



ZACK, NATALEIGH, & JUDSON



# Hello

We're Zack, Nataleigh, and Jud. Thank you for considering adoption for your child. We know firsthand from our first adoption journey the sacrifice and deep love that placing a child for adoption requires. We have immense gratitude to our son's (Jud) birth mother for choosing life and we will have the same immeasurable thankfulness to you! We place a lot of importance and weight on the selfless act of placing a child for adoption and will be forever grateful to you not only for choosing life but for choosing us to parent your child. We'd love to have an open adoption and be able to share special moments and memories with you. We currently have an open adoption and it's been the biggest blessing to all parties (our son, his birth mom, and us). Our church is actively praying for us in this journey, for you specifically, and we are as well.

*Zack, Nataleigh, & Jud*



# Our Story

We met on a Spring Break Mission Trip to Panama City Beach, Florida in 2008...crazy to think it's been that long! Zack looked across the table and saw the most beautiful girl in the world. She had the most amazing eyes and once he heard her southern drawl, she was irresistible! Nataleigh on the other hand took some convincing, but after being friends for over 2 years, we finally started dating each other. At that point we had many mutual friends and life was very happy. We got engaged at the beach as the sun was setting and a storm was rolling in. The best part was Zach had planned a surprise party the next day so all our friends could celebrate with us. Another storm had rolled in, no one wanted to leave, and the DJ just kept playing songs. That Cinco de Mayo will be remembered for a long time!

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# How Time Flies!

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Our wedding was quite the shindig! We had a huge wedding party (10 bridesmaids and 10 groomsmen) and 250+ people attended. Our wedding was at that perfect in-between time between college and true adulthood, where it was a reunion to see everyone we know and love. We had so much fun on that day! It poured rain as we left the church for the reception and once we were all inside, the party began. We danced all night. Our friends and family still talk about how much fun that day was. When I reflect on our wedding day, I have so much gratitude. We were so young and naive, but so in love and ready to take on the world. The Lord gave us each other's most gracious gift on that day in the gift of marriage. It will always be seen by us as the day our new family started.



# Adoption

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We started the adoption conversation very early in our marriage (around 2013). Due to some medical/hormonal issues, we knew it was best for us to not have biological children. Many years of paying off debts, growing in our marriage, working hard, and growing in Christ led us to adopt our first son in October 2020. Our son brought us tremendous undeserved joy. We quickly knew that we wanted more children and began to pray and wait for the right time to go through the adoption process again.



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# Meet ZACHARY

“You can call me Zack!”



I am a fun-loving jokester who's also developed into a very disciplined person in the areas that matter. We love people, especially hosting, and I enjoy conversations that usually go on way too late. I work in an administrative position for a municipal water and wastewater supplier citing code violations, ultimately working to protect infrastructure and educate the public. In my free time, I like to work out, sing, be outdoors, fix things, learn about God, and be a good friend. A good example of this is that I have built a home gym in the garage and have people over weekly to work out with. We often get into spiritual conversations, especially applications to everyday life.

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# Meet NATALEIGH



Zack says, “She’s a cool mom, she doesn’t drive a minivan, she’s always got the best classy clothes, and is very loving and kind.” I am driven, motivated, fiercely loyal, and have a funny sense of humor (I can relate almost any situation to a scene of *The Office*). I love the Lord, His Church, hosting people and having great conversations around the dinner table. Our home is my haven. I love to bring people into it, beautify it, care for it, and create a safe and fun place for everyone who enters to enjoy. I tend to think I love others well and hope to portray this in everyday life.

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# Meet JUDSON

“You can call me Jud!”

Jud is a HAM. He’s extroverted, the life of a room, and smart! He loves to sing, play musical instruments, and dance. He’s athletic and enjoys our home gym a lot.

He’s got a quick memory and knows pretty much every song we introduce to him within days. He’s a true blessing and gift to our family. We know for sure the Lord chose him to fit perfectly with our family.





