

Joshua & Carly

"FOR I KNOW
THE PLANS I
HAVE FOR YOU,
DECLARES THE
LORD, PLANS TO
Prosper YOU AND
NOT TO HARM
YOU, PLANS TO
GIVE YOU *Hope*
AND A *Future*."

Jeremiah 29:11

Hello!



We would like to thank you for taking the time to get to know us! We feel very blessed to have this opportunity and are grateful for your consideration. We believe that God has a hand in every step of this process, and ultimately has a plan for our family's future! We are excited to see what that plan is, and hope it involves becoming parents and getting the opportunity to love a child unconditionally.

Meet JOSHUA



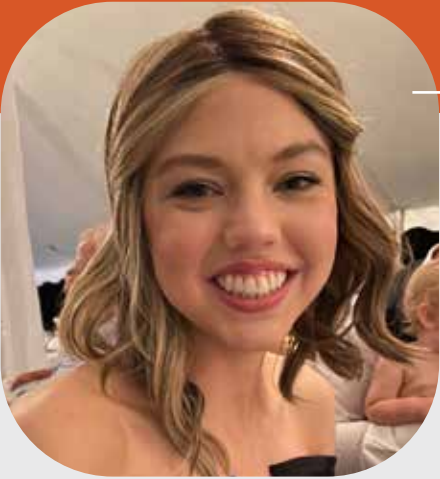
Hello, I am Josh and I am 35 years old.

I am from a small suburb outside of St. Louis. As a kid, I enjoyed playing sports with the neighbor kids, riding my bike, and playing with my brothers and sisters. I grew up with four siblings, so there was always something going on around the house. Every summer we went on vacation and made a lot of great memories as a family.

I went to college and got an associate degree in business management. After graduation I got a job at an automotive manufacturing plant as a supervisor. A few years into working there, I decided to go back to school part-time while still working full-time. In 2022 I graduated with my bachelor's degree in engineering and moved to a different job within the plant. In my spare time I like to work on cars, play hockey, frisbee golf, and do anything outdoors.



Meet CARLY



Hi! I am Carly and I am 30 years old.

I grew up in a small town in Southern Illinois surrounded by my mom's big family. I made many amazing memories with my two older brothers, cousins, and friends that I still cherish today. I am very grateful for my "small-town" upbringing and would love to try and recreate that simplicity for our future children. I enjoyed playing all sports and just being active in general. Some of my happiest memories as a child are playing outside with my brothers, swimming at my neighbor's house, and playing epic games of flashlight tag with my cousins.

When I got older, I moved to the St. Louis area to attend college. While in school I worked in a biological research lab and immediately fell in love with it. The work I was doing felt very meaningful, and from that point on I knew I wanted to continue a career in scientific research. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology and got a job in a genetic research lab at a university, where I still work today.

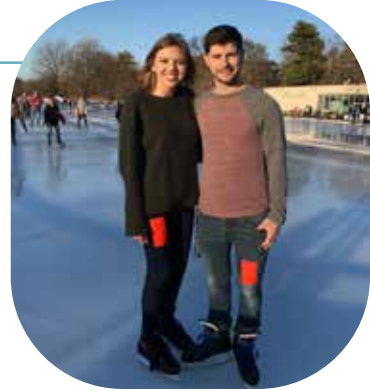
Some of my interests include reading, crocheting, and being active outdoors. I also love trying new things, so any opportunity I get to learn or try a new skill makes me the happiest. A few of my favorite experiences have been white water rafting, horseback riding, skiing, kayaking, and learning to ride a dirt bike.



The Story OF US

HOW IT ALL STARTED

On our first date we went ice skating, followed by late-night donuts and coffee. We continued to spend time together and before we knew it, we were best friends. We lived about an hour apart, so we would spend all our weekends together and talk on the phone as much as we could during the week.



GROWING DEEPER CONNECTIONS

We have a lot of common interests, but one of the things we initially bonded over was our love of the St. Louis Blues hockey team. We went to a lot of Blues games together and that's still one of our favorite date nights.



OUR HAPPY EVER AFTER

We got married in September of 2019 and have been enjoying life together ever since. Having a family is something we have both always dreamed of, so we are very grateful for this opportunity!



Our HOME

A GROWING HOME

We are blessed to own a home in a suburban area outside of St. Louis. Our subdivision has a pool, playground, pond, and a lot of space for a child to play and explore. We love to take walks around our neighborhood and always feel very safe doing so. We have tried to create a comfortable home where our future children can feel safe and create happy childhood memories.



OUR FAMILY

Joshua

Most of my family lives near us, so we get to spend a lot of time with them. We live about 20 minutes from my parents and visit their house often. They live in a subdivision and have a big yard, as well as a pond where we like to go fishing in the summer and ice skating in the winter. They love their grandkids and are excited to become grandparents again! I also am blessed to still have four grandparents, and one great-grandmother. My dad's parents live in the same subdivision as us, so we see them a lot. My mom's parents live on a farm in northern Missouri that we like to visit as much as we can. It is one of my favorite places to go hunting and ride dirt bikes.

