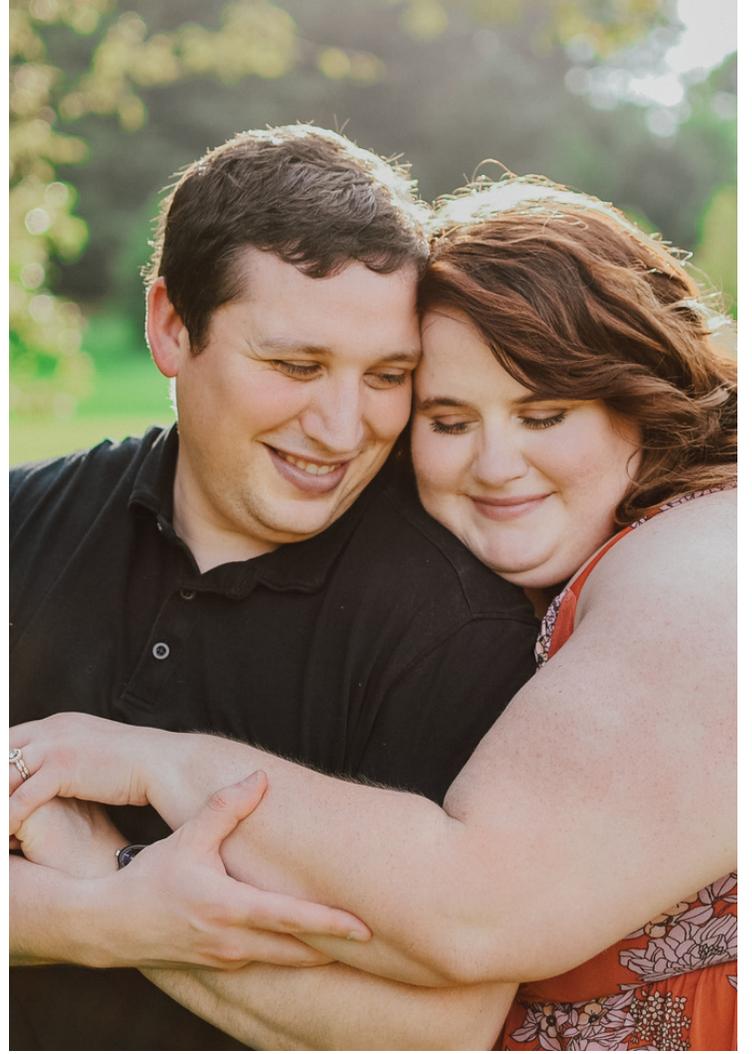


REBEKAH + JEFF







Hello!!

We want to start by saying

Thank You!

We know the decision that you are considering is challenging, scary and definitely not easy, however, we also know that this decision is filled with love, selflessness, and courage. Please know how much we respect and admire you in your decision with adoption. You will always be held with respect and love within our home!

We're excited to adopt, especially since this will be our first child. Our families are excited to be first-time grandparents, aunts and uncles. To say that this child will be surrounded by a big loving family is a guarantee. We're all excited to shower this child with all the love that we have!



*".. For I know the plans
I have for you,
declared the Lord."*

Jeremiah 29.11

Why Adoption...

When I was young, I always had a heart to adopt. My Grandparents were foster parents and one of their foster children became my uncle. My father also worked within the foster care/adoption system and he always had such a passion for it. As I grew older I found out that I had polycystic ovarian syndrome, which would make it difficult for me to get pregnant. However, I was okay with this diagnosis because of my desire to adopt! When I met Jeff, we both said that we would like to adopt some day. After we got married, we figured out that getting pregnant was going to be tougher than we thought due to my medical condition. That's when we both started to pray about our next steps. We felt strongly drawn to adoption and knew that we would pursue this route and we've felt peace ever since.



OUR LOVE STORY



How We Met...

We met online while Jeff was deployed to Afghanistan at the time. I was finishing my seminary degree and working at a psychiatric hospital. I messaged Jeff first because something just drew me to his profile- though it wasn't very descriptive! We spent the first 7 months talking on the phone and Facetiming every Sunday. We finally got to meet at his Welcome Home Ceremony and spent the whole day together! The rest is history!



How He Proposed...

Jeff had it planned for a few months and I knew it was coming, though I didn't know when! That day, I knew that Jeff was taking me to one of our favorite parks where we would hike on one of our usual trails. We started on our walk and were just enjoying the scenery. Jeff mentioned that it was almost the anniversary of when he came home from Afghanistan. We reminisced about all the time that had passed and how our relationship had grown. Once we were done talking, I began walking. I realized Jeff was not following me, and when I turned around, he was on one knee and that's when....

...he asked me to marry him!



Wedding Day!

