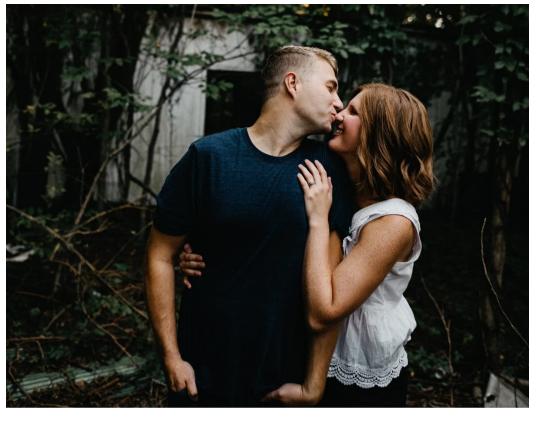


#### DEAR EXPECTANT PARENT,

Hello, we are so grateful to you for taking the time to learn more about our family. As we sit here, starting this process, we are overwhelmed with excitement because we know how much joy adoption has already brought to us. In 2019 we adopted our son, Noah, and have experienced such happiness with him in our lives! Our hearts and our home are ready for another child to love and cherish and we would be honored to join you on this journey. We look forward to meeting you soon!









# about us

We met for the first time at Nathan's 13th birthday party in middle school. Nathan always says he knew he wanted to "ask me out" when he saw me singing karaoke to Redneck Woman. As embarrassing as that memory is, we love that it is a corny part of our story! We reconnected our senior year of high school in a community service class where we had assigned seats beside each other. After Nathan convinced me to go on a date with him, I was hooked. We both knew from early on that we were meant to be. We dated for 5 years before we got married in May 2015. Our wedding was one of our favorite days, it rained cats and dogs, but we didn't care, we were just so happy to be spending forever with one another. In 2019, we adopted our first child, Noah. We have so much fun raising him together and growing in our relationship through parenting. Our house is full of love and laughter and as much fun as we can squeeze in, we wouldn't have it any other way. We are so excited to create new memories as our family grows!









#### a little about NATHAN

I love community and being a part of something bigger than myself. I serve at our church as often as I can and the relationships that I have built through sacrificing my time have helped shaped me so much. Family is so important to me. My family has always been super close. I have one sister and we talk as often as we can. She lives pretty far away but luckily FaceTime has helped us keep in touch. I also see my four cousins more as siblings than cousins. We always have a great time when we get together, coming up with creative ways to have fun is definitely our specialty. We are big on Kentucky sports (mainly basketball) and we are die hard. I love doing anything outdoors and I'm always up for an adventure. I love learning new things and new skills. I look forward to helping my kids achieve their dreams and learn!



My cousins, a few friends, and uncle Tim hiking in Minnesota.



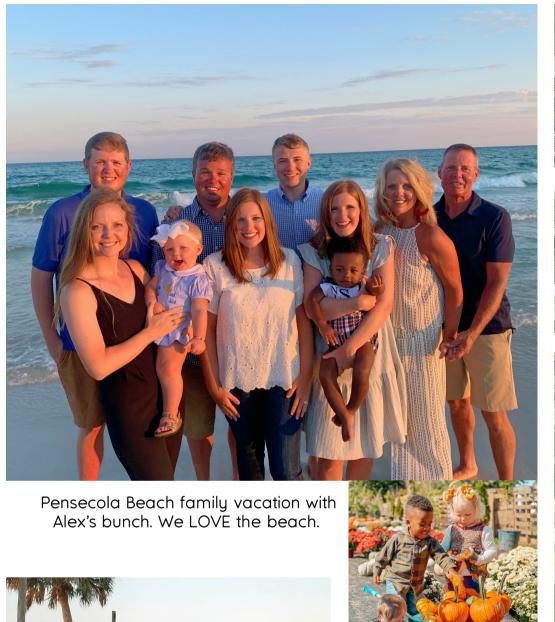








Thanksgiving with Alex, my mom, and my sister.











