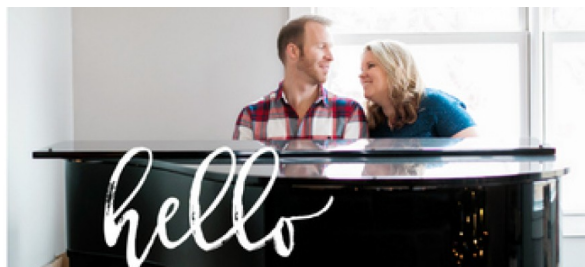




Isaac & Erin





We are Isaac and Erin :) Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us a little better. We can't even begin to understand how you are feeling, but we know you are brave. You are brave to choose life for your sweet baby, and for this we cannot even begin to thank you enough. As you consider making an adoption plan, I'm sure you are striving to make the very best choice for you and your child. We hope that through this book you will see the love we have for each other, the love we have for our families and the love we can't wait to share with our future child. We want you to know that we would love and adore your child with every fiber of our being. We look forward to raising a child in a safe, loving household where they will be encouraged to make the most of every opportunity we will provide for them.

When we got married, we had always planned for a home full of children. After a few years of infertility, we were told that we most likely wouldn't be able to have children on our own. God has made it so clear that adoption is the way He will provide for us to become parents and grow our family. We couldn't be more excited. We know that God has called us to adopt and we can't wait to meet the child He has chosen for us. We strongly believe that unconditional love is what defines a family, and our child will always be surrounded by love. We believe that God showed us unconditional love by sending His son Jesus Christ to make a way for us to be adopted into the family of God. We can think of no better way to see this love played out than by seeking to help spread love by adopting ourselves.

We believe that a child should feel cherished and adored while being encouraged to develop their own passions and interests. We want our home to be a place full of encouragement and support so that our child can have the ability to live out their hopes and dreams with a strong family support system standing beside them, encouraging and cheering them along the way.

This book is our attempt to show you the life we want to share with a child. A life full of friends at church and school; and cousins at home; enjoying small activities like building or baking, and family vacations to the beach. Someone to wipe their tears away when they are sad and be their biggest cheerleader in all they choose to do. Learning truths from the Bible and having their imagination captivated by bedtime stories; exploring new places and settling into a lifetime of family traditions. We wish all of these things for our child, all set against the backdrop of a home that is safe and full of all of the love we can offer.

We are praying for peace for you as you make this decision. Thank You!

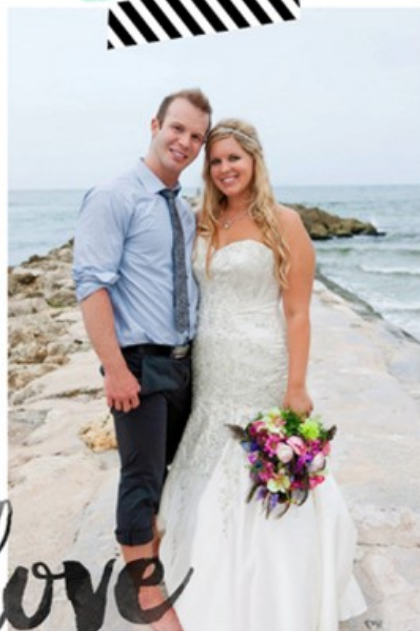




our story

We have been married nearly 4 years. However, we have known each other for almost 14! When Isaac proposed, I remember that he very specifically said that he said he wanted to "do life" with me. I had no idea what life would look like for us but I was ready! Our wedding was a wonderful celebration with friends and family! It was a perfect beginning to a beautiful life.

We are best friends and love spending all of our time together. When we aren't working we love to go out on dates, look for new adventures, throw parties and serve at our church. Most of our favorite activities include our families and friends who are just like family. We hope and pray that we can share this life with a sweet child someday.



love



When we met in college, we had no idea all the adventures that life would hold!!



Dating was awesome! This particular time we were camping out at Isaac's family farm in Illinois.



We "broke up"! But we taught together in south Florida for 4 years. (crazy right?! LOL)



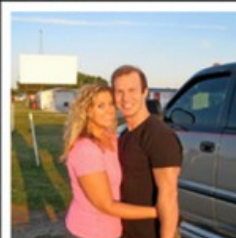
Isaac couldn't live without me...so he proposed at the top of a Ferris Wheel in my favorite place: Ocean City!!



Our wedding was a huge party surrounded by our family and all our favorite people.