We got married on a beautiful January day. It was cloudy, but the snow flurries made it magical. We got married in the church I attended as a little girl and all through college. It was your classic traditional church and it is where I always dreamed of getting married! I walked down the aisle with my dad while beautiful piano music played. I looked down to the altar at Jeff tearing up. The ceremony was done by one of my college professors along with my dad. After the ceremony, we had our reception where we were able to mingle with friends and family. We got to do our first dance, cut the cake and play a fun couple's trivia game! It was a simple wedding and reception, but it was wonderful to be surrounded by friends and family!



Meet Rebekah

I grew up in a big, loving Christian family. I am the second oldest in my family. I have four brothers and one sister. I have always been close to my grandparents. We also spent a lot of time with my aunt and uncle and their five children. Whenever family gets together, there is always a lot of laughter and fun!

I grew up in a home that loves God and we have always been involved in church. I became a Christian when I was about 7 years old and it has been amazing to see how God worked in my life.

I love working with children and teens. Currently, I work as an educator for an after school program and love it. I am in the midst of working on my Master of Professional Counseling, where I hope to be able to counsel children, teens and their families some day.

I have a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Master of Theological Studies.

MY FAVORITE THINGS...

Food: Italian Food

Dessert: White Chocolate Raspberry Cake

Hobbies: Painting, Reading, Writing/Journaling

TV Show: The Office

Movie: Ever After

Games: Monopoly, Phase 10, What Do You Meme

Songs: "King of Kings" by Hillsong and "Up" by Shania Twain



Jeff says:

Rebekah has a big heart, she has a very kind and caring nature. She has a real heart to help children and teens with counseling matters. She has a great sense of humor and likes to keep a good spirit and attitude in difficult circumstances. She will love this baby no matter what happens; she lives the idea that, "Children are a gift from the Lord" and is able to talk with children and teens at their level.

MEET *Jeff*

I grew up in a loving family, the middle child of three- the only boy among sisters! I felt that all were loved equally, but treated differently due to status (oldest, baby, and only boy) . This led to a surprising balanced relationship between the siblings and our parents.

I came to Christ at the age of 5 after a near drowning incident but was saved by a stranger. The experience has shaped my life greatly and I am eternally grateful for it!

I am always seeking to be in a position to help others which has led me to my current job working with veterans and service members who need assistance in getting treatment for PTSD, TBI, anxiety, and family issues as well as my work as a company commander with the Army Reserves.

I graduated from the Kings Academy in 2011, a B.A. in biblical counseling in 2015 as well as commission to the United States Army, and received my Masters degree in organizational leadership with a concentration in healthcare administration as I was preparing to deploy to Afghanistan in 2018.



MY FAVORITE THINGS...

Food: Steak + Mashed Potatoes

Dessert: Double Chocolate Cake

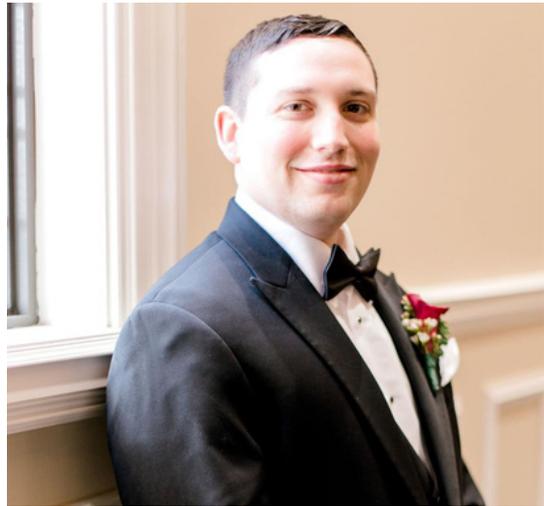
Hobbies: Reading, playing video games, watching movies

TV Show: Danny Phantom

Movie: Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith

Games: What Do You Meme, Dungeons + Dragons

Songs: "In Faith I Follow" by The Wilds and "Diamond Eyes" by Shinedown



Rebekah says:

Jeff has the biggest servant's-heart; he is always willing to help anyone especially those he loves. He is serious about His faith and leading His family in a godly way. He is a hard worker and always gives above 100%. He will be the dad that doesn't want to miss anything and wants to be present in all the things. He will be the best dad one day!

MEET THE



“

*Families are like branches
on a tree. We grow in
different directions, yet our
roots remain as one.*

”



FAMILIES





I have an aunt and an uncle, who have 5 children that I am very close to. My uncle was a foster child in my grandparent's home. He sadly was never able to be adopted due to some issues with his birth family, however, once he was 18 years old, he went to the courthouse to change his last name to my grandparent's name, because of how much he loved and adored them.



