



Lindsay & Steven

Our Story

hello!



We are Lindsay, Steven, and Winnie

We first want to thank you for choosing the gift of life. We know that you have been faced with some challenging decisions, and we will be praying for you. It has been our dream to become parents, and we cannot thank you enough for your selfless and courageous decision to choose adoption. We hope that getting a glimpse into our life will show the love in our hearts and home, and will help your decision become as easy as possible. We are so grateful for you!

About Us

We met while teaching at the same school in 2015. Lindsay was teaching fifth grade at the time, and Steven was teaching middle school math and social studies. Our love for children, family, and faith brought us together. We got married in 2017 in the Church that was a part of our school, and many of our students sang in the choir at our wedding. Both of our families instantly connected and have shared many good times together such as holidays, vacations, special milestones, family dinners, and game nights.

Currently, Lindsay teaches Kindergarten and has been a teacher for 12 years. Steven teaches High School Sophomore World History and has been a teacher for 14 years. Both of us enjoy working with children each day, and we have always wanted to become parents.

In addition to spending time with our family and friends, we enjoy taking walks and trips to the park with our sweet Cavapoo, Winnie. We love being outdoors, running, biking, and traveling. We have fun getting ice cream, watching movies and shows together, as well as cheering on our favorite teams: Kentucky Wildcats, Cincinnati Reds and Bengals.



Our Adoption Story

We have both looked forward to creating a family and couldn't wait to begin trying to have children after we got married. Adoption has been on our hearts ever since we started to experience difficulties with infertility. We are so grateful for the gift of adoption, and we feel blessed having it as a part of our story.

Our community, family, and friends have been an amazing support system in which adoption is celebrated. We have several friends who have adopted or who are going through the adoption process. We've learned from wonderful books, podcasts, and support groups, and we have enjoyed attending local events that support adoption such as the Gift of Adoption 5K. We look forward to bringing a little one to this event some day.





Enjoying summertime with our nephew, Oliver



Playing at the park with our nephew, Cooper



Getting ice cream with our goddaughters

Spending time with children has been a part of our daily lives. We have treasured time with our students, many nieces and nephews, and friends' children. Lindsay was blessed to have a little girl in her class who was adopted. We instantly shared a connection through our stories, and she got to know and love us so well that she asked us to be her godparents. We share letters as pen pals, go to the toy store, have movie nights, and get ice cream together. We look forward to starting the next chapter in growing our family, and celebrating adoption while loving and raising a child in our home.



Lindsay and her student celebrating World Adoption Day

Meet Lindsay

Lindsay is a great wife. She is always there for me no matter what. We stand together in this world while helping each other become better versions of ourselves each day. She is always there to help out, rather it be in deciding on birthday gifts for our nieces and nephews, or just simply being together during the day to day routine. She is so much fun to be around and always has a smile on her face. I enjoy traveling with her, taking our puppy Winnie for walks, and hanging out with our family. She is so personable. There is no doubt she was meant to be a teacher and a mom. She is patient, kind, and creative; always finding new ways to teach her little ones. She will be the best mom to our future kids. I can't wait for our dreams to come true. ~Steven

HOBBIES & INTERESTS:

Walks/runs with Steven and Winnie, crafting, decorating, reading, journaling, singing, dancing, cooking, movies/shows, and family time

GOALS AND DREAMS:

Being a mom, writing/illustrating a children's book or a book about our story to give hope to others

FAVORITE PLACE:

Anywhere outside in beautiful nature, or with my family

FAVORITE TRADITIONS:

Weekly date nights, monthly birthday/holiday celebrations, and annual family vacations



Meet Steven



Steven is a very loving, thoughtful, dedicated husband who works hard at all he does. He is compassionate and prioritizes family and faith above all things. He is generous in his giving and often goes out of his way for others. Anyone who has ever met him has enjoyed being around him because of his big heart and outgoing personality. I have enjoyed watching him care for our sweet pup, Winnie, and playfully interacting with all of our nieces and nephews. Steven is an amazing teacher and coach, and I cannot wait to see him continue to pour out his love as a father. I am blessed to have him as my husband, and I look forward to growing our family with him. -Lindsay

