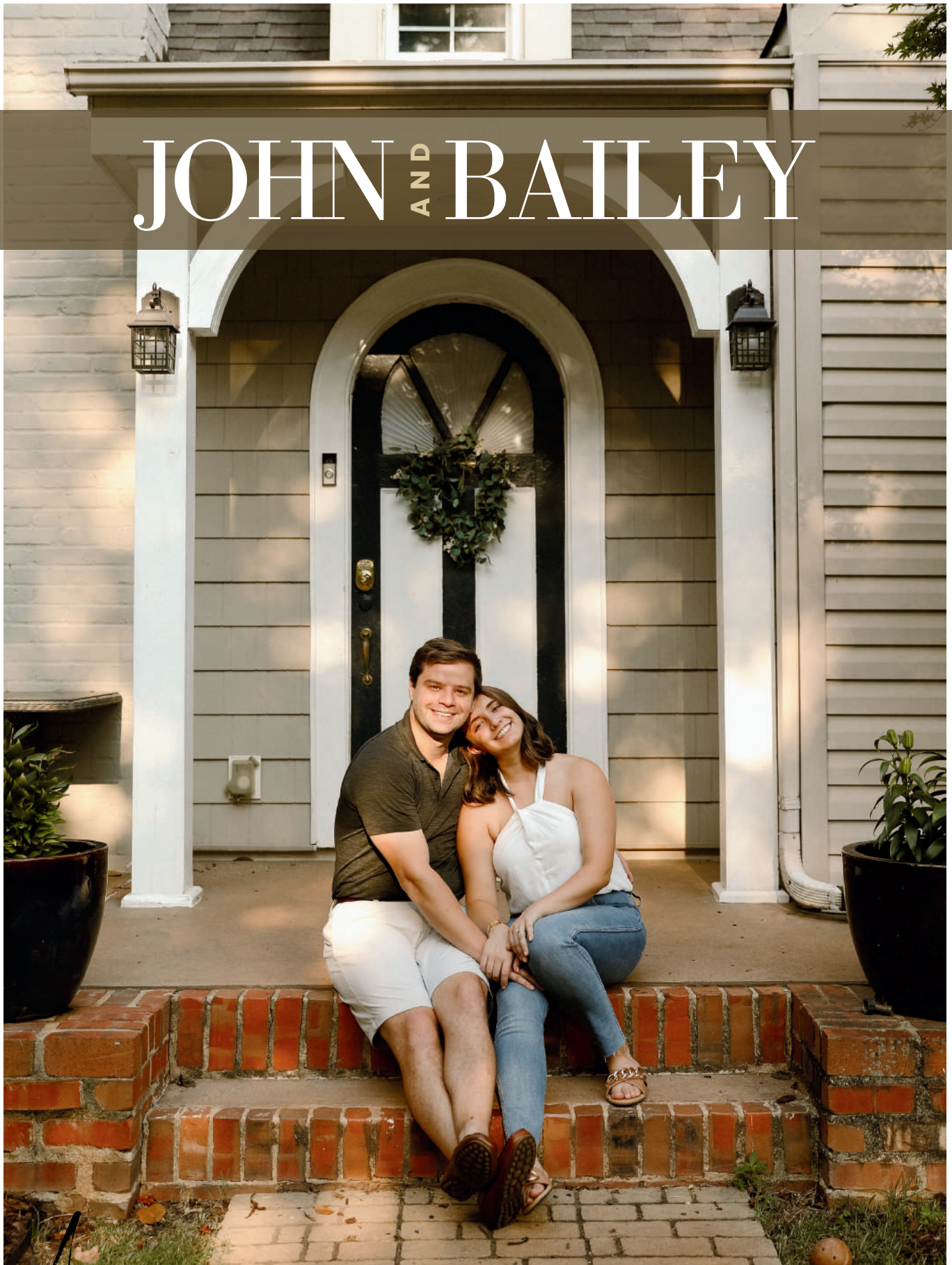


JOHN AND BAILEY



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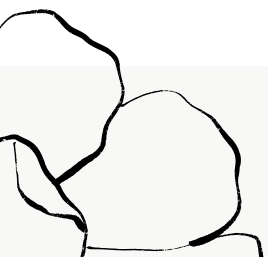


HELLO!





