

craig & maggie

AND GENEVIEVE TOO!



Adoption

SUPPORT CENTER

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hello,

First of all, thank you for taking the time to learn about us! We are humbled and grateful. **YOU DON'T KNOW US YET, BUT WE HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR YOU AND YOUR BABY FOR A WHILE NOW.** No doubt you have a lot of nerves about this process – we do too. You want what is best for your precious baby and so do we, whether with us or another great family. We want you to know that we will love your child unconditionally. **WE WILL RAISE OUR CHILD TO KNOW YOU AND KNOW THAT YOU LOVE AND CARE ABOUT THEM.** We promise to provide an upbringing in which God is the central figure and values such as generosity, kindness, and respect for others are taught every day. **WE ALSO PROMISE TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD'S HOPES AND DREAMS AND TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION.**

We are incredibly excited to grow our family! After the blessing of our first adoption in 2021 and through much prayer, we felt God calling us to grow our family through adoption for the second time. We couldn't be more enthusiastic to follow the path He has for us. **BOTH OF OUR FAMILIES ARE VERY EXCITED AND SUPPORTIVE OF US ADOPTING!** This child would also be the second grandchild on one side of our family and the youngest on the other. **OUR FAMILIES ARE READY TO SPOIL THEIR NEW GRANDCHILD AND WATCH OUR FAMILY GROW.**

WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF YOUR CHILD'S LIFE SO THAT HE OR SHE CAN HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THE SACRIFICE THAT YOU MADE OUT OF LOVE. We envision meeting with you 2-3 times a year in person. We live in northern Indiana so we can meet you once a year where you live and then you can meet us once or twice a year where we live. We want you to be able to see your child grow. For the first year we would like to text once a week for the first 6 months and then once every other week for the second 6 months. We would also like to do video calls with you 3-4 times a year so you can see your child more frequently. We also plan to upload photos once a month to a photo share site that you'll have access to. We are very open to adopting outside of our race. We know there will be challenges but we will work hard to incorporate your child's heritage into their life.

We would be honored to be your child's adoptive parents and provide your child a loving, safe, and stable home. **WE RESPECT WHATEVER CHOICE YOU DECIDE TO MAKE AND KNOW THAT YOUR LITTLE ONE IS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND IT.**

Our Prayers are With You,

Craig and Maggie

our story

AND HOW IT ALL BEGAN

I met Craig while we were both volunteering in the youth group at our church! As I GOT TO KNOW HIM A LITTLE MORE AND WATCH HIM INTERACT WITH THE STUDENTS I LOVED SEEING HIS HEART FOR THE KIDS IN THE YOUTH GROUP.



WE DATED FOR 2 ½ YEARS BEFORE WE WERE MARRIED. Craig took me out on a picnic in the park where he made all of the food. HE PROPOSED TO ME IN THE PARK WHILE HE PLAYED HIS GUITAR AND SANG TO ME. I couldn't have said "Yes" faster!

WE WERE MARRIED SEVEN MONTHS LATER AND OUR RELATIONSHIP HAS ONLY STRENGTHENED OVER THE 7 YEARS WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED. There are many things I love about our relationship but one thing I love the most is that Jesus is at the center of our marriage.

WE ARE A VERY GOOD TEAM. WE BALANCE EACH OTHER OUT REALLY WELL. WE BOTH HAVE THE SAME PARENTING STYLE AND WE BOTH HAVE THE SAME GOALS IN LIFE.

WE BOTH HAVE ENJOYED VOLUNTEERING AT OUR CHURCH IN THE STUDENT MINISTRY FOR A TIME IN OUR LIVES AND OUR CHURCH FAMILY IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO THE BOTH OF US. We've both grown up in similar homes that have helped keep us grounded and develop good values.



our thoughts on each other...



"MAGGIE HAS SUCH A GENTLE AND KIND SPIRIT. She is very considerate of others and is always thinking things through for a while before she ever says anything.

MAGGIE DOES AN AMAZING JOB AT JUGGLING CARING FOR OUR DAUGHTER, GIGI, AND KEEPING OUR HOME CLEAN AND ORGANIZED.

