

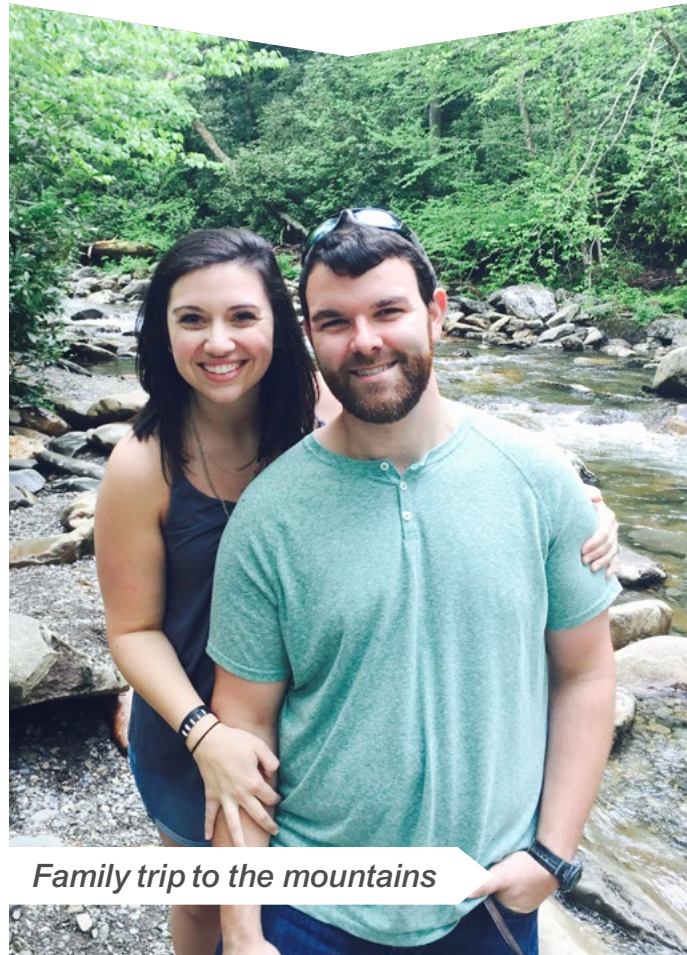
# Craig & Ashley



# Our Story

Hello! We are *Craig and Ashley*, and we are excited to share a little about our life with you.

After meeting during a Christian retreat in 2010, we dated long-distance for over four years. Nearly five hundred miles between our hometowns, we remained dedicated to one another until the time was right to tie the knot. We were engaged in 2014 and married shortly afterward.



*Family trip to the mountains*



*Dinner in the mountains!*

Though we certainly wanted children early on in our marriage, we were focused on work and trying to build a financially stable home. Our jobs were important, and we found great fulfillment there. When we eventually decided it was time to grow our family, we knew that we wanted to both adopt and conceive. So, here we are on this journey with you!

We are excited that you have taken the time to look at our family, and we are praying that you find the perfect path for you and the baby!



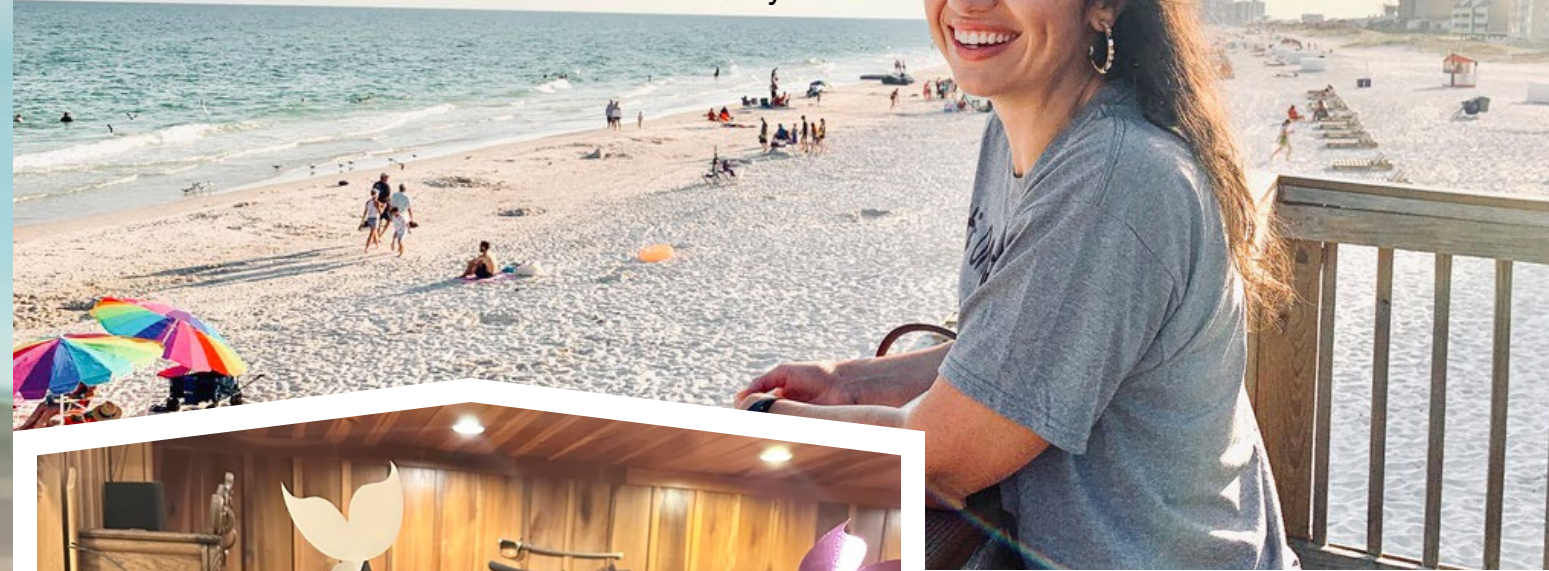
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# About Ashley