**WE ARE SO
HAPPY TO
MEET YOU!**





OUR NOTE TO YOU



We would like to thank you so much for considering us and taking the time to get to know us as a couple. We want you to know that we have the utmost respect for you and are mindful of how courageous you are in this chapter of your life. We are thrilled for the opportunity to walk alongside you and your child in this journey and support you in any way you may need.

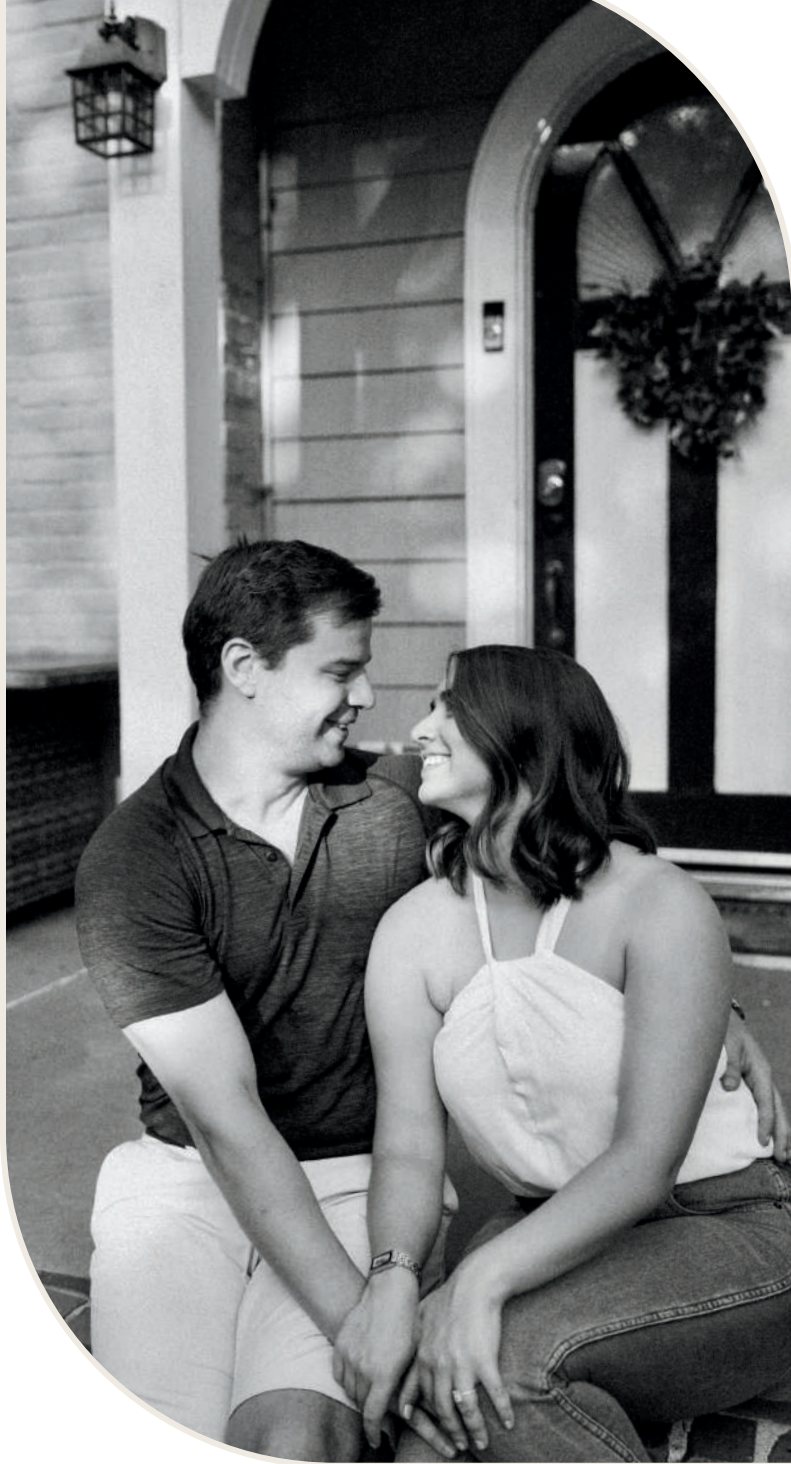
We are Bailey and John. We have been together for about five years and have as much fun today as we did when we first met, if not more now! We love doing things together like traveling the East Coast, going to local restaurants, and watching movies together. Our friendly rescue pups, Oakley and Spyro, tag along with us too! As a couple we are at peace together and love each other immensely, which is why we'd like to start our family.

