

Demetra  
& Torik





# hello!

We are Demetra and Torik, a fun-loving couple from Texas. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We don't know your name, but God does. And we know that He is working with you on your parenting plan.

We love that you are taking time to decide what is best for you and your baby. We are praying for your heart, discernment and peace.

Even though our journey to parenthood is different than we expected, we are excited to become parents. After infertility struggles, God put adoption on our hearts.

We cannot promise you that we will be “perfect” parents, but we can promise you that our home will be full of faith, family, and friends. It will also be one where love & laughter abounds and where mistakes & forgiveness are embraced.

Thank you again for learning about us. We are praying for you and support you.

*Demetra & Torik*







# our story

We met Memorial Day weekend in 2018, on a cruise that we both took with friends. We struck up a conversation in the pool, talking about everything from t-graphs to tithing, and ended up chatting each evening.

Realizing we were both from Texas, we met for dinner a week later, and we have been together ever since!

We were married in 2020 at the height of the pandemic. So we were married by Demetra's uncle in the park. It was just the three of us!

*"DEMETRA is outgoing and very loving. She has a strong sense of self and is enthusiastic about giving and helping others. She is a woman with a tremendous amount of character."*

- Torik

*"TORIK is considerate and kind. He is one of the most patient people I know... and that's not just because he's married to me. ;) He is wise beyond his years and I trust him immensely."*

- Demetra





## about us

- Our week starts with church, but we love a good brunch with family & friends.
- Friday night is our date night and we love to try new restaurants and dishes.
- We love going to museums and can't wait to take our child on fun outings in the city!
- You can catch us on the couch with a bowl of popcorn watching movies.
- In any given year, we will find our way to the beach. We are all about our toes in the sand.
- Our favorite song is "Caught Up in the Rapture" by Anita Baker because it's how we feel about each other.





# Demetra



- I'm a cheerful giver with an outgoing personality.
- I love to surprise others and put smiles on their faces, by telling them an entertaining story or doing something nice for them. :)
- I have a passion for mentoring young minority women. So much that I started a podcast and speaking frequently on it.
- I am an attorney. I was the first black woman to be promoted to partner in my law firm.

*GIVING  
OUTGOING  
DRIVEN*



My Faves:

FOOD: Smothered Chicken

DESSERT: Peach Cobbler

HOBBY: Golfing

TV SHOW: A Different World

MOVIE: Brown Sugar

SPORT: Volleyball

GAME: Taboo





# Torik



- I'm pretty much always optimistic and full of hope and positivity. I love to laugh and joke. I don't take myself or others too seriously.
- I played high school and college football, and you can find me on the weekends in the fall watching both!
- I enjoy fishing, camping, and hanging out with family and friends.
- Having a career I love with a Fortune 500 company is a blessing.

*PATIENT  
FUNNY  
CONSIDERATE*



## My Faves:

FOOD: BBQ

DESSERT: Carrot Cake

HOBBY: Fishing

TV SHOW: Sports Center

MOVIE: Goonies

SPORT: Football

GAME: Monopoly



Both Torik's dad ("Paw Paw") and his mom ("Glam Mom") live in Texas, so we get to see them often.

Torik's mom is a quick drive from us, so she spends lots of time at our house. We suspect this will only increase once we have a little one! :)

Torik's younger sister Trezlen and her son Colt also live close and we see them as much as we can.

Torik's older sister LaTrina is a widow who lives in Virginia with her two sons. His brother Marvin, Jr. is married and lives in Kansas and has three grown kids and a younger daughter Mira. We spend a good amount of time with Mira, as she visits Texas often.

They can't wait to welcome a new child to the family!







## Demetra's family



Demetra has a very tight-knit family. Although they live out of town, they are very close, and we visit with them as much as possible.

Demetra's mom ("Nana") lives in Georgia and her dad ("Paw Paw") lives in Alabama. When we have children, we fully expect Demetra's mother to have an extended visit and maybe even relocate to Texas. :)

Demetra has an identical twin sister, Bemetra, who is married and lives in Tampa.

Demetra's younger brother, DeMark, is also married and lives in Georgia. They have twin boys (DeMark Jr. and Darden) and a teenage daughter, (Reagan) who DeMark adopted. Reagan was four when they married.

They are all so excited and can't wait to shower our new baby with love.



