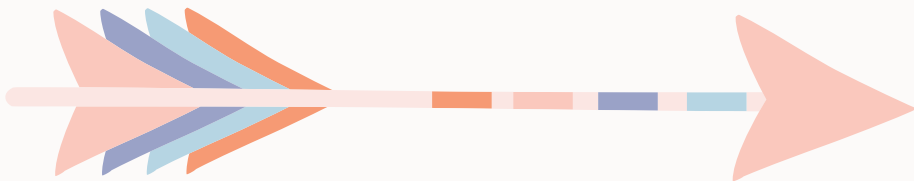




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*Every family has a story
to tell welcome to ours*

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to give
you a glimpse into our family. We hope to bring
to you, a feeling of peace.



I love Chris, simply for who he is. He is real. I have never met anyone so down to earth, and as caring as this man. He loves with everything he has. He believes in mistakes; we are human after all. He is so hardworking; I must beg him to relax. He is my biggest fan, no matter what it is. He is our boys, biggest fan. He supports us, always. He smiles, he cries, he laughs, very rarely is he unhappy. He shows real, raw emotions, and isn't afraid to do so. When not managing our business at the lake, Chris enjoys playing in the tractor around our property and tinkering with whatever projects he can get into, typically in the barn.

Meet *Katie*

by chris



What I love most about my wife is her smile and contagious laugh. Her positive outlook on life and the life she creates for our family. Katie is such a caring person. I love her button nose and the way she accessorizes her outfits. Her willingness to try anything, even when she is terrified. Her old soul and creative personality. She has more patience than I have ever seen in any human. She has a way of always knowing what to say, and what to do, to help someone in need. I love her random dance parties while cooking dinner, and how she keeps me laughing all the time. I love the mother and wife that she is. If she finds some free time, you will find her reading a book or doing a craft. She enjoys long, hot baths as well.



About Us

Chris and I met on a typical Friday night as teenagers. A gathering at a local house, brought us together, through mutual friends. Mostly what we both remember from the first time we met, is when I (Katie) asked who the motorcycle belong to. Chris was quick to answer that it was his, which led me to asking for a ride, and off we went. Almost high school sweethearts, Chris is eight years older than me. We have been together for almost fourteen years, married for ten.



Our relationship has been one amazing adventure after another, since that night. Our chemistry was instant. We simply got each other. Some people say we have that fairytale love story. We were so in love we knew we wanted a family, and a big one at that. (In fact, Chris used to say we would have six kids.) We started our relationship early, being blessed with two baby boys, twelve months apart.



We have tried to have another child for a few years, after my second miscarriage we knew we would not go through that again and felt called to adoption. After familiarizing ourselves with adoption, we knew, without a doubt it was right for us and for our sons. We have such a supportive village behind us, and that is important to us. The fact that our family is supportive of not only us, but our child's biological mother, means so much. We have so much love to give.



Our Sons



Meet our sons! We are so proud of them and can't wait to see them love our new bundle of joy and we know they will be better than any role model we could hand pick.

Mason is thirteen, and a chill, role with the flow kind of dude. Some of his favorite things include going to amusement parks, tubing behind the boat super-fast, getting into a gaming session online with his friends, building Lego's for hours, going to the movie theater, and art of any kind.



MEET MASON



MEET DAYTON



Dayton is twelve and is our energizer bunny; always on the go. Some of his favorite things include racing motocross, playing football, hanging out with friends, wakeboarding, fishing, hunting, and playing on his scooter.



OUR
Family

We are lucky to have a big family that we have so much fun with. Together we have four nieces and three nephews, with the oldest being twenty-three and the youngest being four-month-old twins. We have close and unique relationships with our families. We have a beautifully blended family and are so fortunate for that. In fact, we celebrate together as one family. Our boys have great fun with their cousins, aunts and uncles, and many grandparents. That is something we will be able to carry on with our new addition. Most of our family is local, with grandparents next door and only a few miles away.



KATIE'S MOM & GRANDCHILDREN



CHRIS' FAMILY



KATIE'S DAD & BOYS



“we didn't realize
we were making
memories
we just knew
we were having
fun”



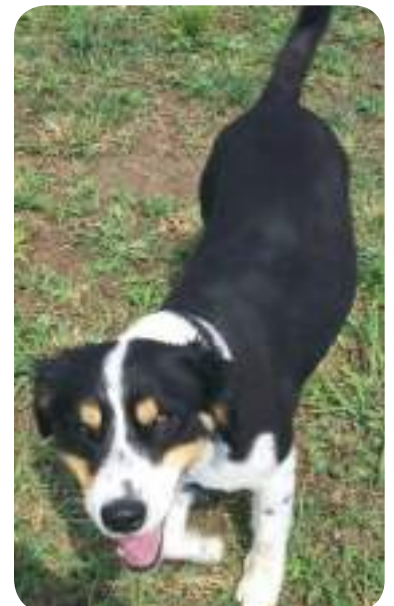
OUR *home*



We live in the suburbs of Kansas City. We are currently finishing our forever home just outside of city limits on ten acres, with my parents next door on eleven acres. Together we manage twenty-one acres, and we love everything about where we live. There is nowhere else I would rather raise our family. The neighborhood is wonderful, the school district has been great, and there is so much offered where we live. Not to mention it's quiet and safe!



