

AUSTIN & JENNIFER





"By wisdom a house is built and by understanding it is established;
by knowledge the rooms are filled with precious and pleasant riches."

PROVERBS 24:34



Hello

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE
TIME TO “MEET” US!

We are so excited to share a little bit of our lives with you. We hope that by looking through our pictures and reading about our lives you can clearly envision who we are, our love for each other, the parents we aspire to be and our wonderful family who are as excited as we are to welcome a child into our family. **We can't begin to imagine how difficult this decision must be, but we commend you for your selflessness and courage as you make this decision. We are truly honored to be considered as parents to your baby.**

We are so excited to start our family through adoption. It has always been our dream to expand our family. We look forward to having the opportunity to provide your child with a life full of love, support and guidance. We pray that God will guide you in choosing the perfect family.

WITH LOVE,
Austin and Jen





Love Lives Here

We love the life we have created together.

We met at, of all places, a NASCAR race. **It took 10 years of running into each other at the racetrack before we started dating.** Austin worked on the NASCAR circuit, so our dating consisted of a lot of traveling to racetracks, watching races, and a lot of Face-times, phone calls, and text messages in between. Because of his job, we were able to travel to so many different places we wouldn't normally have chosen to travel to. **We explored the country together as we got to know each other, laughed a lot, and fell in love. We dated, long distance, for about 2 years before we got married.** With the help of some of the kiddos that Jen loved the most, her students, Austin proposed to her in her Kindergarten classroom. A little less than a year later, with our closest family, friends, and those same students by our side, **we got married in 2019, moved to North Carolina, and started our life together.**

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ADOPTION IS OUR FIRST CHOICE

Being a teacher, Jen was always well aware of the different structures in today's families. She had students from all walks of life. Before getting married, she often talked about fostering and adopting. Austin spent a lot of time around his friends' children and loved the idea of being a father himself. After marrying, we knew we wanted to start a family as soon as possible. We tried growing our family, but due to fertility issues, we are not able to do so naturally. **After much prayer, we knew that adoption was our calling all along. We are so excited to grow our family by adoption as it will allow us the opportunity to become parents and complete our family while also providing a child with a loving home and family.**

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Meet JENNIFER

I was born in VA, grew up in CT, and have set down roots in NC. I am the youngest of three children. I have two brothers, so I grew up a daddy's girl! I was also the only granddaughter on my dad's side of the family, so I was also Grandpa's and Grandma's girl. **Growing up with my brothers, I was always involved in sports**, whether it be playing street hockey or kickball with neighborhood friends or playing baseball, soccer, or swimming on a team. My competitive spirit started young and led me to play soccer through college. I still love attending any sporting events when I can, whether it be a professional team (Go Canes!) or watching my nieces and nephews play. **Austin and I still enjoy being active in sports playing tennis, cycling, and working out and he will even kick the soccer ball around with me!**

JEN'S FAVORITES

MUSIC:

Country

BOOK:

Horton Hears a
Who- Dr. Seuss

HOLIDAY:

Thanksgiving

PLACE:

The beach or
the mountains

SPORT:

Soccer &
Hockey

From early on, I knew I wanted to be a teacher. My mom worked at a private preschool, that followed a different calendar, so any day we had off, I would love to go into her school and help in her classroom. I loved being in her classroom. I have spent 19 years teaching Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten. Last year, I was voted by my colleagues, to receive the "Teacher of the Year" award at my school. This year, I am taking on a new role as a Reading Interventionist, so I am looking forward to this new school year. **Being a teacher has taught me so much about myself. I have learned that my heart is never too full, to celebrate every accomplishment no matter how small, to always have a backup plan, and to find those special qualities that every person brings to the world and celebrate them!**

One of the perks of being a teacher, I have summers and holidays off! **We love to spend our summer and holiday breaks traveling to new places and visiting family. We fully expect to continue this with our child(ren).**

My goal as a teacher, auntie, friend, and as a mother is to instill in a child that they should always follow their passion, have the confidence to always know their self-worth, and the ability to know how deeply they are loved!



Meet AUSTIN

I grew up in West Virginia. I am the oldest of two children. I am four years older than my brother, but he is my best friend. Over the years we developed a love for sports, playing hockey together, riding 4-wheelers and racing go-karts. We attended West Virginia University together, where I majored in Sports Management. **I am blessed to continue to be involved in the sports world through my job as a sports production manager, setting up fan activations at major sporting events.**

AUSTIN'S FAVORITES

MUSIC:

Anything & Everything

BOOK:

Racing to the Finish

HOLIDAY:

Christmas

PLACE:

Anywhere on the water

SPORT:

Hockey and Motorsports

One of my biggest accomplishments was training for and competing in a half-ironman with my brother. After years of dedication to training, I completed the 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike ride, and a 13.1-mile run in just over 6 hours. I also enjoy spending time on the lake and being able to take the family out on our boat, taking our dog on long walks through the nature preserves near our house, and watching our local NHL hockey team (Go Canes!).

