Greg & Brianna

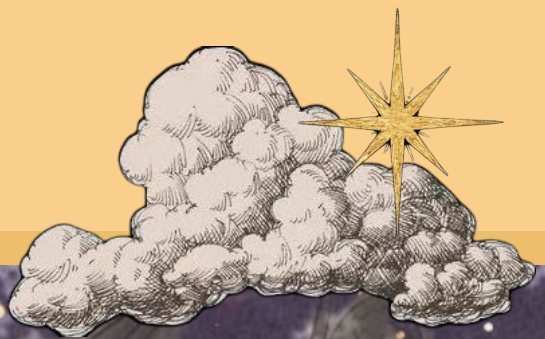
The love of a family is life's greatest blessing.



To The Birth Mom Considering Us

Thank you for taking the time to consider us. You are a strong and courageous woman who has made the decision to give life to this baby, and that will never be forgotten. This child will be our fourth, and we will love him or her with all of our hearts.

We will raise this child surrounded by a loving family, two devoted parents, and a warm and welcoming home. We will teach our child to be generous, loving, caring, and humble, while growing up with strong values, beliefs, and ethics. We will guide and support our child throughout life, encouraging them to pursue their dreams and reach their goals. We will also make sure they understand the loving choice you made and the love that was present from the very beginning.



About Us



We met about 14 years ago at a game night, over a round of Dutch Blitz. From there, Greg patiently pursued Brianna, waiting a whopping eight months before proposing. Just five months later, we were married! You could say we're a little efficient when it comes to love.

We feel incredibly lucky to have found each other when we did. While our personalities are often quite different, we complement each other in so many wonderful ways. We share the things that matter most to us, especially our faith.



Our faith is an important part of our family, and we are both actively involved in our church and our community. We love having a strong sense of connection with the people around us and believe in building a home filled with love, faith, kindness, and plenty of laughter.



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Our neighborhood is diverse with both older couples and young families. Many of whom we see at the neighborhood block parties and around the neighborhood. We have the huge blessing of living on about 5 acres of land with two creeks on the property as well, which the kids absolutely love.



Home

"Home is where the heart is."

The Creek



It's only 40 minutes from a big city and there are parks, great schools, museums, theatres, we've loved taking the kids. And, with the city only a short drive away, the location boasts some excellent healthcare facilities as well.













My Wife

My wife and I are opposites in many ways, Bri is very outgoing, driven, and spontaneous. If we enter a room of 30 strangers, she will meet everyone by the end of the evening and I will probably find a choice few to engage with. Bri is my best friend and I find more things to love about her every year.

My family growing up was always mellow and calm. It was quite the adjustment in getting to know my wife and her many siblings. I did get to see her caring and nurturing side as she helped her mom with taking care of the home. Seeing her thrive within that seemingly chaotic environment gave me confidence that she would be a wonderful mother one day. And my hunch was correct.

Bri is a full time SAHM and works on the book-keeping as well as the back office items for our business. At the same time, she cooks a lot and often has the kids in the kitchen with her mixing a pan of muffins or teaching the boys how to crack an egg.

Brianna's Side

Brianna has 10 siblings and was the only girl out of the first 6 kids. She was kind of like a 2nd mom and talks with her mother and other siblings on a regular basis. Most of her siblings are married with kids of their own and we spend a lot of time seeing her side of the family as most of them live locally. Additionally, Brianna also has a cousin who she spends a lot of time with as all of her kids are of similar ages. Many of these outings involve trips to the zoo, swimming in the pool, petting zoos and trips to the library!



Cousins!



Auntie!

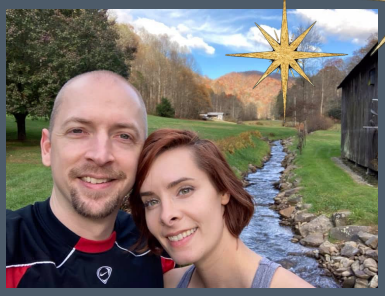
We are so thankful to have families living close by and we have a weekly tradition of meeting with Brianna's family for lunch on Sundays. It provides lots of opportunity for the cousins to hang out and makes celebrations and holidays extra special since we can share and spend time with everyone at the same time.

