



Laura & Brad



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our letter to you

Hi, there. It's hard to know where to start when we think about writing to you. We haven't met yet but you are someone our family already loves and prays for often. **We're blown away by your courage, overwhelmed by the love you have for your child, and honored that ours is a family you would consider placing your child with.** We recognize this is an impossible decision to make, but we also see it as an act of great love. **If chosen, we would make sure your child always knows these important things**

about you: That you loved them so much, you hand-picked the family they would join. That you cared so deeply, you chose a life for them that would include the things that are most important to you. All the days of their life, your child will have a clear example of what brave love looks like. Thank you for taking the time to look through our profile today. We hope you'll see how much we would love your child and that you feel a sense of peace while reading our story.

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Why Adoption?

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We've always wanted to be parents. Some of our favorite times together are when we get to be with our nieces and nephews or our friend's children. **We love having kids in our home and dream of sharing all the love we have with our future children.** After two years of marriage, we were excited to start growing our family. Unfortunately, that hasn't been easy for us, and we experienced infertility for many years. While none of the treatments we sought were successful, our desire to grow our family never changed. **Adoption is common in our community.** We have many friends and coworkers who've pursued adoption and modeled for us what it looks like to grow a family this way. We also have a niece and nephew who are not biologically related to our family but are 100% part of us. We love them just the same and can't imagine our family without them. We know that family isn't made by blood, but by love, and we are ready to give a child our unconditional love for life.

MEET BRAD



My prayer is that our child grows up knowing how much they are loved by God, their birth parents, and their adoptive parents. I pray they always know we will encourage them, cherish them, and delight in all the things that make them special.



*Honest, hard-working,
loyal, and fun.*

What I look forward to:

I look forward to being called “dad” and being able to be loving, caring, and joyful with my child. There are so many things that I love about being an uncle that I can only imagine the joy of being a dad. From the hard times to the fun times, I’m looking forward to all that it means to love and care for a child.



MY CAREER

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We own an automotive repair shop that is located less than a mile from our home. As the owner, I get to be the one who creates a family-friendly culture with our team, make sure we provide honest and reliable care for our customers, and look for ways to give back to our community. These are my favorite parts of being a small business owner. My schedule is very flexible, and I will be taking as much time off as needed for the adoption.

A few things *I enjoy:*

- Time with Laura
- Time with friends
- Game nights
- Working out
- Pickle ball
- Reading

GROWING UP:

My parents didn't have much, so at an early age, I was taught the value of hard work and making a way for myself. While we will be able to provide more for our children than I experienced growing up, having a strong work ethic is a value I'm proud of and one I want to teach our children about, too.



MEET LAURA

My prayer is that our child would experience the endless joy that comes from knowing and loving God. I pray they always feel secure in how deeply loved they are and confident that we will always point them to the truth.



*Warm, inviting,
disciplined, and resilient.*



What I look forward to:

I can't wait to have a child to share our family traditions with and to make new ones. I can't wait to get to know their personality and all the things that make them special! I look forward to seeing Brad be a dad and know and love him in a new way. Since we've been married for almost 13 years, our family feels very "established." I'm excited to build on that by adding to our family.



MY CAREER

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I have worked at the same church for the last fourteen years. My love for God’s people and desire to see others know Him makes my “job” a true joy. My work environment is very family-friendly and flexible. It’s normal for my teammates to have their kids with them in the office and always at any outside events. I plan to take 12 weeks off for the adoption. We either plan to have in-home care and/or for me to go part-time at work. We’re grateful to both have enough flexibility with our work to have options when it comes to childcare.

A few things *I enjoy:*

- Time with Brad
- Hosting friends/family
- Party planning
- Traveling
- Long walks
- Podcasts

GROWING UP:

Celebrating holidays, having special traditions for ordinary things, and telling stories before bed are all things I want to carry on to our child. My dad used to drop my siblings and me off at school every day, and every time, he would say, “Study hard. Be sharp. Remember who you are.” This helped shape my identity in a simple but consistent way. It’s things like this that made a big impact on me that I would be sure to do for my kids, too.



