

# Tim and Melissa

We are so grateful that you are considering our family and taking the time to get to know us a little better. Your consideration of us as parents is a gift that we will never take for granted. We appreciate how deeply you love your child, and our words cannot accurately express



our respect for your choice. The amount of courage and love that you will show throughout this journey is something that we will strive to instill throughout our child's life. We hope you will see that the family we have started is a blessed and happy home that we desire to share openly with you and your child. We are so excited about the possibility of sharing our life with you and your child. We have so many hopes and dreams for our children and will surround them through their lives with encouragement, love, stability and understanding. We have seen how beautiful open adoption is in our family, and we promise that he or she will always know just how deeply loved they are by you and by us. It is impossible for us to know how hard this decision will be for you to make, but we know that the parents you choose to give this gift will be the family that God has chosen as well. We pray God will comfort you and guide you through your journey and we hope to have the opportunity to learn about your story.



## *We chose adoption because...*

We have been able to witness and be a part of growing families through open adoption and adoption through foster care. Five of Tim's cousins have been connected in our family through adoption, and they have set examples for us in the beauty of open adoption. Since we have been faced with biological challenges with fertility in growing our family, we have felt God's presence in our journey and His leadership towards the beautiful connections that He creates through adoption.

## *We are very excited...*



to become first time parents, to lead, teach and support our children throughout their lives. We each were raised by parents that instilled values of hard work, honesty and faith in all that we do. Education is very important to us, and we look forward to supporting our children in all of their educational pursuits and goals. Unconditional love and support for our children will be at the center of all decisions regarding parenting, education and discipline, while setting appropriate boundaries and acting as an example for our children in our own behavior.

*We are active members in a Presbyterian church and have developed life long relationships that helped guide us deeply in our spiritual growth and our relationship with Christ.*



## Melissa is ...

beautiful, smart, talented, kind, funny, nurturing and caring. I love that I can talk to her about anything, and that she works so hard to better herself through schoolwork and dedicating herself to her career. She will be a great mother, and I love thinking about her with our future children. —Tim

## Tim is ...

spontaneous, charming and has such a giving heart. Tim is the most dedicated person I know. He is my rock and is always able to provide just the right words to bring peace and comfort to those around him. His playful spirit and creativity are aspects I can't wait to see applied in his new role as a dad. —Melissa



## Childcare

We are fortunate to have employers that are able to provide us with the flexibility to take significant time off when our child arrives, and we have many family members excited to help with caring for our new little one during the day, once we return to work.



## Our home has ...

4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. We have a large yard for playing, walking paths, and parks within walking distance from our home. We live very close to the schools our children will attend as well.

# Family & Holidays



We each have large families with whom we are very close. Much of our family lives very close to us, and we are able to spend quality time together frequently. We are grateful for all the support they give us. Holidays are always a joyful time of family and fellowship. Christmas is marked with many gatherings of family and friends. We spend time at the lake every year with Tim's family at Christmas and over 4th of July. Easter we spend with our church family. Melissa's family also has a huge Easter egg hunt every year. Birthdays are a big deal in our family. We love celebrating the individuals in our lives and making these special days so memorable.

# Openness

We plan on being very open with our children very early on about their adoption story. Adoption creates an opportunity to surround a child with even more people who love and support them throughout their lives. Our hope would be to have an open relationship with our child's birth family throughout their life, sharing in all the milestones and celebrations life brings, through regular letters, pictures and visits. We do understand that each relationship is unique and openness is something we look forward to developing together with our child's birth family.

