



TURNER AND CARISSA



HELLO

Before we share a little about us, we want to start by acknowledging the importance and value of your life in the life of your child. Although we can never understand the difficulty of this decision, we hope you can find peace and comfort in knowing your child will be loved, cherished, and supported in everything they do. If we meet, we would love to know what you envision for your baby as the person that created his or her beautiful life. We see adoption as an incredible expression of love and have always admired the selflessness of parents who have placed their children for adoption. For as long as we've been together, we have known adoption is how we wanted our family to be created and that we would treasure the individual stories that every child brought with them. We plan to share letters and pictures, and we are open to video calls, texts, emails, visits, and other forms of communication. We want to work with you to find the best fit for everyone involved. Whatever relationship is developed, we are committed to teaching your child about their story and helping them understand and respect the decisions that were made.

Our Story

We met on the first day of college classes. Turner walked in late to class (of course) and took the first seat, which happened to be next to Carissa. Although Turner was too scared to talk to Carissa that day, he texted his best friend saying he had met his wife. Thankfully, that was the most boring class we ever had together, and we quickly got to know each other. Our first time together outside of class was a trip to Walmart for toothpaste, and our first "date" was a trip to Taco Bell. Carissa was so nervous that she backed over a curb on the way out of the parking lot. Eight years later, Turner is still trying to impress Carissa, and we still enjoy spending time together doing the little things.



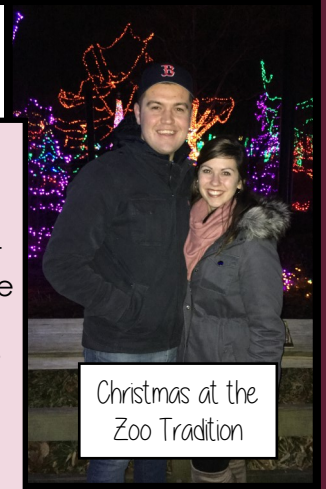
Visiting
Boston

"Turner has always been able to make me laugh and smile, and he is up for every adventure I dream up. He is one of the most personable, empathetic, and passionate people I know. He is always putting others first, and I'm so thankful for the ways he has loved, supported, and shaped the person I am throughout the past eight years."

- Carissa

"Everyone loves Carissa. She has the ability to make anyone feel valued, and her energy is contagious. It's hard to find someone who is so smart and so goofy at the same time. She pushes me to be more adventurous, more compassionate, and to keep my side of the closet a little more organized. There's no such thing as a "boring day" with her."

- Turner



Christmas at the
Zoo Tradition

Didi & Archie



We rescued both of our dogs from shelters. Didi is a Chihuahua-Dachshund mix who loves to snuggle more than anything in the world. Archie is a Chihuahua-Beagle mix who never gets sick of playing. They love patrolling the yard to chase off the intruding bunnies and squirrels, going on walks, and chasing a laser pointer. They also love traveling with us and get excited to visit our friends' and family's homes. They will be so excited to add another member to our pack for them to love on, play with, and protect.

Everyday Life

Every day is filled with laughter in our home. Our jobs allow us to be home together in the evenings and on the weekends, and we both get weeks of vacation time a year. We are always finding something to do, whether it is traveling to ride roller coasters or going to a baseball game, to just having a cookout and game night with friends at home or visiting a local theater.

Every year, both of our families take vacations together to the mountains, the beach, or a state park. Christmas is one of our favorite times of year. We go to see the animals and Christmas lights at the zoo, decorate cookies, and solve murder mystery games. Carissa's entire family lives within an hour, and we get together at least once a month to have dinner and play games. Turner's parents will be moving closer soon, and it is his mom's dream to have Sunday lunch every week after church. We also have friends across the country who we visit throughout the year.

From a young age, our parents taught us about God and what that meant for our lives. They helped us understand forgiveness, compassion, and generosity through their example, and as adults, we have chosen to be followers of Jesus. We've been a part of our church for eight years, and we are there every Sunday. We also meet once a week with a group of friends from church who have young kids. There are many adoptive and foster families in our church, and everyone is incredibly supportive and involved.

Our Community

We live in a three bedroom home that is filled with natural light, plants, and bohemian décor. It has an open layout that makes it great for hosting game nights, watch parties, dinner parties, and slumber parties with our nieces. We have a spacious backyard with outdoor seating and a firepit perfect for summer barbecues. Our house is within a mile of everything from the police and fire departments to a local hospital and a grocery store. We're also within walking distance to a park and trails that are perfect for biking, walking the dogs, or kayaking. We live two blocks from an elementary school, and there are always kids playing outside in our neighborhood. Our friend from church will be our nanny during the school year, and her house is a short walk to a splash pad, huge playground, and a beach on a lake.



Walking the Trails

A Glimpse at Carissa

- **career:** 4th Grade Teacher
- **Loves To:** play games, read, do puzzles, play the piano, see musicals, and watch movies (especially Marvel!)
- **Family Vacation Goals:** Visit every National Park in the United States and travel to every country in Central and South America
- **Most Excited to Teach Kids:** Spanish, how to read, to play instruments and sing

A Glimpse at Turner

- **career:** Coordinates behavioral and mental health services for several schools
- **Loves To:** watch sitcoms, read, play with our dogs, watch and play baseball
- **Family Vacation Goals:** Visit all 30 Major League Baseball parks and take a historic tour of Europe
- **Most Excited to Teach Kids:** how to play baseball, about history, how to cook

Our Promises to You



One of Our Many Annual Baseball Trips

We promise that in our home, your child's life will be filled with laughter and adventure. We will provide opportunities to help them discover what they are passionate about and develop their strengths, skills, and interests. We will teach them to love themselves and others and to understand the love of Jesus Christ. We will also surround them with friends, family, and a community that provides support, love, and commitment. We will be open and honest about their story and help them find answers and process through questions they have.

"Carissa and Turner compliment each other completely. Carissa can keep any conversation rolling and is good at creating structure. Turner has quiet and observant insight and great humor."

- Our Sister-in-Law, Britni

"Carissa and Turner's hearts could not be bigger. They have the instinct to make any child feel chosen, wanted, cherished, and loved, just as they do with everyone that crosses their path. They never fail to make you feel like family."

- Our Friend, Alyssa



Our Beautiful Nieces



Our Goddaughter's First Birthday



Our Friend Alyssa's Wedding



Turner's Family Vacation

AS DESCRIBED BY FRIENDS AND FAMILY



Cedar Point with Friends



Visiting Friends in Idaho



The Smoky Mountains with
Carissa's Parents



Volunteering at a Local Fundraiser

"Mrs. D is always very helpful and supportive. Whenever someone needs help, she talks them through their problem, and in at least a minute, they understand it almost perfectly. She has 2 dogs, so I think she can handle a kid. Mrs. D would be a great choice for the child's parent."

- Carissa's Student, Gemma

"Carissa and Turner provide an intentionally loving environment for all individuals that enter their home."

- Our Brother, Darren

"Turner and Carissa are a fantastic couple that care for their family and friends in remarkable ways. They are devoted followers of Jesus who seek out opportunities to positively impact their community. Any child would undoubtedly know they are loved."

- Our Friend, Chandler

We sincerely appreciate you taking the time to hear our story and would love the opportunity to meet you and hear yours. If that leads to an adoption plan with us, know we are dedicated to a life of honesty, love, joy, and patience for your child.

With love,

Turner & Carissa