Adoption has always been a path that has felt incredibly meaningful to us. The chance to provide a loving and stable home to a child is a privilege we do not take lightly. If given the privilege to be the parents of your child, we want to assure you they will be cherished deeply everyday. They will be raised in a loving home filled with joy and fun and will be given every opportunity to chase after their own ambitions. We are committed to creating a safe and nurturing environment where they can thrive, make mistakes, discover new interests, build relationships, and become the person God meant for them to be.

Monumental does not begin to describe the decisions you are bound to make, but we are with you every step of the way. We would love the opportunity to get to know you and share more about ourselves as well. We will keep you, your happiness, and your health in our prayers in the meantime.

*wishing you all the best,
John + Bailey*





Adoption has always been something we've felt compelled and called to do together as a couple. **With so much love for one another we've always known we wanted to start a family and share that love with a child.** Early on in our relationship we discussed wanting to move forward with adoption instead of carrying a biological child. We are strong believers that love can be given and received from any person in your lives, biologically related or not. As a couple, we also are firm believers that if you have the opportunity to help someone in your life, you do it, no questions asked. Adoption is something we feel so called to do, and we're so excited to be able to offer a home and love to our future children.

OUR HEARTS FOR ADOPTION







THIS IS US

We met on a dating app five years ago and instantly hit it off. Before meeting in person we talked all day everyday and couldn't wipe the smiles off of our faces. As we were dating, we spent time getting to know each other's family and friends as best we could as it was the height of COVID. We spent time together watching movies and lots of Love Island reruns, cooking together, taking our dogs for long walks, and trying out new hobbies. Truly we like to do anything where we can just sit and talk- whether that be on our couch, at dinner, or over a coffee.

Early on into dating we knew this was it, we knew in our hearts we were "end-game." Our love for each other is very genuine, true, and authentic and something we prioritize deeply. We dated for two and a half years before tying the knot in an intimate ceremony at our family's Catholic church in New Jersey, followed by a traditional wedding in North Carolina a few weeks later.





LIFE TOGETHER

WE ARE BEST FRIENDS AND WE LOVE THE LIFE WE ARE BUILDING

Now, a year and a half later as a married couple, not much has changed. We enjoy drinking coffee at a local shop with a book, trying out new local restaurants, and meeting up with our friends. We are lucky enough to have our community of friends and family very close to us so we always have a strong support system nearby. We have promised to be each other's best friend and keep investing in our relationship. Date nights are a staple in our calendar, as are the simple things like taking our dogs for walks and sharing our thoughts, feelings, or just simply chatting. As a couple, our ideal weeknight is wrapping up work, making dinner together, unwinding on the couch with a book or a show, and calling it a night on the earlier side to prep for the next day. On the weekends we enjoy spending time with our friends, doing any new local activities, and attending church together.

We are invested in each other's happiness, shared passions, and hobbies, families, friends, and careers. We are a team that sinks or swims together and we are stronger for it. We have built our foundation on a mutual love for the Lord. We make each other happy and bring each other peace. We'd love to share that with a child as we grow our family.

MEET JOHN



I have worked in the financial services industry for over ten years and am currently an Investment Banking Senior Manager. I am in a management position where I direct a team and have control of my work/life balance. My job affords me up to four months of paternity leave. We live close to the office and my commute is only ten to fifteen minutes so I am not far from home and family.