**A**shley is loving, driven, and personable. When Ashley is around, she lights up the room and everyone enjoys her company. Whether at work or church or just spending time with friends and family, Ashley is a source of joy and jokes, and creates a fun atmosphere.

Her work as a nurse has been selfless and kind. She has received awards and many letters of appreciation from her patients over the years. She is gentle and knows how to offer the right encouragement when people are facing difficult times.

Ashley loves children, and it shows with our nieces and nephews whenever we are together. The little ones love her! Whenever we visit, one of the first questions (of many) is, "Where's Aunt Ashley?" Watching her play and chat with the kids is such a joy! She looks forward to the day that we can do the same with a child who calls her Mommy.



*Celebrating our niece's birthday!*



# About Craig



Craig loves his hobbies, and he can be a bit nerdy about them! He enjoys games, woodworking, and all kinds of small projects. While most weekends are spent recovering from the work week, Craig often enjoys going to local hobby stores to meet new friends and try new things.



Craig is passionate, hard-working, and confident. From business to hobbies to friends, Craig has always been dedicated. He values his family, his church, and God above all. Craig served in children's ministry at our local church, where he was always a great friend and mentor to the kids. He looks forward to having a child to teach, encourage, and mentor through life.



Uncle Craig and our nephew!



# Our Home



Christmas in our Home

the Most  
Wonderful  
time of the  
year

Our sweet dog, Honey, loves to race up  
and down the fence

Our home is nestled in a small suburban neighborhood on the outskirts of town. It's quiet and comfortable, just the way we like it! Our sweet dog, Honey, loves to race up and down the fence, playing with the dog and the kids on the other side. We have a big backyard and a nice little deck where we can sit and watch them play.

We have great neighbors, each with kids of varying ages. Our neighborhood is safe, has no thoroughfare, and we take pride in knowing that we all look out for each other. Everyone does their part to keep the place clean and friendly!



At the lake close to our house!



Aunt Ashley and our niece



Hanging with our nephew in our backyard

# Family and Traditions



Family beach trip with our niece!

Our family is small in size but big in heart! Ashley has one sister, and Craig has one brother, each with spouses and children. Our parents are very active with their children and grandchildren. We know the little one will be right at home with this bunch.

While Craig's family still lives in his hometown faraway, Ashley's family lives within 45 minutes of us. We see each other often and we have great relationships with everyone! They are very excited about our journey to adopt.



Annual Christmas tree hunt with our family!

The holidays are full of family events, including Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. We have many traditions centered around spending time with both families.

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Traveling with Craig's brother and sister in law!



Out to dinner with Craig's family celebrating his birthday!