I enjoy being able to spend time away from my job by traveling. We enjoy everything from the mountains to the beach. We will take a trip up to the family vacation house in the mountains, down to my parent's house at the beach, or visit new destinations whenever possible. **I look forward to sharing our love of travel with our future child(ren) and being able to teach them cultural awareness, the beauty of our world, and history and geography while making memories along the way.**

My goal as a father, friend, and husband is to instill in a child the courage to challenge themselves to face fears and take risks, to always lead with kindness by showing empathy and compassion toward others and to always show respect to others in everything you do.



home

OUR FAVORITE PLACE TO BE

OUR HOME IS WHERE WE LOVE TO START EACH DAY AND END EACH NIGHT.

Our favorite part of the home is the front porch. **We love to sit outside with our dog, Nellie, and chat with neighbors or drink our morning coffee. It is our safe space and our comfort. Our home is quietly nestled in the back of a busy neighborhood in the great state of North Carolina.** We have the absolute best neighbors. We walk our dogs together, have s'mores nights at our fire pit, and I know it will be a place where our children will grow up together and play street hockey and kickball.

Our neighborhood is somewhere we can walk Nellie and chat with neighbors along the way. Everyone knows Nellie and she loves to stop and say hi to everyone along the way. It has a pool that we love to visit and relax. It is a neighborhood full of diversity, full of children playing outside, and full of community events.



We absolutely
ADORE
OUR COMMUNITY

We are also lucky enough to have so many wonderful restaurants, museums, trails, nature preserves (our dog's favorite), and parks nearby. **We are literally 20 minutes from everything, as we like to tell our friends. We have been in this area now for 4 years and there are still so many places and restaurants we haven't made it to yet but will continue to explore!** We are also in the middle of the UNC/Duke/NC State rivalry, so there are always games to go to or events to attend.



HOW WE FILL OUR DAYS

family - visiting new places - competing with each other



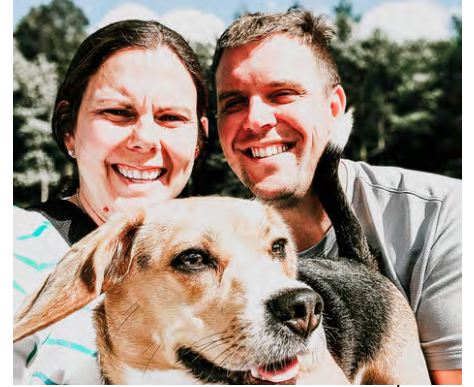
We love to be active and compete against each other. Whether it be playing a game of tennis, racing go-karts, hitting golf balls, etc., we love to challenge each other. **We push each other to be our best and cheer each other on through the process.**

We love to get out of town. We love to spend time visiting our family, traveling to our family vacation home in the mountains, and going to new places. We almost always spend the holidays with Jen's family in CT or Austin's family on the lake in WV or the beach in NC. Every summer and winter we travel to the Pocono Mountains for some family time. We also enjoy visiting new places. You can usually find us during the summer visiting a new city somewhere! **We love making new memories in new places.**

WE ENJOY VISITING
NEW PLACES!

OUR FAVORITE LATELY HAS BEEN THE POCONO MOUNTAINS

DOVER MOTOR SPEEDWAY DE

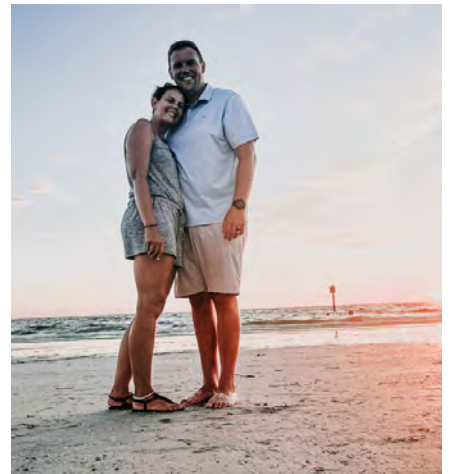


WE LOVE THIS LIFE *we live*

We count our blessings every day. **We have an amazing family and community around us. Our parents, siblings, nieces, and nephews are amazing people. We have the best neighbors to depend on and hang out with.** We love our coworkers like family. We also have a pretty adorable dog!

