



Andy & Candice



Hello! We are Andy and Candice

We can't begin to tell you how grateful we are that you have decided to look through this book. We are so excited to share our story with you and give you a glimpse into our family. May you find these words encouraging and hope filled.

How We Met

We met through mutual friends while we were both in high school. We were both involved in a student ministry where we became closer friends and spent a lot of time together. We finally started dating in college. Andy was drawn to Candice's kindness and confidence and Candice loved Andy's sense of humor and patience.

After dating for four years, we got married in 2014. We have been married for 7 years and have loved every day of it. We share a loving, committed, and caring relationship that is built on trust and good communication.



Our Wedding Day



Our wedding day was such a good reflection of the love that we have for each other, and the support that we have from our family and friends.

About Andy

Andy is so kind and patient. He treats and talks to everyone like they are special and matter (because they do)! He is always so caring and supportive. These characteristics also make him a great Mental Health Counselor. He has helped so many people over the years as a therapist. Andy is witty, and fun! He loves fishing, spending time outdoors (especially in the mountains), hiking, camping, and spending time with his family and friends. I am so excited to see Andy share his passion for the outdoors and for playing guitar with our future children!



About Candice

Candice is an incredibly loving and warm person. She is someone who strives to make others feel welcomed, valued, and included. Candice is also very detail oriented and remembers "the little things" in her relationships with her friends and family. Phrases that I often hear others say are "I can't believe that you remembered that!" or "you're so thoughtful." This to me is such an example of Candice's care for others. In our marriage, Candice cares for me through her encouragement and her listening ear. Her compassionate presence and thoughtfulness are just a few of the qualities that will make her a wonderful mother. I am excited to see Candice share her love for Disney and cooking with our future children.



Andy's Family

I am a native Floridian and grew up in a close-knit family. My parents have been married for over 30 years and have been strong examples of love, care, respect, and support throughout my life. They fostered a sense of curiosity in me as a child, which I attribute in part, to my decision to become a mental health counselor. I am the oldest of 3 siblings and have a younger sister who lives in South Carolina and a younger brother who lives in Florida. Growing up, my siblings and I played sports and took an interest in playing music during our school years. My parents were supportive and always at our games and recitals. I feel very grateful to live so close to my family as an adult. We see each other often and enjoy spending time together, often around a meal.



Candice's Family



I have lived in Florida my whole life. I have one sister, who is also my best friend. We grew up going to the theme parks every weekend! I loved my childhood. Although I did not grow up with extended family nearby, my family was very close with our neighbors and I consider them family. My parents have been married for over 30 years. They are very welcoming! My parents live close to us and we see them often. We love watching college football and simply spending time together.

I participated in competitive cheerleading from elementary school to the beginning of high school and loved it. My dad brought me to all my cheer events, football games, competitions, practices, etc. Cheer taught me to be a team player, discipline, and dedication. In high school I became involved with a student ministry and ended up going on two mission trips. I made the decision to follow Jesus at that point in my life and have been growing ever since. I was blessed with lots of friends who loved Jesus and a great Bible study leader.

Family & Friends



Candice's Family



Andy's Family



Reading Andy's Cousins'
a Bedtime Story

Dear High School Friends



Our
family at
Andy's
sister's
wedding.
Andy
Officiated!



Things We Love

We have a love for travel. Most recently, we visited Australia and New Zealand to celebrate our 5 year wedding anniversary and we cannot wait to bring our future child(ren)! One of our favorite parts of traveling is learning about different cultures. We are so excited to share our love for travel as parents!

In our free time, we enjoy being outside, kayaking, and having picnics.



Things We Love

Candice enjoys cooking healthy organic meals and living a healthy lifestyle. This year, we joined a community supported agriculture group and got our produce straight from a local farm! It challenged Candice to become even more creative in the kitchen.

Andy started playing the guitar in High School and still enjoys playing in his free time. He also enjoys fly fishing, reading, exercising, and spending time outside. He is currently training for an ultramarathon.

The mountains are our favorite place to be. Our shared favorite food is sushi! We love going to college football games (or watching on TV).



Thanksgiving
(with lots of veggies!)



Homemade Sushi



Hiking in CO



College Football
Game

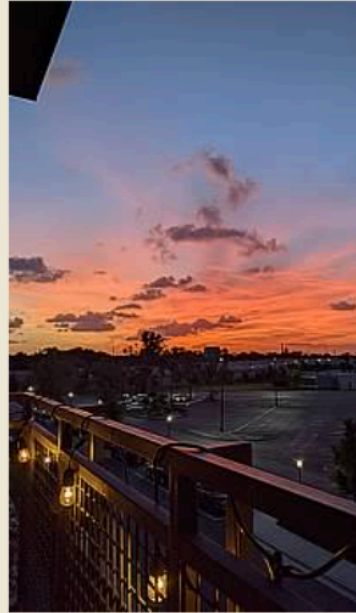


Andy's first half
marathon!

Our Home

We live in a two bedroom and two bathroom apartment in Central Florida. We live close to many parks, lakes, shops, and restaurants. The beach and theme parks are also not too far away! We enjoy taking walks in our charming community and live close to our friends and family. Our complex is very secure and has many amenities. The pool and gym are our favorite!

