



**TYLER +
ALLISON**

"Our family has
so much love
to give..."





HELLO

it's so nice to meet you!

We wish we could be sitting with you right now to talk face-to-face and get to know you better. We don't pretend to understand the circumstances or emotions that brought you here, but we want you to know we've been praying for you and your child. **The decisions you're making might feel impossible, but please know you are seen and you aren't alone.** We are so thankful our family could cross your path like this and are filled with anticipation of the story that is being written for you and your child. More than that, we would love nothing more than to play a part in it for the long term by being the adoptive parents of your sweet baby!

We hope you enjoy getting to know us a little more in the pages that follow. **Our prayer is that you can visualize your little one fitting in with the five of us as they learn, play, fall, get back up, and keep going.** We will be there for them when they smile for the first time, get their first boo-boo, learn how exhilarating a swing is, and discover how amazing ice cream is!

We can only pray your child inherits your strength and the selflessness it takes to consider others' needs in front of your own. You can do this Momma, we are in your corner.

TYLER + ALLISON





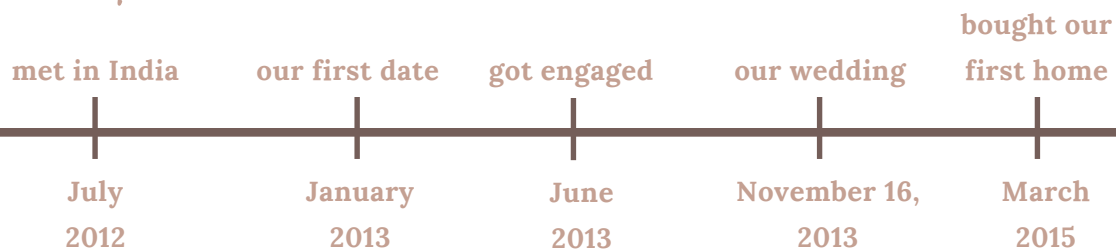
our love **STORY**

We met while we were working with a campus ministry living in India! Tyler was attracted to Allison's compassion and independence and Allison felt challenged, encouraged, and drawn to Tyler like a magnet the more time we spent together. It didn't take long to know we had something special. Dating was so fun and unique because we were foreigners in a far-off land. Many of our dates consisted of motorcycle rides or road trips on the bike to waterfalls or more remote areas; **we loved adventuring together!**

From Tyler: **We only dated for four months before I knew she was the one.** I took her on an all-day date around the city and at each spot I gave her a photo from one of our previous dates and on the back of each, there was a single letter. We finished on a rooftop overlooking the city and I gave her the last photo which "coincidentally" completed the phrase. It spelled out "Proverbs 31:10" which is a reference from the Bible that says, "An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels." I read that to her and then told her I loved her for the first time. I'm pretty sure she was in a state of shock at this point, either from the heights or the reality of the situation. **But I got down on my knee, intensely shaking, and asked if she would marry me. Her response is still one of my favorites of all time, "Duh!"** Right after she said yes we went down to my apartment where a big crew of our friends were and our parents and family were video calling in on 5 different laptops to celebrate!

Five months later, we were married in Allison's hometown in Arkansas. All of our friends and immediate and extended family were there for the special day. We have been married for a decade this year! Our marriage is still based on our shared faith, adventuring together, loving other people, and building a family. **We love doing everything and anything together and we enjoy keeping an active lifestyle** through many different avenues. Some activities are hiking, playing games, riding bikes, having friends over to our home, going on dates, listening to books, working on projects around the house, serving in our church or neighborhood, working out together, and eating ice cream! **We are truly best friends.**

our timeline





TYLER

I work as a Product Marketing Manager with an international electronics company. Out of all the places I've been fortunate to work, this one is hands down the greatest. The culture, teamwork, kindness, hard work, benefits, and service to one another and our customers are more special than words can explain. I can work from home as needed and shift things around in my schedule in order to be available to my family.

I enjoy most anything that has to do with being outdoors or working with my hands and try to find ways to involve Allison and our kids in those things as well. **I also really enjoy hiking with my family.** Other things I enjoy are biking, running, hunting, golfing, reading, and working with tools to make or fix things. There are stories and memories with Allison and the kids in each of those activities and it's so fun getting to do them with my family.



"Raising children that have no doubt they are loved by me and by God is a joy beyond measure. I love getting to see the kids step into their own."