about Laura

WRITTEN BY BRAD

Laura is my favorite person. She is so caring and considerate and every day I'm blown away that she married me. She is an incredibly disciplined person who always does what she says she will do. She pursues her relationship with Jesus every day by reading her Bible, praying, and seeking ways to be more like Him. **She is so loving and is always looking for ways to care for others**, whether that's taking coffee to her hair stylist, bringing flowers to her friends, or baking treats for coworkers. Our home is filled with friends and guests all the time and everyone who walks in our home sees how much thought has gone into Laura's decorations or meals. **Laura is incredible with children!** We have three nieces and four nephews and they all absolutely adore her. Whenever we are around our family, she always has a child attached to her wherever she goes. Our nieces love to have sleepovers at our house. Laura has created a sleepover box for them filled with games, activities, and their favorite things. They beg to come and spend the night all the time! Laura makes sure they have everything they need, she does their nighttime routine and even "face care." Laura will be such a great mother. I can say this confidently as I've seen her love our nieces in the way that she takes care of them, speaks to them, and encourages them. She makes sure they are taken care of before she sits down or does anything for herself. **She makes sure they feel secure in our house and works hard to show them how much she loves them.**

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about Brad

WRITTEN BY LAURA

Brad is the greatest man I know. He’s humble and hardworking. **He is full of integrity and true to his word.** I always joke that everyone loves Brad, but especially babies and older people. He has a disarming personality that makes it easy to know him and love him. He’s playful, fun, and loves to make everything a silly competition. I love Brad because he’s steady - not easily flustered or stressed. He loves Jesus deeply and proves it daily in the way he lives and works and makes decisions. He loves his family, too. He understands his role as our provider and protector and it gives me both peace and confidence knowing he’s leading our family. Brad is a super strategic thinker. He can quickly figure out the most efficient and effective way to do something. His adventurous spirit runs deep! He pulls me out of my comfort zone and introduces me to new things. **“Uncle B” is every child’s favorite.** Whether it’s our nieces, nephews, or our friend’s kids, Brad is the go-to for games and fun. He has the heart of a teacher, quick to show how to do something. He’s creative - always coming up with a new game or fun adventure. Brad is excited to be a dad because he loves children and he loves our family. He’ll be the kind of father that is reliable and always shows up. **He’ll model what it looks like to own his mistakes and forgive quickly. He’ll be silly and sweet and make everyday life feel fun.** Brad will be the kind of dad a kid is proud to have and one they will want to be like when they grow up.



How We Met

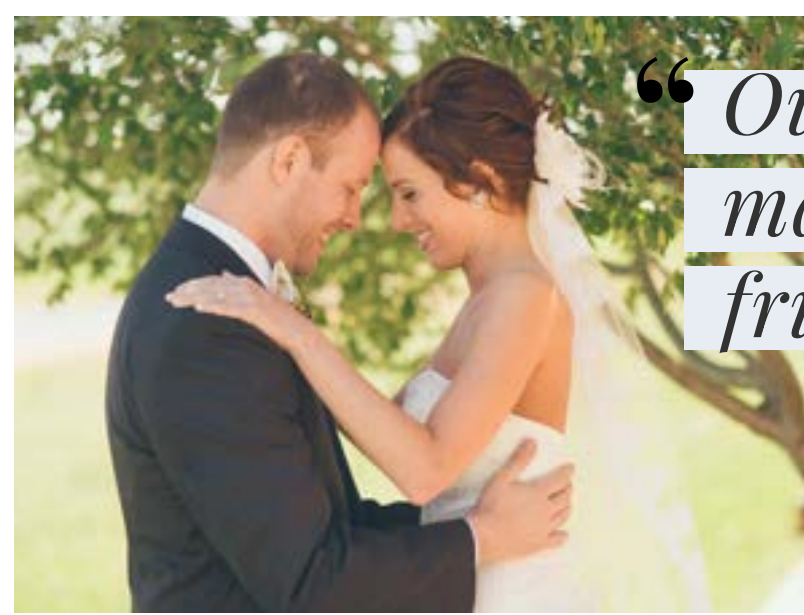
WRITTEN BY LAURA

I met Brad through a small group at church shortly after college. Our love story was rather quick in that we met for the first time in March and were married the following April. I remember being so nervous on our first date that I ordered a salad (which I don't even like) and could barely make eye contact. Fortunately, I didn't let my nerves get the best of me. We both quickly realized that we valued the same things and genuinely enjoyed spending time together. During our time dating we would take walks together after work at a nearby park. We found a bench swing in the middle of the park and fell in love in that very spot. It's where we really got to know each other, sharing our hearts, fears, hopes and things that are most important to each of us.

