



LUCY & SARAH

HELLO



We're Lucy and Sarah. Thank you for giving us the chance to show you all the love we have to share with a child.

We've been together since we met in college almost 20 years ago, and we've been married for eight years. We've supported one another through many of life's ups and downs and this has given us a strong foundation to be loving parents.

Family has always been important to both of us. Our family is large and loving, made up not only of relatives, but also dear friends who have become like family over the years. We want to adopt because we believe that family is not limited by blood or genetics. We have several friends who have adopted children, and we both have adoption-related work experience, so we have always been drawn to adoption as a way to expand our family.

OUR LOVE STORY



Lucy was a senior and Sarah was a sophomore when we met in college. We had an 8 a.m. Greek class together, and Lucy signed up for a second semester to spend more time with Sarah. Sarah had a similar idea when she agreed to coordinate a child outreach program. Sarah knew that Lucy was in charge of student volunteer services, and Sarah being a part of the program would allow them to spend even more time together.



After a year of being in class, volunteering, and studying together, we finally started dating two weeks before Lucy graduated. Thankfully, Lucy got a job at a children's home across the street from the college campus, so we were able to continue growing our relationship. After Sarah graduated, we got our first apartment together. We already knew that we wanted to get married, but it was important to both of us to have a church wedding, so we had to wait until our marriage would be recognized by the Church.

When our Church finally voted to recognize same-sex marriage in 2014, Lucy proposed to Sarah. By this time, same-sex marriage was legal in some states, but not where we live in Georgia. A pastor friend offered to marry us at her home in Maryland, so we had a private ceremony on the Chesapeake Bay. Five months later we were able to have a ceremony at our church in Atlanta to celebrate with all our friends and family.



Even though we had a non-traditional path to marriage, we treasure both our ceremonies and continue to celebrate both anniversaries because love should be celebrated as often as possible!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Lucy is a Presbyterian pastor and Sarah is a librarian. We live in a cozy home with our two cats just outside of Atlanta. Lucy is originally from Memphis, Tennessee, and Sarah grew up just outside of Charleston, South Carolina. Atlanta has been our home for 13 years. Twelve of those years have been in the same neighborhood, and we love our community.



We find joy in life's simple moments. We love relaxing on our front porch or cooking dinner on the grill and making s'mores around our fire pit in the back yard. We also enjoy playing card games, doing puzzles together, and spending time with friends.

On a typical day we both like to read or catch up on the news before work. After work we both find time to unwind. Lucy likes to take a walk through the neighborhood while Sarah practices yoga at home. We usually make dinner together, then after dinner we relax by watching TV. About once a month we go on a hike somewhere nearby. We look forward to Lucy strolling the baby on her evening walks and Sarah doing baby yoga.



On weekends we enjoy trying new restaurants and exploring different places around the city. One of our favorite places is the Atlanta Botanical Garden. They often have special art exhibits, as well as a fantastic children's garden with lots of things for a little one to see and touch. We've enjoyed taking our nieces there when they visit. We also go every year to see the Christmas lights, and we look forward to continuing this tradition with a child.



MY WIFE LUCY



Lucy is outgoing and adventurous with an energy that draws people to her. She cares deeply about others and is a loyal friend who is quick to help anyone who needs it. She can connect with anyone and is great at helping other people identify and use their gifts and strengths. She loves working on projects around the house and yard. She is calm and capable in a crisis, able to quickly assess the situation and determine what needs to be done.

She will be a great mom because she has a natural ease with kids. She makes everything feel like a fun adventure, whether it's taking a walk around the block, or trying honeysuckle for the first time.

Lucy enjoys gardening and yard work and has recently started planting flowers and vegetables from seeds. She looks forward to teaching a child how to nurture and grow plants. She also enjoys cooking and trying new foods and recipes and is always ready to try a new restaurant. Lucy enjoys watching baseball (St. Louis Cardinals), basketball (Memphis Tigers), and soccer (US Women's National Team), and looks forward to introducing a child to team sports as well.



As a pastor, Lucy preaches and teaches at a local church. She walks alongside others in moments of joy and vulnerability. Lucy enjoys building relationships with her church members and creating fellowship and service opportunities for all ages to come together. Lucy believes it is important to be in community with people of different ages and walks of life.



HI, I'M LUCY

Helping people feel like they belong is a great joy of mine. I enjoy getting to know people authentically through conversation and by being a warm presence. My hope is always to make people feel welcome and included. My faith is the foundation to my life. It shapes how I live and move in the world. I am strong, deeply caring, and approachable.

I love a challenge. I like tackling projects and learning new skills. Sometimes this manifests itself through my work in the church and sometimes through odd jobs around the house and garden. I like to find new ways to solve problems.

