

LACEY + MIKE





hello!

WE ARE MIKE AND LACEY

Let us start by saying that we are incredibly grateful that you are taking the time to learn about us. Hopefully we'll also have the chance to learn about you as well. We understand that the decision you have to make is difficult and will have a huge impact on you and your child. We know that the decision that you end up making will be the right one.

Adoption is something we have both always been excited about as we've always wished to grow our family. Family is incredibly important to us since we grew up surrounded by family. We can offer an environment where your child will always have a loving family by their side. They would grow up surrounded by cousins to play with, amazing aunts and uncles and loving grandparents. We look forward to speaking and getting to know you in the future and providing your child with a loving environment so that they can have the best well-rounded relationships they deserve.

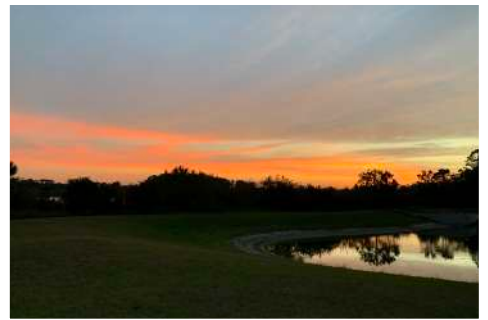
We hope this book shows you a little bit of who we are as a family.

OUR *Love* STORY

We met online through a school forum while we were both in college. What started as assisting each other with classes turned into a long-term friendship. That friendship eventually turned into a loving relationship. The two of us have

always been on the same page since the beginning, well at least for major life decisions. When the question is “What should we do for dinner?,” then the claws might come out. After being friends for over 5 years, we started dating for another 3 before eventually getting engaged. We got married a year later with a myriad of family and friends present. Nine years later, we consider each other best friends and can handle anything life throws at us as we work together to tackle our life goals.





**WE LIVE IN A 4
BEDROOM, 2 STORY
HOME IN A QUIET
AND FRIENDLY
NEIGHBORHOOD IN
CENTRAL FLORIDA.**

There's plenty of space for a child to grow up in. The community we live in is very diverse with people of all backgrounds. There are many families with children you see playing in their yards with each other and riding their bikes around the neighborhood. We have a community pool, playground, and walking trails that go through neighboring communities. The K-12 schools in the area are all A rated schools and are all within a few miles. The elementary school is a two-way dual language school where children can learn to read and write in two languages. Our community is centered around multiple theme parks and other family-friendly activities for entertainment.

HI, I'M *Lacey*

I AM FUN-LOVING, KIND, AND COMPASSIONATE. MY NAME IS SAID TO MEAN CHEERFUL, WHICH IS HOW I AM AROUND MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN THE KIND OF PERSON TO HELP SOMEONE OUT AS LONG AS I CAN.



I love problem solving and figuring out puzzles which has helped me in my career as an accountant. I enjoy days of relaxation at home, but I love being outdoors. Whenever possible I want to just get in the car and drive to the beach to enjoy the ocean and sunshine. I grew up along the Suwannee river, where I enjoyed boating and swimming. I enjoy being in nature where I can walk along nature trails, kayak, tube down the rivers and swim in the springs. I love seeing the sunrise in the morning and the different phases of the moonlight at night.

WHAT MIKE *Loves best* ABOUT LACEY

Lacey is my best friend. She has a strong personality, but is easy going and adventurous. She is always up for trying new things. That's what I believe she would instill as a parent, to be courageous and open to new ideas. I've seen her work with kids in her job as a preschool teacher and interact with our nieces and nephews. She lights up when she's around kids, as if she's meant to be a parent. I think she would be a role model to our future child and instill values, while being fun-loving and engaging in their interests.



Hey, I'm **MIKE**

MY NAME IS MICHAEL, BUT I USUALLY GO BY MIKE. I CONSIDER MYSELF AN EASYGOING PERSON BUT I AM FOCUSED WHEN IT COMES TO MY CAREER AND FAMILY.