Maggie loves me and cares about me even when I've had a bad day at work and I'm not in a good mood. And knowing that I'm coming home to that after a bad day makes it so much easier to get over it and move on."



"CRAIG IS SUCH A GREAT FATHER AND I HAVE LOVED WATCHING HIM BE A FATHER TO GIGI. When he comes home from work he always makes sure he spends time with Gigi even when I know he is really tired. When I see Craig hold Gigi and talk and play with her I see how much he loves and cares for her. I **KNOW WITHOUT A DOUBT THAT HE WILL DO WHATEVER HE NEEDS TO FOR OUR FAMILY.**

I admire Craig, and his relationship with Christ is something that I admire the most. I know that our children will be able to go to Craig with any questions they may have about any topic and he will respond in love and kindness. **HE IS SUCH A GENUINE, HONEST PERSON AND I ADMIRE THAT ABOUT HIM."**

meet maggie...



I grew up in the same area I live now and have never moved away. I AM A HOMEMAKER AND WORK PART TIME AS A SCHOOL ASSISTANT. I used to be a 5th grade teacher and taught for 7 years before I decided to stay home full time with our daughter.

BAKING HAS BEEN SOMETHING I HAVE BEEN ENJOYING MORE NOW THAT I AM AT HOME MORE. My favorite thing to bake lately has been sourdough bread.



My favorite part about being a parent is watching Gigi grow. I love seeing her learn new things and become more independent. IT SEEMS LIKE SHE CAN DO SOMETHING NEW EVERY WEEK AND SEEING HER GROW AND LEARN IS SUCH A JOY.

I LOVE TO READ AND ALSO ENJOY LISTENING TO MUSIC. I listen to a wide variety of music from rock to classical to Christian to jazz, I like it all. I ENJOY WATCHING NEW MOVIES AS WELL AS GOING TO THE MOVIE THEATRE.

I also enjoy being creative and doing embroidery. I LOVE MAKING NEW DESIGNS AND WATCHING IT COME TOGETHER.

ANOTHER THING I REALLY ENJOY IS JUST SPENDING TIME WITH MY FAMILY. The nights when it is just Craig and Gigi and I are so much fun. WE LOVE SPENDING TIME TOGETHER AS A FAMILY AND MAKING NEW MEMORIES TOGETHER.



meet craig...

I grew up in the small town of Middlebury, Indiana. I am currently a project manager for a small contracting construction company that builds spec homes. I really enjoy seeing the progress of the houses being built and being able to do some work on the houses myself. I also do some woodworking on the side. **I FIND IT TO BE RELAXING AND CALMING AND A GOOD WAY TO USE CREATIVE SKILLS.**

IT FILLS MY HEART TO COME HOME FROM WORK AND SEE MY DAUGHTER SQUEAL WITH JOY AND RUN TO ME TO PICK HER UP. It's so much fun to watch her learn new things and see her grow and develop her personality.



A few years ago we bought a smoker, so I've been enjoying trying out new things on it. Sometimes things besides meat, like smoked mac and cheese.

I also enjoy going out with friends to play golf. It's so much fun to spend time with friends outside enjoying the beautiful setting.

Board/table games are also something I really enjoy, especially with family and friends.

A LITTLE ABOUT **gigi**...

OUR DAUGHTER'S NAME IS GENEVIEVE, WHO WE CALL GIGI, AND SHE IS 20 MONTHS OLD.



GIGI LOVES MUSIC, HAVING BOOKS READ TO HER, PLAYING OUTSIDE, TAKING RIDES IN HER LITTLE CAR, ANIMALS, AND SO MUCH MORE.