REBEKAH'S FAMILY

I come from a big, loving, tight-knit and loud family. My parents, Dale and Julie Ann, will be amazing grandparents because they are close by and they are excited to spend much time with their grandchild, especially since it will be their first! I have 4 brothers who each have different personalities and will be great uncles. I also have one sister who is full of joy, laughter and life and she cannot wait to become an aunt! My immediate family lives in GA, except for my oldest brother, who lives in Texas, but comes regularly to visit.





I have two sisters. Both of them have distinct and different personalities, but they are both so kind and loving. They are super excited to become aunts! Most of my extended family either lives in Georgia or Ohio. I have a close relationship with one of my aunts who currently lives in Georgia.



JEFF'S FAMILY

My family is a bit smaller than Rebekah's, however, they are just as loving, tight-knit and welcoming. My parents, Jeff Sr. and Beth, are quite ecstatic about becoming grandparents. My dad is a social, loving, energetic and silly man. He loves to get to know anyone he meets and he truly cares about them. My mom is more reserved when you first meet her, but after awhile you find out how sweet, kind, loving and funny she is.



H O B B I E S A N D

We enjoy visiting new places and exploring! We love to be outdoors, enjoying the scenery. We also love to travel and one of our goals is to visit every state in the US!

We also love to play board games, especially when it's with our family. We also love to spend time with our two dogs named Harper and Rosie.

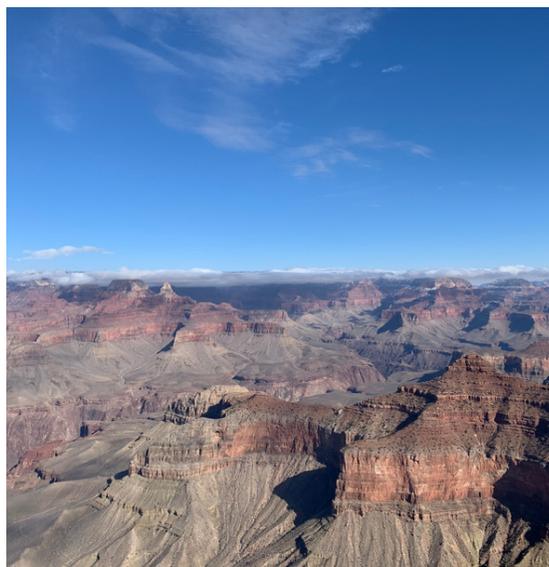


VACATIONS



One of our favorite trips was to Phoenix, Arizona. We loved visiting the Grand Canyon, the Petrified Forest and the other beautiful landmarks that Arizona has to offer. I think the most memorable part of that trip was experiencing the Grand Canyon together! We both appreciate the beauty of God's creation and seeing something so vast, huge and beautiful was absolutely breathtaking!

Each year we take a beach trip with Rebekah's family. We usually go somewhere on the Gulf of Mexico and stay in a beach house. We love this trip because we can truly relax, spend time with family and enjoy the beach. We usually spend our time out on the beach, exploring the city or the island we're on.

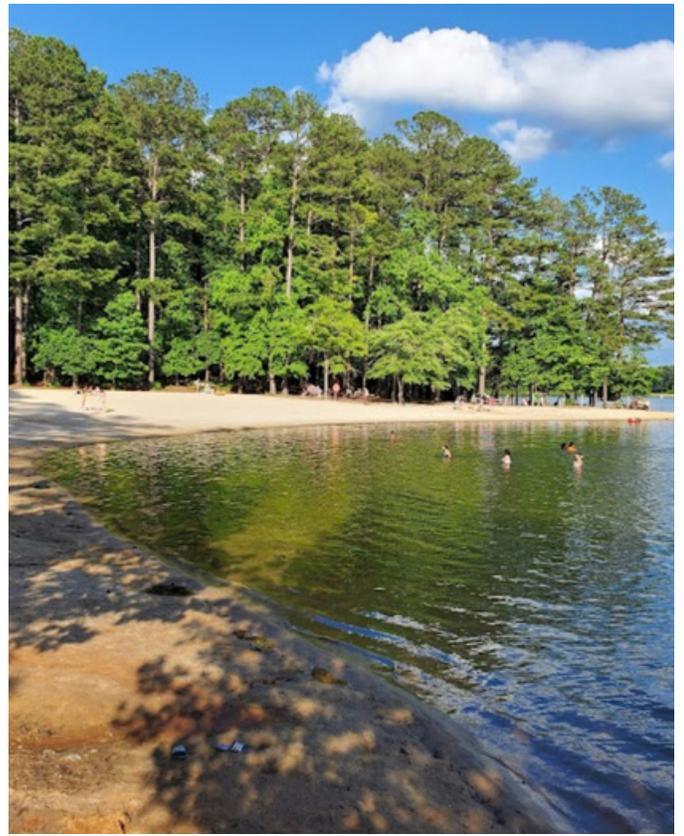




HOME SWEET HOME

We live in a one-story single family home with 3 bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms. It is around 1,478 square feet and our property is on a half acre lot. We have a big fully fenced backyard where our dogs love to run and play. The yard is great for cookouts and is a perfect place for a child's play set someday! We have lived in our home for over a year now and we plan to stay in here long term. It's so special to us because it's our first home and we will make so many memories here!





