

# Nathan & Ashley



Hello, and thank you for taking time to look through our profile. We want you to know we have come to the decision to adopt through a lot of thought and prayer. A couple years into our marriage we decided we wanted to start a family. After a few more years we decided to pursue infertility treatment without success. Adoption has always been on Ashley's mind for starting a family because her older sister was adopted, as well a few other members of her extended family. After talking about it more, we decided that adoption was the right option for us, and our families are very supportive of this decision. Our hope is that through reading this profile you will be able to learn more about us to help you in making the decision you feel is best for your child.

### This is us:

We met through mutual friends in 2009 and quickly became friends. By the Spring of 2010, we were dating. We were drawn to each other because of our senses of humor and agreed right away that we had never laughed with other people as much as we laugh with each other. Nathan proposed to Ashley in June of 2011 and we were married in January of 2012. We have 2 Australian Shepherds, Jasper & Bailey. In our free time together we enjoy going to dinner at our favorite local restaurant, where we really enjoy their taco Tuesday specials. We also like taking time to relax at home with our dogs and spend time with our families. Tennessee is one of our favorite vacation spots. We spent our honeymoon in Gatlinburg, and have been back several times since then.



### In her own words:

Ashley

I grew up in southwest Ohio in a small community. My favorite childhood memories include helping my dad take care of our ponies and taking our annual family trip to the Ohio State Fair. I am employed as a Learning & Development Specialist for a credit union, My job is to provide training for employees across our organization. I love to cook and bake, which works out well because Nathan enjoys trying the new recipes I find on Pinterest. In my spare time, I enjoy doing craft projects. I have been teaching myself to sew and enjoy painting and going to craft classes in my community. I also like participating in 5k races. My favorite race to run is our community's annual Thanksgiving Day turkey trot. I'm actively involved in the children's ministry at our church where I teach Sunday school to 1st-5th graders.



### According to Nathan:

Ashley is a very kind and loving person, and she is great with kids. Ashley can also be tough when needed. If the phone or cable company is trying to unfairly charge us she isn't afraid to confront them about it, which is nice because I am definitely more passive. Ashley is a great cook, so while we do enjoy going out to dinner, I enjoy staying home to eat as well.



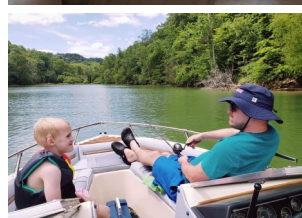
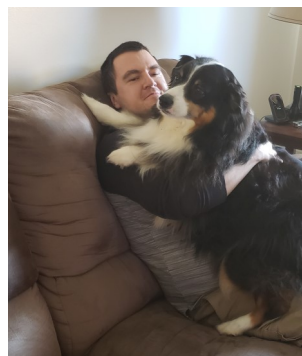
# Nathan

## In his own words:

I grew up not far from where we live now in the suburbs with my parents and 2 older brothers . My favorite childhood memories are of going camping at Dale Hollow Lake and riding in my parents' boat. I love spending time with my dogs and reading, particularly fantasy books. I also enjoy playing video games, and have started teaching my youngest nephew how to play some Nintendo games. Every summer Ashley cuts my hair into a mohawk and dyes it bright colors for a couple months. It's something fun I used to do when I was younger, and we've just continued the tradition. Our nephews think it's awesome. In the evenings, one of my favorite things to do is to enjoy a cup of tea with Ashley and catch up on our favorite TV shows together.

## According to Ashley:

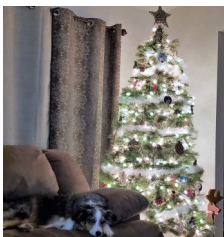
Nathan can be quiet at times, especially when he first meets someone, but he's a good listener. He would tell you he's a better listener than I am, and I have to admit that's probably true. One of my favorite things about Nathan is his laugh when he thinks something is really funny. Any time I hear it, I can't help but smile or laugh too. Overall, Nathan has a very laid-back personality, which helps to balance out the fact that I tend to make too many plans at times. He's very good at helping me realize when I need to take time to slow down and relax. He also has the amazing ability to react calmly in stressful situations. Nathan loves dogs, and I don't think we've ever met a dog that doesn't like him.





### Jasper & Bailey:

Jasper and Bailey are our Australian Shepherds that Nathan has had since they were puppies before we were married. While they are full brother and sister, they have very different personalities. Jasper enjoys running around the yard and playing fetch down our hallway. Bailey prefers to nap on the couch and cuddle. Overall, though, both of them are very loving animals and great companions.



### Our Home and Community:

We live in a quiet neighborhood in southwest Ohio. We are conveniently located less than a mile from almost anything we need, including the nearest hospital and our community park, where Ashley likes to run. Our home has a cozy feel to it, and Ashley enjoys decorating for each season, especially Fall and Christmas time. We have a private fenced in back yard, which the dogs enjoy and we're sure our future child will as well.

### Family and Traditions:

We are both close to our families and see them often. Nathan's parents and middle brother live nearby. Ashley's parents and 2 sisters, as well as Nathan's older brother only live about an hour away from us. Between the two of us we have 7 nephews and 3 nieces. We always get together with both of our families for all major holidays. One of our favorite Summer traditions is going camping at Dale Hollow Lake in Tennessee with Nathan's family. We take our pop-up camper and stay for about a week. It's always a fun time of relaxing and spending time out on the lake. We have started some of our own traditions, like carving pumpkins together for Halloween and building a gingerbread house together at Christmas. We look forward to continuing to carry on those traditions and creating more as we grow our family.

## Thank you

Thank you again for taking some time to get to know a little about us. Please know that we are praying for you as you make your adoption plan. We view this as an act of love for your child, and if we are chosen, we can assure you that your child will continue to be surrounded by a loving, supportive family.

*Nathan & Ashley*