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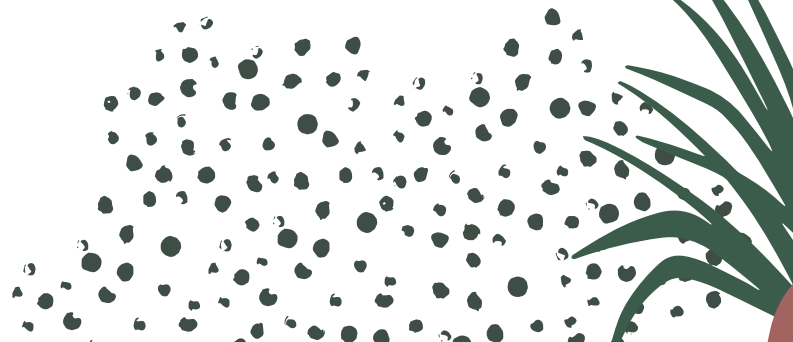
# Welcome

Hi, we are the Abernathys! We are looking to fulfill the deep, longing desire of ours to love another child through adoption and bring completion to our family, once and for all. We want to personally thank you for taking the time to get to know us a little better through our profile. Rest assured, that our promise stands to raise your child with endless love and daily sacrifice of ourselves, and to offer limitless opportunity in every area as he or she grows. We pray that you would find what you are looking for here and would be happy to answer any further questions that you might have.



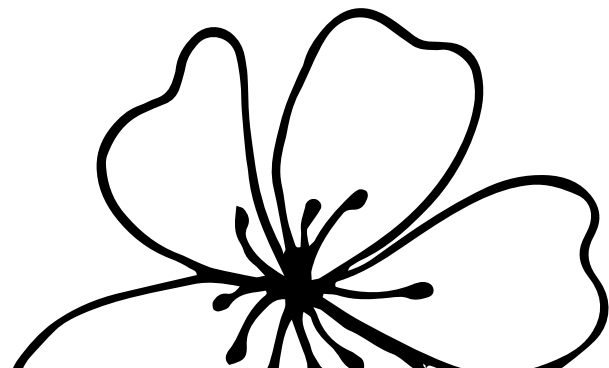
# Meet Jonathan

Jon is a forty-two-year-old highly driven, hardworking, full of energy, young-at-heart soul. Sarah can honestly say, that Jon is absolutely one-of-a-kind. Though his occupation is owner/operator of a successful roofing and construction company, his highest priority in life is to be an outstanding husband and father. Sarah would say that he achieves that daily. He is the most loyal husband, patient father, and faithful friend. He has a heart for people and loves to see success in others. He is adventurous, Sarah sometimes has a love-hate feeling about this; hunting, fishing, scuba diving, four-wheeling, and razor riding just to name a few. He loves to dive in the ocean when they travel to Florida for family vacation. He shows compassion and serves others well. He makes time to volunteer in the local community and gives of his talents and resource to their local church, as well. He is a great leader made up of countless qualities, including integrity, creativity, courage, accountability, and generosity. He is an all-around, fun-loving human.



# Meet Sarah

Sarah is thirty years old, and for as long as she can remember, she's dreamed about being a mother. Her heart's desire has always been to fill the role of wife and mom. She longed to have a large family and raise her children well. She has a passion for children, and excels when put in the position of leading in that area. Sarah heads up the nursery at thier church, and it truly brings her heart joy to serve in that capacity. She love the Lord and strives daily to live her life in a way that is pleasing unto Him. She's a successful business owner who carries much responsibility over the entirety of thier company. Sarah loves to travel, cook, serve in the community, watch sports (specifically the Kansas City Chiefs), and is passionate about fitness. She enjoys getting in a good workout or taking an evening stroll through thier neighborhood. Spring is her favorite time of year because it brings forth new life, plus, the smells and colors are intriguing. She enjoys hosting family events, game nights with friends, and church gatherings in thier beautiful home. Family is of utmost importance to Sarah. She has an amazing tribe of close relatives and faithful friends, that have helped mold her into who she is. She is blessed by their compassion, wisdom, and encouragement throughout thier infertility and adoption journey, thus far.