HOBBIES & INTERESTS:

Walks with Winnie and Lindsay, hanging out with family, watching Bengals football or UK Basketball, playing sports, reading a good history book, watching movies and shows with my wife

GOALS AND DREAMS:

Coaching my future children in sports, academic team, and/or other activities

FAVORITE PLACE:

Cuddling up with my wife and puppy next to the fire in our cozy home

FAVORITE TRADITION:

Friday Night Date Nights with my wife

Our Home



In 2016, after looking at many houses with our sister-in-law, our realtor, it was God's providence that led us to our home. Our house is perfectly situated 10 minutes from both of our parents and only 15-20 minutes from work. It has three bedrooms, four bathrooms, and a finished basement for an entertainment/play area. It has the perfect backyard and patio for playing with our future kids and having grill-outs. We have been preparing a sweet little nursery with all the necessities, books, blankets, and toys. We can't wait to have bedtime stories, snuggles, lullabies, and playtime.

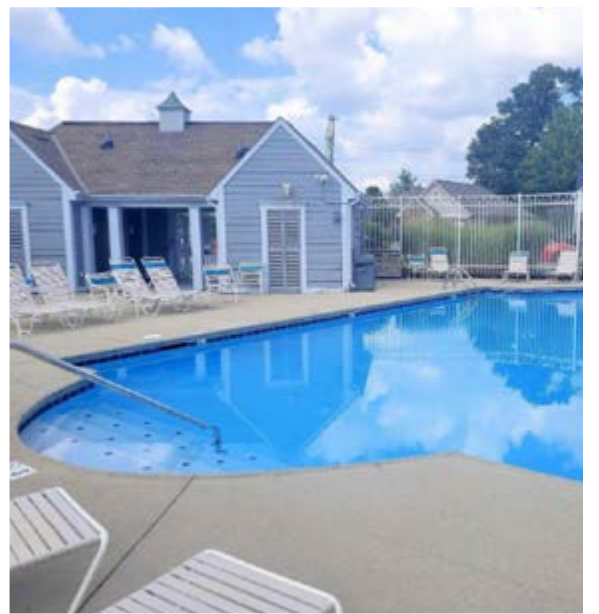


Lindsay has fun decorating our home for all of the seasons and holidays. Our house is always so festive no matter what time of the year it is. There is nothing more cozy than sitting next to our fireplace in the winter while reading a good book and cuddling with our puppy. We also love to have friends and family over for game nights, shared meals, and movie style seating in our basement to watch movies and sporting events.



Our Community

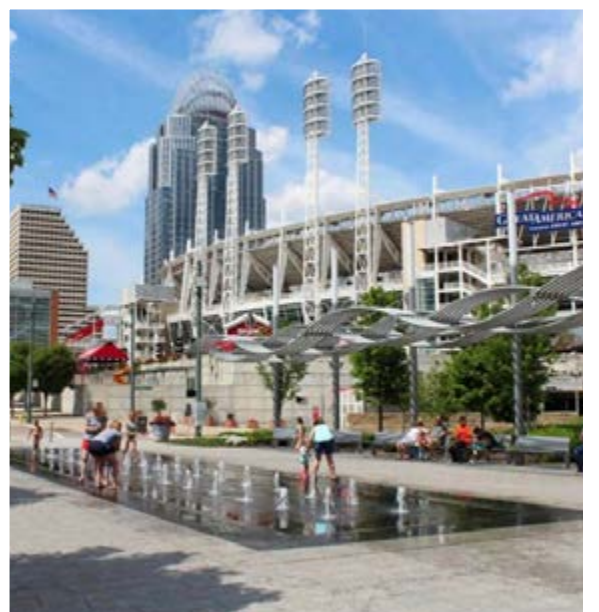
Living atop a big hill, we get the advantage of a bit of seclusion away from the busy city life. Our subdivision is its own little community tucked away from everything else. We have plenty of sidewalks for walking our puppy and our future children. We have friendly neighbors that we have grown to love while living here, and there are lots of kids who play outside daily. Our neighborhood also has its own swimming pool, which we can walk to in the summertime.