The Proposal

WRITTEN BY BRAD

Just a few months into dating, I knew Laura was the one I wanted to share the rest of my life with. Since we spent so much time at the park on that swing during our time dating, I knew it was the perfect place to propose. I lined the sidewalk with Diet Coke (Laura's favorite), glowing balloons in her favorite colors, and scripture. Laura thought I was out of town and had made plans to go to dinner with a mutual friend (I arranged for that friend to take her to the park after dinner). When Laura arrived, she saw the path lit up with lights and her favorite things. I even had a friend playing saxophone with some of her favorite songs! At the end of the path was our bench swing, where we had fallen in love. When Laura got there, I got on one knee and proposed. We celebrated at a small party I had planned with all our family and friends.



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Our Wedding

WRITTEN BY LAURA

I'm a farmer's daughter and somehow convinced my dad to let me get married during the busyness of the spring planting season. My uncle married us in the church where I grew up surrounded by all our favorite people. Our wedding reception was in my parents' yard on our family farm. The barn (that just a couple of weeks before was full of animals and farm equipment!) was magically transformed into a beautiful wedding venue. I had always loved the movie "Father of the Bride" and wanted to have a similar nostalgic feel on my own special day. It was such a sweet occasion! My dad picked the song he and I would dance to and surprised me with "Pooh Corner," a song he sang to me growing up. It's one of my favorite wedding memories!

Our Marriage

WRITTEN BY BRAD

Laura and I have been married for twelve and a half years. We love Jesus more than we love each other and that alone keeps our marriage strong. Our favorite part of marriage is the deep friendship we share. **We're each other's "person" - the one we want to share our fears, our hopes, our failures, and successes with.** One way we try to make sure we have good communication is by asking each other, "What made you mad, sad and glad today?" It allows us to unpack our days together by sharing any situations or feelings that might not come up in conversation otherwise. Knowing what each other loves to celebrate, what hurts our hearts or disappoints us has brought us so much closer. It's a natural way we talk to each other.

Our Family Values



1. Faith

We strive to be more like Jesus every day. This means that we read our Bible, pray, and look to put others above ourselves. This is our greatest value and everything else is rooted in this.



2. Truth

When it comes to our words, we tell the truth, and when it comes to what we believe, we know there is only one truth. In our family, we promise to tell the truth no matter what and eliminate anything in our lives that could damage trust.



3. Hard Work

We work hard in everything we do. We make it a habit to give our best effort the first time and every time. We do our part to be faithful in our responsibilities and take care the things we've been entrusted with.



4. Joy

We love to have fun together! Whether that's playing games, being with friends, celebrating milestones or just the ordinary everyday parts of life, we always look for ways to create more joy. Yes, we work hard, but we play hard, too! Even in the most ordinary days, there is joy to be found.

OUR KENTUCKY

home

Our home is a new build with four bedrooms and two and half baths. We love to entertain and make it a point to have people in our home often. We love to host dinners, game nights, and sleepovers with our nieces and nephews. Our favorite place to spend time in our home is around our kitchen table. It's where we laugh, play, work, and have the best conversations. Whether it's just the two of us or we bring extra chairs to make room for all our friends, the kitchen is the hub of our home and our favorite place to be. As we grow our family, we hope our home is full of joy and laughter and our child feels secure and surrounded by people who love them. We hope our kids remember our home as a warm and safe place they can always come back to.

Gus is our ten-year-old goldendoodle. He's snuggly and sweet and brings our family and home such joy! He's great with kids and is always the first one our nieces and nephews ask to see when they Facetime or visit.

We live in Kentucky and believe it's one of the most beautiful parts of the country! We love being surrounded by farmland and a few midsize cities. Our community is full of children and young families and is a great place to grow up. Our church is a huge part of our life and a big part of our community. There are so many ways to be involved with other young families, from regular Sunday church to special events. These are things we do all the time and we can't wait to include our future children. Since we own our own business, we consider them an extended family of ours. We do things throughout the year such as a Christmas party, summer family event, and also a service day. We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries and have a weekly team lunch where we laugh and have fun together. We interact with their families often and love it when they get to bring their kids or spouses to the shop.