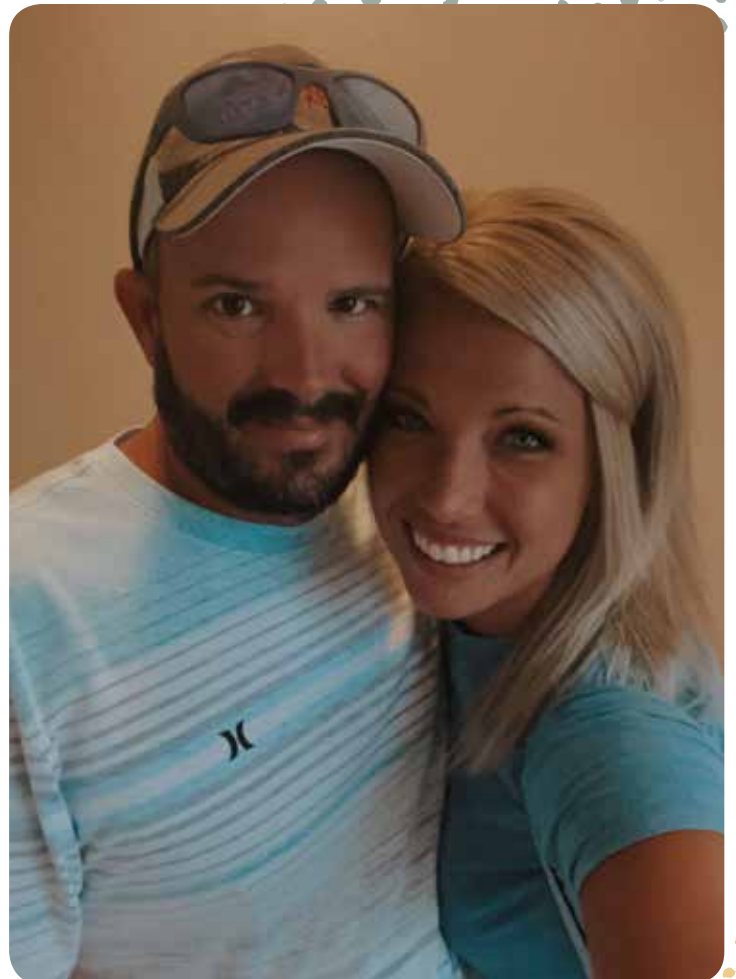


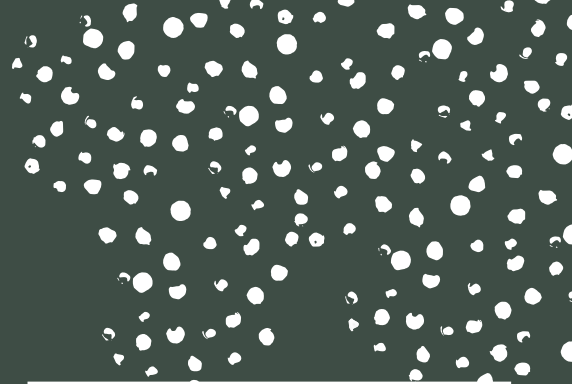
# OUR Story

Our paths crossed, by what some might say was a miracle, just over 9 years ago. We didn't date long, as we quickly fell in love and eloped in marriage. We both were self-motivated and driven to see success in our lives and the lives of others. We shared many of the same goals and dreams, and we have since achieved most of those together.

Though Jon had experienced bringing a child (make that three, beautiful girls) into this world, I (Sarah) had not. It was a desire that I had held onto since a young age, and we would find out soon, it wouldn't be an easy dream to fulfill. We were diagnosed

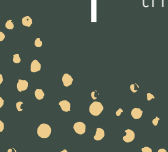
infertile early on in our marriage and we knew that it would be nothing short of a miracle if we conceived and had a child naturally. Well, let me just tell you, that after much prayer, a miracle took place when we welcomed our precious son, Beckham, into this world, in October of 2016. We have struggled with infertility ever since. We were told that we could try in vitro (IVF) and genetic testing, but still there was no guarantee. Jon and I prayed about this decision and just didn't feel at peace with it. We both believe that, sometimes, God shuts doors that we aren't meant to walk through, and simultaneously opens others, gently leading us through them.