I am the second of five kids. My older sister and her husband live in Colorado with their four kids. My middle brother was adopted and currently lives in Illinois, and my younger brother and sister live near us, and both just got married. We try to spend as much time with my youngest two siblings as we can since they still live near us. Our favorite thing to do is get together for dinner and have game nights.



OUR FAMILY

Carly

I am lucky to still be close with my family, even after moving away. I am the youngest of three kids. I have two older brothers, both of whom are married. I am blessed to be an aunt to two nieces, who I love spending time with. My middle brother and his family recently moved to Florida, so we see a lot of beach vacations in our family's future! My oldest brother still lives in my hometown, so we see him and his wife when we are back home visiting my parents. I am very close with my brothers as well as my extended family. I have 14 cousins, most of which still live in my hometown and who we see at holiday gatherings and family reunions.

My parents have been together for thirty-nine years. They are a relationship I really look up to because they have shown loyalty and support for each other no matter what they have faced in life. They are very excited to have more grandchildren and I know they will be very involved grandparents. They live about two hours away from our house now. We try to visit them monthly, or every other month. They live on a farm that I think will be a very fun place to visit as a family and will give our children a place to explore and be outdoors.



Our FRIENDS



We are so lucky to have a lot of
GREAT FRIENDS IN OUR LIVES.

Carly has a few friends from childhood that she stays in touch with and considers to be life-long friends. They grew up through school together in her small hometown and have been through basically every stage of life together. Two of them still live where she grew up, so she tries to see them any time her and Josh go home to visit her parents.

Josh also has a few friends that he has known since he was a child. He grew up with them in church and school and has made so many memories with them throughout their lives. In the last few years their trio has grown and now we have a wonderful group of friends that we hang out with regularly. We love to get everyone together for game nights and cookouts.

Meet **IZZY**



This is our six-year-old black lab mix named Izzy. She is a very sweet dog who always wants to be right by our side. She loves to play with her box full of stuffed toys, as well as cuddle on the couch with us. We also go for nightly walks around the neighborhood as a family. On our walks we always stop at the field near our house where we play fetch with a ball or frisbee. She has a very calm demeanor and is great with children and other dogs. She will make the best friend to a new baby.



Travels & Hobbies

WE LOVE TO TRAVEL!

We love to travel and especially like to try new activities when on vacation. We hope to share these experiences with our future children and encourage them to try new things because you never know what might turn into a hobby or passion!

HERE IS A LIST OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS WE'VE TRIED SO FAR:

Horseback Riding



SMOKEY MOUNTAINS, TN

White Water Rafting



GATLINBURG, TN



ROYAL GORGE, CO

Snowboarding & Skiing



WINTER PARK, CO

We hope that this list will only grow
AS OUR FAMILY GROWS!

ATV
Riding



BRECKENRIDGE, TN

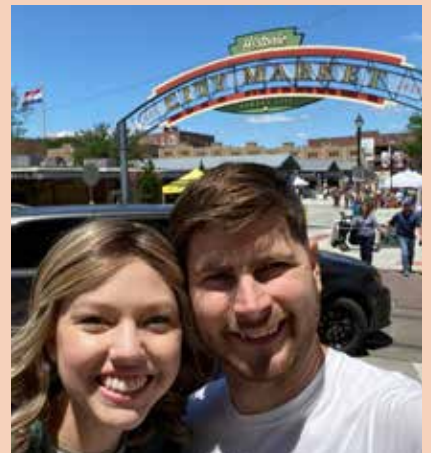


Swim Under
Waterfalls



WHITEHOUSE, JAMAICA

Adventures
Continue



Dear Birthparents



We would like to thank you for taking the time to look through our profile up to this point. We wanted to explain our values a little more so you can assure that we can provide for your child what you want for them. We hope this will help you have a better idea of who we are as a couple and who we hope to be as parents.

The thing we value most in life is our relationship with God, so we promise to instill that in our future children. We always want to teach them to lean on God when times get tough, and that all things are possible for them through Christ. We have been praying for you that whatever decision you make, God will give you and your baby endless blessings throughout the rest of your lives.

Along with that, we think that family is a very important aspect of life. Both of us have very tight-knit families, and

we want our child to fit right into that. We plan to build a strong family unit in our own house, as well as spend a lot of time visiting and spending holidays with family. We want you to know that our child will have endless support from both sides of our families.

Finally, we think it is important to nurture the individuality of our child. We know that everyone is unique, and we want to help our child find their talents, interests, and passions throughout their life. We want to help them to find their purpose, so they can find meaning in the things they do every day.

We are excited to start this new chapter, and we want to let you know that we don't take this responsibility lightly. Being parents is a dream of ours, but we know that if that happens for us it will be because of selfless people like you.

Joshua & Carly

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