

BOBBY & CASEY



hello and welcome



# DEAR *Nhana*

We are so excited our story is meeting yours, and we are praying for you, regardless of your decision. We hope you get a peek into our lives and our home. One thing we hope to make clear is that our story, and the desire of our hearts, is that there is always room. There is room for love, for joy, for mistakes, for forgiveness, for sleepless nights, for big emotions, for hard conversations, for spilled milk, for jumping in puddles, for learning, and for growing. We are honored at the possibility of welcoming your baby into our family. We assure you that there is abundant room for your child in our lives: room in our hearts, in our family, in our home, and the freedom to develop into their fullest potential. We also want you to know that, if you choose us, there is room for YOU in our hearts as we raise this child and seek to honor you in our home. Whether you decide to have a relationship with us or not, this is something that we can assure you of; that you will be honored and remembered. It would be our joy and privilege to play a part in your story and the story of your child.



*- Bobby and Casey*

# our promise to you

- We will love your child with all we have and provide a safe, stable, and happy childhood.
- We will give them endless opportunities for fun, joy, and wonder.
- We will guide them with wisdom and compassion for the rest of our lives
- You will always be a part of their story. We will communicate your love and honor you whenever we discuss their story.



# HEARTS FOR ADOPTION

God has given us two beautiful biological sons, Woods and Jameson. Learning to become mom and dad to them has been a process that has opened our hearts to the joy and never-ending need for growth and maturity that is parenthood. The opportunity to create a meaningful life we each love, as we love one another, is one of our heart's desires. We long to share and add to that joy by welcoming another child into our family. Woods and Jameson have an adopted "uncle" (I/Casey have a sizable first cousin group. We grew up more like brothers and sisters; Woods and Jameson, therefore, see and refer to most of them as "aunt" and "uncle"). Since he was welcomed into our family, it has been a joy to see our stories and lives weave together. It will be our joy to experience the additional love a child not only provides to our family but the way in which our family can love and support your baby through adoption. It will be our joy to honor your decision of adoption for your child, and the weaving of our lives and our stories around that beautiful choice!





# OUR *love* STORY



2009

Met

2009

First Date

2014

Engaged

2015

Married

## HOW IT ALL BEGAN:

We met in high school; Bobby was a junior, and Casey was a sophomore. We both met doing our own respective fundraisers in the school cafeteria (Bobby was a part of the FFA/Future Farmers of America, and Casey was fundraising for the American Red Cross). We truly were “high school sweethearts” and dated from the time we were teenagers. We have grown up with one another. What maintains the attraction to one another after all this time is the room we have provided for one another to, in fact, grow up. We are so very different from the teenagers who walked one another to class, hurrying to get to our own before the bell rang, or the high schoolers who smiled for prom photos and color-coordinated dresses with bow ties. We are so very different from the college students cheering on opposing collegiate teams, or even the newlyweds working about 20 part-time jobs and going to school. We write this smiling and laughing as we think back to becoming parents for the first time. Washing bottles and writing down every movement the baby made. We fell in love as teenagers, but it is the moments, the seasons of joy and grief, the choosing each other in both big and small ways, that keeps us falling in love. That keeps our story moving forward. A story we are so excited to share with you, and hopefully write with you!



# THE PROPOSAL:

Casey grew up dancing and has shared that it was her favorite part of her childhood. Knowing how much she enjoys dancing, I signed us up to take a couple's dance class, where we would perform a dance at the studio's annual dance recital. During our Saturday night performance, at the end of the dance, I knelt beside Casey at center stage and asked her to be my wife. I also had our dance classmates holding up "Will You Marry Me?" signs next to us.



## OUR WEDDING:

We married nearly a year after our proposal at the church we still attend to this day. Our family and friends who were there were some of our greatest joys of the day. My father walked me down the aisle to Bobby, where my uncle Shane married us. On either side of us, standing as bridesmaids and groomsmen, were our siblings, our childhood best friends, college roommates, or adulthood best friends. Our ceremony was a celebration of God, his faithfulness in uniting us together, and his support from his greatest friends and family.

## OUR MARRIAGE:

We have been married for a little over nine years now. What we love most about our marriage is the way in which we allow it to grow and mature. With every decision we make, we strive to seek God and His guidance and to honor Him with our actions. We have been best friends for over half of our lives! Over the years, as we've grown, we have grown together and our relationship and affection only grows stronger. We are fully, joyfully, and forever committed to one another for the glory of God and the good of our family.