Jon and I both, from the beginning of our discussions about children early on in our marriage, had a mutual desire to adopt one day, regardless of whether we conceived on our own or not. Our hearts have so much love to give, and our hope is to bring life to a hopeless situation through adoption. We have accomplished many things together, including building a successful business, walking together through ministry, empowering people, and serving

others in our community, and much more. Though, all these things bring us much joy and give us a sense of accomplishment, we aren't complete in achieving our dreams together, until we see the end of this adoption journey. This journey means so much to us. It's the answer to countless prayers. It's the joy that floods every part of our being, to be able to be on the receiving end, of quite possibly, the greatest sacrifice of a birth mom. We are here for it!





# OUR *Children*

Jon and I (Sarah) have four children total. Like I mentioned previously, I married into our three oldest girls. They made me a “bonus mom” before our son made me a biological mom.



*Laynee, 14*



*Julie, 13*



*Macie, 11*



*Beckham, 5*







# Our Home

We LOVE our home. We live in a stunningly beautiful, private-gated subdivision on the lake, just right outside of town. The views from our front porch are absolutely breathtaking. Our home is perfect for hosting and it's also perfectly cozy for our family. We live close by many local restaurants, grocery stores, and schools. There is so much to do on the water and around our home in the summertime. We have visitors often.





# Our Hobbies

Sarah and I (Jon) love to do activities, but we are completely opposite in this area. I like to do the adventurous ones while Sarah is more reserved. I am all about fast boating, hunting, fishing, and scuba diving. I love a good thrill and adventure. Sarah, on the other hand, stresses out over these activities and would rather have her feet on solid ground, spending a day shopping or playing miniature golf with the kids. We, however, have enjoyed a helicopter ride, jet ski rides, and airplane ride together.





# Family

Though Jon did not grow up with a close family, and still doesn't have a close relationship with many members on his side, family has always played an important role in our lives. On the contrary, Sarah grew up in a large, close-knit family. She still is very close to many relatives and has daily conversations with several of them. We both have an abundance of extended family members spread throughout Missouri, but also throughout the entire United States. Taking an annual vacation with our family has become important to us over the last few years, as we realized just how quickly they grow, and how important the memories to be made are. We enjoy attending family get-togethers, where the conversations are loud, and the love is shared with each other! We love supporting family members at sporting events, school plays, and church programs.





# Friends

Can we truly ever have enough? Jon and I (Sarah) are so far beyond blessed with an abundance of friends. Many of our friends are so close to us that they are more like family. We honestly do not deserve the affection that is lavished upon us by them. We have a large support group of friends from church and many of our employees have become some of our greatest friends, as well. Game nights are a frequent adventure for us. Jon loves to fish and hunt with his friends, while I enjoy a shopping day, spa day, and afternoon by the water with mine. Our friends are very excited for us and have supported us in this journey. The memories we have acquired are just the beginning, and we look forward to making many memories with them and our new baby!



# Dear Birthparents,

We must start by saying that this journey is not for those weak-at-heart. However, we are overwhelmed with gratitude and thankfulness to be here for it! What a great honor it is, to be considered for this amazing opportunity. We greatly value the consideration of you, the birth parents, choosing us to love your child to the fullest of our potential, the way that Christ has loved us.

Jon and I (Sarah) believe in the importance of being brought up in a home that values the unity of friends and family. It truly takes a tribe and we certainly have one of the best! There is no doubt that we have prepared ourselves to fill these big shoes. We are beyond ready to welcome this precious child with open arms, full hearts, and an overflowing love into our home!

Our heart's greatest desire is to bring home a child again and you hold the answer to that prayer for us. We understand this will be one, if not the most difficult, decisions you will make in this lifetime, by trusting us to raise this little one. We honor you for this courageous decision that you are about to make. We pray that God would guide you and may His peace be with you throughout this journey.

In His Grip,

*Jon & Sarah Abernathy*



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