ALLISON

I work part-time as a newborn nurse in a labor and delivery unit in my local hospital. **I get to take care of babies for the first few hours of life as they transition to life outside the womb!** It is such a special time for families and I even get to take part in birth plans for adoptions and surrogates too! I really love what I do, and consider it a privilege to get to be a part of bringing babies into the world. Our younger kiddos go to a nearby daycare once or twice a week when I am at work. On the days I don't work my time is spent at home with them. When a new little one joins our family, I plan to take three months off to bond with the baby.

While at home with the kids during the day, **I like to play games, ride bikes, read books,** and build masterpieces with our magnet blocks. We also try to make errand running fun by creating games and dancing around to music. When Daddy gets home we like to go on hikes in the woods or be outside playing sports. I enjoy sitting around the table eating dinner with everyone and hearing about their days. I also **love organizing** things around the house and deep cleaning when I have free time. A trip to the grocery store alone is also a nice treat. I enjoy learning about the human body and about newborns, and **oftentimes you can find me studying textbooks or listening to educational podcasts just because!**



**"I look forward to learning
a new child's personality
and watching them grow.
Each child is made so
uniquely!"**



meet

OUR KIDS

Jaylin is our 7-year-old daughter. She is so sweet, a bit of a perfectionist, incredibly active, and has always been a social butterfly. Even as a toddler she never met a stranger, just more people who needed to be met. She is a daddy's girl and is really growing in her confidence that she can do hard things. She loves school and gymnastics.

Jase is our 5-year-old son who has the sweetest nature, biggest feelings, and a quick mind. He is about to start his first team sport (soccer), has some great close friends already, and really enjoys doing mentally challenging things like math, science, and puzzles. Jase also loves getting to spend one on one time with mom or dad. It's been so fun to see how different Jase is from Jaylin and how much he loves being a big brother. He is always there for a snuggle!

Maverick is our 3.5-year-old son who is almost a mini-me of his Dad in so many ways. He is the most adventuresome by far and sometimes believes gravity is not a reality when he is playing, running, and jumping around! He can be a bit shy with people in the beginning but once he knows you, you quickly learn his love language is physical touch with all the hugs and tag games he plays. His laugh and smiles are contagious and have been a crazy blessing in our lives. Right now his main focus is just trying to keep up with his older siblings and prove he can do it too.



Our parenting style focuses on nurturing, loving, building confidence in, and encouraging our kids that they can do hard things. We prioritize our time with them and work to give them opportunities to try new things, experience success and failure, and hopefully, come to learn there are things they are more naturally built for that are God-given strengths. We desire to help them discover their strengths because if they can learn those, they will engage in things where they can add the most value.





TYLER *in Allison's words*

Tyler is unlike anyone I have ever met. **He is charming, bold, energetic, and charismatic.** He can fix anything and everyone who meets him adores him to death. He is everyone's favorite person in the room. He does absolutely everything to make sure his family is taken care of, that we have goals for our future, and that we are making a positive impact on others around us. He works harder than most, but when it is time to be done with work, he is fully present with his family. **We share responsibilities and he is fully engaged with our children** playing games, feeding them, and interacting with them until the moment they fall asleep.

Tyler loves children, and honestly, children love Tyler! **He is intentional with his time with our kids** and will be pushing them on the swing, chasing them on the playground, or helping them learn the monkey bars! When he has all the children when I am at work, he will plan fun adventures with them and keep them engaged and entertained throughout the day. **He has worked hard to create a safe and fun environment in every inch of our home so our kids can learn and grow here.** He makes himself available for them to cry to, ask questions of, and learn from. I really hope they all become like him someday.

ALLISON *in Tyler's words*

Allison is driven, compassionate, sacrificial, empathetic, and bold. She is drawn to help others which is evidenced by the way she loves our kids, loves me, and how she serves in her job as a nurse. She is also one of the most fun people I know to be around where simple tasks can be turned into games that usually end in great laughter. To her being a wife and mother is not about fulfilling her duties, it is about living out a calling she wanted her whole life. She loves opportunities and challenges to engage in and work through so the people on the other side of the equation (me and the kids) know we are dearly loved and supported.