# our home & neighborhood

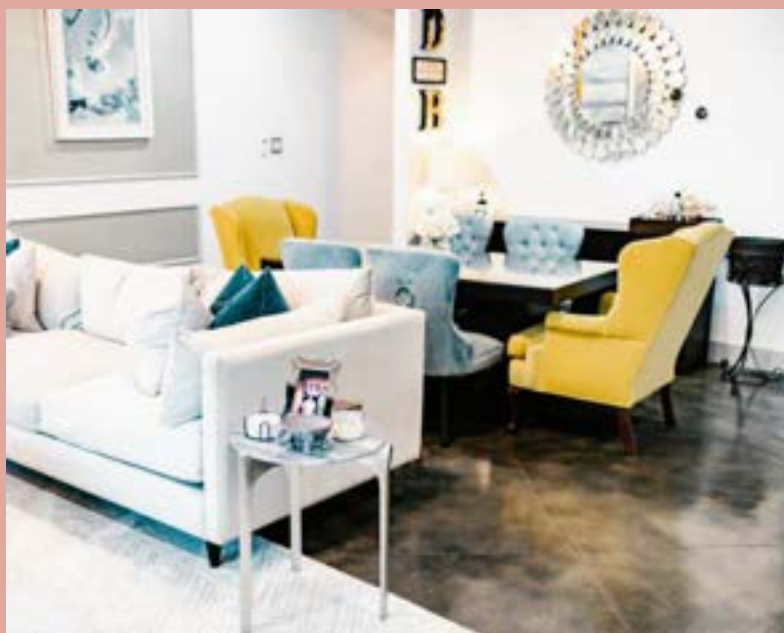


Our home is a spacious and sunny three-bedroom home. We are excited to make one of those bedrooms into a nursery for a little one. And we plan to turn our home office into a playroom. :)

Friends and family come over for impromptu movie nights or just have burgers and visit.

Walks to the parks are common and we can't wait to take a little one on a walk or to play there.

Our church is about 20 minutes from our house.







- Quality time is important to us. We have a date night every Friday.
- Our adventurous spirits take us on trips a couple times a year.
- A couple of our favorite places in the U.S. are Napa, California and Scottsdale, Arizona.

- But we love a beach too: Cabo, Punta Mita & Riviera Maya in Mexico, and Bermuda & Anguilla in the Caribbean.
- Our travel bucket list includes the French Riviera, Colombia, Africa and Australia.
- We can't wait to explore with a child and show them the world!



# why we can't wait to be parents!

We both love kids and can't wait to be parents. We are really close with our nieces and nephews - and our friends' kids too!

## Why Demetra will be the best mom (by Torik):

*"DEMETRA is great with kids. She's a very generous and kind person who loves giving gifts for birthdays and holidays. She just took our niece to New York city to celebrate her graduation from 8th grade. She is going to be an amazing mom."*

## Why Torik is going to be a great dad (by Demetra):

*"TORIK loves spending time with our nieces and nephews. In fact, he planned a beach day with our mothers, siblings and their kids, which has become one of our family's traditions. He is a very patient and fun guy, and is going to be a great father."*







## friends & community



We are blessed to have an amazing group of close friends who are like family to us. Some are childhood friends and some are families we have met through church or in our community. Having both been single for so long before we married, we value and cherish all our friendships.



We love getting together for meals, beach trips, special occasions, and are always there for each other.

Many of our friends have families, and we consider their kids our nieces and nephews.

Our friends will be an important part of our support system as we become parents, and they are all excited to welcome a new little one to our community!

# traditions

Thanksgiving is a huge family event that is typically in Houston and usually includes both our families. We love hosting at our home and having everyone together.

Another tradition we have is an annual "Beach Bash" that we host each year with family and friends. There are always lots of kids! This past summer we had about 50 people attend.

And one of our favorite family traditions we started is a family beach vacation with both of our moms, our siblings and their kids. (Can you tell we love the beach??) ;)







- For Christmas, we usually travel to the South to spend the holidays with Demetra's family.
- We typically spend Christmas Eve with Demetra's father and his spouse. And we spend Christmas Day with her mom, her brother's family and Demetra's cousin and her family.

- One of our Christmas traditions that we do as a family is light our own advent candle at each Sunday's dinner.
- Every Christmas, Demetra's mom always gets everyone matching sweaters, too. :)
- We can't wait to share these traditions - and make new ones - with a little one.

holidays



# what is important to us...



- **FAITH** is an essential part of our family. We start each day with **PRAYER**. We **WORSHIP** weekly and our house is often filled with worship music. We want to model faith for our child(ren) and show them the importance of trusting in **GOD**.
- **EDUCATION** is super important to us. We will evaluate our child(ren)'s abilities, interests, and talent to create an educational plan that is fitting for them.
- **FAMILY** is everything for us. We are close with our families, and family will always be a priority for us.
- **HONESTY** is important to us and we plan to be open with our child at an early age about their **ADOPTION STORY**.





before you go,  
we want you  
to know

If you choose to include us in your adoption plan, we **PROMISE**:

- We will **PRAY** and your baby will too.
- We promise to keep your baby safe and we will **LOVE, CARE** and **PROTECT** your baby.
- We will make sure that your baby has **ROOM TO MAKE MISTAKES** and still be **LOVED**.
- We believe that everyone deserves to know where they come from and we promise to **SHARE YOUR STORY** with your baby.
- We will give your baby every chance to pursue their academic or vocational goals.
- We will tell your baby about your tremendous **STRENGTH** and make sure your baby understands the **DEPTH OF YOUR LOVE**.

Sending you all our love,

*Demetra & Torik*