We share our space with our two fur babies; Lucky, the Australian Shephard, and Otis, the Pug mix. These boys have been with us for almost eight years. Lucky typically holds the fort down at home as he has travelling anxiety. Otis is the opposite and enjoys travelling with us when he can. We plan to get cattle, as well as horses and goats in the future. Maybe some chickens and ducks. Having a little farm has always been a dream of mine.



OUR Friends

Friends are an important part of who we are. Our friends simply rock! They are part of our family and everything that we do. We enjoy going to concerts, family BBQ's, football watch parties, holiday gatherings and camping trips, to name a few. We spend as much time as we can with our people!





Our Adventures

I would say we are a pretty adventurous family. One of our favorite things to do is go camping in our RV. We love to be outdoors. Some of our most memorable trips so far have been, Mexico, Jamaica, and Puerto Rico. We have traveled to several states in the US and love exploring state parks.

Another key part of our lives is our, lake life. We are business owners at one of Missouri's beautiful lakes and have a lake home. Our business includes a campground, full serviced marina and a bar and grill. It is a seasonal business, so we are off November 30th-March 1st. This is a great time for us to spend the holidays with our families and travel.

When not at the lake, we enjoy trying new restaurant's, playing pickle ball, spending time with our friends and family, watching motocross, and sitting on our porch. We do enjoy getting into a puzzle or card game from time to time.



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Birthparents

As a mother, I know already, how much you love your unborn child. There are no words to describe the unconditional love, you will always have for that child you have created. You have already shown the kind of mother you are, by creating an adoption plan. We will not pretend that we know how you are feeling, nor that we have ever walked the path you are now on, but please don't lose sight of the beautiful soul you are. Please know, we are here for you. We see your bravery and your strength. Sometimes difficult roads lead to beautiful destinations. We care about you and your wishes. We never plan to disregard you and block you out of your child's life. Anything that we can share with him/her, you, we will. The love and gratitude we have for you is strong, and we have yet to meet you. The same goes for that precious baby you are giving life to. We know we could make all your wishes come true, and we promise to love him/her until the end of time, give the best life and most of all, a loving family.

It's important for you to know, the kind of mother I choose to be, as well as the type of father Chris chooses to be.

I am a make mud pies, play in rain puddles, nature loving mom. In fact, we do not have cable television, and a movie night is a special treat. We honestly just don't have time...we spend the majority of our time, outside or we are on the go. It is important for me to teach my kids, from a very early age, the difference between failure and success. YOU choose to show up or give up. I push strong communication skills within my children. Mistakes happen and they need to happen. Without mistakes we cannot learn right from wrong. I expect my children to make mistakes, so that I have the opportunity to explain the outcome of their mistake, and how it can be prevented in the future. Hoping they learn from their mistakes, ultimately. I strongly believe communication is key in all things. Sleep and a healthy diet are extremely important to me. I believe in letting my kids try all the things to find what makes their heart happy. I like to start my day, every day, with a positive affirmation. I enjoy participating in activities and volunteer in what I can. I will do whatever it takes to make my kids feel confident and have a big self-esteem. I will be their voice for as long as they will let me. When it comes to punishment, my go to is positive reinforcement as well as communication. I feel it is also important for you to know, I will be a stay at home mom.

Chris is the fun, participating in everything, kind of dad. What makes him happy, is seeing his kiddos having fun. He is adventurous and is constantly taking us on some sort of journey. He is always working with me as a team when it comes to parenting. One of his favorite quotes is, "teamwork, makes the dreams work." He enjoys bedtime stories and morning snuggles the most.

I do not plan to keep adoption a secret from our newest child. To us, adoption is beautiful. It's unique and different for every family, and we can't wait to see how our story unfolds.

Whether you decide to choose us as the parents and family for your child, please know that we are praying for you both. We pray that God shines some light on you and helps bring some clarity through this time in your life. Thank you for taking the time to look through this small glimpse of our family and the life we live.

Wishing you peace and love,

Chris & Katie



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