Trying to perfect the "selfie" on our Honeymoon. :)



We moved to Illinois and enjoy lots of activities. (like the drive in!)



We also love traveling to places like Chicago



This was our first Christmas in our new house (2016)). We love it here!!

about me (by erin)

I love to plan anything from silly adventures in town to trips around the world. To me, the most special things to plan are parties for my family and friends. I love any excuse to have people over for dinner or to host an evening entertaining guests. I love being the home that everyone wants to hang out at. I can't wait to plan awesome birthday parties for my children, be a really fun room mom at school and organize exciting family vacations.

I love very fiercely with my whole heart. I'm loyal and generous. I will always fight for my family and my values. I can often be found either reading a good book by the fireplace or cooking a yummy new meal. To me, a great night includes cuddling with Isaac while watching our favorite TV show and enjoying popcorn.

I plan to be a stay at home mom just as soon as possible! I can't wait to spend my time taking care of and making memories with our newest family member.

about erin (by isaac)

Erin loves to make others feel special. Whether she is searching for the perfect gift for a birthday, or planning a vacation for a group of friends, she is always thinking about each person and what she can do to make them feel special. She also loves spending time with friends and family. I think the most enjoyable times for her are when she can plan an event for people that she knows they are going to love. She is very selfless as she constantly thinks about how she can be helping others.

I have no doubt that she will be an amazing mother. She will do everything to make her child feel loved, valued and special. As she listens to and watches a child, she will learn the things that excite them and then she will do her best to provide those things.

meet
Erin



The day Erin became an Auntie!!!



Haley's a little older now and loves when Aunt Erin reads to her.



Erin is pretty much always the one taking the pictures :)

Teaching piano lessons is one of Erin's favorite activities!!



Dressing up for Halloween is always a must!



Who doesn't love chocolate?!



Coffee!!:)



Erin loves to cook :)

Occupation: Drama Teacher, Piano teacher & Secretary

Favorite Book: Harry Potter

Favorite Place: Ocean City NJ

Can't Live Without: my camera

Best Day: Coffee in the morning, a walk around town, a good book by the fireplace followed by dinner & games with friends.

about me (by isaac)

I am down for anything! Really! There are so many experiences to be had and exciting things to do in this life. If you want to travel somewhere I would be excited to go. If there is a new game to play, I would love to learn it. There are not many things that I wouldn't like to try at least once. I enjoy going to the gym, playing music with friends, going on vacations and spending time with loved ones.

I love Erin and am so excited to have a partner to share all of life's experiences with. We work together perfectly as she makes plans for everything and I enjoy going along with most everything. We both value experiences more than things. We can't wait to share all of life's adventures with a child.

about isaac (by erin)

Isaac is the best husband anyone could ask for. He is caring, protective and loving. He works so hard to provide for all of our needs. He is so good at being silly and laughing, but at the same time he's not afraid of tough conversations.

From the bottom of my heart, I know he will be the greatest dad. Our child will be so spoiled and taken care of. Isaac will be the kind of dad that bends over backwards to make sure his child is taken care of. He will sacrifice his wants and needs for the sake of his child. He will be super involved and always DOING things (activities, games) with our child. He is active and will encourage his children to be outside making memories. He values education as well so I know he will read to our children and encourage them to be thinkers. He's a musician and will encourage his children to be creative. Isaac is sensitive and loving to all those he meets, so there is no doubt his children will always know how important and valued they are.

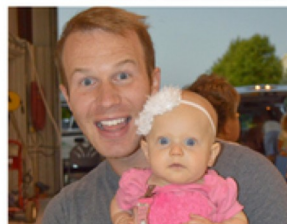
meet Isaac



Giving "airplane" rides to Zeke:)



Isaac at the gym



Haley loves Uncle Isaac!!



Isaac & Mearah
(his best friend's daughter)
on one of their many outings.



