and I were raised with mothers who stayed at home to care for us during our childhood. They were able to pick us up and drop us off at school, help us with homework, volunteer for school field trips, and bring special treats for our birthdays. I intend to take a break from my career to provide a similar experience for our children as our family grows.

Our children will be raised in our Christian faith with church on Sunday being a priority. We want them to have a









# OUR PROMISE

Thank you so much for getting to know us through these pages. We trust God will guide you throughout the rest of your journey, and we'd be overjoyed to have the opportunity to come alongside you and your precious baby.

If you decide to move forward with us as part of your adoption plan, these are our promises to you and your baby:

The gift of adoption and your child's sacred connection to you will always be impressed upon them. We will speak of you and pray for you often. Your child will know their story, their culture, and how loved they are through your immense sacrifice. They will grow up in a joyful home full of love, laughter, humor, and fun, where they know how cherished they are each and every day. We will nurture their relationship with God, and we will teach them to love and serve others.

We will do our best to model selfless love. In our marriage, our friendships, and especially our family, we will model commitment and consistency through sacrificial love. We will be your child's biggest cheerleaders and encourage them to follow their passions and discover their talents. We will afford them every possibility within our reach, open every door that presents itself, and offer them a life of wonder, adventure, and unending love. Your child will grow up surrounded with family — loving grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and hopefully, siblings. They will be loved and cherished abundantly.

No matter your decision, we are praying for peace and strength in whatever path you choose. We are incredibly