I've always been drawn to numbers and math, and as such, made it my career as an accountant. I enjoy making people laugh and often use humor to lighten the mood or make a connection with others. Most people would say that I'm dependable and always willing to lend a hand if I have the ability to. I enjoy spending a relaxing day in and playing video games. I also enjoy spending the entire day out going to theme parks, water parks, walking around our neighborhoods, or spending hours by our community pool.

WHAT LACEY *Loves best* ABOUT MIKE

Mike has always been supportive of me no matter what decision I make in life. He's been by my side for the ups and downs with compassion and without judgment. One of the things that drew me towards him at first was that I felt like I could go to him about anything. I've seen the same sense of empathy with co-workers as he's the kind of person that everyone goes to for answers without the fear of being looked down on. I believe he would provide that same kind of support as a parent. I remember when our nephew stayed with us for a few days as a toddler and how he was drawn to Mike. It was one of the first times he was without his parents, and one night he went to lie down with Mike in front of the TV as he would his own father.



A FEW OF OUR *favorite* THINGS



WE ENJOY A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES, RANGING FROM QUIET FUN NIGHTS AT HOME TO RELAXING IN NATURE AS WELL AS BEING INVOLVED IN MORE OF THE CITY LIFE.



At home, we can spend hours together watching movies or playing cards and board games. That's when our competitive sides come out and what starts as a simple game of rummy turns into a best of 5 showdown.



We have a mix where Mike is a little more city-like and Lacey is a little more on the nature side. We like going to all kinds of sporting events cheering on our home teams as well as visiting multiple theme parks in the area. We enjoy hiking and visiting the various state parks that Florida has to offer.



We also love spending weekends relaxing on the beach with the ocean waves in the background while we enjoy time being with each other and unwinding.



MAKING *memories*



FAMILY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO BOTH OF US.

Growing up in an Italian household, Sundays have always been a time for family dinners where everyone comes together, even family friends, to spend hours together and enjoy each other's company while Mike's mom spends the day cooking for the entire family (that's her passion).

Holidays are also a favorite time of the year, where we love to decorate the house and get into the holiday spirit. Multiple years, we've hosted both families for Christmas dinner. With Lacey's family, during Christmas, we've had the entire family stay for days in our house and play family games such as charades. The family also likes to have Secret Santa exchanges while sharing memories.



