



Our Lifebook: *Josh & Hope*

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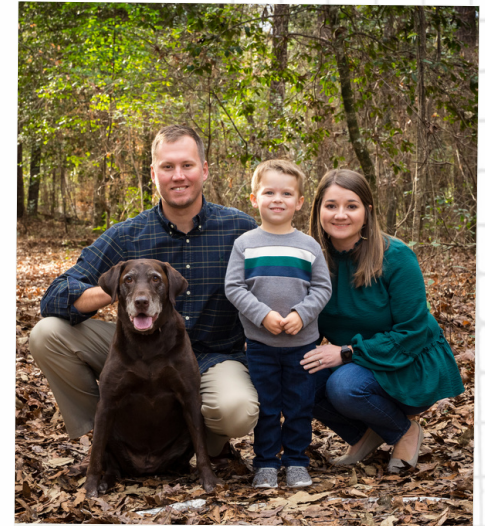
Where do we begin? It is so hard to put into words everything we want to tell you and how much you are on our hearts and minds. Thank you for considering adoption for your baby and taking time to consider us as a part of your story. We don't know the situation that led you here or the circumstances you are facing, but we admire your strength and courage. Although we haven't met, we already have a deep love and respect for you and have been praying for you and your child. We don't know your specific needs, but God does. We pray He will meet you wherever you are with peace and grace, and that He provides wisdom to guide you through every step of this process.

Our journey in having a child has been long and difficult. After years of struggle, we chose to stop pursuing fertility treatments and grow our family through adoption. We adopted our son, Hatcher, in 2018, and are excited to add to our family again. We would be honored to be parents to your little one and will provide a supporting, encouraging, and safe home. Your precious baby would be nurtured, cherished, and loved unconditionally by us and our families. We will provide for every need and strive to build a life full of joy, hope, and happiness.

If we become part of the plan for your baby, you will forever hold a special place in our hearts. We will continue to pray for you. The message to your child about you will always be positive and respectful, and he/she will know what an amazing, selfless role you played in their lives. We are willing to meet you and will also send photos and sharing sheets if you ultimately choose us to love your baby. We hope this book provides insight into our lives and what life would look like as part of our family.

Ephesians 3:20 says, "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us." We pray that God will do abundantly more for you and your child than you or we could ever dream. It is an absolute privilege for our family to be considered as a part of your journey.

