

ZANE *and* COURTNEY







hi there!

IT'S SO NICE TO "MEET" YOU.

Thank you for taking the time to look through our book. We can't imagine all the emotions you must be feeling right now. We hope you will feel supported no matter what decision you make. We may have never met you, but please trust that we care about you.

There's no way we could fully show you who we are in this small book, but we hope it will give you glimpses of who we are. We hope you'll see that we love each other, love our families and friends, and are so excited to see what parenthood has in store for us.

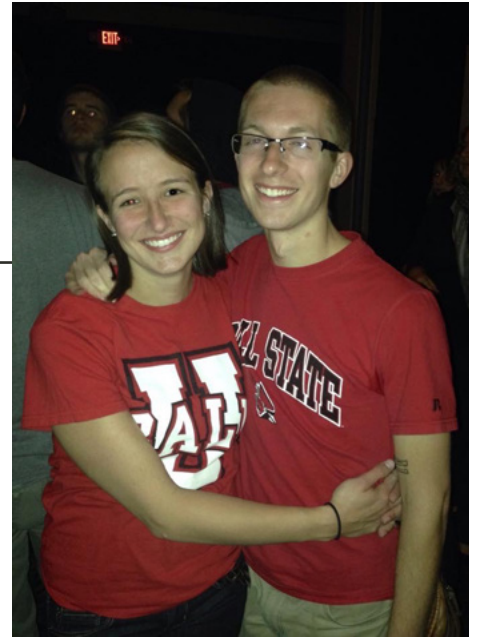
We also wanted to mention that while Zane is by no means fluent in Spanish, he is actively learning independently and through conversations with a friend of ours who speaks natively. If that is helpful or important to you or your family, Zane will continue learning for you and your family. We would be proud to raise your child in a bilingual household and would seek help from the Latinx community for immersion and learning in a culture that is not our own.

ZANE + COURTNEY

This is our story

WHERE WE STARTED

After our first two semesters of college, we met just before heading to a summer program hosted by our church. Zane was drawn to Courtney's outgoing and bubbly personality. Courtney was interested in Zane's dry humor and calm, consistent personality.



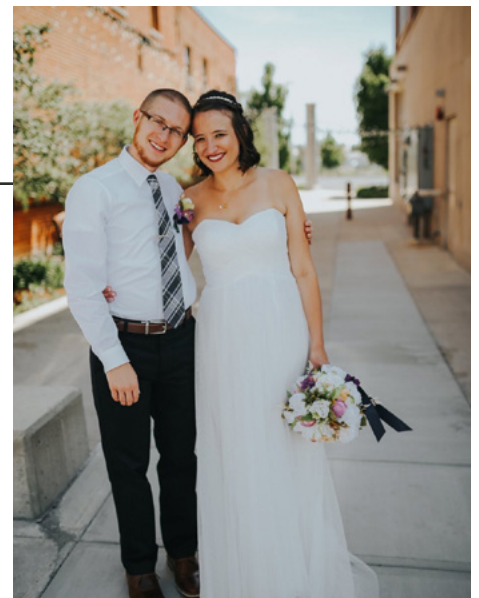
ENGAGEMENT

After dating for about two years, we got engaged in 2015, before our senior year. Zane proposed to Courtney by taking her on a walk and eventually giving her a letter that asked her to be his wife. After the engagement, we met up with all of our friends at our favorite Mexican restaurant and surprised them with the news!



WEDDING

We got married that very next summer. Having already spent three summers in our collage town, we decided to start our life together by officially calling it home, and have lived here for over a decade now. We love the life we have built together and couldn't be more excited to grow our family through adoption!





What led us to adoption?

EVEN WHEN WE WERE JUST DATING AND DREAMING OF A FUTURE TOGETHER, ADOPTION WAS ALWAYS PART OF OUR CONVERSATION.

We come from blended families of divorce and stepsiblings, and we knew we wanted adoption to be how our family would be created. After discussing for many years with our friends, family, and each other, we are excited to move forward in this process! Zane's stepbrother is adopted, one of Courtney's cousins is adopted, and we have several friends who have adopted.

All of those experiences have shown us that each adoption is unique, and we appreciate you considering us to be a part of that relationship.