# MEET Bobby

WRITTEN BY CASEY

I have had the joy of watching Bobby become a man who desires to love others and those within his home well. Bobby is full of ideas, goals, and visions for life and a future for our family. He makes decisions that are in the best interests of not only himself, but of his home. He is always willing to help and serve not only those in his family, but in his community. We have been a part of a Belarussian Ministry for a few years and have hosted two girls in our home prior to becoming parents to our biological children. He has served in many of the fundraising events for this ministry, as well as become the best, "American dad" to our two girls from Belarus. With our kids, he is involved and committed to his responsibilities. He is steady, faithful, and quick to apologize and reconcile relationships when necessary. Bobby connected with kids long before we both became parents. We have large families and I have lots of younger cousins. He watched most of them grow up and was able to develop friendships with them that remain to this day. I love that Bobby includes our two sons in the interest and passions he has, and is wise in developing and nurturing those passions in them. I see this in the way he educates them about hunting or helps them position their arms for a golf swing or on a baseball bat. I see this in the way he diligently coaches them and their friends in T-Ball or in the way he shows them how to pray for me and our home. Bobby invites, leads, and nurtures the best parts of all who have the joy of knowing him, and I see this shine so brightly in him.

**I LOVE TO** *golf, go hunting, +*

**BE WITH** *family*

**I LOVE** *college sports +  
coaching Tball*

**MY FRIENDS SAY I'M** *fun,  
thoughtful, trustworthy.*

**MY OLDEST CHILD SAYS**

*"He loves deer hunting with me,  
and I love him snuggling me."*



*I look forward to...*



## ABOUT MY CHILDHOOD:

Growing up, I was challenged to give 100% and to never take anything for granted. I was raised to earn what I have. I do think this influences me as I seek to challenge our two boys to give their all. Right now, this might look like encouraging Woods to give his all as he works through his school workbook and to make sure he understands what he is doing and why. Whatever we do together (yard work, sports, etc.), we seek to finish the job and to do it the right way.

I am so excited to add extra laughs and extra opportunities to love another child and invite them into the excitement, joy, a little bit of chaos, and lots of love that is our home.

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## MY CAREER:

I am a project manager for a private soil science company. I work for a small business owner who is in full support of our family adopting. I work close to home and can take time as needed, not only for our hopeful adoption, but moving forward as our growing family needs.



# MEET Casey

WRITTEN BY BOBBY

Casey is a loving, selfless, driven person. She gives 100% no matter what she is doing. Casey is inviting, gives good advice and is an easy person to talk to. I think this absolutely influences her role as a social worker and her devotion to helping others. These traits make her a great wife and an even better mother. I can see how our two boys are so positively influenced by these characteristics in the way in which she mothers our two children. Casey lets our kids be messy, to be kids, while teaching and investing in their character so intentionally. Casey fosters the development of core memories for our children with such patience, kindness, and intention. You can see that in the paint that covers our dining room table and the muddy boots currently sitting on our front porch! I have no doubt that she will do this for another child we are lucky enough to welcome into our family through adoption.

**I LOVE TO** *host parties +*

**BE WITH** *family + friends.*

**I LOVE** *beach days + reading.*

**MY FRIENDS SAY I'M** *caring,  
reliable, a woman of integrity.*

**MY OLDEST CHILD SAYS**

*"My mom is a grown up, she  
is very nice and I love her."*



# About my childhood



## I LOOK FORWARD TO...

I love to get to know my children and to celebrate who they are! Having the opportunity to parent them, and to love them right where they are at, is always fun and always a challenge I am up for.

It will be a delight to read books to another little mind that is constantly learning, to dig future sand castles with three little ones, or teach another little set of hands how to clean the spilled milk up (so that they know mistakes are ok, and how to work through them one day, especially when it is a bigger situation than just spilled milk).

I grew up with a very large and involved family. My five cousins, along with my brother and I, grew up staying with our grandmother. We grew up like siblings, taking vacations together and spending every day together. I have learned, and am still learning, the value and importance of closeness, support, and having community.



## MY CAREER:

I am a licensed clinical social worker and work as an outpatient therapist. I primarily work with adults and the geriatric population, supporting them in both diagnosis of mental health concerns and treatment. My employer is supportive of our family's decision to adopt and affords me the flexibility to be home a few days during the week with our kids. When I do work during the day, our children stay with my mother or my maternal grandmother. Woods would tell you staying with his great-grandmother is "great, I love doing arts and crafts with her, and I love snuggling with her." We count ourselves so fortunate that our two sons have been able to stay with family when Bobby and I work.