I'm curious about the world and love to learn. I love seeking out new information. In my childhood, this took the form of science projects, experiments, and detailed school reports. In my adult life, this looks more like relentless tinkering around our house and DIY projects. Electrical work, plumbing, landscaping, I try to do it all because I like the challenge and the satisfaction of working with my hands. After a hard day's work, I find myself traversing through wikipedia reading history or trying to understand physics (unfortunately, there is still a lot I need to understand there). I love that Bailey encourages my tinkering and appreciates the good work I can do, but also forgives me for the sometimes failed projects, as she knows that it's the challenge and process that brings me joy.



Though it seems like forever ago, I was a baby once too and got to experience the joy of growing up in a loving family, and have countless happy memories. I want to give that same experience to our child, and cannot wait to do so. I look forward to the simple peace of hugging our child close together at the end of a night as he or she dozes off, as well as the competitive soccer games and cheer practices that we will encourage one day! We feel we have a lot to give to our child and are ready for the intangible happiness that comes with being parents.



I want our children to feel they have a safe and loving home. I reflect on my own childhood and how - while I didn't always appreciate it at the time - I was always loved and safe. It's only later in my adult life that I've truly appreciated that having those things is a gift. I also pray that we can raise them to be good people and do good in this world. We will do our best to raise our children to be kind, loving, and in turn, and be a force of good for those around them. The closest thing I have to a Parenting 101 Playbook is how I was raised, and I think my parents did an amazing job and I hope to replicate it - I've been taught well.

LOYAL, COMFORTING, CARING, DRIVEN



MY HUSBAND JOHN

John is the blueprint for everything I would want in a husband so I can only imagine him being an even better dad to any child we welcome into our family. He's loving, affectionate, very intelligent and capable. He has a "can do" attitude and can easily unwind from a long day. John is very loyal and kind and our friends see him as predictably loyal. I love him for a multitude of reasons but one of my favorite things about him is how he makes other people feel, myself included. If he sees someone left out or standing alone he'll go engage them in conversation. He always wants everyone to be a part of every memory we make, which is such an admirable trait. John always puts me and our marriage first. If ever I'm feeling uncomfortable or unsure of something, he's consistently there to listen and hear me. He's a very complementary person and always makes me feel like a million bucks even if I'm not having a good day. When I wasn't sleeping well because our bedroom isn't well ventilated and it gets hot, he bought a separate thermostat. It's not a crazy grandiose gesture but it's those small, thoughtful things that he does that show me clearly how much he cares for me.

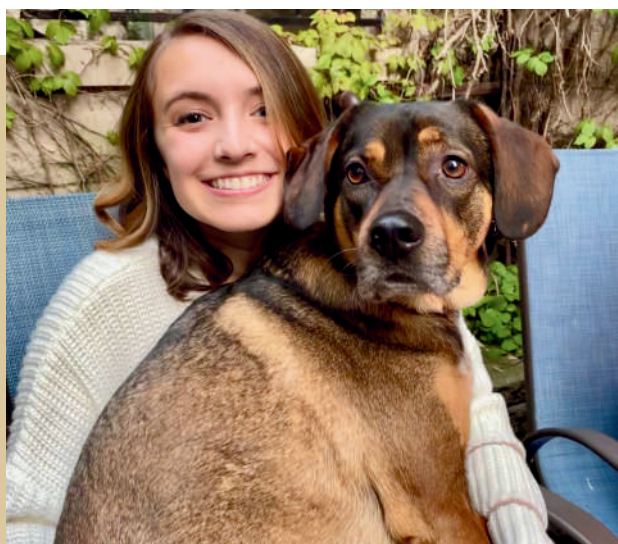
John is so natural with children- he's practically a grown up child. The majority of our close friends have babies and young children so he is around them often and he always enjoys it. His face practically lights up a room when he's spending time with our friends' children. He'll hold them or take them out into the yard to get them moving and playing. John is also a big fan of getting a kid's favorite toy involved so they're having the best time. Anytime he is around a baby he comes to me and says, "I want one. I can't wait to do this with you." He's going to be a father who loves to create memories with his child. Baby's first ice cream cone, baby's first soccer ball, baby's first vacation; he will soak up every moment.