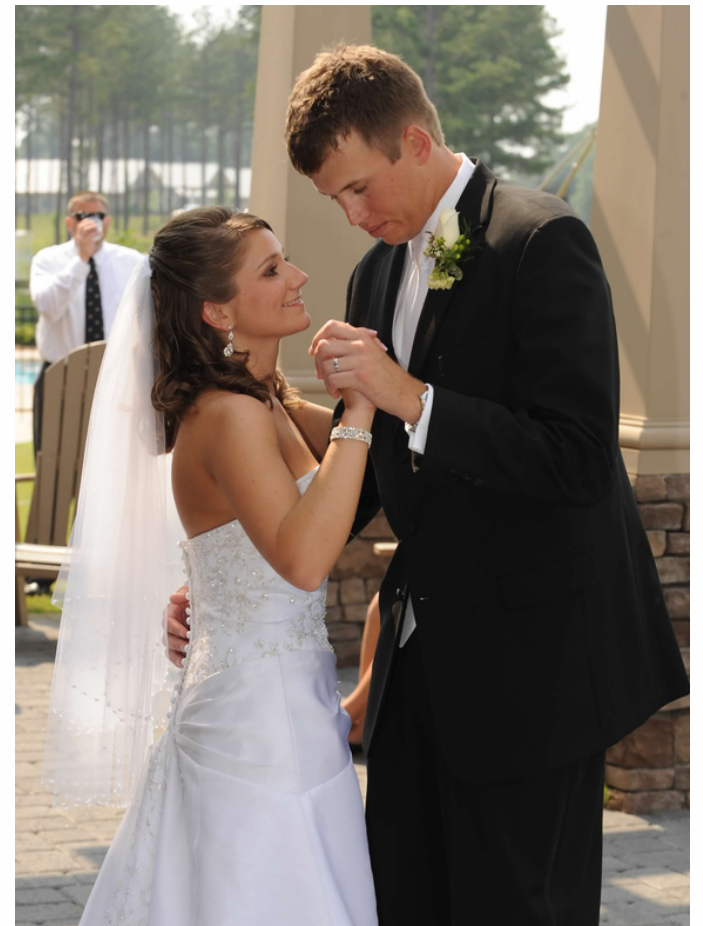
With Love,  
*Josh & Hope*





## *Our Story*

We met during college. Josh first saw Hope while playing golf with a mutual friend in Hope's hometown. Hope was dating someone else at the time, but he never forgot and soon learned she was single. With the help of our mutual friend and Hope's sister, we were eventually set up on a date in 2008. The first time we ever talked on the phone, the conversation lasted more than two hours. We have a lot in common including our love for Jesus, family, friends, sports, and serving others. We eventually fell in love and knew we wanted to spend the rest of our lives together. Josh proposed on the same golf course where he first saw Hope. We got married in 2010 surrounded by more than 300 of our family and friends. It was one of the best days of our lives. We have experienced joys and challenges in our marriage, but remain committed to each other and hope our relationship is a good example of love to our children.



# About Josh

Written by Hope

Josh is a middle school teacher and coaches softball and high school baseball. He previously coached basketball, golf, and tennis as well. He serves as a great role model for students at the school, and always finds a way to make his students laugh. We work at the same school, so the students love to joke about how tall he is (6'5") and how short I am (5'1"). He loves all things outdoors including sports, hunting, and fishing. He played baseball and golf in college. He enjoys sharing his hobbies with others, especially younger kids.

When I first met Josh, I was immediately attracted to his sense of humor. No matter the situation, he can find a way to make you smile. He has a giving, generous heart and is always willing to help those in need. He is encouraging and supportive, loves us unconditionally, and provides for our every need. He loves to grill, woodwork, spend time outdoors, and hang out with his buddies. He is an amazing dad! He and Hatcher love to work in the shop, play baseball and golf together, and wrestle one another. He is a fun, involved, and loving father.