# Meet Our Kids

Woods and Jameson are active kids, with growing interests, that we will continue to gladly foster as they grow and mature. Both boys will be absolute great brothers and have so much practice in the community of both friends and family we have around us. They have older friends to look up to and younger friends to love and practice those “gentle” hugs and snuggles with.



## WOODS

*5 years old*

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Creative

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Inquisitive

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Loving

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Woods is our oldest and is five years old. He is always thinking and problem-solving. He loves building things, going on “epic” adventures, and jumping in mud puddles. Woods is perceptive, he loves being a big brother to Jameson, and is a fierce friend who loves others deeply.



## JAMESON

*3 years old*

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Silly

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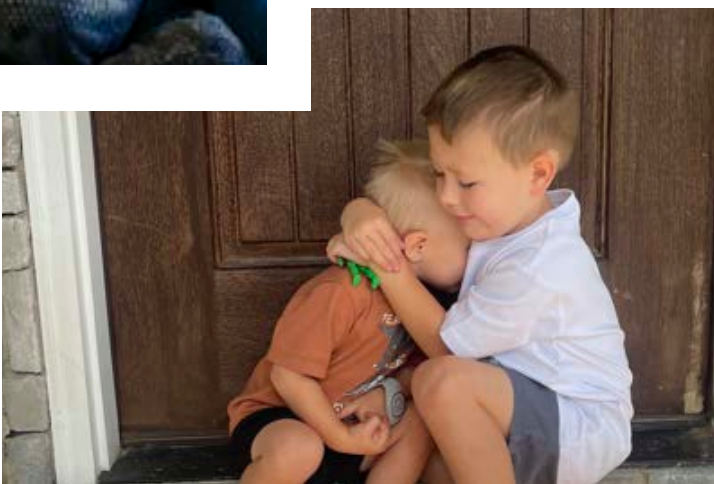
Funny

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Fierce

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Jameson loves baseball! He’s about to begin his second season of T-Ball. He loves to be outside, will follow Woods into any mud puddle, and loves snuggling, especially at bedtime with Daddy. He keeps us laughing and contributes joy, excitement, and extra love to our home.



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SIBLINGS MAKE  
THE BEST FRIENDS



# OUR PARENTING *Philosophy*

We strive to be parents who are continually learning and seeking connection with our boys. They grow and develop so quickly at these ages, and we want to seize this beautiful window of time to nurture their minds, hearts, and bodies. We do this with intentional connection, such as family bedtime stories and prayer time. We seek to model the importance of prayer for our boys as well as facilitate brotherly relationships. We encourage and seek to mold and foster love for the strengths and interests they do have. This may look like getting them involved in sports to further develop passions and healthy physical development. For our oldest, this looked like enrolling him in preschool to foster his love for social connection. We allow them to learn from mistakes, to take responsibility for their actions and to problem solve. They're learning how to clean spills up, apologize to one another, think more critically about the words we use and how they impact others, and more. We strive to be patient, encourage and foster learning, growth and to cultivate a home where they are safe to do that.



# WHAT WE VALUE

## 1 LOVE GOD

Our prayer for our children is that they would one day, come to an understanding of their need for God, and with great excitement and joy, choose to follow Him all their days. As their parents, strive to show them what a relationship with God and a life surrendered to Him looks like. We do that by the way that we love one another, by the way that we love them, the way we love others, and the way in which we prioritize both our time and resources.



## 2 LOVE OTHERS

We want our children to know they are created by God and they are loved. We also want them to know that is true for those around them and that God desires them to love others. Again, we seek to show them this by the way that we love one another, love them, others, and use our time and resources.



OUR FAITH. LOVING OTHERS. WORKING HARD AND HAVING FUN TOGETHER IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US!

## 3 WORK & PLAY HARD

We have been given much by God, whether that is material things, or our healthy bodies. We want to honor God by being diligent workers who steward the things He has given us well. We also seek to balance this with fun and enjoyment! We create opportunities to enjoy the good things in life.



- WELCOME TO OUR HOME -

OUR HOME WAS BUILT  
*with a desire to*  
LOVE OUR FAMILY  
*and to be able to*  
LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS.