We are only a few minutes away from the nearest parks and schools. In addition, we live just 15 minutes away from Cincinnati. Therefore, we often spend time going to restaurants, festivals, sporting events, and other fun and exciting things that can be found in the Greater Cincinnati area.



Northern Kentucky is where we both grew up. Although most of our family and friends live nearby, we enjoy being able to take short trips to visit siblings, relatives, and friends in Lexington and Louisville areas. We have fun attending annual Kentucky festivities such as Keeneland horse races, UK sporting events, and the Kentucky Derby. There are also beautiful forests for hiking and camping, as well as lakes to enjoy boating and lakehouse trips.





Our Family



We have a lot of love to give with a big family. Steven has two brothers and a sister. His two brothers and their kids live in Northern Kentucky and his sister and her husband live in Austin, TX. Lindsay has a brother who lives in Charleston, SC with his wife and two-year-old son, and a sister who lives in Lexington, KY with her husband and four-year-old son. Her brother has a baby girl on the way! Being with our adorable nieces and nephews brings us so much joy. Our moms were both former preschool teachers, and they are available to watch future grandchildren full time! Every holiday, birthday, or milestone, we get together with our loving family to enjoy time together. Our family is our rock, whom we turn to in times of need. They are always there for us and are very supportive of adoption.



Family Christmas with Steven's parents, siblings, nieces and nephews



Family Christmas with Lindsay's parents, siblings, nieces and nephews



We love traditions like singing Happy Birthday to Jesus





Each year we visit Lindsay's family beach house in Myrtle Beach, SC. Lindsay's parents own a nice beach house that is within walking distance to the beach. It is part of a fun complex that has a water park, mini golf, and games and activities for the whole family. This is such a fun tradition that we look forward to each year, and we can't wait to create many memories there with our growing family.



We cherish special moments such as watching the wonder in a child's eyes at the sight of their first fireworks, and hearing laughter at the first touch of foamy water on the feet. We enjoy hunting for sea shells, building sand castles, playing cornhole, and telling stories while sitting in good company. We love family!



Our Friends



We have always had a group of friends who are near and dear to our hearts. It was very difficult for us to choose who would be in our wedding party because of how many loving, close friends we have. Steven has friends from high school and college who watch sports, travel, and play board games with each other. Lindsay also has a number of friends who enjoy going and getting coffee together, going shopping, and meeting up for fun weekend get-aways. She loves going on stroller walks and hanging out with her friends who have little ones. In addition, Lindsay also enjoys spending time with her Bible study group on a weekly basis. Our friends have been a big support system for us, celebrating life's exciting moments and helping us through the challenges. A lot of our friends have or are currently having children, and we cannot wait for future play dates and get-togethers each year. They are all supportive of adoption and excited for our journey.



Steven with his brothers, Brian and Kevin



Lindsay with her sister, Natalie, and her brother, Nick



Visiting Steven's sister, Leah

Our siblings are also our best friends. We are all very close and enjoy going through life together. We pray to be able to grow a family with multiple children who will also be each other's best friends. Most of our siblings have children, and are continuing to have babies. We can't wait for our children to have cousins and playmates who love them very much. We will do fun things together such as going to the zoo, the children's museum, and the park. We will celebrate birthdays and seasons together.