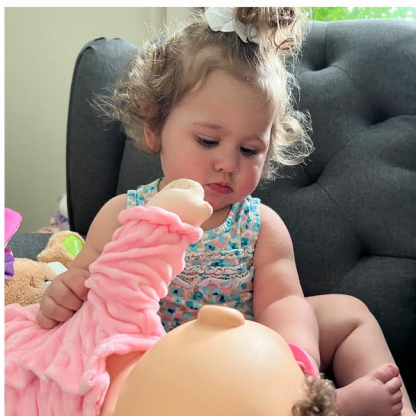
She is always on the move, loves trying to play with our two dogs, and is such a sweetheart. **HER LAUGH IS CONTAGIOUS AND SHE IS LEARNING NEW WORDS EVERYDAY.**

GIGI ABSOLUTELY LOVES PEOPLE. She has had a lot of interaction with her cousin who is a little older than her and is learning how to play with him. **SHE REALLY DOES LOVE BABIES AND KIDS AND IS ALREADY A LITTLE MAMA AT A YEAR AND A HALF.**

We love seeing her enjoy her independence and being able to connect ideas she couldn't before. We love seeing her laugh and see the pure joy she has in the simplest things. We love watching her smile and get super excited to see you come home from work and run up to you wanting you to hold her.

BEING A PARENT IS ONE OF THE BEST "JOBS" WE HAVE EVER HAD. IT IS HARD BUT SO REWARDING.

We have learned so much by being parents. **IT HAS ALSO TAUGHT US THAT IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO FIND JOY IN THE LITTLE THINGS.** There is so much in this world that can be overwhelming but finding joy in the little moments like our daughter does is so important.



as a family...

A typical date night for us is going out to eat and going to a movie. IT MIGHT SOUND SILLY, BUT WE ENJOY SIMPLE THINGS LIKE JUST GOING GROCERY SHOPPING TOGETHER.

AT HOME WE LIKE TO PLAY GAMES TOGETHER, PLAY WITH MAGNATILES TOGETHER, READ BOOKS, AND WATCH MOVIES HERE AND THERE.

On our back porch Craig has his smoker and grill. He loves to cook up some good meat! We also love going on walks around the neighborhood together.



We love to travel and see different parts of the United States. WE ENJOY SEEING NEW SITES, TRYING NEW FOODS, AND EXPERIENCING DIFFERENT PARTS OF NATURE.

We have been trying to take at least one vacation a year. USUALLY WE DRIVE TO THOSE LOCATIONS BECAUSE WE REMEMBER ENJOYING ROAD TRIPS WITH OUR FAMILIES WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER.

Our first vacation as a family of 3 was this spring and it was so much fun!

WE ENJOYED MAKING NEW MEMORIES TOGETHER AND CAN'T WAIT TO MAKE EVEN MORE!

WE HAVE AN AMAZING SUPPORT SYSTEM WITH OUR FAMILIES, CHURCH, AND FRIENDS. THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT US AND GIGI.



WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE WILL LOVE YOUR CHILD.

We will look out for their physical and mental well being and will be there for them whenever they need us. We will allow your child to grow and develop into the person they are meant to be.

We promise to be loving and caring parents, and providing a safe environment for our children to grow and learn.

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We also promise to encourage your child's hopes and dreams and to provide the best possible education.

our home sweet home

WE HAVE BOTH LIVED IN THE SAME AREA OUR WHOLE LIVES.
THIS IS WHERE OUR FAMILIES ARE AND WHERE WE HAVE BUILT OUR LIVES.

We live in a one story home with a finished basement.

WE LOVE OUR HOME! WE HAVE WORKED HARD TO MAKE A COMFORTABLE PLACE FOR ALL WHO ENTER. We have a backyard where children can play and a firepit where friends and family can gather for a bonfire. **WE HOPE TO HAVE A SWING SET OR SOMETHING FOR THE KIDS TO PLAY ON IN THE FUTURE.**



WE LIVE IN A SMALL SUBDIVISION WITH MANY FAMILIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN WHO PLAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. There are several parks near us to visit and one of them is where Craig proposed! There is a trail where we live that you can walk, run, or ride a bike on. **IT IS SUCH A GREAT PLACE FOR FAMILIES TO GO AND SPEND SOME TIME TOGETHER.**

Our community is a very safe one and the school system we live in is very good. We do have a pretty diverse community. **WE WILL WORK VERY HARD TO RESPECT ANY HERITAGE THAT OUR CHILD HAS COME FROM AND WELCOME THAT HERITAGE INTO OUR FAMILY.** In our school system there many different cultures represented so we feel confident that whoever our child is they will be accepted and welcomed.