**We purchased connecting land behind Casey's mother and father** shortly after marriage, across from Casey's aunt and uncle and near cousin Ashleigh. In 2019, with the help of Casey's dad, **we designed and built each square inch of our home.** We have 5 bedrooms (one is a playroom), two and a half bathrooms, and a loft. **We have 6.9 acres of land where our kids are able to run, play, and walk to their families' houses if they wish.** Casey loves to sit on the porch swing while the boys play outside. Our home is reflective of our current stage of life. Our boys' bathroom is currently decorated in a Toy Story theme (a current family favorite), and our son, Woods, sleeps in a tractor bed built by his Papa. We have crayon marks on the walls (oops!), our bed is often filled with one or two extra sleeping little's at night, windows have fingerprints, and

couch cushions are filled with as many toys as the toy box. **Our home is a place where our kids are able to grow, learn, and experience safety and connection.** We hope all who enter our home feel that, too. We live in a rural part of North Carolina in a smaller community that is very close and supportive of the families in it. **There are nearby ponds/lakes for kayaking and fishing (which we enjoy).** We live close to towns and cities that have much to offer as well. As mentioned, our boys are part of many recreational league sports, including T-Ball, soccer, and basketball. **We love going to a local library for weekly story time and attending collegiate sporting events.** We live close to the public schools and know many of the teachers in the school systems. We can access both mountains and beaches well during a day's travel!

# MEET OUR FAMILIES

I have extended family that live in cities about two hours away. I lived near most of my extended family as a child. We now live closest to my mother, Pam, father, Bobby Jr., sister, Carrie, brother-in-law, Steven, and our niece and nephew. Ella and Eli were our first niece and nephews to be born. We enjoy attending their sporting events and spending holidays and dinners with them every now and then! Woods and Jameson love their big cousins! Eli is only a year older than Woods, and they play so great together. Ella, as the only girl big cousin, likes to keep them all in line! Both our families have always been encouraging to us in each transition of life we have taken. They are excited to navigate this adoption journey with us and look so forward to adding a new family member to love and cherish!



My parents are Cindy and Michael. I have a younger brother, William, who is marrying his fiancé, "Auntie Laura," in November 2024. I have six male cousins, Zac, LaDonte (adopted), Nic, Aiden, Caleb and Graham, and one female cousin, Ashleigh! Ashleigh is not only like a sister to me, but the best friend I have ever known (we built houses across from one another!). She is the best "aunt" to our children. Us cousins had the best childhood together, and still either live near one another, attend church together, or see one another for dinner at grandma's on Sunday night. I have so many more cousins, aunts, uncles, a paternal grandmother who loves us, supports us, and cheers us on as a family in all our endeavors. The community we have in family is one I am incredibly proud to know and devote time and love to in return.



We love celebrating holidays! We gather with most extended family and friends for the Fourth of July with a large outdoor cookout (complete with water games and fireworks), Thanksgiving, and Christmas. I, Casey, love to throw parties. Most recently, for Halloween, we hosted a glow-in-the-dark trick-or-treat hunt in our yard. We love to dress up for Halloween, family-themed costumes are a personal favorite, and we go trick or treating. At Christmas, we love to exchange gifts; we have silly elves (Woods named

them Harper and Fancy) that create magical fun all December long in our home; we have visited the Polar Express and been transported to the North Pole in matching Christmas PJ's. We love to explore new ways to celebrate, create memories, and facilitate connection with family and friends. We celebrate each family member's birthday together with dinner, desserts, and a very LOUD rendition of the birthday song. I think in our large extended family we have someone's birthday covered with each month of the year to celebrate.





## our hopes & dreams

**As a family, we plan to remain in the home that we have built and raise the children we are gifted with.** With this adoption, we envision that this third child would be our last, and perfectly complete our family. Our hope is to cultivate a joyful life with our children through each and every stage. We envision navigating the school years as a family, going to award ceremonies, studying for tests, reading books and completing book reports, attending sporting events, and cheering our children on. Navigating the dating stage once they're teenagers, waiting up for them to get home at night, helping them

purchase their first car, and guiding them to make safe and wise decisions. We often pray for our children's future marriages, and because we have been so loved and supported by our own families, we can already envision how we might be able to support and love our children and the families they build for themselves one day (Woods does, however, say he is going to marry Mommy at present). With great enthusiasm, we can only pray that we are able to love and support our children and their future families by loving and supporting future grandchildren and perhaps great-grandchildren!