Meet Courtney!

as told by Zane



Courtney is a caring, loving person who puts her whole heart into everything she does. Whether it's advocating for under-resourced individuals or investing into her friends' lives, Courtney gives all of herself. She is passionate about the people in Muncie, working in community engagement at a federally-qualified health center. She enjoys reading as much as humanly possible, getting invested in reality TV, a nice, cozy bed, and holding our cats.

"Courtney will be an amazing parent, overthinking every moment and worrying about your child's future in only the way a mother can."



Meet Zane!

as told by Courtney

Zane is passionate, consistent, and kind. You can often find him sketching out his ideas, drawing baseball stadiums, or planning out his ideal city designs. Zane loves doing research or deep dives when interested in a topic or making a big purchase. He is a great friend, son, and uncle. From watching Zane coaching tee ball at our community center and bond with my siblings, I'm convinced that he will be a great dad.

"I can't wait to see Zane become a dad because he is going to provide so much fun and safety for your child."





home sweet home

AFTER MOVING MORE TIMES THAN WE'D LIKE TO REMEMBER, WE FINALLY HAVE SETTLED IN A HOUSE THAT WE LOVE TO CALL HOME.

We found a home that had some cool historic charm but that had been recently updated (which meant no huge renovations for us). Located just down the street from Zane's college house, we are happy to be within walking and biking distance to downtown, Ball State's campus, and daily necessities. The home was built almost exactly 100 years ago in a diverse neighborhood, just steps away from apartments, mansions, trails, parks, and cultural amenities. We absolutely love our neighbors! We are fortunate to have actual "borrow a cup of sugar" neighbors. Many of them have kiddos and we can't wait to have our son or daughter join the other kids playing together in the neighborhood.





We put a small fence in our front yard so the kiddos in our life can run around and everyone else can enjoy sitting on the porch! While our bedrooms are small, we appreciate having space for family, friends, and their children to stay overnight. We set up our nursery first for fostering and are now excited for it to be considered for your child!



meet our kitties!



Meet Neely and Kelsa! We got Neely (the darker cat with stripes) in our first year of marriage and she is named after the street we lived on at the time! Now, nine years old, she's the sweetest cat you'll ever meet, ready to settle in your lap right once you sit down. We often joke that she's more like a dog because she's friendly, greets us at the door, and likes to be around people. We have too many nicknames for her, like Muffin, Girl, and Grandma.



Kelsa (the lighter cat with the markings) was named after a longtime owner of our house, but she only responds to Baby. She is two years old and was a barn cat from one of our best friend's family. She's very ornery and keeps us on our toes, knocking over her food or items off the counter, eating cardboard or flecks off the ground, or being a little too playful with our older cat.



They both have been around kids of all ages and do well with them. We've noticed they are very curious about little ones and they seem to keep watch over them when kiddos are at our place.

our friends

In many, many ways, our friends are also our family. Our friends have supported us not only through our adoption process, but in all steps of life. From welcoming us as young college students to letting us live with them for a time to living our crazy lives together and everywhere in between, we are truly grateful. We play games, attend local events, travel, have dinner, and sometimes even grocery shop together.

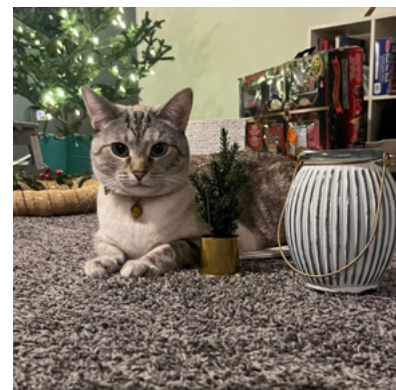


We are also honored to get to be a bonus aunt and uncle to our friends' kiddos. We've loved walking alongside our friends as they've navigated parenthood. We are really excited to watch our friends love our child. We know they will make excellent bonus aunts and uncles, helping us navigate all the joys and challenges of parenting. We enter parenthood with more confidence because of the support we have from our friends.

Things we love



COURTNEY LOVES: Reading · Listening to podcasts · Taylor Swift · Walks · Hanging out with friends · Attending sporting events



TOGETHER WE LOVE: Most of our nights are spent watching a show together or with friends, playing games, or visiting our favorite local hangouts. We like to watch TikToks together to laugh, have date nights at a local brewery, and to play Mario Party or one of our favorite board games. We both play basketball with some of our friends a couple times a month and try to bike on the Monon once a year. We enjoy watching baseball games and attending them too.