When the weather cools down, we enjoy using the fire pits and cooking on the grill.

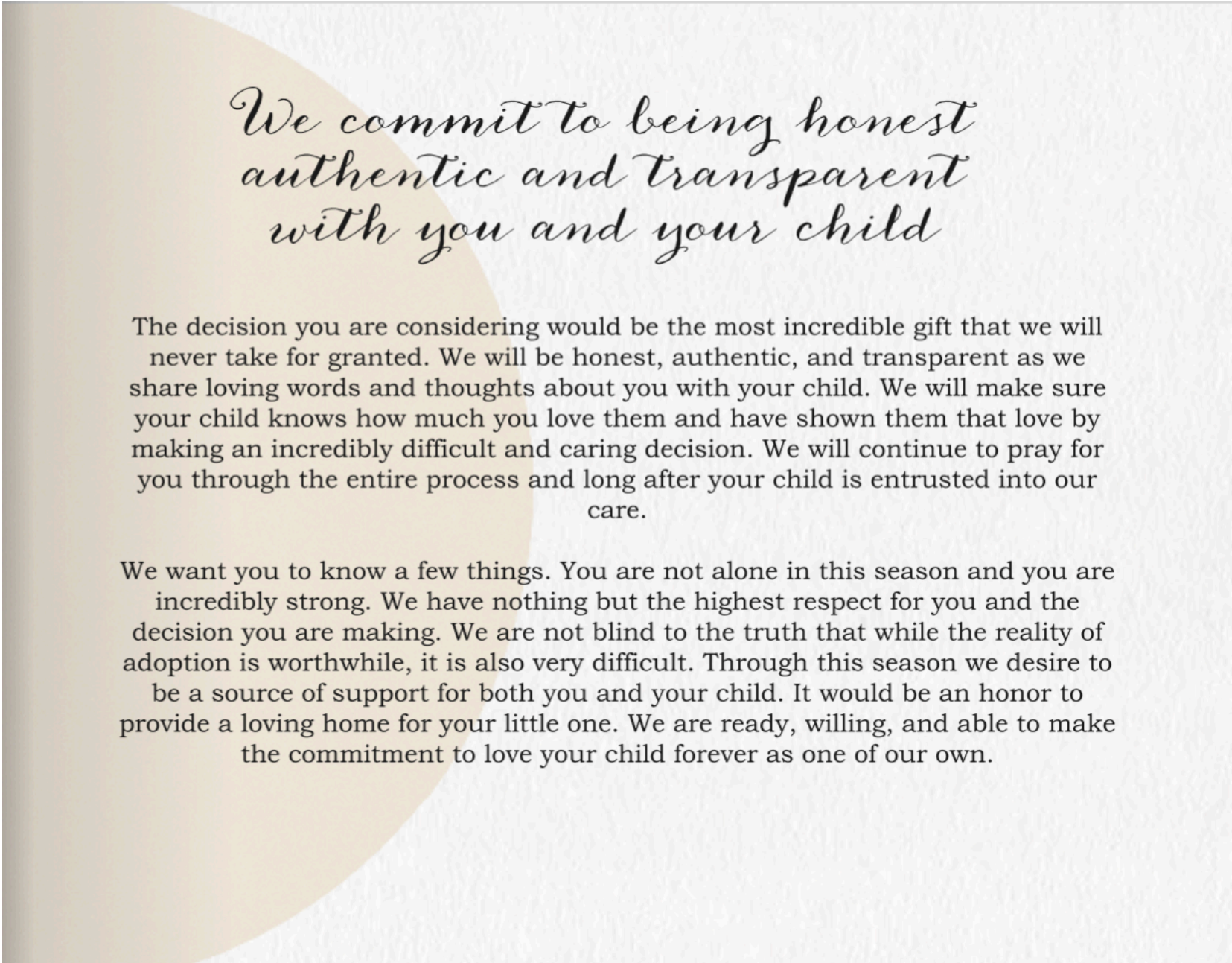


Our Desire to Adopt



When we got married, we both knew that we wanted to grow our family through adoption. We are unable to have children of our own but still desire to provide a loving home for a child (or children). During the past two years we began praying more specifically about the adoption process. We pray every night for our future birth mom and baby/babies. We (and our families) are SO excited to adopt and love this child(ren) with everything we've got!





*We commit to being honest
authentic and transparent
with you and your child*

The decision you are considering would be the most incredible gift that we will never take for granted. We will be honest, authentic, and transparent as we share loving words and thoughts about you with your child. We will make sure your child knows how much you love them and have shown them that love by making an incredibly difficult and caring decision. We will continue to pray for you through the entire process and long after your child is entrusted into our care.

We want you to know a few things. You are not alone in this season and you are incredibly strong. We have nothing but the highest respect for you and the decision you are making. We are not blind to the truth that while the reality of adoption is worthwhile, it is also very difficult. Through this season we desire to be a source of support for both you and your child. It would be an honor to provide a loving home for your little one. We are ready, willing, and able to make the commitment to love your child forever as one of our own.





We want to thank you so much for taking the time to consider our family. We are grateful for the opportunity to share with you a little bit about who we are. Please know that we are praying for you. We cant wait to hear from you and learn about who you are!

With Love,

Andy and Candice