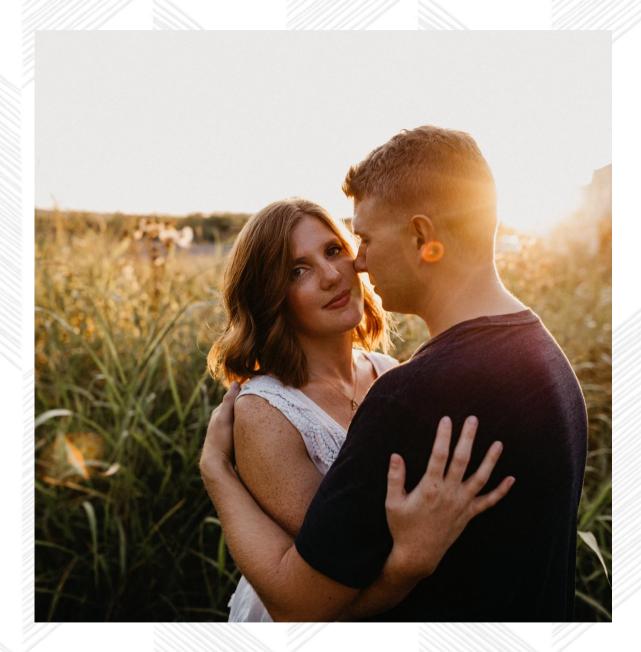
Noah with his cousins. We love that they are close in age and hope they stay best buds forever!



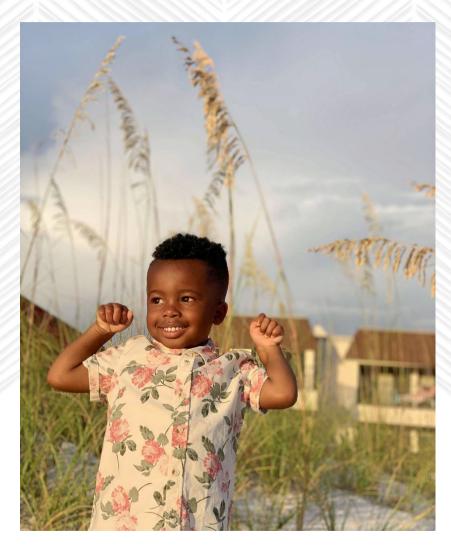
We always enjoy Sunday family dinners, especially when we are able to talk the boys into a photo!

# a little about ALEX

I grew up in a small town with lots of traditions. I have an older brother and a younger sister. My parents have been married for 32 years. I am an aunt of two sweet babies. one niece and one nephew. Family has always been so important to me, One of my favorite past times is when we are all together. We have lunch with my Granny every Sunday and everyone always looks forward to seeing each other. That is something I hope to pass on to my children. I would say I'm the more serious one in our relationship, always thinking and planning, while Nathan is more free. He always brings me back to reality when I get too overwhelmed. I enjoy a good evening outside by the pool or fire pit, relaxing with Nathan, and going on vacation anywhere, but especially the beach.



### All About Noah

















Noah has the most infectious smile. He loves to play and always wants to make you laugh. He loves to cuddle up on the couch. His favorite thing to eat is PINK ice cream. He is obsessed with blaze and the monster machines and loves to pretend he is blaze. He is a burst of energy and always on the move! He loves his dog, Marley. He is already a family guy and loves to be with mom, dad, and all his aunts/uncles/and grandparents. He is tender and loving and we know he will be the best big brother!







#### HOW ALEX THINKS OF NATHAN

Nathan is nothing short of amazing. He is always kind and tender, always understanding, and has a heart of gold. He constantly thinks of the needs of others before his own and is always the first to jump in and serve by lending a helping hand. He is a middle school teacher and is constantly thinking about how he can better serve his students. He does what is best for us and always wants to do by right by other people. He is one of the most genuine people I know. He is also hilarious but sometimes you have to really listen for his jokes, I know he sure keeps me laughing. Nathan is my partner in life and I am so glad God saw it fit for us to be together. Nathan is very much the glue that keeps everything together. When I am overwhelmed, he is my calm, making me feel safe. He makes me a better person and continually motivates me through our life. He is full of adventure and honestly is the one that keeps our life interesting. More than my husband, Nathan is my best friend. I feel very fortunate to be married to him. He is my teammate. The person I laugh with, cry with, and enjoy life with. I love watching him be a dad and can't wait to watch him swell with pride and joy as we add more children to our family.