MEET BAILEY



I currently work for a tech company as an employer branding manager. I work from home full-time and have a very flexible schedule. My company is generous enough to offer me full parental leave and unlimited vacation should we need more time to adjust with our child. Once we welcome a child into our home, we are flexible with the plan. In full transparency, we are still finalizing what life after-baby will look like in terms of work schedules. I plan to keep working from home for as long as it makes sense for our family.

I love to read. I specifically love a good thriller novel but truly love anything that will keep me turning a page. I've been getting more into fantasy novels recently which I never thought I would be interested in, but I love them so far! I also love to stay active. I take our dogs on walks and keep up with a fairly consistent pilates class schedule. In addition to my love for reading and staying active, I grew up with a passion for cheerleading and now coach middle and high school cheerleading at a local private school during the fall and winter. I absolutely love being a leader for these kids like my coaches were to me.



I'm so excited to become a mother and see John as a father. I am a nurturing person and have always looked forward to raising a family. I look forward to a new kind of bond and love. My goal is to be a mother, a friend, and a leader to our child. As my parents did for me, I want to allow our children to be confident enough to take a first step, mess up a little, and learn from it. I want our children to grow up with a sense of independence and the confidence to trust in themselves. I'm so excited to create new memories with John and see how our marriage evolves as well. I'm also very excited for holidays and trips as a new family. That is going to be so special! Christmas is my favorite holiday and with a child I can't imagine how fun that's going to be.



The list of things I pray for my future child would likely take up too much space! But, in a nutshell, I pray for our child to always feel loved and protected. I pray for them to find passion in their life and chase after things that give them meaning. I pray they treat others with respect and are treated with the same respect in return. I pray for them to find Jesus and put their trust in Him and His plans for them.

DEDICATED, LOYAL, OUTGOING, KIND



MY WIFE BAILEY

Bailey is my best friend. She cares about others and is disarmingly selfless. I fell in love with her because she is such a giver. She is the glue that binds her family together and has a keen sense of right and wrong. As she shoulders responsibility for others, she lets herself be happy and enjoy her life. She loves simple things like flowers, reading books, and also thrives with friends and time with me, for which I am forever grateful because I need my Bailey! Bailey is also smart. I love that. She's carved a successful career for herself from the ground up. She will be an amazing mother and is capable of instilling her rare and beautiful values in them to help raise them to be good people. Bailey inspires me and gives confidence that we can do this monumental task with adoption and family, and she makes it all seem so natural.

We have been very fortunate to be surrounded by our family and friends' children. "Auntie" Bailey is quick to run over to our friends' children and pick them up, hug them, and be hugged back. It's heartwarming to watch. They love her. Bailey is caring, nurturing, and gentle. Our family and friends trust her with their children, and welcome us into their lives. A while ago, I was a bit nervous to hold newborn babies - so fragile and delicate that I was scared I would fumble! Bailey has helped me to just be natural and confident! Bailey is looking forward to being a mother, and she's meant to be one. She is a selfless giver, and she's looking forward to continuing that with a child. She will be a rock to our family. She will be a nurturer, teacher, coach, confidant, instructor, and friend - she already exhibits all of these qualities.

OUR PROMISE

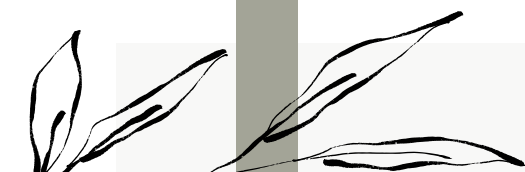
AS PARENTS

We will strive to be Christ-like and do good. We will give of ourselves for the benefit of others. We will reward good behavior and discourage bad behavior, and we have no place for malice or hatred. We will pursue a strong education for our children. We will nurture strength of mind, body, and spirit. We will encourage faith and humility before God.



OUR FAITH

We grew up in Christian households and we plan to replicate that for our child. In any moment of confusion or doubt or struggle we always come back to the question, "What would Jesus do?" We attend church services often and will continue to do so. The things you learn in church and the Bible are foundations we will raise our child on. The Golden Rule sticks out specifically- do unto others as you would have them do unto you. We will teach our children to treat others with respect, help when you have the opportunity, be considerate, be compassionate, be honest, and so many more.



