



Andrew & Jessie





Dear Momma,

We are Andrew and Jessie. We feel privileged that you would take the time to consider us as potential parents for your child. We cannot imagine the decision you are facing, but we want you to know that we've been praying for you, your little one, and y'all's journey ahead. We know that you are making a great sacrifice and hope that whatever decision you make, you are overwhelmed by the Lord's peace. If you choose us to parent your child, we promise to raise them in a loving, Christ-centered home. They will always know how much we honor and respect you for your decision.

We hope that this album provides you with a glimpse of what your child's life would look like with us. We are a family that values time together and pushes each other to try new things. We point each other to Christ and challenge one another to be the best version of ourselves. Thank you again for taking the time to get to know us!

-Andrew & Jessie

Our love story

Andrew and Jessie met while she was in undergrad and he was finishing his graduate program. They met while working at their college's swine teaching farm, and when the right time opened up, Andrew asked Jessie on a date. Their first date goes down in history as one of the worst. It's a miracle there was a second date. Everything from the awkward side-hug Andrew gave Jessie, to Jessie not being able to stop talking for 5 seconds because she was so nervous, and finally the infamous battle of "who can paddle the kayak the longest without stopping for a break." They continued their silly, love story after graduation and took on a year of long-distance while Jessie moved for work. After two years of dating, Andrew wasted little time in asking her to marry him.



Their wedding was even better than they initially planned. Due to the pandemic, they ended up having their wedding 4 months earlier than planned because why wait? It was an intimate wedding held in Jessie's parent's backyard. All their closest friends and family members were able to attend. They wouldn't trade their "pandemic wedding" for anything in the world.

Our three years of marriage have had many hills and valleys, but we're so thankful to have walked alongside one another through each of them.





FOR I KNOW THE
PLANS I HAVE FOR
YOU, DECLARES THE
LORD, PLANS TO
PROSPER YOU AND
NOT TO HARM YOU,
PLANS TO GIVE YOU A
HOPE AND A FUTURE.
JEREMIAH 29:11

Choosing Adoption

Jessie's desire to adopt comes from her father's experience of growing up in foster care. Growing up she heard all about her father's unique story, and she developed a special place in her heart for foster care and adoption. Andrew shared this sentiment for adoption and once we decided we wanted to have children, adoption was always a part of the conversation. After experiencing infertility, we felt that the Lord was leading us to pursue adoption as the means to grow our family. The Lord adopted us into His Kingdom and now treats us as his true heirs. We desire to open our home and model His example.



Meet Andrew

THROUGH JESSIE'S EYES

Andrew works as a research scientist for a growing biotechnology company. Don't let his brains fool you, he can do just about anything. He's athletic, handy, musically inclined, and clearly, very smart. He's extremely hard-working, but always makes an effort to ensure family comes first. Andrew loves hard and has a gentle soul. He's the type of person who would give you the shirt off his back if you were in need. He's always up for a new adventure but is also really level-headed and down to earth. He's very attentive to other's feelings and is good at knowing what they might need. He has the patience of a saint. Even if he disagrees or gets upset with someone, he shows them the kindness and respect that each of us deserves. His love for the Lord shines in everything he does. He's my favorite person in the world and my best friend. I may be partial, but I think he's going to make the best dad.

COMPASSIONATE | GENTLE | LOYAL

Meet Jessie

THROUGH ANDREW'S EYES

The first thing you'll realize about Jessie, as I did when I first met her, is that she is a kind and loving person. She continually seeks out the needs of others and puts them before her own. She models this after her savior, Jesus Christ, and continually seeks to become more Christlike and deepen her faith by studying her bible. The next thing you'll probably notice about Jessie is that she is an extrovert. When I first met her, as an introvert myself, I wasn't sure I could hang with her high energy level and enthusiasm. But this was exactly why I was drawn to her, because she brings out the adventurous side of people and encourages them. These attributes along with her organizational skills help Jessie excel as a marketing specialist and administrative assistant at our church. In her spare time, Jessie enjoys reading, crocheting, doing yoga, running, and pretty much any outdoor activity. I am very blessed to call Jessie my wife and I know that any child will be blessed to call her mom.



ADVENTUROUS | CONSIDERATE | ENTHUSIASTIC

Our Pets

Layla (brown) and Rory (black and white) are two peas in a pod. Both are rescued pups that greet every person with tail wags and licks as they come into our home. Layla is an “old girl” who enjoys belly rubs and sunbathing, while Rory is the younger, hyper one who loves to chase squirrels in the backyard. As doggy siblings, they play with one another and snuggle up together on their bed at night. These two bring exciting energy to our family and will be any child's best “fur friends”.



Daily Life & Weekends



We try to start each day with a cup of coffee and family devotions. In the evenings we do some form of exercise together in our home gym. We are both part of a Running Club and Walking Club, so at least twice a week you can find us downtown running/walking alongside our friends in the local community. Each night we make an intentional effort to share dinner around our table. It's a chance for us to pray and discuss our day. We value our church family and participate in weekly events including small group studies or social outings. We love college and professional sports, so most of the year you can find us attending games or watching them from home. Our weekends are a chance for us to rest from the busy work week. Our idea of rest can look like anything from playing tennis or frisbee golf, getting together with friends and family, catching up on a favorite TV show, or adventuring to someplace new.

Travels & Getaways

We love to venture outside our town! The beach is our favorite place to be and we try to spend as much time as we can there. Every year we do one “big” trip and it’s usually to someplace new. When we visit a new place, we seek out some sort of outdoor activity unique to that area, like hiking. We have friends in several states and try to visit them annually.