#### HOW NATHAN THINKS OF ALEX

Alex is loyal and kind. She loves her family fiercely and always does her best to be there when they need her. She is gentle and patient with our son Noah and I love watching her care for him. She has a huge heart and always tries to put herself in other people's shoes and think about their feelings. She uses this characteristic often in her job as a registered nurse. Alex is quirky and funny, she says she is really shy, but she flourishes with other people. I couldn't imagine my life with anyone else. We've been together since we were teenagers and I love growing with her and falling more in love everyday. Our life has had many twists and turns, things haven't always been easy, but we've also chosen each other through thick and thin. I'm so excited to watch her become a mom again.



















My family is very tight knit. I have three aunts and four cousins. I always say my aunts are more like additional parents and my cousins are more like siblings. We have a very special bond. We do a trip we call "camp cousins" every year. We love adventuring together and a good Kentucky basketball game. One of my cousins just had his first child, so now we get to celebrate parenting with each other too. Family is so important to me!



















Alex has an older brother and younger sister. Her mom is one of twelve, you can imagine those family reunions. Her dad has three siblings and they get together regularly for birthdays and special occasions. We also love vacations together and taking trips together. We are very close!

### OUR home AND NEIGHBORHOOD



We live in a family oriented neighborhood that is located near several different parks. We love visiting them to play on the swings and watching Nathan play disc golf. We love going on walks in the evenings together and visiting with Alex's brother who lives just next door!

We spend a lot of time in our cozy living room, but also love a family movie night from mom and dad's bed. Our nursery is ready and I look forward to nights of rocking and singing to a new baby. Just around the corner is the children's play area where lots of puzzles are put together, pretend dinners are served, and crafts are completed. Our home is located nearby a park, which we love visiting. We have a fun neighborhood filled with many families and enjoy getting to know them!



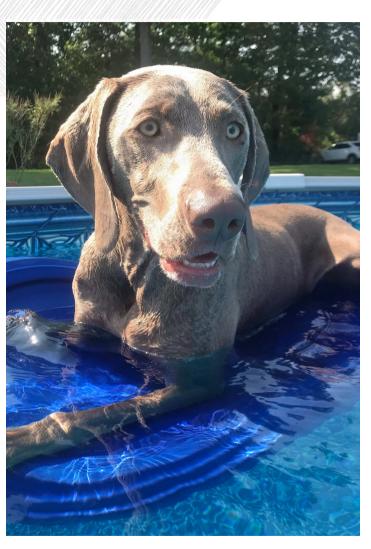








### You, me, and the dog







Marley is VERY loved. She has a hilarious personality and is so sweet (when she isn't trying to get you to play). She is so gentle with children and loves playing and lounging with Noah.



Marley is obviously very spoiled. She is obsessed with me, Noah is obsessed with her, and she's not really sure why Alex is always trying to tell her what to do!







Marley enjoys being around her people more than anything else in life, except when you're throwing a ball. She loves to chase down balls.



## Av Big Blue!









My whole family loves Kentucky basketball (or anything UK for that matter), Alex has joined in on all the big blue madness. It is definitely a family tradition.



# guch fun MEMORIES







Some of our favorite things to do together are in these pictures. Anytime we go on vacation we try to be a little spontaneous, when Nathan can talk me into it that is. One of the things we love to do is go out of town to a concert together and make a weekend trip out of it. We also love hiking and exploring new places together and as a whole family!



### Our promise to you...

We have always dreamed about being parents and having children to raise in a loving home. We are very excited at the possibility of becoming parents again and have so much love to share for your child as we expand our family. Parenting has taught us so much over the last few years and we have also learned greatly about adoption. We still have much to learn and do not claim to be perfect, but we will always do our best for our children! Please always know we will unconditionally love and cherish your child. We will honor this part of his/her story and hold it close to our hearts. We will always protect this piece of his/her life. We also promise to honor and respect your role in their life. We pray for healing over you. We pray that you feel the love we have for you. We genuinely care for you and your well being. We hope you were able to get a glimpse of our lives as you looked through the photos of this book. Thank you for inviting us in, we are forever grateful.

> Sincerely, Nathan & Alex