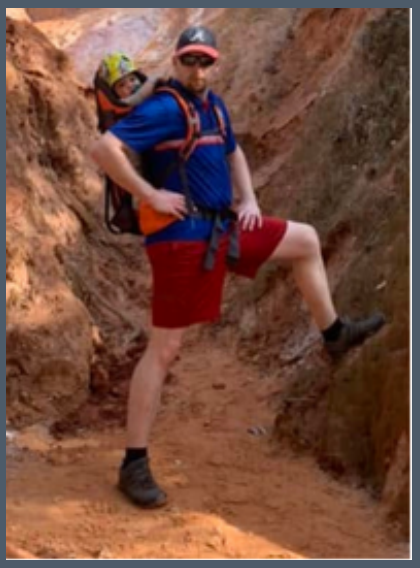
Brianna's Family















My Husband

Oh goodness, where do I start. It's incredibly cheesy to say it, but he is the best person I have ever met. (Probably why I married him) He is a phenomenal husband and father, babies and animals flock to him, I think because he makes you feel safe in his presence.

He consistently surprises me with his wit, but also with his wisdom. Greg is the calm and steady person in any storm who lovingly approaches challenges with a calm that is enviable, he is truly a peacekeeper and is always lending a helping hand to those in need.

Greg works at home for our business which he has done for several years now. He works the standard 9-5, no weekends or extra hours outside of that. His job doesn't require that he travel very much either which leaves him with a lot of focused time with us, our friends, and our family.



Corben & Cousins!

The support on both sides of the family has been immense and the nieces and nephews are so excited to be able to meet a new cousin. Our entire family is very supportive of us and is as excited as we are!

Greg's Side

Greg's parents live in Georgia, and he has five sisters. Some of his siblings serve in the mission field, with one in Egypt and another in Guatemala. We try to visit with his side of the family at least once a year during the holidays. Although we miss seeing them more often, we stay connected through phone calls, emails, and the occasional Marco Polo video! Greg also has two sisters who have adopted children, one domestically and the other from Guatemala. Adoption is a special part of our extended family as well.

Gregs Family









Corben
The Eldest

Corben is our eldest child and is also adopted. He is the sweetest big brother and absolutely adores his younger siblings. He loves "teaching" them how to do little things, from putting on their shoes to counting their numbers.

Corben loves swimming and is especially protective of his little brother and sister.

We have also stayed in close contact with Corben's biological mom and recently had the opportunity to take a trip to Florida to visit her, which was such a special experience for our family.



Nolan
The Rainbow Child

After eight years of unexplained infertility, Nolan came along following a difficult and emotional ectopic pregnancy.



What a blessing and a little firecracker he has been! He is our adventurous little man, always ready for whatever comes his way, and he often encourages his big brother to join in on the fun.



Like his big brother, Nolan adores babies and his little sister. We often catch him quietly reading to her or informing us, very seriously, that "she needs food now." He is truly our little charmer and brings so much joy, energy, and laughter to our family.







Emelia
The Baby

After Nolan was born we made the decision to attempt another biological child, Emilia came into the world when Nolan was only 20 months old and is our littlest and our calmest.

Little E is a quiet observer who wants to listen and interact with shy looks and sweet smiles. She is already using words to describe things and is always on the lookout for her big brothers, who take great delight in deciding who gets to "snuggle with Emmy."

Emilia is often chasing her big brother's grinning and laughing while also holding a bottle or a lovey. She is a sweet and thoughtful child who will love a new sibling with all her heart

The Pets





Fae is a sweet 1 year old lagotto and is excellent with babies, children, andother animals. She loves cuddles on the couch and loves playing with our other animals

One of the reasons we fell for each other is that there is a mutual love of animals. Brianna especially grew up with a menagerie of different pets, ranging from birds, to lizards, to even hand-raising a baby squirrel. We used to train and show Doberman Pinschers but now we work with and assist in rescue for a rare breed called Lagottos and we currently have two dogs that are therapy-trained.





Soren is a sweet 7-year-old with a mellow, loving nature. She is incredibly gentle and patient with children and loves quietly being near her family, soaking up attention and keeping everyone company. Her gentle heart and peaceful presence make her a joy to have around.

The Traditions



Holidays are spent either with Greg's family in SC or Brianna's in GA. We try to alternate as much as possible and it is always a blast! One of the traditions that we have during Christmas is to see the family for breakfast at grandmas where she makes her legendary Monkey-Bread. Grandma also hand-makes new stockings for each new family member and in the last few years had to expand that to reach across all the windows since she outgrew the mantel since there were so many stockings!

During the fall we love to take the younger kids to a corn maze and maybe to the fair when the fair comes to town. The kids absolutely love it and get so excited when the fall season hits because it means festivals, petting zoos, junk food, bonfires, etc. It's one of our favorite times of the year!







Thank You!