Meet Mozzie & Gus



WE LOVE OUR 2 DOGS! The oldest is Mozzie. He is a Maltese Shih Tzu mix and is 6 years old. **HE HAS SO MUCH ENERGY AND JUST WANTS TO PLEASE.** Then there's Gus. Gus is a Bichon Shih Tzu and is 4½ years old. **GUS IS ONE OF THE SWEETEST DOGS YOU WILL EVER MEET.**



GUS WAS EXACTLY WHO MOZZIE NEEDED. THEY BALANCE EACH OTHER OUT SO WELL. THEY ARE BEST BUDS. BOTH OF OUR DOGS TRULY ENJOY SPENDING TIME WITH PEOPLE AND ARE REALLY GOOD WITH CHILDREN. Gigi loves to play with both dogs. Gus is so gentle and sweet with **GIGI AND MOZZIE IS VERY PROTECTIVE OVER HER AND ALWAYS WATCHING OUT FOR HER.**

our family and friends

MAGGIE

I LOVE MY FAMILY! My parents and one of my sisters live close to us and are very involved in Gigi's life. My youngest sister lives in Alabama and we see her twice a year. **MY PARENTS RAISED ME WITH WONDERFUL VALUES.** Always putting forth my best, be respectful to everyone, don't judge others, and many more. Though all of these values are great on their own, the foundation for these things is so important. Without my parents having a relationship with Christ and lovingly teaching us through the framework of the Bible, I would be lost.

MY SISTERS ARE MY BEST FRIENDS. We get along so well and enjoy spending time together. **MY SISTERS AREN'T MARRIED AND THEY DON'T HAVE ANY CHILDREN SO GIGI IS THE ONLY GRANDCHILD/NIECE ON MY SIDE OF THE FAMILY.** THEY ARE SO EXCITED FOR A SECOND BABY TO JOIN THE FAMILY!



CRAIG

My dad's first wife passed away from breast cancer. **EVEN THOUGH MY THREE OLDER SIBLINGS HAD A DIFFERENT MOTHER, WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD A GOOD RELATIONSHIP.** My parents have always been so supportive of us kids. When some of us moved far away from home for short or long periods of time, they supported us. And I'm sure this was hard for them. **GETTING TOGETHER FOR HOLIDAYS, MOTHER'S DAY, OR FATHER'S DAY THERE'S ALWAYS GOOD FOOD.** Recently my brother and his family moved back to Indiana from New Mexico! Now the whole family is back in the same area again and it's so nice to be able to get together with everyone again so easily. My mom is very hospitable. I think that wore off on me as now I enjoy making food and serving others in this way. I really look up to my dad. He is such a hard worker. I don't know if I've ever heard him raise his voice. He has definitely instilled a hard working mentality in me. **I HAVE TWO BROTHERS AND A SISTER, TEN NIECES AND NEPHEWS AND ONE GREAT NEPHEW AND A GREAT NIECE. FOUR OF MY NIECES AND NEPHEWS WERE ADOPTED.** I enjoy going to their sporting events to watch and support them.

Why we chose adoption.



BEFORE WE WERE MARRIED WE HAD TALKED ABOUT ADOPTION AND HOW IT WOULD ALWAYS BE SOMETHING WE WERE OPEN TO IF WE FELT GOD CALLING US INTO IT. Fast forward a couple of years into our marriage and we were struggling with infertility. We prayed fervently about the direction we felt God was leading us.

ADOPTION WASN'T A HARD DECISION BECAUSE WE WERE ALWAYS OPEN TO IT BUT IT DID MEAN WE NEEDED TO GRIEVE THE LOSS OF OUR DREAM OF HAVING BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN.

We started looking at adoption agencies and landed on ASC, and we are so thankful we did. We adopted Gigi in the spring of 2021. **SHE HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST BLESSING AND TRULY SHOWN US HOW BEAUTIFUL ADOPTION CAN BE.** We always knew we wanted her to have a sibling and feel that now is the right time to start the process of adoption again.