

Dear Birthmother,

We cannot express the amount of gratitude and respect that we have for you in this time. We are so thankful that you are choosing life for your sweet child. We truly believe that adoption is a symbol of God's love for us, and we are praying for you as you go through this journey.

We are Justin and Emily. We met in April of 2010 at a couple's house who opened their home to collect students on a regular basis. We just celebrated 5 years of marriage in 2016, and we are so ready to add a child to our family. (Our puppies in the picture are Mozzi and Silas, and they promise to be the best 'big brothers' around.)

Emily grew up in Fort Worth, TX. Her parents are Jeff and Cindy, and she has a younger brother, Ryan. Family is very important to Emily, as she has a large extended family on both sides. Her family gets together on a regular basis throughout the year. Emily spent most of her time during school in choir and theatre. She loves to sing and to go to musicals. Besides that, she spent a lot of time practicing her teaching skills on her little brother. She knew she wanted to be a teacher by the time she was in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

Currently, Emily teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade English and Reading in the school in our town. She is also a Reading Specialist and teaches Dyslexia classes. Reading is a very strong passion of Emily's, and she feels that she has a responsibility to help as many kids read well during their school years so that they can be successful as adults. While she enjoys teaching immensely, and feels that is the 'day job' that God has designed her for, and she also has a deep desire to stay home and take care of our children.

Justin was born in Wyoming, but moved to Texas when he was in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. He grew up in Mineral Wells, TX. His parents are Danny and Lynn, and he has one older brother, Jared. Justin's story is quite different than Emily's. Justin's parents divorced when he was 12 years old, and he grew up primarily with his mom. While he had contact with his dad, it wasn't until recent years that Justin really developed a deeper relationship with his father. Currently, his dad is remarried to a wonderful lady named Mona. Justin's mom still lives in Mineral Wells and is a very supportive figure in our lives. She looks forward to being a "Nanna" in the future!

Justin spent his time growing up playing sports. He was active in basketball, football, and golf. He stills plays many sports to this day and enjoys golf on a weekly basis. During his youth, Justin was lead to Christ, and it was soon put on his heart that he would one day be a Pastor. He graduated from Seminary in May of 2015, and he is currently serving The Lord as the Senior Pastor in his first church.

Our church is a great part of our lives. While it is Justin's job, we also feel that it is our responsibility to help others grow in their relationship with Jesus. Together, we lead many different groups and activities within the church. Our church is very excited about the addition to our family and to our church family, and they are already praying for this child and for you.

We know that God has a great plan for each of our lives. We know that He already knows the name and the face of the child that will be added to our family. We thank you, again, for your great sacrifice as you choose placing your child in adoption. We pray that God will guide you to find the right couple, for them, and for your life thereafter.