We appreciate what we have been given and our life together. We are happy, healthy, and blessed. We appreciate the support system we have and the friendships we have made. We appreciate the sacrifices that have been made for us and we repay those with gratitude and love. **We thank God for the life we have been given and we live in a way that honors his life.**

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MEET OUR *extended family*

Both of us come from relatively small families that are spread out along the east coast. This means holidays are usually spent traveling to someone's house to celebrate. We try to take turns when it comes to celebrating holidays with both sides of our family. Christmas in CT means Thanksgiving in WV and vice versa. Nellie is always up for a road trip come the holidays. Holidays with Jen's family usually entail everyone meeting at her Mom and Dad's to celebrate. Her brothers and their children drive over, and we usually eat an early dinner, so we aren't in the kitchen all night cleaning up. Holidays with Austin's family are either spent at his brother's house in West Virginia or in North Carolina at his parents' house. There aren't any children yet, but enough dogs to go around. His dad cooks, and the whole family congregates in the kitchen catching up, telling stories, and laughing.





Jen's family is so excited and looking forward to having another little one as it's been a few years since they have had a baby in the house. Jen has 3 nephews and 2 nieces who are looking forward to another cousin. Austin's family is excited to welcome their first baby into the family!



favorite people, favorite foods, and the best memories!



A PEEK INTO OUR FAMILY TRADITIONS!

HOLIDAYS ARE CENTERED AROUND FOOD IN BOTH OUR FAMILIES.

We always cook a huge dinner, that will feed us for the entire next week. We have brought family recipes across family lines. Jen's family tradition of having a Polish Christmas Eve dinner is now also Austin's family tradition when we are at their house. Austin's Jell-O salad is now on the menu at Jen's family gatherings.





Photo Above - Thanksgiving West Virginia in 2022.

Photo to the Left - Christmas North Carolina in 2021.





Our hopes FOR THE FUTURE

IS TO RAISE A CHILD THAT LIVES A LIFE THAT IS FULL!

We know that with our family's guidance, love and support your child will grow up to be happy, healthy, and successful. **Your child will grow up learning that relationships are powerful and supported as they are nurtured by us, our extended family and friends, and yourself.** They will learn compassion and empathy towards others as we teach and preach kindness, acceptance, and understanding in our world. Your child will learn independence and resilience so that they can face life's challenges head-on, but always knowing that we are there to catch them when they fall. Your child will value education and be a life-long learner as we encourage a love for learning and a curiosity that fuels their desire to have an impact on society. Your child will have the encouragement and support to fulfill their dreams, by finding what they are passionate about and what will fulfill their lives, whether that be sports, extra curricula's, etc.

Our hopes and dreams for your child are driven by our love and desire to see them thrive and find happiness in their own unique way!



meet our sweet NEIGHBORS



We moved into our home not long before COVID hit, so establishing friends and building our community took some time. **Our neighbors became those people for us. We help each other with each other's children and dogs, we celebrate birthdays together, we water each other's plants and we conversate every day. We are so blessed to have the neighbors we have.** Our favorite things to do is set up the fire pit in the driveway and have the neighbors bring over their chairs and make s'mores. They have been so supportive in our journey to become parents and we know they are ready to have a playmate for their children join the cul-de-sac.

OUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS ARE SO EXCITED FOR US!



and our FRIENDS!



We also love to have friends and family from “home” visit. We love to open our house and share our city with our family and friends from back home. I know that those friends, who have been our friends for years are anxiously awaiting the day that we become parents.

Establishing our church community was also something impacted by the timing of COVID. **We have been able to connect with a church that matches our values and are enjoying becoming more involved and getting to know other families that share our faith.**

OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR LIVES





OUR GREATEST DESIRE AND OUR FAMILY'S MISSION IS
TO PROVIDE THE BEST LIFE POSSIBLE FOR ANY CHILDREN
ENTRUSTED TO US AS ADOPTIVE PARENTS.

This We _____ PROMISE TO YOU

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us! We are so grateful. **Our greatest desire and our family's mission is to provide the best life possible for any children entrusted to us as adoptive parents.** We know this is an emotional process and while we will never understand what you are feeling or experience what you are going through, **we support your feelings and hope our family can help make you at peace with your difficult decision.** We are so thankful to be considered as parents to your child and want you to know these things we will promise to you:

We promise to raise your child to know and believe that their life's journey began with love. Your love and our love and your child will know how we came together to plan the very best life for them. They will never go a day without feeling the love we share for your child.

We promise to be fully committed to loving your child while honoring you.

We promise to tell them about you and speak of your courage and bravery. They will know everything you want us to share about you and your love for them.

We promise to keep you updated on your child's milestones, growth, development, and interest through pictures, visits, and messages.

We promise to teach your child how deeply loved they are, by you, us, and by God.

We promise to raise them in the Christian faith and to encourage them to discover their unique purpose in life as they cultivate a relationship with God and his teachings.

We promise to provide them with every opportunity to succeed, to encourage them to follow their dreams and interests, and to nurture a desire for curiosity and learning their whole life long.

We promise to raise them to be kind, understanding, and compassionate and to value life for all its worth.

We promise to give them all the love and hope for their future that you wanted for them.

with all our love and support,

AUSTIN AND JEN

*What is meant to be, will
always find a way.*