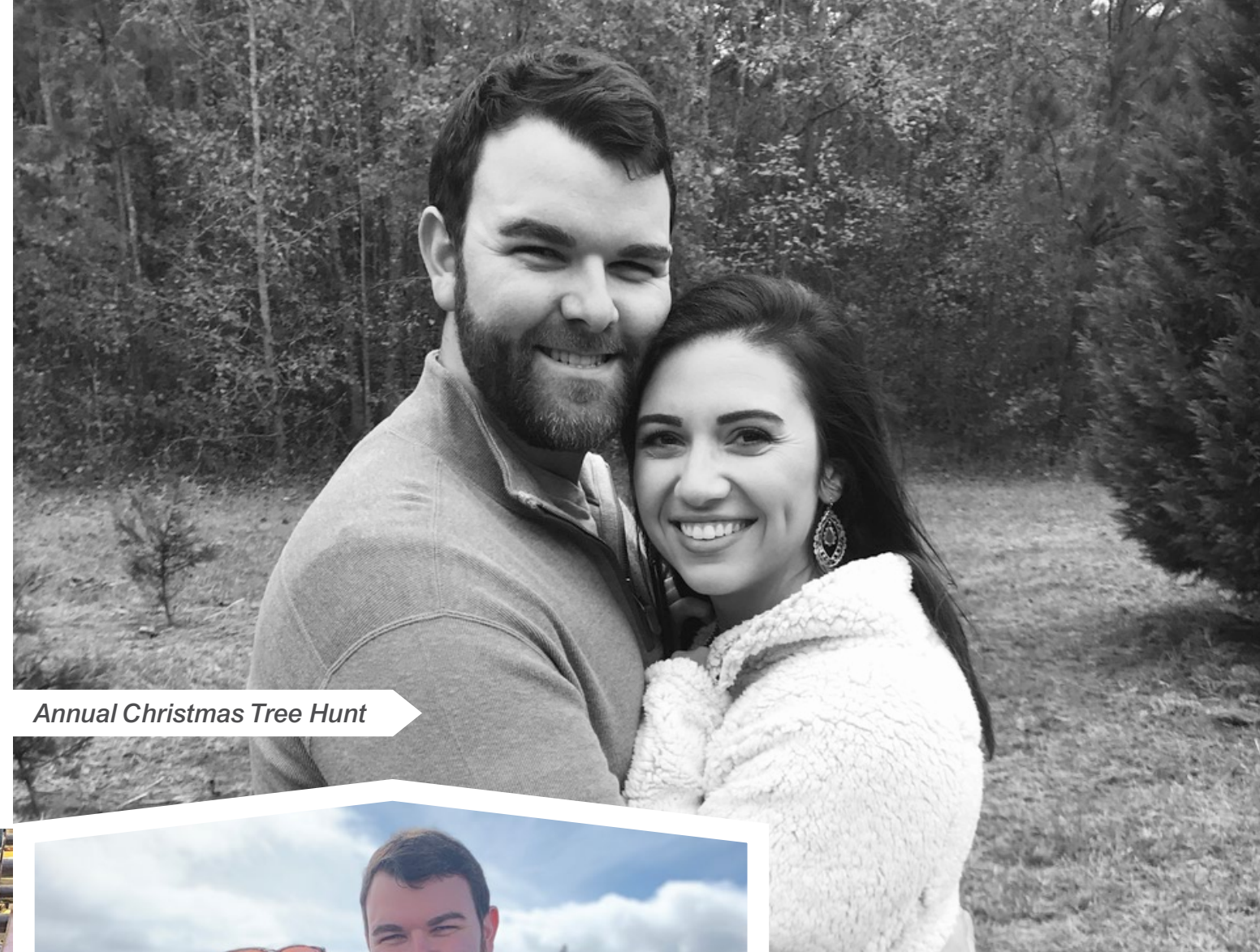
# Our Interests

**W**e love trips to the beach! Every year, we make it to the Gulf of Mexico for a weekend trip to enjoy the sand and the waves with our family. Sometimes it's the whole crew, and sometimes it's only our parents and a few friends, but we always take the time to get away and relax.

Other than a trip to the beach or the mountains, we are typical homebodies. We spend our weekends tidying up the house, enjoying our backyard, or maybe taking a Jeep ride through town.



*Riding in the mountains!*



*Annual Christmas Tree Hunt*



*Before Dinner on our anniversary!*



*On top of the mountain in Colorado*

Ashley is a phenomenal musician, and she plays guitar and sings every Sunday at church. Craig might invite a few friends over to play cards and catch up on life once a month. We love to watch a basketball game or a new TV series bundled up on the sofa. All-in-all, we are pretty simple folks!

*We are very excited to walk through this journey of adoption.*

*Thank You!*

**T**hank you so much for taking the time to read through our life story! We are very excited to walk through this journey of adoption. We are confident that you will make the perfect decision for you and the baby. We know this is not a decision made lightly, and we support you.

We can't wait to share our lives with a child, and we will love and raise them in a safe and nurturing home. We will always remind the child of the loving decision that you made to ensure they have a life full of support in our family.

We wish you the very best in your decision and on the rest of your journey, wherever life takes you! Thank you, and know that we are praying for you even now.

With love,

*Craig and Ashley*







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