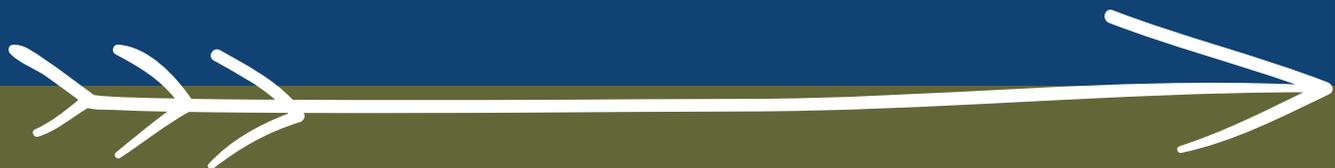




# Hello

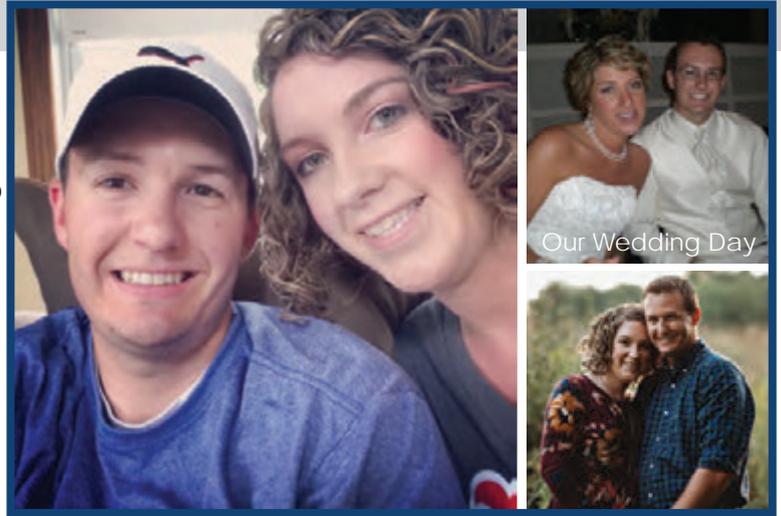
We are high school sweethearts, married for 11 years, and parents to one amazing little boy. We love to spend time as a family and can often be found at the park across the street. As we begin the journey to adopt again, we are very excited and looking forward to the laughter, adventures and memories that we will create as a family of four. We plan to instill our children pride in their story by talking openly with them about it. Our hope is have our children feel confident in who they are as they grow by exposing them to their race through toys, books, experiences and relationships. We want you to know that our child will be loved, cherished and encouraged not only by us, but family and friends as well.

*- Curtis, Cassandra & Oliver*



# About Us

We began our relationship in high school as friends and it naturally progressed over the 6 years to a proposal and a walk down the aisle. When we decided we were ready to begin our family we found out it wouldn't be as easy as we had hoped. Due to infertility we were brought to adoption which was something we had always discussed. We honestly feel we were always meant to build our family through adoption - we wouldn't change a thing! We make a great team, even in normal tasks like grocery shopping - Curtis can quickly "do the math" to see which product is a better deal. We seem to know just what the other needs at just the right time, especially if it's a good laugh. A loving marriage is something we strive for every day, loving one another unconditionally. We hope to model what a marriage should look like to our children.



# Curtis (written by Cassandra)

Curtis is a mechanical engineer (*honestly I have no idea what that really means*) which I'm told involves lots of math and well, mechanical stuff. Curtis likes to play sports with family and friends - he is looking forward to teaching our children whichever sport or activity they might show an interest in. He makes a pretty awesome spouse and I am very appreciative of the fact that he works so hard to support our family. He has a loving spirit and is truly committed to our marriage and family.

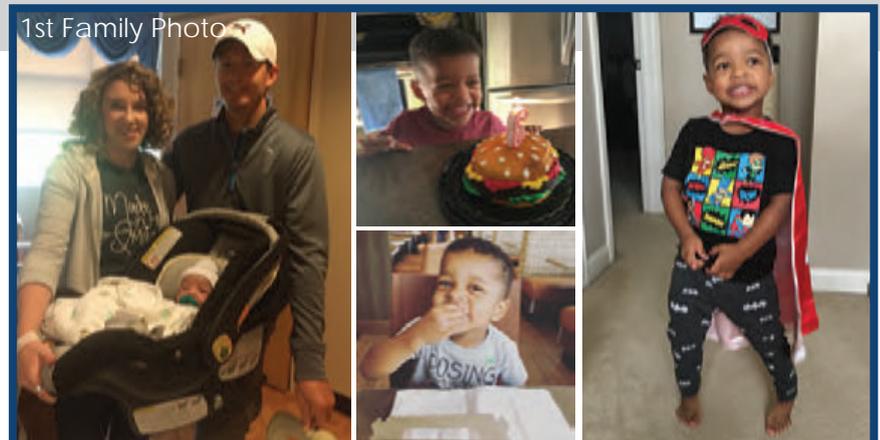


# Cassandra (written by Curtis)

Cassandra is artistic and creative. She attended college for visual communications technology and enjoys her job as a graphic designer. In her spare time she likes reading, bargain shopping and going to festivals/craft shows. Cassandra is one of the most loving and caring people I know. She's a great mother and I know our children will always receive plenty of love and support from her.