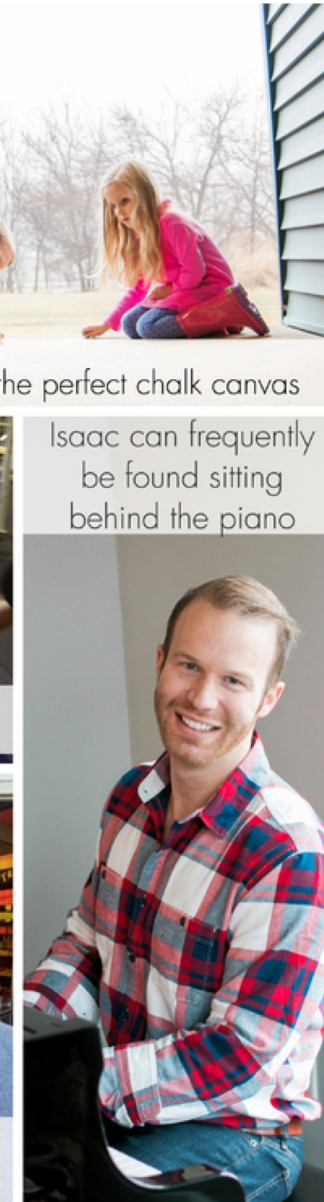
Our back porch is the perfect chalk canvas



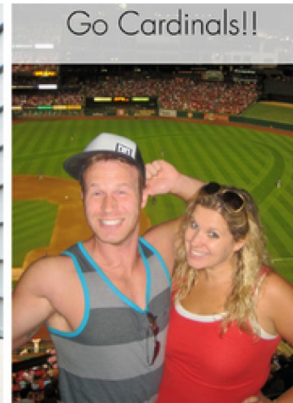
Isaac at the gym



Tasting chocolate covered bacon...



Isaac can frequently be found sitting behind the piano



Go Cardinals!!



Occupation: Music
Director & Band
Teacher

Favorite Book:
Unbroken

Favorite Place: home
with my wife

Can't Live Without:
my toothbrush

Best Day: A morning
workout followed by
boating activities then
a big dinner and
movie at home.



The men of the family putting together tools.



Enjoying a nice summer day on the lake in the family boat!



Haley has Grandma wrapped around her finger :):)



Haley loves gator rides with Papaw



Meeting baby brother Zeke

(as told by isaac)

My sister Rachel and I became best friends as we came up with all sorts of things to do outside and in the woods surrounding our farm. The whole family would work on projects together like building a new shed, but then the next project might be building a tree-house together as a reward for helping build the shed. My sister and I both learned the value of hard work this way. We were taught that with a little bit of work you could do whatever you set your mind to.



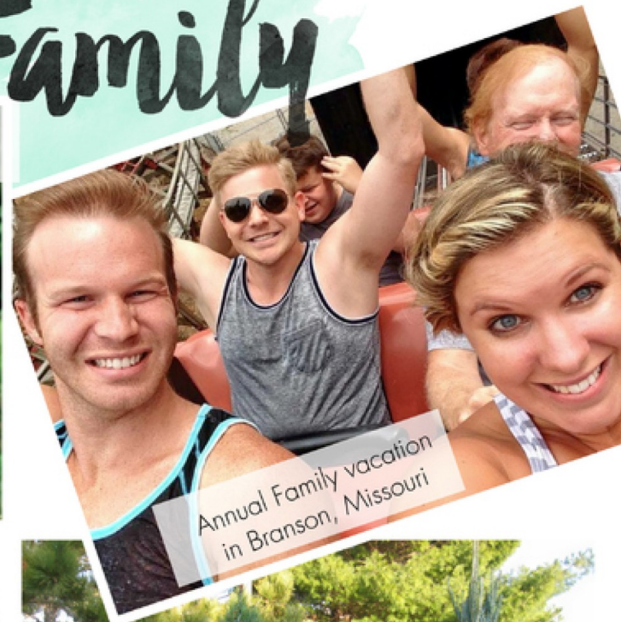
Rachel & Erin love finally having a sister!!



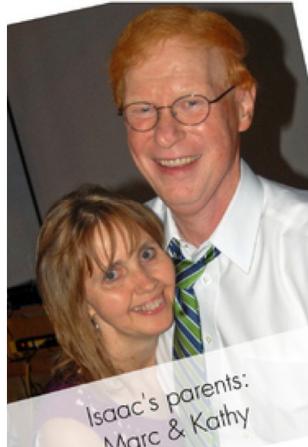
Family trip for pizza and baseball

Isaac's Family

Adam, Rachel, Haley & Zeke



Annual Family vacation in Branson, Missouri



Isaac's parents: Marc & Kathy



We loved cutting down our Christmas trees with the whole family:)

My parents love being "mamaw and papaw" to my sister's children and they are very excited for us to have a child as well. They are wonderful babysitters and the grandkids adore them. Every Sunday my sister's family and Erin and I all get together at the farm where mom makes us a huge lunch. These are always very special weekly get-togethers. We also enjoy taking family trips to Branson where we enjoy a weekend of boating and water activities!