OUR FAMILY VALUES



What brings you peace?

This is something that brought us together when we first met, peace is what we were both searching for and ultimately found in each other. If something brings you peace it's important to always keep a pulse on it and make sure you're protecting your peace.

5% Rule

This is our way of being honest with one another and getting things off our chest. 95% of the day was awesome, but the remaining 5% bothered me and I want to tell you about it. If someone shares their 5% the other knows that it was important enough to air, and the other has to be open to receiving the feedback.

Come one come all.

Whether it's at our house or a social gathering, everyone is welcome. We are big on making sure everyone feels included and welcome and part of "the team" so we always do our best to bring everyone into the mix.

Always make time for what's important.

Look at your priorities and see how much energy you're giving to them. If your relationship is important, show that. If you need to protect your mental health and are having a rough day, protect yourself. Always make time for what is of value and important to you.



OUR TRADITIONS

Bailey lives for holidays and makes a big deal out of them whenever she can. We always try to do one major holiday at home and the other in the Northeast with my family. We do not have an established holiday calendar with either side of the family because both sides of our family are very understanding of our calendar either way. For major holidays like Christmas and Thanksgiving, we always set time with either side of the family to celebrate. For Thanksgiving John's mom (Laurieanne) always plans a game after dinner, whether it's trivia, a board game, or some sort of thinking puzzle. Christmas morning is typically hosted by us at our house where we'll cook everyone breakfast, open gifts, and we always end the day watching a Christmas movie together as a family. Most other holidays like July 4th, Halloween, and Labor Day we take it easy at home or do something small with our friends who live close by. We're excited for holidays with a child in our lives! For birthdays we put up a banner and decorate the kitchen. We always decorate the house for the season and any upcoming holidays or celebrations.



THOUGHTS ON THE FUTURE

We keep our plans very open-ended for a reason. We have hopes and dreams and “nice to haves” but that’s not always in God’s plans, and that is okay and something we remind ourselves of often. We very much enjoy and love the community we’ve built and we do see ourselves staying here long-term. Our family is close by, our friends here are lifelong, and we feel comfortable where we’re at so we don’t have any current plans to make any big moves.

Growing our family is the plan, but how large we grow it is in God’s hands and timing. Right now we are committed to welcoming a first child into our home and we will go from there.

We are blessed to have the opportunity to travel and do so when we can. We mostly travel up and down the east coast visiting family and friends. However, we have gone to Europe the last two years and have loved every moment. We’re incredibly excited to be able to bring our future child on trips with us and acclimate our child into our lives. We feel passionately about traveling and experiencing things outside our front door so we’re looking forward to doing that as a family.

EDUCATION PLANS

We plan to do whatever makes the most sense for our child and give them the best education. Our area has many public schools, however the caliber of private schools we have in the area is also a compelling option. We have a connection to a local private school and can appreciate the opportunities that a private school can bring, however we grew up in public schools and feel properly educated!

In a perfect world, we would love to send our child to college if that is what they feel called to do. We feel that going to college offers a person so much beyond the formal education, and helps build a person into an adult and teaches a sense of individuality. We also want to make sure that our child feels supported in what they see for their future. If they feel strongly about a path that does not include a college education, we will work with them and guide them so that they can have the most successful life possible.



HOME

SWEET

HOME



We live in a newly built home with four bedrooms and four bathrooms and a large fenced in backyard. We have pictures printed of our travels, friends, family, and our wedding all around the house. Our home is full of natural light, cozy furnishings, and subtle pops of color. We enjoy spending time at home doing DIY projects, curling up with a good book or TV show when it rains, and our favorite thing to do is to get up early on Saturday mornings and drink coffee on our back porch with HGTV on in the background. Our backyard is quiet and green and has a canopy of trees covering the space. We spend as much time out on the back porch as the weather allows.