# Oliver (written by us)

Oliver is constantly surprising us and making us laugh. Even the little things like his car "accidentally" ending up in the cat's water bowl. Oliver loves to be outside, running, climbing and just exploring. He's a big fan of dogs and doesn't let us miss a chance to observe or pet one if he catches sight of one in the neighborhood. Oliver also really likes to help, which we love even if it means the task takes longer - all too soon the day will come where he doesn't want to help unload the dishwasher.



# Our Home

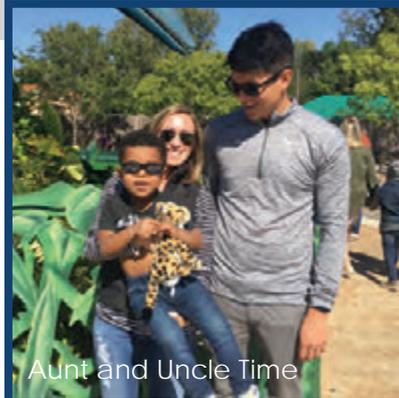
We live in a community and housing development that is full of young families. We have a park right across the street from our home with easy access to a fishing pond and walking path, which we love to use when the weather is nice. Our home is close to our elementary school and our church. Our town also offers many different activities, parks, a splash pad, and places to hang out.



Cruising Around

# Our Family

We have a strong support system in our family, friends and church - they are very supportive of adoption and really enjoy their roles in Oliver's life. Holidays and birthdays are spent as a family, usually with food. Along with our family, our friends are a huge part of our lives - we consider our closest friends to be family and frequently celebrate special events and holidays together. We are blessed to have many friends who have chosen adoption to grow their family. We are thrilled that adoption will be a common topic as our children grow up together. We both grew up with pets so we decided to rescue one of our own. We have a cat named Louie - Oliver is attempting to make friends with him by feeding him treats and chasing him around the house....it's a work in progress.



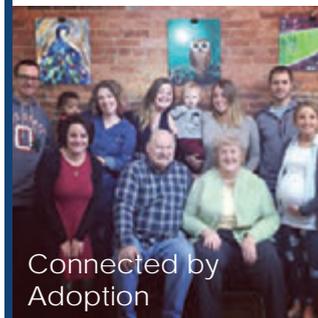
Aunt and Uncle Time



Great-Grandma



Grandma at the Zoo



Connected by Adoption



Grandparents



Louie



Zoo with Friends



Grandparents & Aunt

# Openness

We would love to have an open adoption in the form of letters, emails, texts and look forward to the growing of that relationship. We know that with openness in adoption the child is just surrounded by even more love - something no child can have too much of.

# Quick Reference

## Favorite Movie

Cassandra - The Notebook  
Curtis - Captain America: The First Avenger  
Oliver - Cars

## Favorite Food

*(not dessert, that is a whole different category)*  
Cassandra - Stromboli  
Curtis - Anything grilled  
Oliver - Cheese

## Hobbies

Cassandra - Reading, Bargain Shopping,  
Taking pictures of Oliver, Watching chick flicks  
Curtis - Golf, Snow/Water Skiing, Basketball,  
Softball, Playing video games  
Oliver - Dancing, playing cars, reading books,  
chasing Louie, high fives, playing outside

## Favorite Color

Cassandra - Green  
Curtis - Blue  
Oliver - Umm..Red, Blue, Yellow

## Favorite Drink

Cassandra - Coffee  
Curtis - Dr. Pepper  
Oliver - Milk

## Eye Color

Cassandra - Green  
Curtis - Brown  
Oliver - Brown

## Occupation

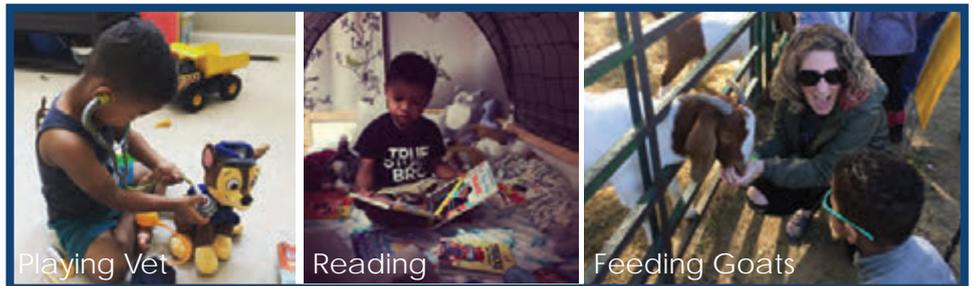
Cassandra - Communications Designer  
Curtis - Process Engineer  
Oliver - Toddler

## Favorite Way to Relax

Cassandra - Reading with a cup of cocoa  
Curtis - Playing video games  
Oliver - Only relaxes when sleeping  
*(due to toddlerhood)*

## What people seem to remember about us in a short time

Cassandra - "You know, with the curly hair."  
Curtis -- "You know, the really good golfer."  
Oliver - "He's so cute, and fast!"



# Thank You For Meeting Us

We're excited and very much looking forward to this journey in our lives, the addition of a second child to our family. Know that we are praying for you, your baby and that you may have peace in your upcoming decision.

- Curtis, Cassandra & Oliver

Fingerpainting by Oliver

