



Matt & Ravonne

A Loving Adoptive Family

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Hello!



We want to thank you for considering us to be the family you choose for your beautiful daughter. We have one biological child, Rowan, who is seven. We also have a child we adopted at birth, Simeon, who is four. We strive to be involved parents who generously show love to our children. We want them to understand the value of hard work and the blessing of generosity.

Our love of Christ is what moves us to do everything in our lives. We want to use what we work for to be a blessing to others. We love music and adventure. We love to travel and experience new cultures. We take yearly family trips and do a lot of fun things during the summer such as float trips, going to the lake with friends, biking, hiking, and roasting marshmallows over the firepit. Our parenting style is lovingly firm. We take time to explain the why behind our choices, but children have to know that they have a part as well. We try to help them name their emotions and teach them how to work through those things. Our goal is ultimately to live like Christ and help our children to see that although we aren't perfect, we are striving to love them well.

Our home is in a neighborhood located very near a seventy acre park in Arkansas. Our community is wonderful! We have a lot of parks, splash pads and fun activities to participate in. We strive for our home to have a peaceful presence. We have a large covered back porch and large backyard to play sports in and have gatherings with friends and family. And the baby's room is already waiting for them!

We enjoy going to the art museum, the children's museum, the rock climbing gym, and the many trails available to bike, ride, and hike. There is a live music venue and plans for a professional soccer team to move to the area. Our community loves the Arkansas Razorbacks since the college is nearby. One of our favorite hiking spots is Tanyard Creek. There is a wonderful hiking trail and waterfall there. The Bella Vista dog park area and Coler Creek have fun little pump tracks for bike riding. The kids and parents enjoy this! We drive to Springfield, MO for a daytrip to visit the aquarium and museum. For weekend trips, we go to Tulsa, Kansas City, or Branson for some local fun!



Our children go to a private Christian school. We want them to have the benefit of a smaller class size with Biblical values so they can truly thrive in an educational environment. Our school focuses on educating and developing Godly leaders.



Our Story

Matt and Ravonne met while they were both living in Kansas City. They had both signed up for the Warrior Dash, which is a 5K obstacle course, and camped out the night before with their friends. They were friendly at that time, but didn't have their first date until six months later. Once they had their first date, they were nearly inseparable!

Matt planned a very special proposal. He and his brother, Blake, had planned when and how to propose. Because Ravonne and Matt had already determined a date for their wedding, the proposal itself needed to be extra special. Blake called Ravonne and asked her to meet Matt for a surprise date that he would pay for as a wedding gift. Matt enlisted one of his friends from college to be the butler and asked one of his local friends if he could use their rooftop that overlooks the Kansas City skyline. After dinner, Matt asked Ravonne to join him at the ledge to look at the skyline as the sun set. He had synchronized his watch with his friend and at exactly the right time the words "Will You Marry Me?" lit up in the grass below. Ravonne was absolutely shocked! She turned and Matt was on his knee. And she said yes of course!

Matt and Ravonne were married in downtown Kansas City in August 2013 as Ravonne's brother officiated. The wedding was a dream with food and dancing to follow. Pictures of the newly married couple and their bridesmaids and groomsmen were taken on the rooftop in downtown Kansas City. The following morning, Matt and Ravonne left off on their honeymoon to a resort in Jamaica where they went scuba diving and saw some of the most incredible sea life.



YOU & ME

In our daily lives, we read our Bibles at home and pray together as a family almost every night. We have seen God literally perform miracles in our lives and we can't deny the power of the Almighty God! We regularly attend church on Sunday and are both on the welcome team. Ravonne is also on the worship team. We lead a small group on Sundays and Wednesdays. We pray our children love the Lord their God with all their hearts, minds, souls, and strength. We pray our children would have the heart of David to love Him, the strength of Samson to follow Him, and the wisdom of Solomon to discern the truth, and have supernatural understanding.



Meet Matt

I enjoy playing sports, going to the beach, hiking, biking, and pretty much else I can do outside. I help lead small groups at church and I am on the welcome team. Ravonne and I both like to run 5Ks as a family. I am also currently coaching Rowan's basketball team.

I work for Walmart Corporate. I recently got a promotion and I am trying to continually to move up in the company. I feel that my job actually helps people because I understand finances and the money my company saves ultimately aids families in their grocery and goods budget. I never have to travel, which is a huge blessing for our family. Work provides the means for our family to thrive, but it isn't the major priority.