ZANE LOVES: Watching baseball · Learning · Biking · Walking · Working on house projects · Playing games

WE LOVE OUR CITY AND OUR NEIGHBORS.



In this family...

WE CELEBRATE.



WE SAY SORRY.

WE ARE INCLUSIVE AND ACCEPTING.



WE TREAT FRIENDS LIKE FAMILY.





our extended family

ZANE'S FAMILY Zane's mom moved to Muncie just in the past couple of years and would spoil your child the most of anyone in their life. We see her about once a week and have a great relationship with her. Zane's dad remarried and lives in Zane's childhood home in Carmel. His stepbrother lives and works nearby, while his stepsister (whom Courtney formed a great bond with) moved to Raleigh, North Carolina, with her boyfriend for work a couple of years ago. Courtney and Zane's stepsister have bonded over their love of pop culture and reality TV. Zane's extended family lives in Michigan, where his parents grew up. Go Blue!

COURTNEY'S FAMILY

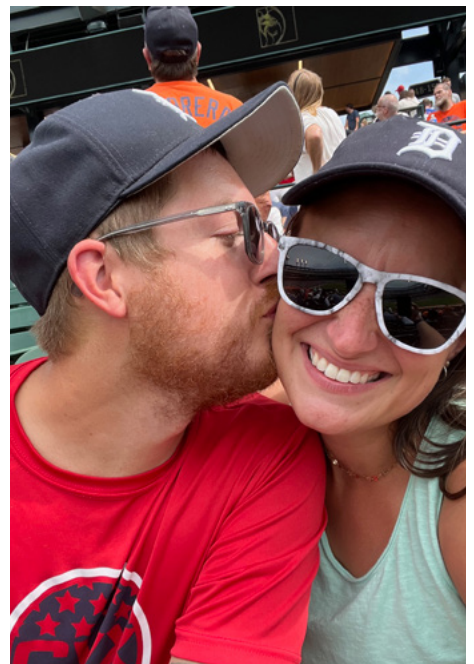
Courtney's parents both live in Warsaw and the surrounding area where she grew up. Her dad is married to her stepmom, and they are raising her stepbrother (14 years younger) and her half-sister (17 years younger). Courtney is very close with both of her siblings and they can't wait to become an uncle and aunt! Her brother, in particular, hopes to share his love of soccer with his niece or nephew. We hope your child will take on Courtney's sister's infectious optimism. Courtney's mom is also remarried and lives in a subdivision nearby. Most of her extended family also live in the same area. Courtney's stepmom's parents love to host everyone at their lakehouse; it's a popular family hangout spot in the summer! Her dad's mom and a brother closer to her age live in the Indy area.



our adventures

While most of our travels are to visit or enjoy life with family and friends in Indy or northern Indiana, we also visit friends in Chicago and Minneapolis. With our college church, we were able to visit (some together, some separately) Italy, Memphis, and Miami. We were fortunate to celebrate Courtney's 30th birthday in Cancun. We try to attend baseball games or a concert when we travel. Courtney, in particular, enjoys trying new coffee shops and breweries, while Zane is content to walk around and take in the city's buildings, streets, and parks. We are excited to have a son or daughter to bring on our adventures. The thing we are most excited to do with them is go to baseball games! We have a fun vacation goal of visiting all of the Major League Baseball stadiums together.





THE ONLY MEANINGFUL THING WE
CAN OFFER ONE ANOTHER

is love.

- GLENNON DOYLE





promises
FROM US TO YOU AND YOUR CHILD

We promise to give our entire hearts to your child.

We promise to be their biggest fan and support their dreams.

We promise to make your child always feels safe, secure, and confident.

We promise to expose your child to other cultures, countries, and experiences and make sure your child has a connection and appreciation of their own personal heritage/ancestry.

We promise to instill a love of learning and passion for seeking answers to questions.

We promise to honor you and your story. We will talk about you often and hope to see you regularly. We hope that our relationship is one where we can be honest with each other. We hope to have 2 - 4 in-person visits with you in addition to staying in touch throughout the year via text, email, or an app. We'd love to keep you updated on milestones as your child grows and would want to agree on a frequency that works for you too.

We hope it goes without saying, but our life and your child's life would not be full without you also in it. We hope to see you regularly, grow in this journey together, have you meet our friends and family and vice versa, and prepare in every way for the hope of the next generation. We want your child to have a life full of friends, loved ones, play time, education formal and experienced, laughter, and love.

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