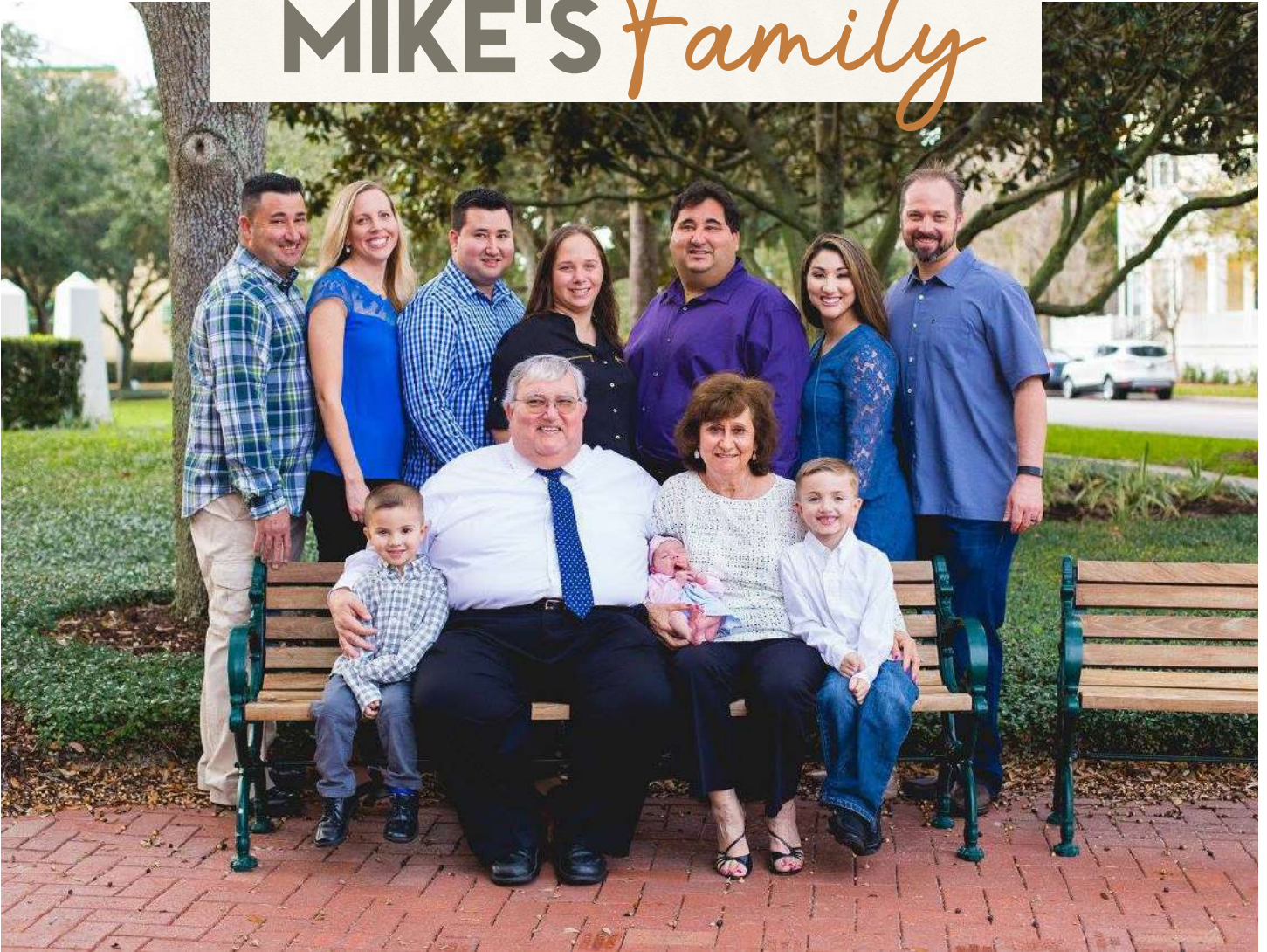
LACEY'S Family



I grew up in a family with 3 siblings. I have an older brother, an older sister, and a younger sister. Between my siblings, I have 3 nephews and potentially a niece as my sister is in the process of adopting a little girl that she's fostering. Most of my family lives a few hours away in quieter areas of Florida. My older sister and her kids live in Texas, but we try to travel back and forth often to visit. Growing up, my family was always outdoors. We lived right near the river, so we would spend the entire day swimming in Florida's natural springs, some of which were walking distance from our house, or tubing down the river. We would also have big get-togethers with family, friends, and most of the neighborhood for cookouts and celebrations. My parents still live in that area so it's a great way for our future child to experience nature and more of what Florida has to offer.



MIKE'S *Family*



I have a big family with a lot of extended family members. I have two older brothers and a younger sister and we are all very close and see each other regularly. I grew up in an Italian household, so much of our time was spent around the dinner table and enjoying each other's company and talking. Between my siblings, I have 2 nephews and 2 nieces. My 2 nieces are younger and live a few houses away, so our future child would have cousins that they can walk down the street and play with. I also have a huge extended family with over 20 cousins where we have family get-togethers periodically.

Our Promise

& WHY WE HOPE TO ADOPT



Early on in our marriage we had always discussed adoption as a way to grow our family, even if we had biological children. Adoption has always been on our hearts. We have a lot of love to give and have always wanted to be parents more than anything else. At this point in our lives, we believe this is the path that God has chosen us to go on. **We promise to love your child**

unconditionally. We would raise your child in a nurturing environment where they can learn to be themselves while still learning to be respectful of others. We want them to have a sense of adventure and be willing to try new things. We will always encourage them to follow their passions in life.



*much love,
Mike & Lacey*

**THANK YOU FOR GETTING
TO KNOW US!**

*And no matter where this journey
leads you, we wish you all the best.*