

Nathan
& Stacie

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

Welcome



We are sincerely thankful for you taking the time to get to know us. We cannot put into words how excited we are to have the opportunity to expand our family and share our love with your little one. We believe that God has led us here and will lead us as we become parents. Know that even though we do not know you or your little one, we have been praying for you all. Thank you for considering us to be adoptive parents.

About Nathan

Nathan grew up in a rural area with his parents and brother. He was also lucky to have several aunts, uncles, and cousins living in the area. In his childhood, Nathan participated in 4H, sports, and church activities. Since that time, Nathan has been an avid sports participant and fan, earning scholarships to play both baseball and junior varsity basketball in college. Having a desire to help others, he sought a career in the legal field. He attended and graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law and began working as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the area in which he grew up. Just one year later, he was appointed as the elected Prosecuting Attorney for his home county. After approximately nine years as Prosecuting Attorney, he was appointed Associate Circuit Judge for the same county. He is still working in this capacity and specifically loves having the opportunity to help others in some of the most difficult times in their lives.



About Stacie

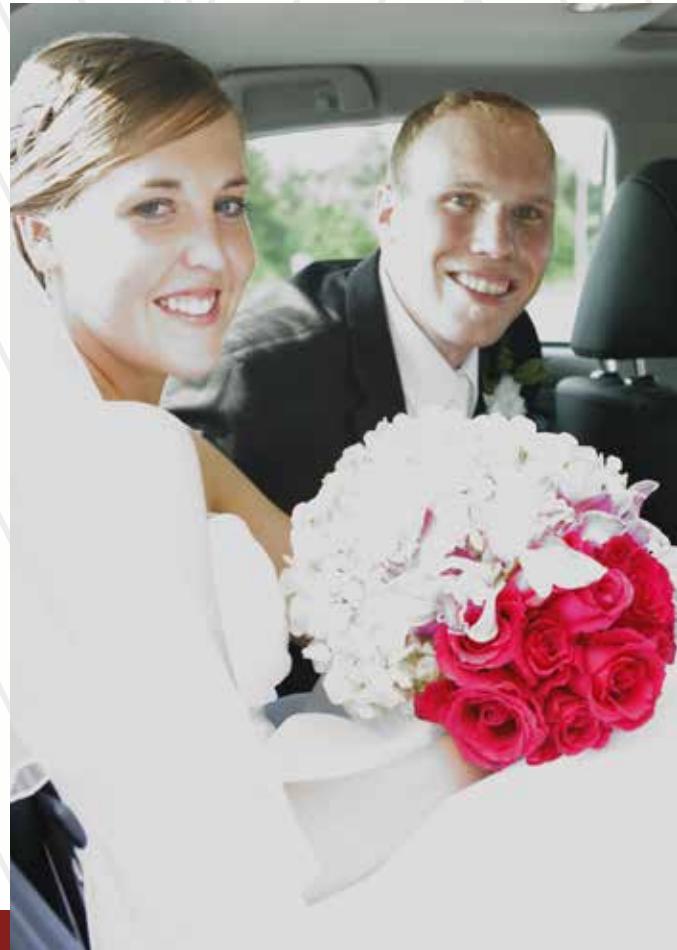


Stacie grew up in a small, close-knit town with just twelve homes and two churches. Her parents still live in the same community and house where she was raised. As the oldest of three children, with a younger brother and sister who are twins, Stacie has always valued family and strong relationships.

From an early age, Stacie developed a love for basketball, which led her to earn a scholarship to play in college. Her father has faithfully served in ministry at their local church for over 40 years, and her church family continues to be an important part of her life. Her mother recently retired after many years of teaching special education, modeling compassion and dedication—qualities that have greatly influenced who Stacie is today.

After 14 years of teaching Health and Physical Education for grades kindergarten through 12th grade, Stacie recently felt called to step away from the classroom to prepare for her future role as a stay-at-home-mother. She continues to coach junior high and high school girls' basketball in a nearby community, where she enjoys mentoring young athletes both on and off the court. Stacie is passionate about serving her family, friends, team, and community. In her free time, she loves spending time with loved ones and their chocolate lab, Waino, shopping, attending St. Louis Cardinals games, and, of course, shooting hoops.





How We Met

We both grew up in small communities that were about twenty miles apart, however we attended different high schools and did not meet until we were college-age. After high school, Nathan attended Hannibal-LaGrange (HLG) College (now University) and Stacie attended St. Charles Community College as a part of an A+ Scholarship Program. Stacie planned to attend HLG upon completion of her Associates Degree. It was on Stacie's college visit to HLG that we first met each other. We spent the next six months getting to know each other and then began officially dating. We dated for about four and a half years before we were wed. After getting married, we settled down in the same area where we both grew up.

Why Adoption

Adoption is something we have always discussed and pictured being a part of our life's journey. In fact, we have been discussing adoption since before we were married. While we envisioned having a biological child or two in addition to adoption, that has not happened for us yet. We are excited to have the opportunity to bring a little one into our life and family. We each love children and treasure having the opportunity to share our love, support and faith.