Andrew's Family



My family is originally from New York but now all live in beautiful North Carolina. I grew up as a younger sibling with an older brother and sister. As children, we enjoyed playing board games, soccer, and the violin. Family traditions were and still are a big deal on my side of the family. We love getting together to celebrate birthdays, holidays, and other life events.



LOVING | CREATIVE | THOUGHTFUL

Jessie's Family

My family is originally from upstate New York and most still live there, so we only see them for special occasions. I am one of four daughters. My two oldest sisters are half-siblings and significantly older than me, so I mainly grew up with my full-blooded sister. She, my parents, and I spent most of my adolescent life moving all around the East Coast and Southern states. As a result, the four of us are very tight-knit. My family lives about two hours from Andrew and me. Over the past few years, several of my family members, including a sister, brother-in-law, nieces, nephews, and grandmother have moved closer to my parents. The men in my family do an annual fishing trip in July and while the men are gone, the ladies spend that same week together, bonding. We have summer fish-frys, cornhole tournaments, and play board games with this side of the family. There is rarely a dull moment with them.



COMMITTED | FUN | GENEROUS

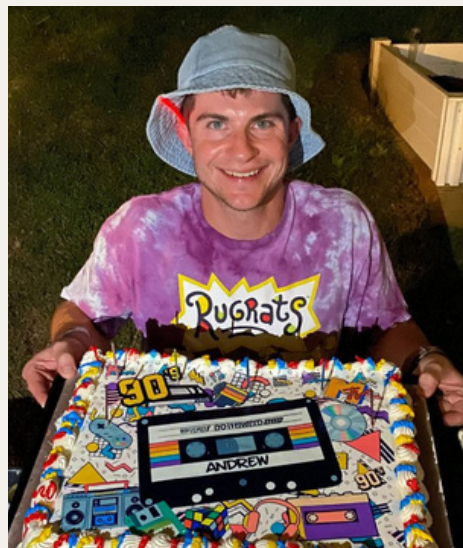


Seasonal celebrations , birthdays and holidays

We make an effort to see both sides of our families for special events and holidays, but we also try to make sure our little family unit has its own time to celebrate. We alternate Thanksgiving between both of our families. Every year, we spend Christmas Eve with Jessie's family. With all the moving they've done, her side hadn't kept many holiday traditions, except for a big seafood feast on Christmas Eve, which Jessie holds very dear. Christmas morning is spent in our own home with our family. Christmas afternoon/evening is spent with Andrew's side of the family. We spend the afternoon in Christmas-themed pajamas, exchange gifts, and enjoy a Christmas Feast together.

Arguably, our favorite holiday is Easter. We spend the morning at our home church and spend the afternoon cooking dinner for friends and church family that don't have family nearby.

Birthdays are focused on making memories by doing something new or fun with friends and family. We often have a small celebration with our family unit too, which includes a meal and dessert of choice.



OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY, NEIGHBORS & LONGTIME FRIENDS

We landed in a part of our neighborhood that is very tight-knit. Our neighbors have quickly become friends. They celebrate alongside us for birthdays, they share meals with us, watch sports, and sometimes spend an evening chatting in our driveways. When a few of us are spending time together, the crowd quickly grows to include other neighboring families. Many of our closest college friends live around us. Since graduating we've experienced a lot of life with them. Everything from engagements to weddings, and now growing our families. They're usually the ones that attend local festivals or events with us.

While we love our first church dearly and have been heavily involved in its ministries, we felt the Lord has been leading us to transition to a different church. We have started attending a new church that has a well-developed children's program and offers a lot of support for families that have been impacted by adoption. The congregation has many adult adoptees and families that have adopted or have experience with adoption. Our small group's members have quickly become some of our good friends and are starting to feel like a second family.



Our Family Vision

As a family, we exist to glorify God daily by studying and applying His Word, disciplining those in our community, and being good stewards of what He's blessed us with.

OUR CORE VALUES

Hospitality

We love to make people feel loved by opening our home, starting conversations, or offering our assistance/support.

Community

We desire to be in regular fellowship with other believers and deepen that connection with them.

Stewardship

We desire to care for our body, mind, spirit, finances, home and anything else the Lord has blessed us with.

Daily Bread

We strive to read, wrestle and study scripture through family worship, personal devotion and other biblical resources.

Discipleship

We desire to live out the Gospel through our actions and come alongside others when they desire to learn and grow in their knowledge of Christ.

Our Home

We purchased our home in 2022. It has 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, a bonus room, and a large fenced yard with garden beds. We love how cozy it's become. There's a small playground a few houses down from us. Our neighborhood has a pool, several playgrounds, and lots of families. We are within walking distance of our local downtown which regularly hosts family-friendly events and festivals.



The Nursery



CHILDREN ARE
A HERITAGE
FROM THE
LORD,
OFFSPRING A
REWARD FROM
HIM.
PSALM 127:3



The nursery has a sunshine and rainbows theme. Just as rainbows and sunshine are a blessing, we know that your child will be a blessing to those he or she interacts with. The crib blanket was crocheted by Jessie for this specific nursery. The rocking horse is a family heirloom that we're excited to pass down. We tried to keep the nursery simple so that as we get to know your child, we can better tailor it to their personality and needs.

Our sentiments

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know our family. This is just a glimpse of our life, and if you have any questions, please ask! We're open books!

If chosen to care for your child, we promise to provide them with everything they would need to reach their full potential. He or she will be raised in a home centered on Christ. They will be loved fiercely by not just us, but also those in our life. Your child will grow up knowing how much we respect and honor you.

There are so many people praying over you, your child, and the decision you are making. Our specific prayer is that whatever decision you choose to make, the Lord will provide you with overwhelming peace.

- Andrew & Jessie





*Thank you for
considering
our family.*

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