Erin & Mom



We love game night!!



Girls trip to NYC!



Thanksgiving dinner at Nonnie's house



Erin's parents like to take trips:)

(as told by erin)

I'm the only girl and I have three brothers, two of them are twins! My mom stays at home & my dad is a college professor. They are always active doing things like hiking & traveling. Our whole extended family gets to go on a yearly vacation to the beach in Ocean City, New Jersey. I love spending time with extended family that I don't get to see as much, so it's a wonderful trip to look forward to. Holidays with my family always involve Nonnie's famous chocolate chip cookies, and playing lots of games. We also like to consider ourselves pizza experts so we always include a night eating our favorite pizza.



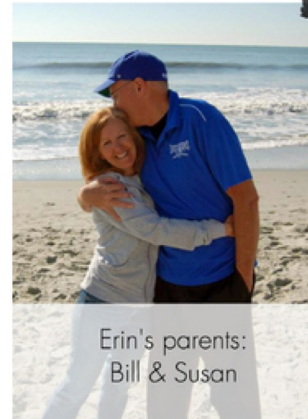
Bill, Alex, Susan, Erin & Isaac



Surrey ride on the boardwalk in Ocean City

Erin's

Family



Erin's parents:
Bill & Susan



Lot's of Erin's family was able to make it to the wedding!



Something really special is that Erin's dad officiated their wedding



Family Bowling Night! With Erin's twin brothers, (Alex & Andrew) Cousins, (Erik, Justin, Ella), Nonnie, Aunt Linda, Uncle David & Parents!

My whole family is so supportive of our plan to adopt. Our child would be the first grandchild on my side. Our child will be forever loved and spoiled by my family. My parents live a few states away but they travel out to visit us multiple times throughout the year. They will still be very involved in our child's life. They have been praying every day since we told them our plan to adopt.

home

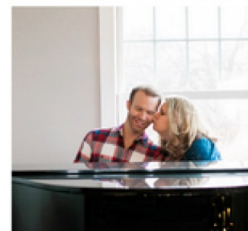
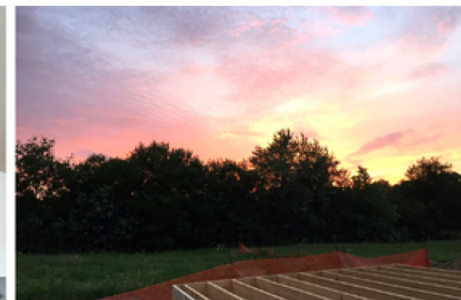


We LOVE our sweet house. Isaac and his dad spent almost 2 years building our house literally from the basement to the roof. The house is a ranch style on almost one acre of land. It has two bedrooms (one for us and one for a baby) and we plan to finish the basement in the very near future.

Erin's favorite spots in the house are the fireplace and the large dining room table where she gets to entertain loads of friends and family. Isaac of course loves the piano nook and the kitchen where Erin makes all his yummy meals. The house has lots of space for a child to grow in and play. Downstairs will be the movie room, play room and rooms for grandma and grandpa to stay when they come to visit.

One thing we love about our house is the backyard. It has so much space for campfires (s'mores!) and outdoor activities. Behind our yard is the community play ground complete with swings, a jungle gym and basketball hoops.

We have a few neighbors and they are all so sweet. Our favorite neighbors live down the street, they are our best friends! We love that their children can ride their bikes to visit us or that we can walk over for an impromptu night of hanging out and meals. Our community has a quaint little library within walking distance of our house. It's a very safe neighborhood with plenty of young families.



holiday traditions

We love the holidays and any excuse to throw a party! We can't wait to pass down some of these fun traditions (& Erin's party planning) down to our children!



In the fall, we love to drink coffee and pick pumpkins at a local farm



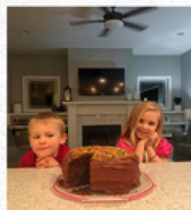
Birthdays are always a big deal around here!



No 4th of July is complete without sparklers in the backyard!



After Thanksgiving, we love to play games and eat Nonnie's famous cookies.



"Aunt" Ashley makes the worlds best chocolate birthday cake ...



One family tradition we enjoy is visiting Santa's workshop!



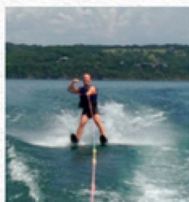
Messy pumpkin carving is always a good time!