*"Call to me and I will answer you
I will show you great and mighty
things which you do not know."*

- JEREMIAH 33:3



Our Home

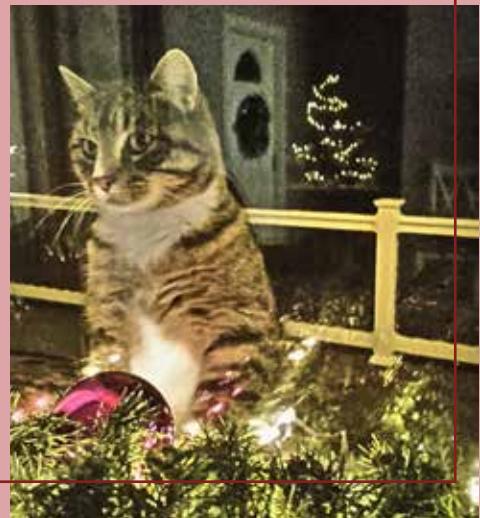
We live in a "shouse"-style home that we built in 2018. Having some experience in carpentry and an interest in woodworking, Nathan designed the layout and did much of the framing and woodwork (including making our cabinets) for our house. Stacie worked hard staining, painting, and even helped with a little framing. The home is in rural mid-Missouri on a thirty-acre tract of land that includes a pond, machine shed, and approximately twenty tillable acres. Since purchasing the property in 2014, we have spent much time and effort clearing the property and making it our home. It is ripe with opportunities for outdoor activities, including a basketball court, pond for fishing and boating, swimming pool, deck for relaxing, and a front porch view of beautiful sunsets.



Pets

Stacie and Nathan have two outdoor pets. They have a chocolate lab named Waino and a cat named Kate. Waino is a fun-loving 95-pound ball of energy. He loves a good game of fetch followed by a swim in the pond to cool off. He spends his summer on the deck either lying in his kiddie pool or on his hammock. In winter, he loves to play in the snow and spend the nights in his warm kennel in the garage.

Kate is the definition of the perfect farm cat. She is content with a bowl full of food and does a great job when it comes to pest control. She is not overly thrilled by too much contact but does enjoy the occasional petting. She prefers to be around the house at night when Waino is in his outdoor pen or garage kennel. You can frequently find her peering in the doors or windows checking out what is going on inside.



Nathan's family

Nathan's parents have been married for over 45 years and still reside in Nathan's childhood home. Nathan has one sibling, an older brother, who lives in Arkansas with his wife, son (born in 2016), and daughter (born in 2019). Stacie and Nathan take every chance that they get to spend time with their niece and nephews. Nathan's family enjoys spending time with each other. Some of Nathan's fondest memories are of times he has spent hunting and playing sports with his father and brother.

Nathan's parents are each the youngest of 11 children raised in the area where Nathan grew up and still resides. Because of this, Nathan grew up surrounded by extended family consisting of numerous aunts, uncles, and many of his 39 first cousins. To this day, four generations on both sides of Nathan's family gather at his parents' shed for holidays. It is Nathan's large family that motivated him to remain in his hometown after finishing school.

Stacie's family

Stacie's parents have been married for over 40 years and still reside in the home where Stacie grew up. She has a younger brother and sister who are twins. Her brother resides about one hour away with his wife and sons (born in 2022 and 2024). Her sister resides in the state of Georgia with her husband and visits home at least twice per year.

Stacie's parents each have three siblings. Spending time with extended family has always been a priority for Stacie's family. She grew up attending yearly family reunions and spending holidays with family. Since the passing of one of her grandfather's, Stacie and Nathan have begun hosting family reunions every summer. Stacie truly values spending quality time with her family.

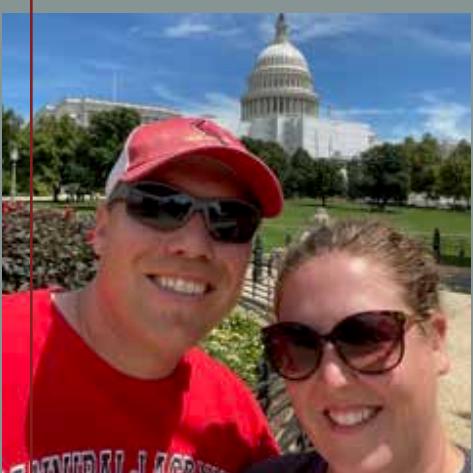




Hobbies and Travels

Stacie and Nathan both grew up playing sports and even both played sports in college. They still enjoy watching and playing sports. On nice evenings, you will frequently find them shooting hoops in their driveway while playing fetch with Waino. They both enjoy taking in a baseball or basketball game. They are devoted fans of the St. Louis Cardinals. They have begun spending their vacations watching the Cards play in other cities. They enjoy traveling at least one week per year and have had their best vacations relaxing and spending time with each other.

In addition to shooting hoops, Nathan enjoys playing golf and hunting. He also spends time doing woodworking projects. Stacie enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing with Waino, and shopping.



Dear Birthparents,

We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to share with you about our family, our home, and our hopes and dreams for a child. We have been happily married since 2012 and are so excited about the possibility of expanding our family through adoption.

Even while we were dating, we talked about adoption as something we hoped to pursue one day. Although we once thought we might have biological children, adoption has always held a special place in our hearts. We want to honor you for your courageous and selfless decision to choose life for your baby and to thoughtfully consider every option for their future. Please know that we are ready to provide a life filled with love, joy, stability, and opportunity.

We are open to discussing and agreeing on a level of communication that feels comfortable for everyone involved. We promise to create a home where your child will be supported physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. At the right time, we will share openly with them about the adoption process and the deep love that led to their story.

Thank you for taking the time to consider us as potential parents for your child. Whether or not we are chosen, we are praying for peace, wisdom, and the very best for you and your baby.

With love and respect,

Nathan and Stacie



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