OUR COMMUNITY

We live in a quiet and safe neighborhood. We have state and city parks a short drive from our home. We are less than 5 minutes away from an elementary and middle school. We are not far from shopping centers and malls. We live in such a great central location that allows us the opportunity to venture out and explore many different places easily! We can't wait to take our future child to the nearby parks and show them all the trails we love to hike!



WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT *Rebekah*

I have known Rebekah for the past six years, beginning when we met while we were both attending Seminary. Our relationship began as resident and resident advisor, but quickly evolved to friendship. Rebekah has always worked hard to provide a safe and loving space, especially for those who have not received either of those things in their lives. She has this wonderful ability to not just give those around her what she wants to give them, but instead gives them what she sees that their heart really needs.

Jenna, Friend

Rebekah shows up, without having to be asked directly for help. She asks the intentional and well thought out questions that would lead you to wisdom by guiding you through complicated internal thoughts, and always has a quick witted joke to make heavy situations lighter. I can only imagine what it will look like when it is for her child and her family. I look forward to seeing her grow into the role of a mother!

Sierra, Friend

I believe Rebekah will be a wonderful mom. She truly cares about those around her and how they feel. Her tender heart loves deeply, and she is a patient listener. As a mom of three, I know how important taking the time to listen is, and, in all the years I've known Rebekah, this is one attribute of hers that has always been a comfort and made her such a good friend. Her love for children and their well-being has always been evident to me, and I have seen that love in action so often. I know she would love, care for, and raise well any child who came into their home.

Faith, Friend



WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT JEFF

Jeff is a reserved guy at first, but he is thoughtful, intelligent, can be silly, and cares for his family and friends. He likes to help and see people succeed whether it be through his job or people in his life. Jeff would be the dad that tries to not just lead but to also be a servant in serving his family and making sure they have what they need to accomplish whatever God has in store for them.”

Betsey, Sister

I'm so excited for Jeff to become a father. He has such a tender heart for little ones and family that I know he will instill a base of love, care, and trust in his family. He's loving, intelligent, fun, and a godly man. He's actually the type of guy I wish I was at his age. I'm proud to be his father and thankful to be his friend.

Jeff Sr, Dad

I have had the privilege of knowing Jeffrey for seven years now. During that time I have watched him make multiple responsible decisions and I have seen his desire to serve others and take care of his friends and family. I have no doubt that Jeffrey will make a wonderful father, and that he will continue to put the needs of his family -including his future children - above his own.

Dave, Friend





Our Friends...

We have a great group of friends both near and far! We have a small group here where we live and we get to meet up for coffee or dinner often. It's so nice to have friends who are in the same life stage as we are!

I have some close friends who live out of state but they keep in communication often. Two of my best friends are in Texas while another lives in Alabama. They are always a great source of support and encouragement for me through all the phases of my life! Jeff's friends are either in the Army, at his work, or out of state. He keeps in touch with them as often as he can! His best friend has been a part of his life for over 10 years and they were both officers in the Army together.

Our friends will be a part of our future child's life in many ways! They say it takes a village and we have the best one around!





THE FUTURE

Faith

We will incorporate Faith in our home by reading God's Word together as a family on a daily basis. We also want to have open and honest discussions of what God is doing in our lives. We never want our family to go without knowing that God loves them and that He has a plan for their life.

Education

We plan to enroll them into a Christian private school near our home, where we know they will be in a positive and supportive environment. We plan to provide what we can financially for our child to pursue whatever degree they choose and be there to support them along the way. If our child decides not to attend college, we plan to encourage and support them in whatever job or trade they choose to pursue. We want our child to know that we will always be there for support and guidance no matter what they choose to do after high school.



Discussing Adoption...

We plan for our child to know from day one that they are adopted. We want this to be an open conversation in our home and we want them to know their story. Each year, we will celebrate the day they were adopted. We want our child to know that their birth mother and father love them so much and made the choice to place them for adoption out of that profound love.

We will honor their feelings and always celebrate who they are and who they will become!

We Promise...

1. We promise to honor and respect you in our family.
2. We promise to honor, respect and teach our baby about their roots, especially if they are a different race, culture. We want them to be proud of their background!
3. We promise to support our child in having a relationship with their birth family.
4. We promise to provide a secure, safe, caring, and loving home for the baby.
5. We promise to guide, support, teach, love, and provide unconditional love for the baby as long as we live.

Love.
Rebekah + Jeff



THANK YOU
FOR TAKING THE
TIME TO READ
OUR STORY!