Batman (aka Isaac) & Poison Ivy (aka Erin) at our annual Halloween costume party



On New Years Eve we celebrate every year with good food, games and great friends.



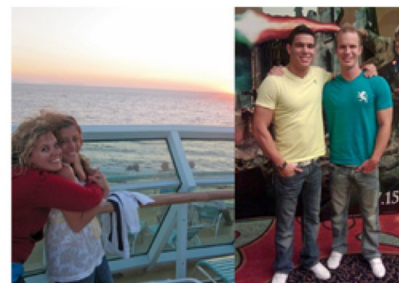
Our summer "holiday" is spent on the boat, grilling outside and making lots of s'mores.



We love Christmas traditions like decorating the tree, homemade pizza, holiday movies, and hot chocolate.



After opening presents, I love setting the table for my favorite tradition, Christmas morning brunch.



Friends (that we love like family)

We have so many amazing friendships in our life! Friends that have been there through joyous times and hard times. They have been there to love us and provide us with countless hours of fun.

Our friends are spread out all over the country. If we want to go to the beach or the mountains or the city, we know we have friends that we can call on to give us a place to stay and provide plenty of entertainment.

We are so blessed to have all of these people that have chosen to do life with us. They are all so excited for us to become parents!



Paris

Travel

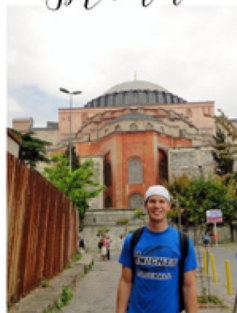
We love to travel and explore new places! We've created memories all over the world and we hope to provide these same opportunities and experiences for our children!



London



Ireland



Istanbul



Las Vegas



Croatia



St. Maarten

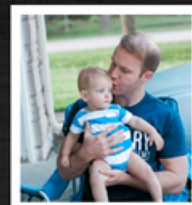
Erin's Favorite
Vacation
Memory:

Getting lost on the streets
of Venice! We didn't get
back til 2 in the morning!!

Isaac's Favorite
Vacation
Memory:

When Erin fell off a
horse in the
Cayman Islands...

a few of our favorite things



Coffee

Broadway Shows

Boat Trips

The Beach

Visiting
(Friends & Family)

Isaac's Family Farm

Game Nights

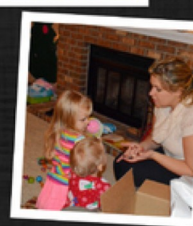
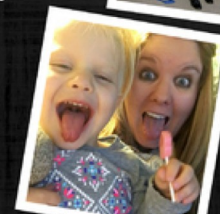
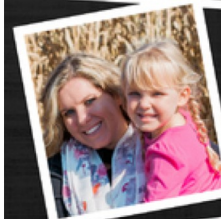
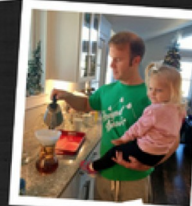
Movies & Popcorn

The Gym (Isaac!)

Planning Parties (Erin!)

Our niece, nephew
and friend's kiddos

Reading



church family

soccer camp



basketball league



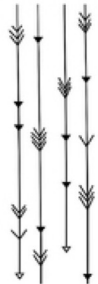
cheer camp



Isaac leading music



community movie night



weekly small group @ our house



Thanksgiving with college group at our house

We both love to serve at church! Our love for the Lord and the church is a big part of our lives. Isaac is the music director at our church so his main ministry is leading worship on Sundays. He also leads the choir, works with college students and leads our weekly small group gathering at our house. I love to serve with him by singing with the worship team on Sunday mornings. I also work with the college students and do a lot of one on one mentoring. Small group is one of my favorite events of the week because we get to have lots of people over to the house and study God's Word together as we do life with these dear friends. Our small group can't wait to add another kiddo to the mix! We have two children and one on the way already.



Christmas Eve Service

Thank You

More than anything we hope this book helps to show you how much your child will be loved and cared for. All of the people that you have just seen in these pictures cannot wait to come together and surround your child with all the love they can give.

We promise to nurture your child to grow into the best person that he or she can be. We promise to provide an upbringing where we model love for God and love for all people. We promise that your child will be taught kindness, honesty, diligence and respect. We promise to provide the best possible education in the hopes that your child will have every opportunity to realize his or her greatest dreams.

We promise to help your child to understand and appreciate the tremendous sacrifice that you made for them out of love. Your child will always know where he or she came from and how much you loved him or her.

