



INTRODUCING

Michael and Tatum

We are honored to have you consider us for this role in your child's life. However, it is not lost on us how difficult this is for you. We understand this is probably not a decision you were ever thinking you would have to make, and we want you to feel loved, supported, and seen throughout this entire journey. You have so much value, and we have so much respect for the decision you're making. We are so excited about the opportunity to become parents through adoption. While you look through these pages, we hope you can get to know us in order to determine if your child will make a good fit into our lives. We are here for you and are praying for you! Thanks again for taking the time to check us out.

With love,

Michael + Tatum

ABOUT US

We are high school sweethearts! We dated throughout college and got married a few weeks after our college graduation. We have been married for 7 years and are so ready to jump into this new chapter of our lives by starting a family. Our days are filled with enjoying each other's company. We love to travel, go to sporting events, eat a good meal, and hang out with our friends and family. If there is an adventure to go on, we are more than likely going to say yes. We love meeting new people and having new experiences. We also are very involved in our church and love serving in various ministry opportunities. Michael plays guitar and sings in the worship band and Tatum is involved in mentoring students. We have always had the goal as a couple to make each year better than the last, and we are so excited to jump into the next adventure life has for us.

INTERESTING FACTS

about Michael + Tatum

- ◆ We have been to over 50 concerts together of every type of music you can think of.
- ◆ We are known by name at our local Mexican restaurant.
- ◆ Michael is very musically gifted and loves to play music for our church worship team.
- ◆ We both really like shoes, particularly tennis and basketball shoes. Michael is all about Jordan's, but Tatum is more stripes over checks.
- ◆ We currently are in early planning stages of a cross-country RV trip!
- ◆ Christmas is a big deal in both of our family's homes!



IN MICHAEL'S WORDS

about tatum

Tatum is a true example of how to love Jesus, love other people, and to have joy in all circumstances. People love Tatum because she is so genuine in how she loves other people, Tatum's love has no selfish ambition behind it. I have been on the receiving end of that love for 11 years now, and I'm so thankful for her. While she is so selfless, she also has such a strength and a confidence that she is exactly who she is supposed to be, and that confidence rubs off on those around her. She is a school teacher, and she is the teacher that her students remember. She teaches them that they matter, their dreams matter, and they should live a life that matters by loving well. I cannot wait to see her as a Mom. Our kids will never have to question the love they receive from her, and if they end up to be even a little bit like her, then the world is going to benefit from the impact they will make in it.



Tatum and nephew, Sam

"Tatum loves deeply, serves selflessly, and radiates joy to everyone around her."



MORE ABOUT TATUM

AGE: 28

OCCUPATION: Teacher

FAVORITE MUSIC ARTISTS: Housefires, Ben Rector, Justin Timberlake, Post Malone, Jon Bellion, and Bethel Music

FAVORITE BOOK: Harry Potter

FAVORITE PLACE: New York City

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: My husband, friends, and family (and Mexican food)

PERFECT DAY: My perfect day would start in a comfy bed in a nice hotel overlooking Central Park. We would wake up late and go out for a good cup of coffee and a great bagel. We would then spend the day exploring or shopping and finish with a Greek meal in my favorite restaurant.

IN TATUM'S WORDS

about michael

Michael is the greatest person I know. His sense of humor and joy for life make him such a magnet of people. Everyone loves to be around him because of his kindness and intentionality. This is the quality that draws me to Michael daily. He makes me a better person by the way he leads our family in love. He truly sees the best in others and makes everyone around him feel like they are his best friend. He is accepting of all people and celebrates others so well. He dreams big and stops at nothing to achieve his dreams and help me achieve mine. He is my biggest supporter and cheerleader and I know he will be the same for our children! He will be the most incredible dad!



Michael and our best friends' kids

"Michael lives with big love, overflowing joy, & selfless service, so I know he is going to be the most incredible dad! "



MORE ABOUT MICHAEL

AGE: 29

OCCUPATION: Physician Assistant

FAVORITE MUSIC ARTISTS: Chance the Rapper, Needtobreathe, Childish Gambino, Hillsong United, and the Avett Brothers

FAVORITE MOVIE: The Dark Knight

FAVORITE PLACE: Lake Louise at Banff National Park in Canada

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: My wife, my dog, and probably grilled chicken fingers with chicken sauce...

PERFECT DAY: It would be set on a beach or cabin in the mountains, waking up and having a cup of coffee with my wife and dog, a workout, followed by an adventure. The day would finish with a good dinner and a Marvel movie in an IMAX theater.

OUR HOME AND COMMUNITY

We live in Alabama in a 3-bedroom home in the heart of our city. Our neighborhood has a wide-range of ages and stages of life which makes it very unique. We have a neighborhood pool and clubhouse area that is great for the hot, summer days! We love it here!



Home sweet home



The photographer told us to sit here!

OUR FRIENDS

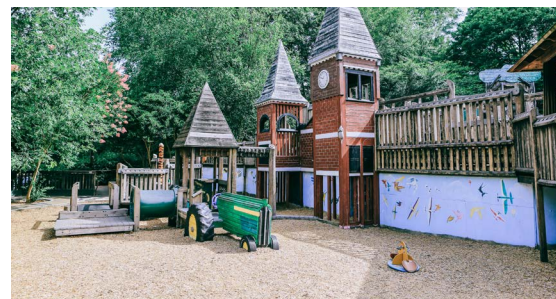
Our friends are some of our greatest blessings. We could not do life without them! Our time together usually involves lots of talking and laughing (and usually eating). We just love being together and sharing life. All of our closest friends now have children, so we are all so excited about having another “cousin” join the crew!



