

Jimmy & Carrie



Hello,



Thank you for taking the time to get to know us and for allowing us the opportunity to tell you about our family. While we do not yet know you, we are grateful for you. We admire and respect your brave and courageous decision. There is no greater love than sacrificially giving life to another-what love you have for your precious, sweet one. We know you are facing many difficult decisions, and it is our prayer that you feel loved and supported throughout your journey.

If you decide to make an adoption plan, we want to assure you that we would respect any level of openness and contact you desire to have with your child. We promise to cherish and love your child and to provide a safe, happy home—a life with every opportunity possible.

Please know that we have already been thinking of you and praying for you. Again, thank you for taking the time to get to know us!

With gratitude and prayers,

Jimmy and Carrie



Our Story

In 2003, I returned to my hometown after college, a twist of fate brought Jimmy and me together. A mutual friend introduced us and little did I know that this meeting would change the course of our lives.

We dated for nearly a year. In December 2003 we got engaged and tied the knot in October 2004. Our early years were a rollercoaster, filled with both joyful memories and tough challenges.

We faced the heartache of losing family members in quick succession. First, it was my uncle to a tragic work accident, then my Nana, followed by my great-grandmother, and to top it all, my dad, passed away suddenly in the front yard due to cardiac arrest.

Through these trials, we learned the true meaning of love and resilience. We grew together, quickly and intimately, as we realized the fragility of life and the need to cherish every moment. We became experts in granting each other grace and mastering the art of communication. We started asking what the other needed, offering support and encouragement. We also discovered the importance of giving ourselves grace.

Three essential lessons emerged from these trying times. We found solace in daily devotion to God's word and drawing strength from our faith, family, and community.



Prayer became a powerful tool, helping us find peace and understanding in the face of life's uncertainties.

And when the weight of the world was too much to bear, we experienced the miracle of divine support, as God carried us.

But it's not all serious, we love to have fun together, sharing laughter and quality time, both as a couple and as a family whether that is game night, camping, or traveling; just to name a few. We still leave sweet notes for each other and send encouraging texts. We make it a point to never let anger fester, always resolving conflicts before bedtime.

We ensure we connect by grabbing lunches when we can during the week and having a special date night every week. Whether it's dinner out or just a cozy night in with a movie. Our love story isn't just about surviving life's challenges; it's about thriving and celebrating the simple, precious moments we share together.



Meet Carrie

Carrie, my wife, is a remarkable blend of beauty, patience, love, intelligence, and humor. She excels in every role she takes on - as my best friend, a devoted mother, an exceptional employee, and a cherished friend. From the very moment of our first date, we effortlessly connected, sharing laughter and a profound sense of comfort. Every day, I marvel at how fate brought someone as incredible as her into my life.



As a mother and professional, Carrie's growth and success have been inspiring to witness. She embodies qualities that I fervently hope our daughter will inherit - kindness, love, wisdom, and unwavering dedication. Like the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31, Carrie is honest, full of integrity, humility, has a strong but quiet confidence, and a Christ-centered sense of self-worth. She instills these values, laying the foundation for our children to become strong, grounded individuals.

But her influence extends beyond our family. Carrie is not just an amazing mother to our daughter; she also invests her time and energy in the lives of teenage girls and women at our church. She teaches them in Sunday morning classes and offers one-on-one discipleship, drawing from her own challenges that life has thrown her way throughout the years, to help them reach their potential. In every way, Carrie is a shining example of love, strength, loyalty, and unwavering faith, blessing all of those fortunate enough to know her.



She Loves

Camping

Reading

The Gym

Cycling / Hiking / 5Ks

Playing Piano

Hanging out with family and friends

Baking + Cooking



Meet Jimmy

Jimmy has an infectious personality, he brightens every room he enters, bringing smiles to those around him. His big blue eyes and a genuine smile draws you in. His quick wit is a constant source of laughter, and his Christian values shine through in everything he does

Jimmy possesses qualities that are not just admirable but truly exceptional. He is thoughtful, patient, honest, humble, and affirming, making everyone he meets feel valued. With a great smile and a servant's heart, he exemplifies kindness and compassion.

He is wise and full of integrity, and is always finding a way to be helpful. After all these years together, he still gives me butterflies. He brings me flowers just because and surprises me with having the house spic and span when I get home from Bible study. He texts me "I love you" and makes me feel beautiful. He always affirms me and builds me up. He's my best friend, my encourager, and an amazing provider.

Jimmy is a very present and hands-on father. When Livy was a baby, we took turns getting up at night to feed, rock, sing to, and read her stories. He is so patient with her and always has been. He stops, listens, and gives her his full attention when she is speaking. They love to play Legos, put puzzles together, read books, he helps her with homework... Legos and puzzles are one of their favorites.

Even at 10, they still enjoy a reading and prayers at bedtime. It's one of their special one-on-one times. If she is upset or worried, he affirms her, encourages her, prays with her, and calms her. The way he parents and interacts with melts my heart—it has grown my love for him even more throughout the years

He loves...

