



We sit here tonight trying to figure out how to start a letter to a woman that we already love but don't yet know. A woman whose bravery goes unmatched. A woman whose selfless decision will forever change our family. That woman is you. Thank you from the deepest place in our hearts for choosing life for the precious baby who is being knit together in your womb. We can only imagine this has not been an easy road for you but you are being a wonderful mother in choosing what you know is best for your baby. We've been praying specifically for you for months now on this journey that you are on and will continue to pray that God guides you and gives you a comfort and peace about the decision you will be making.

John is my best friend. He is the best husband a girl could want and still takes my breath away. He breaks so many molds and really is 1 in a million and I thank God for him EVERY day! He is a master at the grill and cooking in general. He likes our house organized and clean. He is the most active dad I have ever seen. Our two boys adore him and light up and take off running into his arms every day when he comes home. He spends countless hours wrestling with them, riding bikes, doing back flips on the trampoline with them, playing basketball, and the list goes on and on. John's hard work in our home is evident but it is also obvious in his job. He is a student pastor and works with 7th-12th graders. He teaches them, hangs out with them, goes to their sporting events, and pours into their lives. We love getting to serve with him as a family and our boys love all the attention they get from the students.

Besides being a husband, a dad, and a student pastor, John loves running- crazy, right?!? ☺ He runs 5K's, mud runs, half marathons, and a marathon this year! He also is crazy about all things coffee. He loves finding cool coffee shops and tasting and trying all types of coffee.

Cheryl is my high school sweetheart. I fell in love with her from the moment I saw her at church as a soon to be sophomore in high school. She is such an amazing woman full of drive and determination. She is very confident and smart. I knew I had something special when she would always show patience and kindness toward me as through those younger years of me growing into a man that would lead our family in a God honoring way. When I didn't think she could be any more amazing, I got to watch her become a mom. She loves our kids and never hesitates to do whatever it takes for them to know they are loved and supported. Cheryl works hard with them on not only learning life skills and support the educational development but also helping them grow in their understanding of God's love for them in the way she loves our family. I love when Cheryl find things she is passion about like green teas, zumba and It Works and that I get to support her in those journeys.

With so much excitement toward how God is going to continue to build our family, Caeden (age 6) and Jensen (age 3) cannot stop talking and praying about their little brother or sister that God is going to bless us with. They are so in love and haven't even met her or him yet. These boys are so full of life and are all boy, but have such tender and compassionate hearts. Caeden always makes sure to ask for "two" of anything because he doesn't want his brother to not have something and Jensen always wants to be around Caeden and do whatever he does. The boys are playing soccer and basketball and are so excited about cheering each other on and celebrate when they do good and encourage each other to do their best. They are going to be great big brothers to a new brother or sister one day.

Thank you for taking time to read just a tiny bit about us. We pray that as you take the next steps, God directs your path and gives you an undeniable peace during this time.

Hugs,

John, Cheryl, Caeden, and Jensen