Allison is known by many friends and family as **“the baby whisperer.”** Not only does she have an unbelievable amount of patience and care for babies but she even works with them as a career. **She is constantly looking for ways to create an atmosphere for kids where they can feel safe, loved, and challenged to grow.** She is really looking forward to being able to have, hold, and care for another baby and she really is the best mom I know.





our life **TOGETHER**

So far **we've gone to Florida every summer on a family vacation** with Allison's side where all the grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins are around at one time. It is an annual trip everyone looks forward to. Allison's side has been going to the same place since before she was born!

We also go to Colorado over the summer about every other year and that is more of an immediate family trip where we hike, swim, play in the parks, bike, and sightsee. Everyone loves Colorado a lot! We also really enjoy going on long weekend trips to explore new places or see family so we can maintain close relationships with them.

The more normal things we do usually consist of any kind of activity outside like playing sports, hiking, riding bikes, working around the house, or building something. We also **play a lot of games and read a ton of books and have friends over regularly**. Pizza movie nights are a weekly event at our house where we gather to eat, watch a movie and snuggle up together in the living room! The kids really look forward to it every week.



Our hearts for adoption...

We discussed adoption even before we were married! **Parenting is something we've dreamed of and adoption has been talked about often.** After having three children biologically, we found we enjoy parenting and love watching littles grow and learn. We have also recently felt our family of five is not complete. We want to provide a stable, loving place for another child to call home. We recognize adoption stories have unique and sometimes painful details intertwined, but we know there are amazing things that can come from them too. It saddens us that pain or fear may be part of an adoption process, but we believe so strongly that we can be a part of the powerful relationships that can come about from this experience.

All five of us get excited about adding a sweet baby to our family but also get excited to add a sweet birth family as well. **It's really not about adding to OUR family but creating a new family that pursues kindness and loves one another deeply in whatever capacity it may look like for all involved.** We are eager to share whatever openness you choose, even if it changes over the years.



our extended **FAMILY**

Our extended family is pretty awesome on both sides. **Everyone in our family is so excited to get the chance to welcome another baby into the family** and to have one more grandkid or cousin to add to the tribe! We are really blessed that our family dynamics can truly be described as loving and supportive. There is sincere care and camaraderie on all sides of our extended family and it is something we cherish and work to grow and protect.

Tyler's mom, Mary (Mooma), lives in the same town as us and sees the kids every week, babysits all the time, and sets up one on one time with one of the kids about once a week - she is a wonderful grandmother! Tyler's Dad, Andy (Poohpa) lives on a family farm about 4 hours away but comes to our town regularly to see our family. He is so supportive, encouraging, and generous. Tyler's brother Spencer, his wife Erin, and daughter Elizabeth (1) live in the same city as us and we see them regularly as well. We have a monthly get-together at one of our houses to make sure we prioritize our family time even when it gets busy.



Allison's family all live about 4 hours away. We see Allison's parents, Cathy (Coco) and Rick (Paco) pretty regularly. They are incredible givers and have always supported us and all the grandkids and cousins in everything we do. They are both retired and have lots of extra time to travel around to see grandkids. Allison's oldest sister Jenny is married to Lucas, and they have two daughters Kylie (12) and Khloe (9). We're in touch with Allison's sister Dorry, husband Darren, and daughter Darian (7) weekly. We see them regularly at family gatherings at Ian's house or we go stay with them in Arkansas so the cousins can run around and play. We visit Allison's brother, Ian, wife Sophia, son Liam (3), and daughter Charlee (1) for long weekends. They live on some land and the cousins love to run around outside, play and get dirty, be in nature, watch movies, have slip 'n slides, and just hang out.

"Find your tribe and love them well."

-Danielle LaPorte



OUR HOME

in the Midwest

We live in a four-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bathroom house with a basement that is mostly set up as a play place. **Our backyard backs directly up to the elementary school our kids go to with an attached 5-acre city park so we are always meeting new people.** We essentially have a 5-and-a-half acre backyard with 3 playgrounds, two baseball backstops, a picnic area, and a wide open green space that is always maintained.

We try to get outside as much as possible, play tons of games, read all the time, have pizza-movie nights, host our friends and neighbors, go on bike rides, and gather for events like the super bowl or other activities as much as possible. We are known in our neighborhood as a family that is always outside and always doing something fun. The activities and immediate surroundings foster an awesome atmosphere to live, learn and explore as the kids grow up.