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## THOUGHTS ON EDUCATION

**Our oldest, Woods, will start Kindergarten in the fall at our local public school.** The great thing about where we live, however, is that there are many educational options to consider should we need to. **We have access to charter schools as well as private schools, though our choice at present is public schools, we are willing to reconsider as needed for each of our children.** We hope we have conveyed that our desire is to foster and cultivate the growth and potential of our individual children. We recognize our children are created by God, and that He has created them intentionally and uniquely. With that, we will seek to encourage growth and motivate them to reach their highest potential, all for the glory of God. We will absolutely encourage and support them in their pursuit of higher education, whether that is college or not. **We will foster and encourage perseverance, patience, fortitude, and determination in our children, and it will be a joy to watch where they can go with those traits and values.**

## FAITH AND PARENTING

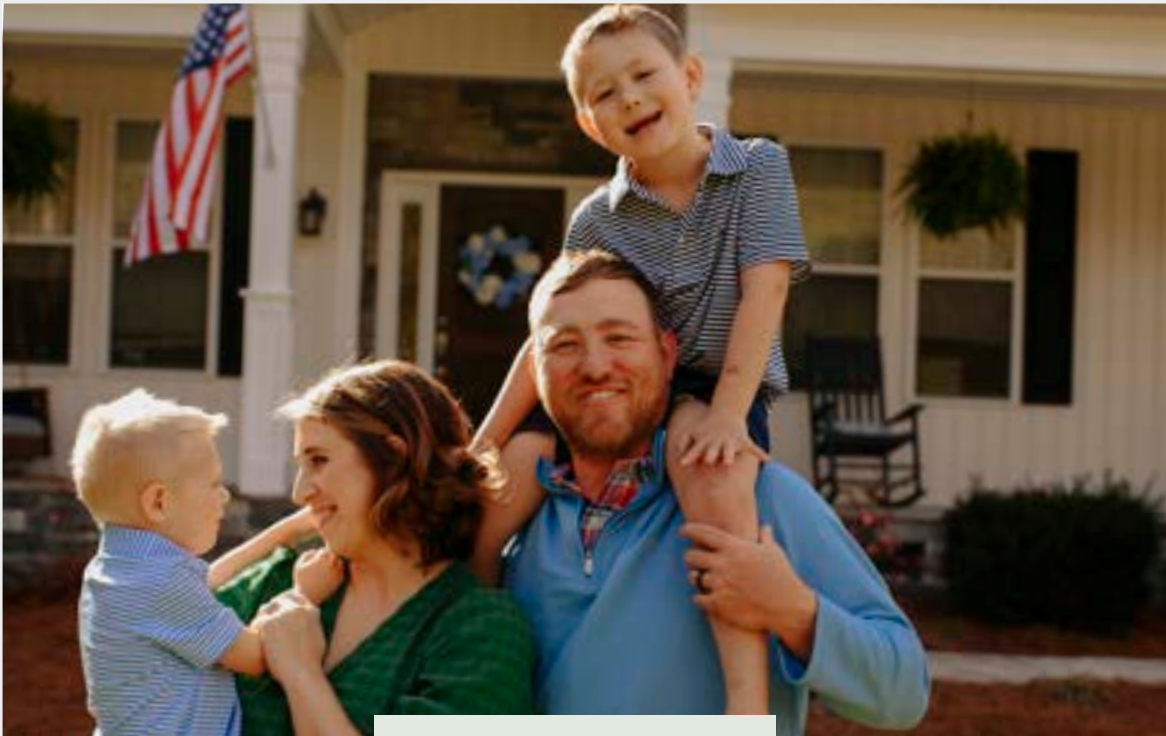
**Our church home is a significant part of our life.**

We both serve there in different capacities. Casey serves the three to 5-year-old children's ministry and Bobby works with our Youth, and 1st to 6th grade children's program. Bobby also serves as a deacon of our church. **We will raise our children to understand they are created by and for God and seek to cultivate a desire within them to know God and to honor Him with their lives.** We will seek

to cultivate this first and foremost by the way in which we conduct our home, which is one of love and respect. We will seek to foster healthy, godly relationships where our children can see and experience the loving family of God. We will work to foster and encourage the God-given gifts and talents that our kids have in a way that honors God and brings our children fulfillment and, ultimately, a closer relationship with the one who created them.







Since the beginning of our marriage, a verse from Matthew 6:33 is what we have used to measure every decision against, "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." As we have tried to pursue this in each of the decisions we have made, God has provided for us, He has shaped and molded our hearts, and our desires all along the way. To love what He loves and desire what He desires. We believe it is those decisions all along the way that have created this opportunity and desire to pursue adoption now. **It is truly the joy of our hearts to navigate this journey with you!** We pray you will have peace with your decision, whatever it may be. Thank you for reading our story. It is a pleasure to share our lives with you, and we hope to continue to share with you the story that we absolutely believe a good and holy God is writing into our lives. We are excited and know that our home is ready to welcome another little one. **There is room here for love, and that includes the story of your choice for adoption and you.**

FROM OUR HEARTS.

*Bobbey + Casey*



*you are loved.*