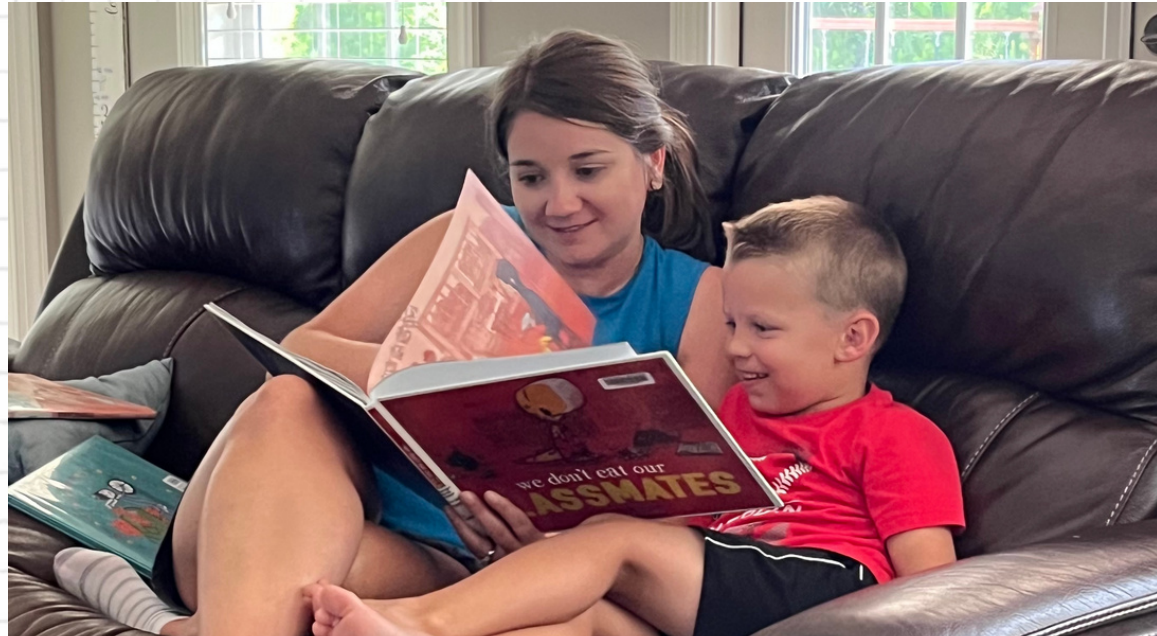
# About Hope

Written by Josh

Hope is the most compassionate and kindhearted person I know. The thing that first attracted me to her was how she cared for her then 10 year old little sister, and I knew watching her then that she would be an incredible mom. Hope has a love for children, as she has taught elementary school, works with students in FFA, serves in the kid's ministry at church, and is currently teaching middle school. She is an avid UGA Bulldogs fan; regardless of the sport, she is yelling "Go Dawgs!" Hope gives her all no matter the situation, and puts in a lot of time to invest in and serve the people around her.

Hope is a fantastic wife and mom. She is encouraging, patient, and nurturing. She enjoys teaching and playing with Hatcher, and loves planning adventures for us to make memories. She is incredibly supportive of Hatcher, like helping coach his tee-ball team, assisting him in making Valentines for all his classmates, and taking pride in planning his birthday party each year. From reading thousands of books, to planting a yearly garden, to participating in many community events, she and Hatcher have a bond that is truly unbreakable. I know that Hope has more to give and is ready for another child to enter our family.







## About Hatcher

Hatcher is our four year old son. We adopted him in November of 2018. He was born on Thanksgiving Day, and we got to bring him home when he was two days old. He is kind, caring, and sweet. He loves dinosaurs, reptiles, and building with Legos or magnet tiles. He also enjoys playing tee-ball, golfing, and being outside.

We love to read, cook, and garden together. Making memories with him is our top priority, from big trips like Legoland and Seaworld, to holiday traditions like decorating his own Christmas tree and dying Easter eggs, to the little things like bath and story time. He stays with our parents while we are at work, so they have a strong relationship. He started part-time at a local preschool when he was two years old, and will begin pre-k at an elementary school this fall. He knows all his numbers, letters, colors, and shapes, and enjoys learning new things. He has gained lots of friends at school and likes to spend time and celebrate with them at birthday parties and other events.

He's a big helper, and he is happy when we're all together. He looks forward to being a big brother and can't wait to share with and teach his new sibling.







## Meet Harper

Harper is our ten year old chocolate lab. We've had her since she was six weeks old and trained her as a puppy. She is sweet, gentle, loving, and playful. She likes playing fetch with a tennis ball, snuggling, and traveling with us. Harper enjoys playing with children and is a loving playmate and great "sister" to Hatcher.



## Our Other "Dawgs"

We love cheering on the Georgia Bulldogs at different sporting events. We attend most home football games in the fall and also travel to different venues to watch the team play, like the Rose Bowl in California a few years ago. We also enjoy attending softball, baseball, basketball, and gymnastic events when we have the chance. We look forward to sharing these experiences with our child and teaching him/her to say "Go Dawgs."





## *Our Hobbies*

We love spending time with our family and friends at cookouts, sporting events, and other gatherings. We like to travel and explore, and usually vacation with our families at least once a year. We host a Bible Study in our home once a week with many of our friends and look forward to spending time with them. Hope's parents have a pool, so we gather there on hot days to cool off and enjoy time with extended family. Sometimes it's nice just to be home, so we relax by having movie nights and making popcorn or homemade cookies, playing board and card games, or building a fire and making s'mores. We love celebrating holidays together. Christmas is one of our favorites. We decorate a real Christmas tree together every year and always take a trip to look at Christmas lights. Since we're both off work during holidays and the summer, we spend a lot of time together as a family going to the zoo, aquarium, local library, pool, movies, and other places. Our child will have the opportunity to explore their interests and choose activities he/she wants to do that will become our hobbies as well.