Our city is nationally ranked as one of the best to raise a family. We love experiencing the four seasons, feel blessed our kids have access to some of the best school systems in the country and have a community that is culturally and ethnically diverse. **There are an amazing amount of extracurricular activities for youth to engage in** such as soccer, football, baseball, volleyball, track, hockey, gymnastics, dance, cheer, softball, lacrosse, choir, musical instruments, and much more. There is also a great zoo, many museums, awesome libraries, world-class food, family entertainment, and professional champion sports teams.

May our home
always be too small
to hold all our
friends.

OUR FAMILY VALUES



faith in God

Trusting Jesus with our lives, our well-being, and the future he has for us is primary in our family because we know we can plan, work and do but everything is ultimately in God's control. By faith we love him and those around us when things are good, bad, or impossible and this value is what makes true peace possible in our lives.

love

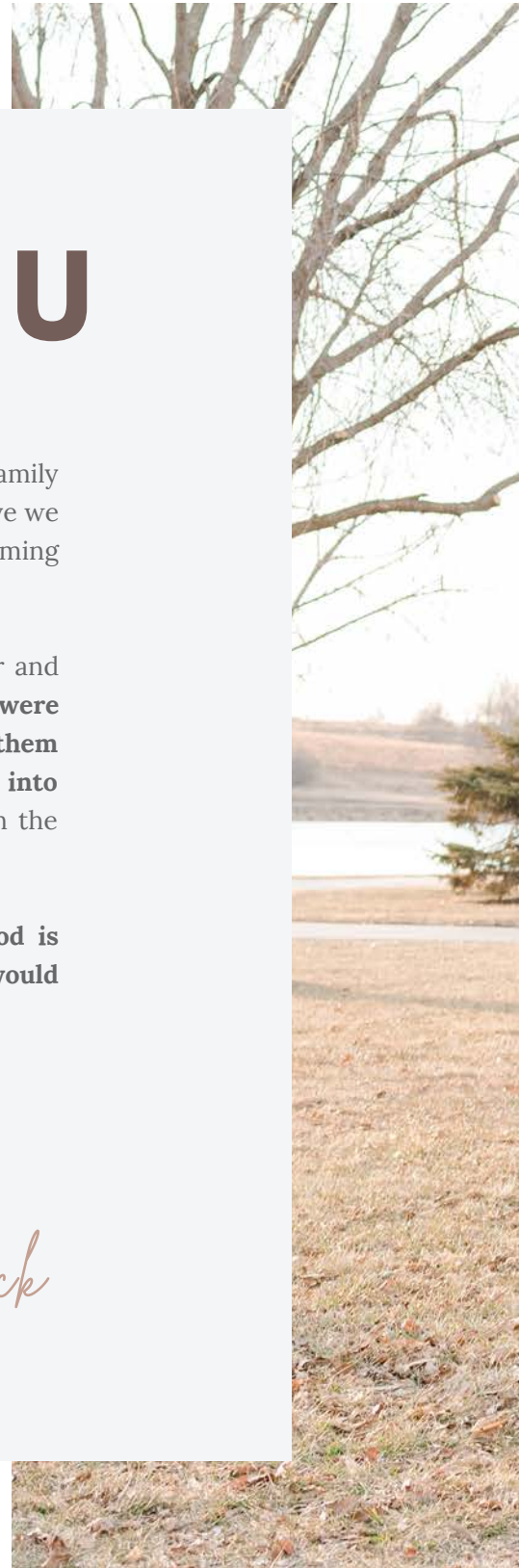
Love is a pillar of our family because it is one of the most important things you can do in life. It's a choice to put something or someone before yourself and serve with a pure heart. (We also really love ice cream!)

adventure

Adventures will give us experiences and relationships we could not otherwise gain. Our adventures in faith are what brought Allison and I together, built our family, and gave us meaningful work and amazing opportunities to serve and see God. They also provide some of the most amazing memories you will hold onto for life.

We love adventuring as a family!





THANK YOU

We are honored you took the time to get to know our family through our pictures and words and hope you can see the love we carry for each other. We are excited about the little one coming and look forward to a chance to talk with you.

It would be an amazing thing to weave our stories together and see your little one grow up in an abundance of love. **If we were chosen to parent your baby it would be a joy to help them understand their history, where they came from, and grow into who they are meant to be.** You will always be spoken of in the highest regard and respected by all of our family.

Please remember, you are worthy, you are loved, and God is writing an amazing story through you and your baby; we would love to be part of it!

*Tyler, Allison,
Jaylin, Jase, and Maverick*







LOVE
and be loved...