My parents are Scott and Jeannie - they've been married for 39 years and have three kids. I am the oldest. My brother Drew is two years younger than me and is married to his wife Summer and they have four kids: Cash (15), Stella (12), Hadley (8), Eliza (6). I also have a sister, Erin, who is nine years younger than me. My family is close and all live within an hour and a half of each other. We make it a point to spend time together as often as possible. My family is so excited about the adoption! Our nieces and nephews can't wait to meet their new cousins, and my parents are eager to have more grandchildren to love. I know our kids will love spending time on the farm, and I can't wait for them to experience all the love and traditions that make our family so special.

our families

My parents are divorced and remarried. My mom, Rhonda, and her husband, Lynn have been married for 35 years. My dad, Gary, and his wife, Joyce have been married for 30 years. I have an older brother, Dave, that I'm extremely close to. We're 18 months apart. Dave and his wife Jen have three boys: Benaiah (14), Noah (12), Kenan (9). I have a very close relationship with them. Dave and his family live in Kansas. We Facetime regularly and see them a couple times a year. He is beyond excited for our adoption and has been praying for us for years as we have walked through this journey. He has three boys who can't wait to have a new cousin! My brother's family loves to play games and they will be thrilled to have a new family member to include in our adventures together.





Laura loves Christmas

My siblings and I grew up making peanut butter fudge with my dad for Christmas and gingerbread houses with the cousins. I can't wait to host the gingerbread party with all our nieces, nephews, and our future children! Brad and I pick out an ornament each December that represents something special from that year. We have a tree covered with memories that represent our family.



Brad loves 4th of July

Around this time of year, we go to Laura's parents' house and have "Canoe Fest" where our friends and family canoe down the river behind the family farm. Laura and I typically have our nieces in our canoe which always makes for a fun adventure. When we get back to the house, we grill out, make homemade ice cream and play in the pool!



Laura loves Daylight Savings

This is my favorite holiday! I get so excited when the seasons change and the days get longer. It means summer is close and soon we'll be able to plant flowers, go for walks, and enjoy being outside! We always make a Kitty Cake to celebrate this day. It's our famous family recipe passed down from my side of the family that we make to celebrate all kinds of special occasions!

Brad loves Thanksgiving

We celebrate Thanksgiving on the farm at Laura's parents house. It's always been a holiday that included a lot of family: hers, mine, or anyone who didn't have a place to go. I always look forward to the Friday after Thanksgiving when we eat leftovers and play games. It's one of our absolute favorite holidays.





Things We *enjoy*

We love to travel! This past year we've been to Disney World, the beach, New York City, and all over Italy. Even more than exploring new places, we love to visit our family and celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays.

We love to go for walks together at the end of the day and catch up. We also love to work out together at the gym. Each night we make it a point to eat together. Some nights that's ordering pizza, but most nights it's making dinner together. We enjoy sitting down to share a meal and recapping what happened that day.



OUR FUTURE

We have roots in our community and do not have plans to move away. We do hope to build a house on some land one day, but we plan for that to be in the town where we currently live. We love to travel and hope to see and explore new places over the years. We also hope to grow our business and continue to invest in our community in the years to come. **Our values are rooted in our Christian faith.** We're so grateful to be a part of a church family and have a community of friends who share these same values. We know our children will be surrounded by like-minded friends and family.

Our greatest prayer as parents is that our kids would know and love Jesus and walk with Him every day of their lives. **Here are a few character traits we model in our home that we will instill in our children:**

- **A Love for God's Word:** We want our children to have a love for Scripture and look to it for wisdom and to grow closer to God.
- **Being Kind:** We treat others with love and respect and will expect our kids to do the same.
- **Doing What's Right:** We stand up for what's right and always try to do the right thing, even when it's hard.
- **Showing Humility:** We understand that all of us will mess up at times. When we do, we admit it, apologize, and make changes so we grow from that mistake.
- **Helping Others:** We all need help sometimes. We will model for our child what it looks like to ask for help when we need it, and offer to help others when we can.