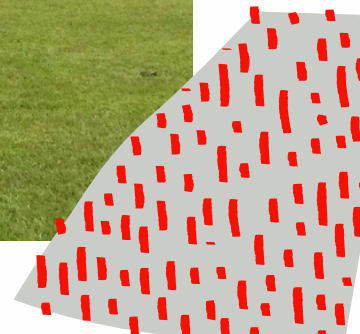


# Our Home

Seven years ago, we built our new home on eleven acres of family land. It's a 3 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom home with an office, formal dining room, and bonus room. The house has a spacious living room and open kitchen where lots of memories are made. We've got a big backyard with a swing set, play area, and raised garden beds. The driveway is paved, so it's a great place to learn to ride a scooter, bike, or roller skate. There is also a detached shop with plenty of room to store outdoor toys. We enjoy celebrating holidays, birthdays, and other events in our home.

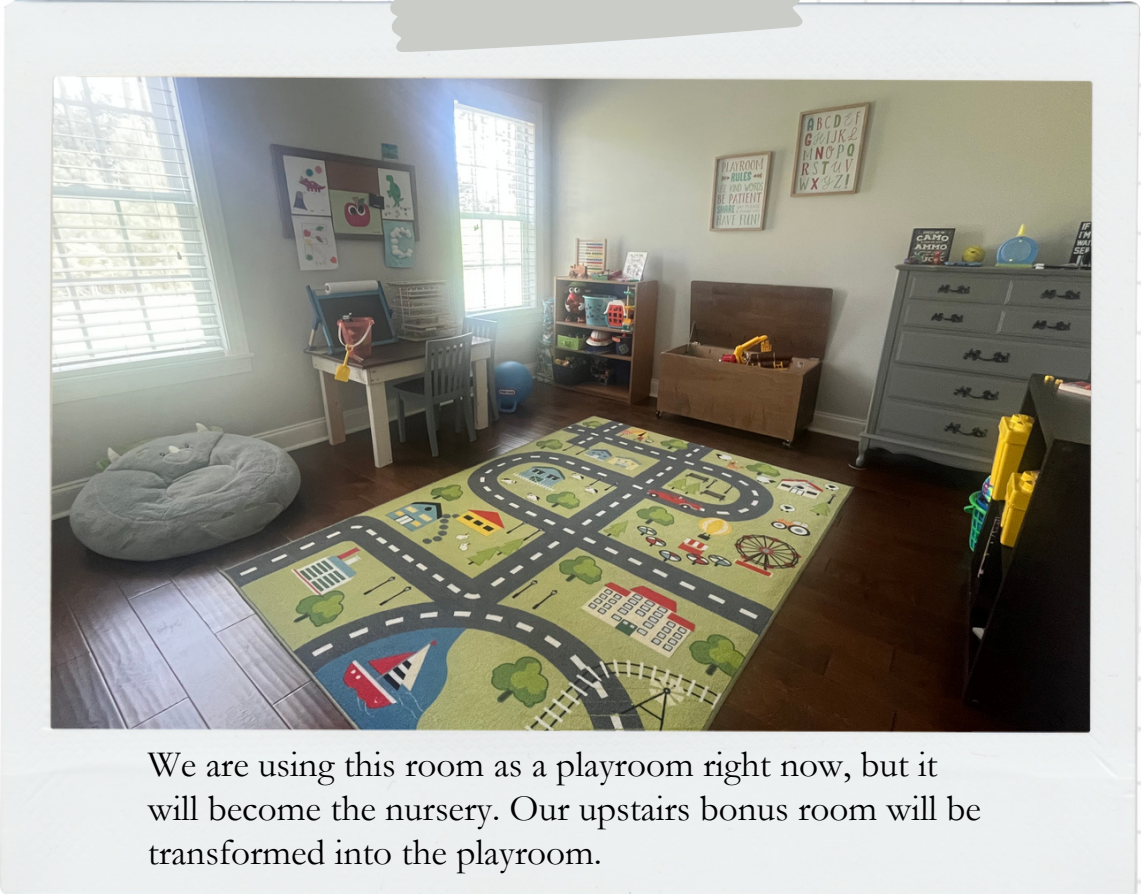


Hope's parents live less than a mile down the road, and many of her extended family members are local to the area as well. Family is always nearby for whatever we need. Our community is full of genuine people with loving arms who gather around each other in times of need. There are plenty of playgrounds, parks, and activities in the area. We live and work in a great community with excellent schools. Our church has a wonderful children and youth program that will help build a strong foundation of God's love.





Our nursery design inspiration.



We are using this room as a playroom right now, but it will become the nursery. Our upstairs bonus room will be transformed into the playroom.





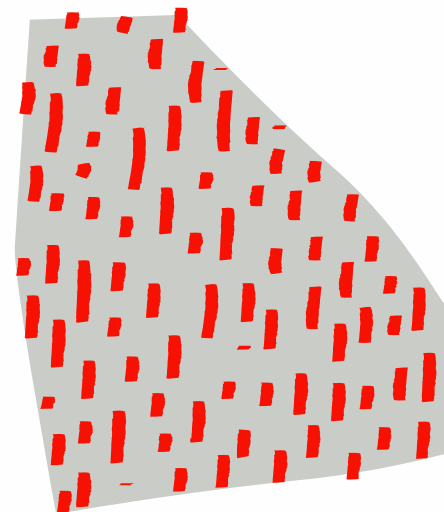
## Hope's Family



Hope's parents are both retired educators and are willing to care for our child while we're at work. They live right down the road, so our child can look forward to doing crafts with Jiji, working outside with Poppy, and swimming with them in their pool often.

Hope has two sisters. Laura and her husband, Jared, live out of state, but visit as often as they can. They have two sons - Ridge (5) and Landry (3). Caitlin lives about two hours away. They are both loving aunts and love doing fun activities like making gingerbread houses and decorating Easter eggs with the kids.

We vacation together every summer, usually at the beach. Most of Hope's extended family also lives nearby so there are lots of little ones to play with. We get together every holiday. For example, we have a massive egg hunt on Easter. We've even done a glow in the dark version the last few years! We're a tight knit family and support each other through the celebrations and challenges of life.