# Furry Friends

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Tucker (yellow lab) is just a big, goofy, loving old dog. He just turned 9, is so gentle, is kind to Jud and everyone he meets. Max, the orange tabby cat, is always like Garfield, always. He's indifferent, yet loving to a few people and is Nataleigh's first baby. :) Something unique about them is how they play with each other so much. They will fight, roll around on the floor and make everyone laugh out loud. Tucker also goes on rides in the truck a lot and has a reputation for being the friendly/gentle giant around the preschool pickup line.



# Weekends & Getaways

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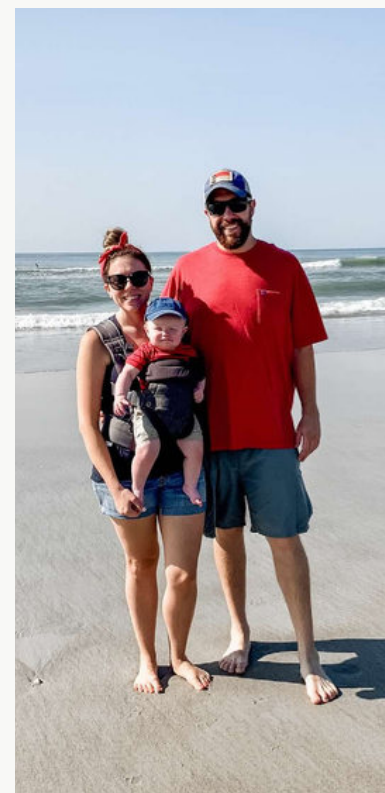
The best weekends and times tend to be those where we have no real plans. We love going out for ice cream, going to new parks, on walks, adventures, and going to the beach. We attend church every Sunday and love it. It's the highlight of our week to be with our church family. We also love going to the beach. Playing in the sand is a favorite! We have a family that has a home at the beach, so we enjoy going to the coast throughout the year.



# Holidays, Traditions & Celebrations

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We love any excuse to celebrate! We enjoy birthdays a lot because it's each person's special day to do what they want. We have enjoyed dressing Jud up for Halloween the past few years and also really love going to the beach for the 4th of July! Christmas is our favorite, and we started a new tradition of baking a birthday cake for Jesus each Christmas Eve. We look forward to the together time and fun that's associated with the holidays!



# We love our FAMILY

*Never apart for too long...*



We are blessed to have some family close by that we see often. Nataleigh's dad, stepmom, and aunt both live close by. We spend a lot of time together. Zack's mother, sister, and grandparents live a little further away but we visit them often. We enjoy spending quality time together, several times a year. Our family is very supportive and loving. They're a blessing!

# Friendship & Community

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Something unique about our family is that we host a lot! We love to have people over for dinner and hang out a few times per week. We are involved in our local church's young adult ministry. We have developed several great relationships that we're fostering by way of meals and good conversations around the dinner table.

# THIS IS HOME

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# Home: a place of *belonging*



We built/bought our house in March of 2022 and have been making it “home” ever since. We love doing house projects and finding ways to make things “fancy” while being on a budget. We have a small garden in the spring and summer, a swing set, lots of outdoor toys, a bounce house we bring out on nice days, and a nice yard to run and play in. Our neighborhood is small and has a lot of families, too. It’s a great community for walking, riding bikes (or toy Jeeps, etc.), and stopping to chat with neighbors along the way.

# The NURSERY



We are SO excited to add another child to our home. Jud can't wait to have a baby. We have been working hard to prepare a cozy, fun nursery for baby to be welcomed into. We can't wait to add little details to the nursery that are specific to the new baby!



# *Our Sentiments*

We love the Lord, we will love  
your child, and we will love you.  
Thank you so much for allowing  
us to be parents again.

Love,

*Zack & Nataleigh*



*Thank you for considering our family!*

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