Camping

Cycling

The Gym

Fishing

Hiking

Games + Puzzles

Spending time with family and friends





Meet Livy

Friendly and full of life, our ten-year-old, Livy, has never met a stranger—only friends. She's always smiling and loves to laugh, and she loves to tell you jokes to get you laughing too. Bedtime stories, snuggles, and prayers are her favorite. She loves family time but also cherishes her one-on-one dates with mom or dad. She loves camping, reading, drawing and coloring, building Legos, riding her bike, going to the park, playing with friends, swimming (she might be a mermaid), and going to the gym. She loves school and learning—you can always catch her carrying around a book.

But there's something more about Livy that fills her heart with anticipation and excitement. She can't wait to take on the role of a big sister.

Livy loves big, love tradition, and time spent with family and friends! She cannot wait for life as a big sister and for all the adventures they have ahead!

Meet Goldie

Goldie is our 3 year-year-old medium Golden Doodle. She loves people, especially babies, kids, and ladies! She loves to travel and go camping with her people or really anywhere; just say "Ready to Go?!".





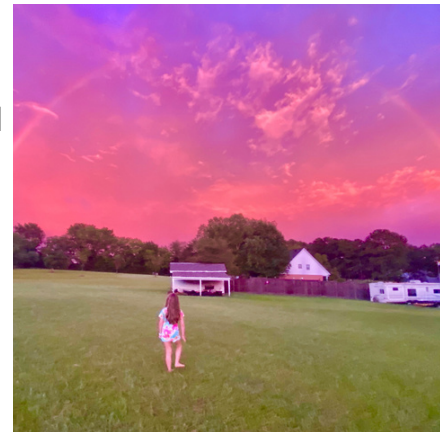
Community

We live in a wonderful, diverse community with people from all walks of life. We are in a great school district, one of the top in the state, and have a wonderful church home that we've been active in for over 15 years. Our house is across the street from a golf course, and our neighborhood clubhouse and pool are within walking distance from our home. In addition, we are surrounded by walking and biking trails, campgrounds, parks, museums, amphitheater, boating, and a YMCA green space where they routinely host festivals, flea markets, food truck pop-ups, 5Ks, and triathlons among other fun family events!



Home

We live in a four-bedroom, three-bath house situated on two acres in a quiet neighborhood. We love our big yard! We enjoy sitting outside on the front porch drinking coffee, visiting with friends and family, and watching the kids run around. We also enjoy our sun room year-round, where we watch our hummingbirds feed, eat breakfast, or watch the kids play on the swing set while we visit with friends. It has a perfect view of the beautiful sunsets and our neighbors horses! We love spending time on our patio in the fall, early winter, and spring having bonfires and making s'mores with friends and family!



We spend a lot of time in our open kitchen with friends and family. We do a lot of baking (especially during the holidays) and cooking; it is easily one of the most used rooms in our home! It's where we prepare and share meals and where we have lots of conversations. We have a large bonus + playroom that we turn into our "family picnic movie night", most Friday nights. We put out a large blanket and Livy gets to choose the menu. We turn on a movie, spread out on the blanket to eat dinner, and enjoy the movie together. It's one of our favorite things to do, and something Livy looks forward to all week! Our bonus room is also full of fun toys, dress-up clothes, Legos, puzzles, a play tent, books, you name it, it's probably in there!



Family & Traditions

I have two brothers, both of whom live an hour away in our hometown. We spend time together often and like to try to take some weekend trips together with our families throughout the year. I have a nephew and three nieces. My father passed away 14 years ago, and my mother lives a few hours from us, where she works as a nurse. We talk to her regularly, and we see her a couple of times a month, at least.

Jimmy has a half-brother and sister-in-law live nearby, and we try to get together with them often. He has one nephew and is married and lives about 45 minutes from us. Jimmy's mom lives 10 minutes away. We talk to her regularly and see her several times a week. Livy loves going to visit! Her grandmother keeps her busy with all sorts of activities, baking, making doll clothes, and outings.

Holidays were always a big deal to us growing up, and they still are. We appreciate and soak up every second of each one. From Thanksgiving through New Year's, we love slowing down, unplugging, and taking in all the festivities. We'll enjoy simple things like sitting by the fire pit, snuggling up to watch a good movie on a rainy day, sleeping in, or watching the stars on cool crisp nights.

For Thanksgiving, we like to go camping or travel to a state park to spend a few days hiking, sitting around the campfire, playing games, and sightseeing. Family often goes along to join in on the festivities too.

During Christmastime, we love to watch Christmas movies, and we always ride around town to look at Christmas lights while listening to Christmas music and drinking hot chocolate + coffee. We also like to ride the golf cart through the neighborhood to look at lights. We go to Christmas programs, plays, and concerts as well as attend Christmas parties and parades. Livy and I love to bake for friends and family around the holidays, too. On Christmas Eve, we attend our Christmas Eve candlelight service before returning home to read the Christmas story, watch a Christmas movie, and put out cookies and milk for Santa and his elves. Christmas morning, we celebrate Jesus' birthday with breakfast and opening presents before heading out to visit with family and friends. As a family, we look for opportunities to give back to others around us. We want our children to serve and bless others and truly understand the real meaning of Christmas.