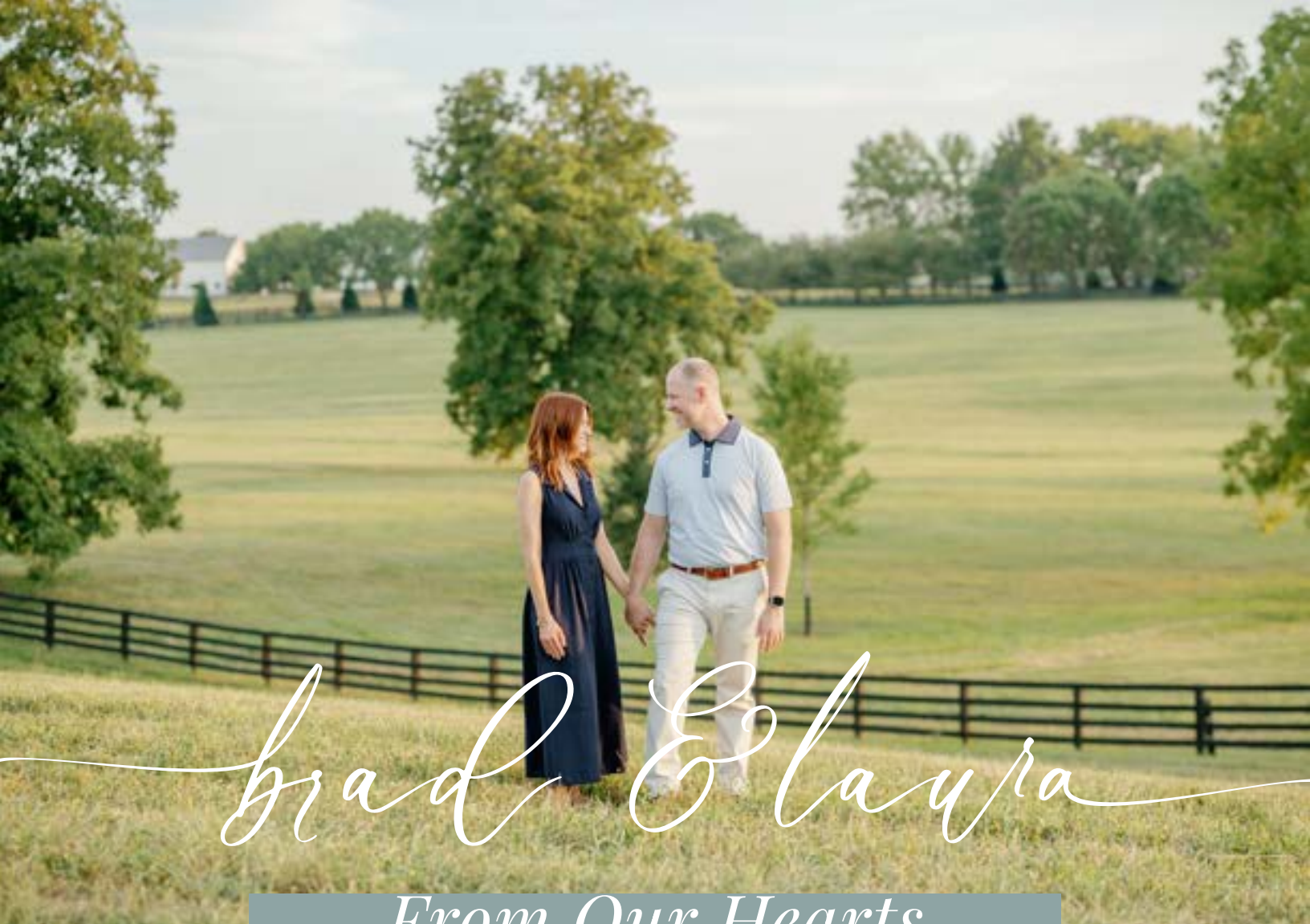
PLANS FOR EDUCATION

We want the things our kids learn and hear at school to be the same values that we teach them at home. We plan to send our child to a private Christian school or a home school cohort. **We understand the importance of building their worldview from a young age and want to equip them with the tools they need to think critically.** We will do everything we can to provide opportunities for our child's future.

Whether that be college, trade school or something else - **we will provide financially and prayerfully walk alongside them as they make big decisions about their future.** We want to help them navigate this pivotal part of life. Making big decisions about the future can be overwhelming! We want to help our kids discover all the unique gifts and skills they have and how they can use them in a way that brings joy to them and glory to God.

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Brad & Laura

From Our Hearts

You made it to the end! We hope you were able to see that we have so much love to give. **If you choose us, please know that you will be honored in our home.** We will protect your story and communicate it carefully. You will always play an important role in our family.

We promise to provide a home for your child where:

- Moments are celebrated and mistakes are forgiven.
- There's always candy in the bowl and a soft couch to land on.
- We dance in the kitchen and roll up our sleeves when it's time to get to work.

You play an irreplaceable role in your child's life, and we are so grateful that you would consider inviting us to do the same. We can't wait to meet you!