Friends celebrating Lindsay's 30th Birthday



Friends trip to the Cincinnati Zoo

Our Travels

We have been lucky to travel together to many places. We first traveled to Costa Rica for Steven's sister's wedding, getting to see wildlife all around us and ziplining through the rainforest. We have also been to Hawaii on our Honeymoon, where we saw the sunrise on a mountaintop, botanical gardens, and sea turtles. We've enjoyed visiting national parks and seeing all that God has given us, including the Grand Canyon, Pike's Peak, Gatlinburg, Niagra Falls, and many beaches. We travel each year to visit with family and go on annual family vacations to Myrtle Beach, SC. In addition to a beach house in Myrtle Beach, Lindsay's father owns an RV, which allows us to go on family camping trips. We have family all across the country, which gives us a wonderful reason to travel. We can't wait to share these experiences with our children, and of course take them to Disney World one day!





Biking in Sonoma Valley, CA



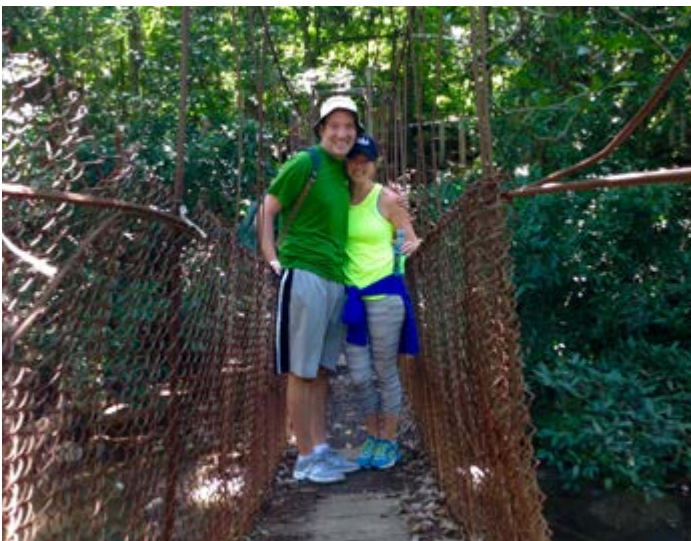
Enjoying the beauty of the Magnolia Plantation in SC



We made it to the top of Pike's Peak National Forest



Family Hiking trip in Gatlinburg, TN



Hiking in the Costa Rica Rainforest



Visiting Waco, TX



Fun Times We Share



Golfing together in the Summer Sun



Playing Board Games Together



Enjoying the annual Butterfly Show



Visiting the Pumpkin Patch

With both of us having weekends and summers off, we will be able to spend lots of time as a family. We enjoy doing many fun things around town such as: getting ice cream, riding bikes, playing golf and putt-putt, board game nights, working on fun projects, going to the pool, taking walks, hiking, and going to the park. We also enjoy running in 5k's or mini marathons to support good causes.

To celebrate the seasons, we like to go to the pumpkin patch, Festival of Lights at the Zoo, and the annual butterfly exhibit at the local conservatory. We look forward to sharing these fun experiences with our children and doing things like coloring with sidewalk chalk, blowing bubbles, swinging on the playset, playing hide-and-go-seek, baking cookies, reading stories, movie nights, and making crafts. We can't wait for these special times to come, and we will be sure to celebrate the unique interests and talents of our future little ones!



Our Promise

We promise to love your child unconditionally

It has been our hope and dream to raise a child, and we promise to raise him or her to become faithful, kind, and courageous. We promise to teach, coach, and inspire him or her to be all that they were made to be while embracing their talents. We promise to provide a warm, loving home with lots of birthday parties, friends and family get-togethers, bubble baths, story time, and backyard fun. We promise fun vacations, trips to the Zoo, bike rides, ice cream sundaes, and play dates. Most of all, we promise to share the beautiful story of your selfless choice to place your child in our care. We are forever grateful to you for allowing our family to grow. By choosing life, you have changed ours forever.



Getting ice cream is one of our favorite outings!



Painting Date Night



Halloween Fun



Bike ride trip to a favorite local trail



Fun at the Cincinnati Zoo



Having Fun at the Park with Mr. Redlegs



Thank You

THANK YOU for taking the time to learn more about us and for considering us as adoptive parents of your child. We have lots of love to give, and would be forever blessed to add your child to our family.

We look forward to meeting you!

Lindsay and Steven