The 4th of July is another big holiday for our family too. We love fireworks and it's my mom's birthday too. We usually have people over for a cookout and to the fireworks from our backyard or we go out on Uncle Matt's boat, but sometimes we travel to the beach with family or friends and watch the fireworks over the ocean.

We love traveling and going places with our families + friends. We try to take several trips a year with them so that we can spend quality time with our extended families, siblings, cousins, and friends making memories.





"We met Carrie and Jimmy right after Olivia was born. Since then, they have become good friends who we are thankful for. They face life with faith, hope, and joy—in good times and bad they know what is important, and that God is in control. Jimmy & Carrie are wonderful parents, and Olivia is a joy to our family!" -Jeannie

Carrie & Jimmy are the kinds of friends everyone needs. They show love and spread joy in every aspect of life. I consider it an honor to call Carrie one of my very best friends!" - Courtney

"They have listening ears, committed minds, welcoming hearts, and loving arms!" - Laurie

"When I think about these sweet friends, the first words that come to mind are: intentional and willing. Jimmy and Carrie are intentional in their relationships. They take the time to get to know people. They'll love you deeply, as they have experienced the deep and unwavering love of our Heavenly Father. Before you know it, they have made you feel like you are part of their family! They are willing to put others before themselves, willing to be inconvenienced, and willing to stop what they're doing when you need a hand, a hug, or a prayer. It is a true blessing to know and be loved by Jimmy and Carrie. One of my favorite things about Carrie is watching her be a mama. She is patient, willing to be interrupted, and gracious in her responses as she teaches her daughter in the everyday moments of life. Jimmy is a kind, gentle, and compassionate dad, but funny and always able to make his people smile and laugh.

Livy Luster is the fun, full of energy, thoughtful friend everyone wants in their corner. She is a deep thinker and full of words, but as deep as she thinks, she loves even deeper. She has been like a big sister to my two sons, and they love her! She gets on their level, makes them laugh, teaches them new things, and cheers them on with encouragement." - Sydney

Together
We...



- Make things fun**
- Like camping, vacations, and travelling**
- Love to laugh**
- Enjoy being parents**
- Like Hallmark + holiday movies**
- Love coffee**
- Like the gym and working out**
- Love celebrating the seasons and holidays**
- Like setting and achieving goals**
- Love naps**
- Make the house a home**
- Work hard**
- Listen to music**
- Game nights as a family and with friends**
- Make new traditions**
- Volunteer in our community**
- Bake**



Our Hope

Faith in Christ is our main pursuit in parenting. It's far more than just our religion—it's the core of who we are as parents and a family. Watching our daughter give her life to Christ and get baptized was such an incredible event—it filled our hearts with such joy as her parents. We love watching her grow in her faith daily, and we are already in prayer, hoping for the same life-changing decision to be made by our next child.

Livy attends a private Christian academy. We plan on sending all of our children to that same school. While we don't feel that this is in any way necessary for our faith, it is something that we felt God leading us toward to aid in setting the strong faith-based foundation we want for our children.

We intend on providing our children the opportunity to attend college. While we don't feel that a college education is necessary for a successful career as an adult, we do want to make available the option to them if that's what they feel God leading them to do.

We Promise

More than anything, we want you to know with all our hearts that we promise to love your child unconditionally each and every day—by us, by our family, and by our friends. We will be your child's lifelong cheerleaders. We will nurture them to grow up to be the best person they can be. We promise to provide a safe, fun, and secure home where your child can open their imagination, feel free to dream, and be comfortable with who they are.

We promise to laugh often and live life to the fullest. Your child will be surrounded by joy and happiness, and we will cherish every moment of their journey. We will create memories that will last a lifetime, filling their days with love, laughter, and adventure. We promise your child will get to travel and enjoy vacations, exploring the wonders of the world and learning from every experience.

Family traditions, birthdays, and holidays will be filled with fun, excitement, and heartfelt celebrations. We will make sure that every special day is truly special, creating traditions that your child will carry with them throughout their life. We promise to help them chase their dreams, no matter how big or small, and to support them every step of the way.

We promise to provide an upbringing in which God is the central figure—where values such as generosity, kindness, compassion, patience, and respect are taught first by us living them out.

If you desire, we want you to be a part of your child's life. We promise that you will always be honored in our home. They will always know where they came from and how much you love them. In our home, your child will be cherished, nurtured, and surrounded by a community of love and support.

We understand the weight of the decision you are making, and we promise to uphold your trust with the utmost care and dedication. Your child will forever be a cherished part of our lives, and we will be eternally grateful for the gift you are giving us.

With all our love and gratitude,

Jimmy, Carrie, and Vivy



Thank
You