Starkville, MS to see the Tigers!



SEC CHAMPS!



A local park around the corner



Tearing up the dance floor with friends!

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

We both have great families that we love so much! Both sets of parents are very supportive of our decision to adopt and cannot wait to welcome a new child into the family. Tatum has 3 brothers, two of which are married and one of which has two little boys, Mav and Max, our nephews. Michael has a sister who has two daughters through adoption in addition to one biological son who was born just this summer! Both our families are from the same hometown so holidays are a blast, celebrating different traditions and dinners filled with games, good food, and great conversation.



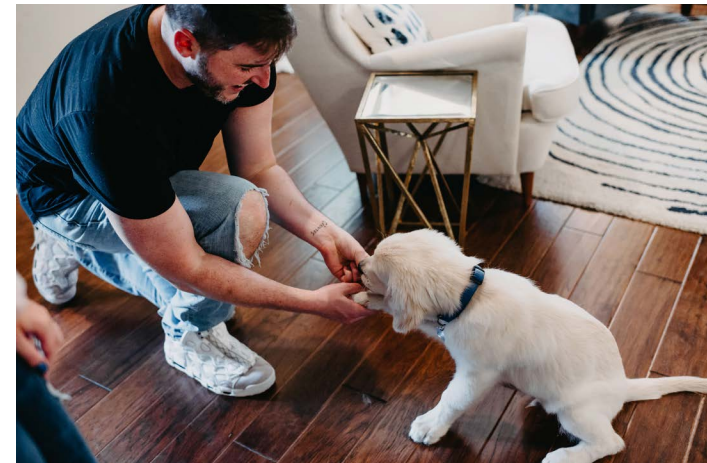
Tatum's family



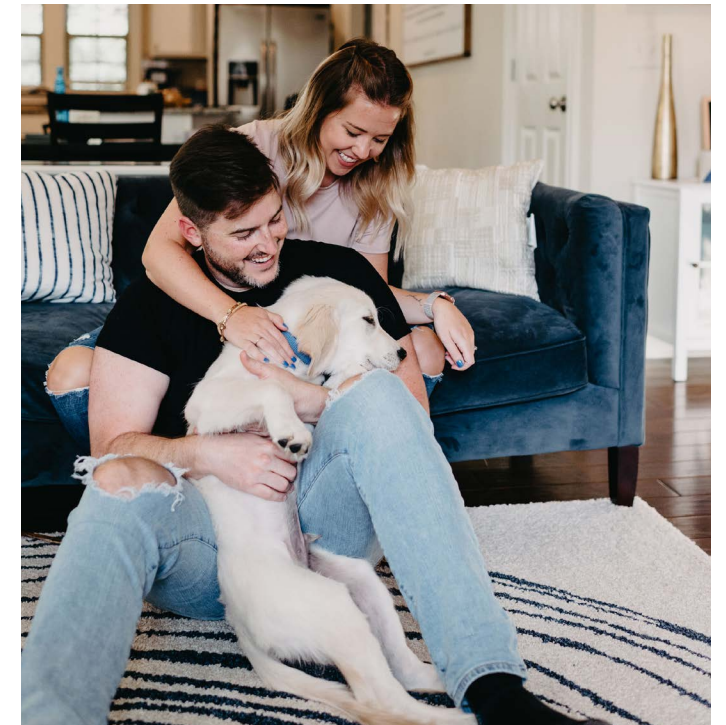
Michael's family after Christmas dinner

OUR DOG, DUDE

We have a golden retriever puppy named Dude. He loves literally everyone and is so sweet with children. He brings us and others lots of joy!



We taught Dude to "SHAKE"



A very good boy!

why adoption

We first began discussing adoption when we were dating, it was always something we wanted to do and something that would become a part of our story. After 7 wonderful years of marriage, we started to talk about growing our family. We both knew adoption was a calling placed on our lives by the Lord, so we decided to first grow our family this way before trying to have children biologically. We love the message that it will send to our child someday: You were wanted from the start. Michael's sister has two daughters through adoption and we have friends who have adopted as well so we are excited and expectant to see where God takes us in this adoption journey.



WE PROMISE TO

- ◆ Love your child without reservation or condition.
- ◆ Raise your child in a church that proclaims the love of JESUS and surround them with loving people.
- ◆ Teach your child to chase their dreams with passion and show them how strong and capable they are.
- ◆ Support your child in each phase of their life, through joys and tragedies and successes and trials.
- ◆ Honor you as first-momma always while also respecting your boundaries.
- ◆ Champion kindness and acceptance of all.
- ◆ Show grace and forgiveness in all circumstances.

thank you

We cannot thank you enough for the decision you are making, whether you select our family or another. Thank you for taking the time to read our profile and learn about the journey that has brought us to this point. Thank you for considering us as adoptive parents for your child, we know this is a big decision you are making and we are grateful and humbled that you would consider us.

michael + tatum

"We are absolutely sold out to loving Jesus, loving each other, & especially cannot wait to love a child someday!"