



Jimmy + Lauren



hello!

WE ARE JIMMY AND LAUREN



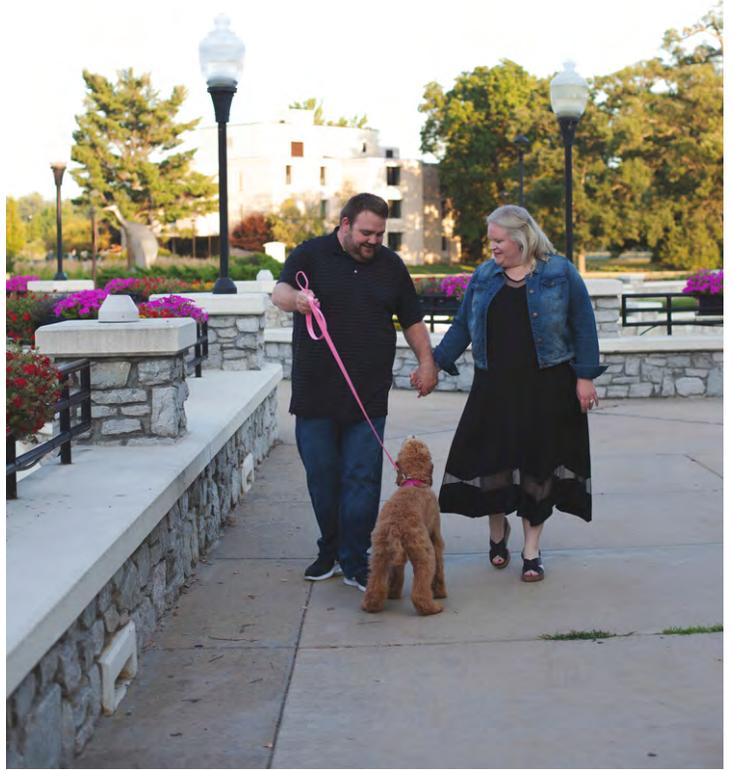
it's so nice to
"meet" you

Hello, we are Lauren and Jimmy. We are very thankful for the opportunity to present our book to you. **We recognize the courage, strength, and love that you show for your child through considering adoption.** While we realize this is probably the hardest decision you have made, we want you to find comfort knowing that your child will be loved unconditionally. If chosen, we will do our best to make all your child's dreams come true, and do our best to raise them in a loving Christian home.

Our top priority will always be to show your child all the love and compassion that we can. We hope that your child would grow up playing sports in school, have many friends, and eventually go to college; all with the love, support, and guidance that we have. We plan to tell your child about their adoption journey from day one. **We will always let your little one know just how much love that you have for them.** We not only want to tell them about this love, but we would also like for them to know you in whatever way you are most comfortable with. We know you have many difficult decisions in front of you and we pray that you would have peace in whatever you decide.

With love,

Jimmy + Lauren



our story

We met online and were married 6 months later! **We joke that we fell in love at first sight, which I never believed that was possible before it happened.** From our first date I knew Jimmy was the man I was going to marry. **We would talk all hours of the night and always see each other any chance we got.** We started dating around the holidays, which is our favorite time of year. During this time we started a tradition of going to see Christmas lights. Our dates would include bowling, cook outs with friends, bonfires, shopping, dinners, family game nights, and going to the movies. Jimmy is a huge outdoorsman. I was not! But he showed me his world and I came to love it more than I ever thought! We shared our hobbies and interests with each other, which made our relationship even stronger.

The night we got engaged I thought it was just another date night out to my favorite steak house. After dinner we came home and Jimmy put on music like he always does and asked me to dance. He slowly moved us into the kitchen and opened the silverware drawer. He said he was craving some ice cream! I turned around to get it from the freezer and when I turned back around he was on his knee. **As the candles were lit and the music was playing, he asked me to spend my life with him.** It was the most perfect night having that special moment just to ourselves.

We got married on February 25. The ceremony was held at our local church with almost 300 of our near and dear friends and family. **The reception was the best party and so many laughs and memories were made! We never left the dance floor!** We left for our honeymoon in Breckenridge, Colorado. We love snow and cold weather, so we wanted to go somewhere that had both and neither one of us had been there. It was the most beautiful place I had ever seen.

BY LAUREN



why adoption?

We both struggle with infertility issues. After a few years of unsuccessful fertility treatments and a miscarriage, we decided that adoption would be the way we would grow our family. As we were struggling through growing our family, we decided to let go and trust God. And through doing so, He led us to adoption. We have so much love to give a child and we are so excited about growing our family through adoption!



MY HUSBAND

Jimmy



A few things I love about Jimmy...