What Ravonne says about Matt

"The qualities I love about Matt are that he is hardworking, kind, servant hearted, genuine, and desires greatness for our family. He is generous and kind. Matt is amazing with our boys. He plays well and disciplines well. Matt makes me laugh. He is truly the kindest person I know. He works hard for his family. I smile when I think of my spouse because he is truly all of my dreams come true! He provides for our family, honors me as his wife and works with me to build a legacy for our children."



Meet Ravonne

I enjoy reading, singing, playing the guitar and piano, writing music, looking at houses, cooking, and planning adventures for the family. I am also currently writing a book to self publish and sell on Amazon. I also enjoy volleyball, hiking, and biking as well. I am involved with my children's classes, both in school and at church. I can't wait to complete our family by adding a little girl to share in our love!

I was a nurse practitioner working part time until 2022. I decided to switch gears and began to work as a real estate agent part time. Starting in December of 2023, I have been pursuing real estate full time. I love helping people find their dream home! I would love to have an established real estate company in the future.



What Matt says about Ravonne

"Ravonne is a hard worker and a planner. She is the one that keeps the house running! She is always working to educate our children with homeschooling materials, museums, and art. She has a love for music and enjoys trying to match her pitch with the boys, which they love. She has one of the most infectious smiles and that always makes me smile. She is fun loving, kind, energetic, and generous. One of my favorite memories is from our first date. Ravonne cracked a joke about Judas in the Bible and we both laughed incredibly hard. Unfortunately, neither of us remember the joke!"



Friends & Family

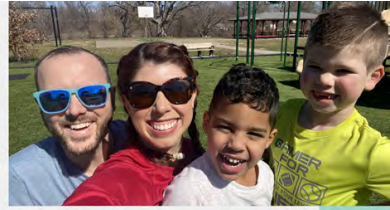
Ravonne's family lives in the same community. Her parents come to most sporting events and school functions. We love spending time with them! We regularly have family meals together. They babysit occasionally and get to have Grammie and Gramps time. We also celebrate Christmas and Thanksgiving together, as well as the Fourth of July and Easter.

Some of our best friends are Jacob and Jamie. We have known them for about five years and we met at church. We love them because they are an adoptive family as well, and they always encourage us to be better people in our Christian faith and as parents. They are always there for us and we can trust them with our children. They are honorable and trustworthy.

Our other close friends are Adam and Brooke. We met at Rowan's school, but they are also in our small group at church. Brooke and Ravonne do a yearly mom's trip together. She is very organized and driven. She loves Jesus and encourages Ravonne to do the same. Adam loves being outdoors and is a good friend to Matt as well. We are blessed to have so many amazing people in our lives who are like a second family!



Our Boys!



🌟 Rowan

Rowan is very bright! He is seven years old and our biological child. He loves math and soccer. He wants to be an engineer when he grows up and would like to run cross country when he gets older. He is always excited to run the 5Ks with us. He also likes to go hiking, biking, do Ninja courses, and play strategy games like Catan and Exploding Kittens. Rowan enjoys being read to and has a very adventurous spirit. He's not afraid to try something new. Rowan is excited to be a big brother again and protect the new baby!



🌟 Simeon

Simeon is a free spirit! He is four years old and was adopted at birth. If there is music on, he will begin singing and dancing. His smile is contagious and he wants to be just like his big brother. Simeon enjoys art and pretending he is Johnny from "Sing 2" by break dancing. He also pretends to be Buzz Lightyear from "Toy Story". He loves spending time with his Grammie (Ravonne's mom), and usually has her wrapped around his little finger! Simeon is expressive and a natural born leader. He has already started asking us when "his baby" will be here!



Thank You!

We know this is an incredibly difficult decision for you. We have had the honor of adopting in the past and hope you know we understand the gravity of what is happening. This one thing always remains - "But God". But God enters into every situation and provides a way for you and your child. We would love to be the family to cherish your daughter and would love for you to partner with us in helping the baby know how loved they truly are.

We have been in the prayers of so many people regarding this decision. We have fasted and prayed to know this decision was right and true. We trust that you will also make the right decision for you and for your child. We may not be the family you choose and that is okay. We appreciate you taking the time to get to know us a little better. We are a fun loving family who love Jesus and education and independence in our children. We would be honored to make you and the baby a part of our family.

We promise to love your daughter as our own. We will raise her to stand up for herself and to give and receive respect. We will teach her how to make wise decisions and will guide without being overbearing. We hope to provide a life that is full of opportunity and love. She will be raised in a home that reads the Bible and prays together daily and you will be in our prayers. Thank you for considering us as a forever home. You are courageous and amazing!

With Love,
Matt and Ravonne



For more information, please
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