The summers in North Carolina are hot and humid so we also spend time inside! We enjoy putting on our record player and spending happy time together around the house, whether we're bopping around doing dishes, laundry, or chatting, it's a really nice way to spend time. Sometimes you'll catch us getting into the music and doing silly dances together or reenacting our first dance at our wedding. Creating memories is so important to us and something we hold very closely to our hearts, and being ourselves, being silly, in our house is a great way to do that.



WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY!

We live in a very family friendly city. Our community is full of diversity and many things to do as a family. We live in a neighborhood across the street from a greenway, park, bike trails, tennis courts, and a community pool. The neighborhood we live in is full of life and young families, new restaurants, art galleries, and comfortable coffee shops. Additionally, we are conveniently located across from a large food hall with a playground for children that is a big hit on the weekends. We prefer to walk most places if we can, but if we don't, our final destination is usually within a ten minute drive; we're never too far from home! Our city is a very attractive place to raise a family with many school choices, quiet housing developments, and historically built neighborhoods.



OAKLEY
+ SPYRO



Our dogs, Oakley and Spyro are wonderful pets. We rescued both of them and they are both very friendly dogs. They mostly love to go for walks and lounge around. They're both curious but gentle with little ones and we feel confident that they'll adjust just fine to any child we bring into our family.



MEET OUR FAMILY



JOHN'S FAMILY

My parents are John Sr. and Laurianne. They have been happily married for almost forty years. I have three sisters; Taryn, Mary Cate, and Kellie. My sisters are single and do not currently have any children so we do not have any nieces or nephews on my side yet. Following our conversation with my family to let them know of our adoption plans, one of my sisters let us know her plans to also adopt in the future, so that was a very encouraging and exciting thing to hear!

I have a very large family, with my father being one of three and my mom being one of eight. With both sides of my family being from New Jersey, most of my extended family is still in the area which makes it easy to see everyone when we visit throughout the year. I have strong and positive relationships with many of my aunts and uncles and cousins.

BAILEY'S FAMILY

My parents' names are Joel and Suzanne. They divorced when I was five years old but have maintained a healthy relationship with co-parenting. Growing up they had a very amicable relationship and made raising me and my sister, Lindsey, look like a piece of cake. I have three siblings. Lindsey is my sister from my parent's marriage and I have two half-siblings from my mother's second marriage named Samuel and Veronica. My siblings do not currently have any children.

I enjoy building my family ties and staying close with others beyond my immediate family. I have very strong relationships with four of my eight cousins, considering them closely as siblings. My best friend is one of my cousins, Madison. Though my extended family is not all within driving distance, there is an active email thread to update everyone on life's biggest events.



Both sides of the family are very supportive of our decision to welcome a child into our lives through adoption. They are very anxiously awaiting updates every time we chat! Having been raised through Christian faith on both sides of the family we are surrounded by positive thoughts, prayers, and encouragement.



THANK YOU

Thank you again, sincerely, for reading more about us as individuals, as a family, and as potential parents. We know this is not a small decision and we respect you very much for the choices you are considering. We want you to know we are here for you in whatever capacity you need and feel comfortable in. We will always make sure your child knows that you are a key part of who they are and where they come from. We find open and honest communication very important for strong relationships and we promise to always be upfront in a sensitive way to your child. Should they ever have questions we promise to always direct them in the right path and help them to feel at peace. You are an incredibly important piece of their story and we will never leave that out. We always want to keep the conversation open and be there for them should they have any questions about you, how we came to this journey, and adoption as a whole. We will love any child that comes into our home fiercely and unapologetically. They will be welcomed with open arms, lots of love, and tons of laughter. They will have a happy and healthy life and will be given everything they need to thrive and chase after what they believe in. We'll offer them a shoulder to cry on, arms to fall into on the tough days, and ice cream when their heart breaks for the first time. They will travel, try new sports, and get creative. They will make friends and lose friends and make new ones. But they won't do any of this alone. We're so excited to build a life with a child, grow our family, and experience love in a new way. We're so grateful that God has led us down this path and are truly so appreciative of you and your journey. We wish you all the best and you are in our prayers.

*with love,
John + Bailey*