# Josh's Family

Josh grew up in a very loving family. Josh's mom, known as Gram to Hatcher, moved closer to us about three years ago, and now lives 15 minutes away. She helps keep Hatcher during the week and joins Hope's family for big holiday gatherings. She has a seasonal craft business and is able to spend quality time with us regularly. She loves taking Hatcher to feed the turtles and fish at the ponds in her neighborhood and enjoys cheering on Josh's sports teams.

Josh's dad passed away in 2015 from cancer, but we look forward to telling our children stories about him. He instilled in Josh his love for Christ, sports, and serving others. Josh's brother Matthew and his wife, Lexie, live about two hours away, but visit regularly. They have two kids - Titus (3), who is also adopted, and Deacon (less than 1). We vacation together every other year and love celebrating holidays as a family.







# Our Friends & Community







## *Why Adopt?*

The decision to adopt has been made after much thought and prayer, and is based on our desire to expand our family. We long to have another child to love, nurture, and raise in our caring, Christian home. Infertility has been a large part of our lives the past eight years with many unsuccessful attempts. The heartbreaking failures we have experienced have only strengthened our desire for a child. Instead of continuing to pursue more expensive and physically challenging fertility treatments, God has laid it on our hearts to grow our family through adoption again. We believe that the Lord has guided us to a place that could make a difference in the life of someone else. We hope we might be an answer to your prayers, just like you and your baby could be the answer to ours. We promise to love unconditionally, provide for, teach, and cherish your child. We pray that you will find comfort in knowing that your child will be in a loving, stable home with an extended family and community that supports our decision with excitement and welcomes your child with open arms.