- + He makes me laugh even if I don't want to
- + How hard he works at everything he does
- + How passionate he is about his family including our future child
- + His easy-going personality



My husband is the most kind, sweet, genuine, hardworking, loyal, patient, and selfless man. Jimmy is always doing things for others. **Everyone has said that from day one we bring out the best in each other.** After working a long shift he will still go out of his way to do something sweet for me like bring me flowers on his way home. He makes me laugh even if I don't want to. He makes me excited to see him after work and I still get a smile on my face when he calls.

We are around our niece and nephew alot and you can see the love they have for him! Jimmy has taught our nephew the joys and safety measures of hunting, guitar, hiking through the woods, etc. Even to this day our nephew will come by a few days a week to just play guitar with Jimmy and hang out. I love the bond they share. Now seeing Jimmy with our youngest niece and nephew just makes my heart soar. He loves pushing them on the swings, playing in the pool, wrestling and playing dinosaurs with our youngest nephew. **All of our friends have kids and he makes it a point to play with them every time he sees them. There is no doubt that Jimmy will be the most amazing father!**

Jimmy is a senior treatment plant operator at a large company. He has worked so hard to advance through this company over the years through obtaining his degree and other licenses. He will be taking some time off work after we bring our baby home. He has made it known at his job that having a family is his priority and they will accommodate anything he needs.



MY WIFE

Lauren



A few things I love about Lauren...

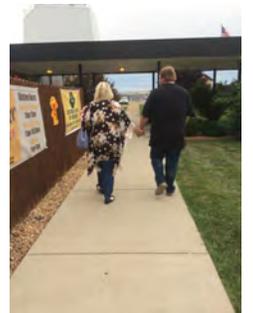
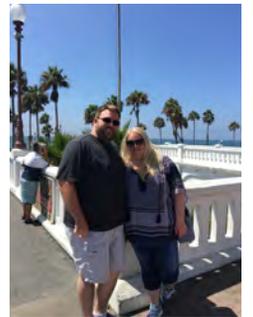
- + Her desire to help others, even when she is busy doing other things
 - + Her passion for becoming a mother
- + Her ability to make every situation seem good, although it might not be
 - + How hard she works at her job but still finds time for family

Lauren is one of the strongest people I've ever met. In fact, that is one of the first things that attracted me to her. She is very independent and always wants to help others. She is also very funny and is always making me laugh. **She is so caring and compassionate toward her close friends and family.** Lauren is also really good at crafting. Whether it's making shirts for family, or making a glitter cup for herself, she really enjoys the time it takes to do those things. Lauren knows me so well. She often knows what I am thinking before I even say it. I know that Lauren would do anything for me, as I would for her. She is my best friend and the love of my life.

My wife loves children. She often asks for our nephews and nieces to come over and spend time with them. She is often on the floor playing with our 3 year old nephew, whether it be with his favorite toys or playing in the yard with him while he rides his jeep around. Lauren enjoys playing Uno or Rummy with our oldest niece and nephew and she and our niece love to go shopping together. **I can tell by the way that my wife interacts with our nieces, nephews, and friends children, that she will be an excellent mother.**

Lauren is a Dental Hygienist for a large company. Lauren plans to take some time off from work after our baby comes home. Her job is very flexible and family friendly. We plan on sending our child to daycare three days a week, having Lauren's mom watch him/her one day a week, and I will be home with our baby on Fridays while Lauren is at work.







we love...

playing games /// boating + fishing /// shooting trap
shopping /// date nights /// riding bikes /// traveling
holiday activities /// picking apples + peaches
house projects+ renovations

we love



our home
sweet home

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Our house was built in 2002 and we have 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. We have a large back yard that is fenced in with a nice patio. We have worked hard to renovate and update our house these last few years. We enjoy having people over to have get togethers, game nights, and holidays. We already have the nursery painted and we can't wait to welcome the newest addition into our home!

"Home is wherever I'm with you."

top 10

favorites

Jimmy

Color: green

Dessert: Strawberry Vanilla Dessert

Movie/TV show: The Office

Book: Alex Cross

Season: Fall

Hobby: Duck Hunting

Holiday: Christmas

Vacation spot: Nashville TN

Sport: Baseball

Pizza: Sausage

Lauren

Color: purple

Dessert: vanilla cake w/ icing

Movie: Hocus Pocus

Book: Harry Potter Series

Season: Fall

Hobby: Crafting

Holiday: Thanksgiving

Vacation spot: anywhere relaxing

Sport: Hockey

Pizza: Cheese



meet our
family
+ friends





Jimmy's family: My parents are James Sr. (62) and Nancy (61). My dad is a retired highway maintainer with the Department of Transportation and my mom is a homemaker. I have two sisters: Mindy and Sandy. Mindy (42) is married to Chris Sr (41) and they have two children, Christopher Jr (16) and Emily (15). Sandy (34) is married to Darren (35) they have one daughter Anna (3).

Lauren's family: My parents are Bob (60) and Shelly (55). My dad is a semi-retired Chief Financial Officer for a corporation and my mom is a homemaker. Tom, my brother, is 37 and has one child Ashton (3). Matthew passed as an infant due to SIDS.

We have **several friends** that we love to hang out with. But we hang out with Jake and Madison the most. We get together regularly with them and their two kids, Paisley and Ford. We typically will go to one another's home for an evening visit or barbeque.

We are very close with our family and friends and we see them often! **They are so excited about welcoming a child into our family!** Our youngest niece and nephew are so excited to have more kids to play with. Our families and friends have been very supportive throughout our entire journey.

holidays + traditions

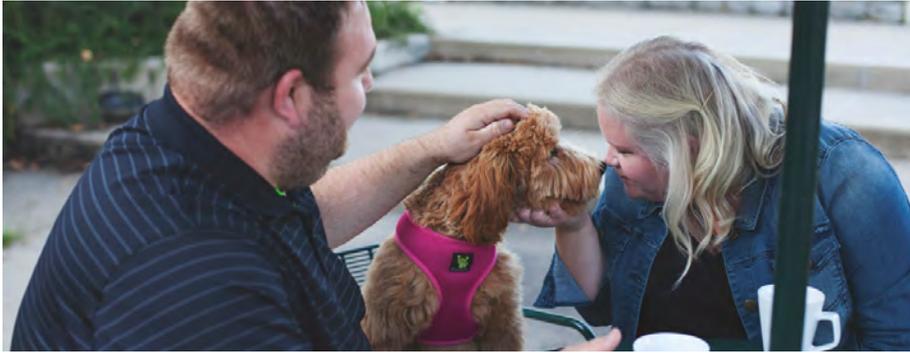
We love holidays in our family. Christmas eve we spend with Jimmy's family and then we go to church together. Christmas day is spent with Lauren's family. Every Christmas season we go to this big park full of Christmas lights and other activities. It's such a fun experience that we enjoy doing with our friends! Every other holiday we split time between both our families. For the 4th of July we have a big party with swimming, food and conclude the night with our own fireworks show! Every Halloween we take our nephew to the town parade. There are 2 large parades around town for Halloween that are so much fun to go to! We also enjoy passing out candy to all of our trick-or-treaters! Every Halloween we also make it a point to carve pumpkins. For Easter we dye eggs with our youngest nephew and niece and put on an egg hunt for them. For every holiday there is food, fun, family and our friends celebrating with us!



Meet Walker

+ Arya

We have 2 pets in our home. We have a black Mainecoon cat. His name is Walker and he is 3 years old. Mainecoon is a typical cat, who mostly keeps to himself. Arya is our Goldendoodle and she is 6 months old. Arya is very friendly to anyone; she loves giving kisses and getting belly rubs.





We live in a small town surrounded by bigger towns with lots of things to do. Lauren has lived in this small tight knit community her whole life and it is very safe and welcoming. There is a public pool, new splash pad, tennis and basketball courts, as well as sports complex. There are 2 big beautiful parks with big ponds that can be used for fishing. Our town is a farm town, so what you can't find here you can absolutely find in the bigger towns surrounding us within a short drive. We love the land in our town and how it's more rural. There are also great options for school! Every year the town hosts a homecoming, which is really more like a carnival, complete with all the carnival rides and food that go with it. We love going to this with our nieces and nephews. Since we are only about an hour from a big city, it is very easy to make a day trip to the zoo, museum, or aquarium.







our dreams

+ hope for the future

Our future plans are to stay in our current home for a few more years. Then, hopefully build or buy a house in another small town in between where Lauren's and Jimmy's family live. The town is just like ours, but just a little closer to Jimmy's family. *We would love to start a tradition of family vacations every year and take our child/children to see what the world has to offer.* One of Lauren's dream vacation spots is to swim with dolphins in the Cayman Islands.

Our Christian faith is important to us. *We believe that the biggest lesson that we can learn from God is loving people.* We look forward to going to church together as a family of three. *We hope to lead by example in instilling values in our child such as faith, hope, love, kindness and honesty.* There are numerous activities and cookouts our church has that are a great way to get to know others within our community.

We plan to send our child to private school in town at our church as this is also the same school Lauren went to as a child and where our eldest niece/nephew attended. Although our public schools are fantastic in this area, the education and one-on-one treatment the children get in private schools is better. *We know that every child is different in regards to how they learn so we will always do what is best for our child in regards to their education.* We plan to start a college fund for our child soon so that they will be able to pursue that avenue if they desire. When our child is older we will sit down and have a conversation about college and share our own experiences with them. *But ultimately it is their decision and they will be supported and guided along the way to hopefully make the best decision for their future.*

Thank you +



Thank you so much for taking the time out to look at our profile. We hope these pages have given you a glimpse into our lives and the love that we have for each other. We can't imagine all of the thoughts and emotions running through your mind right now, but we want you to know we are praying that you would have peace in your decision, whatever that may be. Thank you again for considering us.

With love,

Jimmy + Lauren