I like listening to records and playing games with friends. I also like connecting with nature by taking a hike or sitting on the porch. There's nothing better than planting something in the soil and watching it grow. I also enjoy putting together all the ingredients to make a delicious dinner.





Family is everything to me, both the family I was born into and those friends who've become family along the way. I spend a good deal of time with my family and friends. I enjoy seeing the world through the eyes of others, especially children. Gathering around a table with good food and good conversation is the best way to spend a day.



MY WIFE SARAH

Sarah is kind and loving and has a way about her that is both calming and engaging. She is observant, always watching the world around her and seeking ways to make life better.

Sarah will be a great mom because she is both a teacher and a student. She is open to new ideas and skills, and she is happy to pass on what she knows to others. She wants to learn and grow as a person, and that love for knowledge is contagious. As a mom, Sarah will be a wonderful teacher to a child. Whether she is teaching our nieces how to play UNO or helping them decorate gingerbread houses, she remains calm and patient. She creates a peaceful environment for those around her, and children are drawn to her quiet presence.



Sarah enjoys reading, knitting, and hiking. As a librarian, she loves sharing books with kids of all ages and can't wait to introduce your child to the world through books. She has been knitting since college and enjoys making things for other people. She has made baby blankets and toys for our nieces and nephew, and she looks forward to making more. She also enjoys spending time outside, either reading in the back yard or walking in the woods.

Sarah works as the manager of a busy suburban library branch. She went into library work because of her passion for lifelong learning and to help others find their own love of reading and learning. She enjoys getting to know all the people who come to the library and welcomes the opportunity to serve their diverse interests and passions.



HI, I'M SARAH

I am calm, patient, quiet, and introspective. I enjoy spending time with close friends and family. One of my strengths is being able to see and understand multiple perspectives, which allows me to connect with people easily.

I love spending time in nature, whether that's walking the trails in our neighborhood park, hiking in the mountains, or reading in the back yard. Being outside energizes and fulfills me, and I can't wait to nurture your child's love of the outdoors as well.





In my free time I enjoy knitting for those I love. I also enjoy baking, and I'm looking forward to having a little helper as I make a mess in the kitchen!

Faith is an important part of my life, and I have enjoyed being a preschool and middle school Sunday school teacher. Church provides a spiritual community where everyone can find a home and know they are loved exactly as they are. I hope your child will discover their own place in our church community as well.

OUR FAMILIES

Lucy has a big extended family and she is very close with all of them. She texts and talks with them every day, and we see them several times a year.

Her brother lives in Kentucky with his wife, son and daughter. The rest of her family lives in Memphis, including her dad and stepmom and sister and brother-in-law and their four daughters. Lucy's mom, known as "Honey," died in 2020. We are sad that the child we adopt will not get to know her, but we know that her love lives on through Lucy and her family. We all know what it means to show hospitality and create a welcoming and warm home because of Honey.





Sarah's parents live in the mountains of Bryson City, North Carolina. Since it is only a few hours from Atlanta, we see them often. There are lots of places for hiking and tubing, and we are looking forward to taking many family vacations there with a child.

Sarah's sister lives in Pennsylvania. She is married and has one daughter who is eager to have another cousin to play with. Sarah's uncle lives nearby in Atlanta and we see him often for dinners, holidays, and birthdays.

OUR FRIENDS





We have a wonderful community of friends, many of whom we've known since college. Our friends have seen us grow and change. They've been with us through difficult times and moments of great joy. We share meals together and go to their kids' soccer games. We spend time around our fire pit, eating s'mores and sharing stories. We travel together, exploring new places and finding time to rest. We are so grateful to get to "do life" with these people.

We have enjoyed seeing their kids grow up. We know they will all be there to love, support, and cheer for your child as they grow and learn.

OUR HOME



We live in a cozy, three-bedroom home. It is filled with natural light, and we love when the weather is nice enough to open all our windows. Both our front and back yards are fully fenced, and we have a fire pit and patio in the back yard where we like to grill and eat outside in the summer. We also have a screened porch and deck on the front of our house where we like to grow tomatoes, basil, and other plants.

Both of our next-door neighbors have young children, and there are several other young families on our street as well. Everyone likes to spend time outside in their yards. We enjoy talking to our neighbors and petting their dogs as they walk by. There is a community park about a mile from our house with swings, a basketball court, walking trails, and a small creek for kids to play in. We are looking forward to spending lots of time there with a child.



OUR CATS



We have two cats. Gus is 16 years old and loves to curl up and sleep in the sun or in someone's lap. Walter is a rambunctious kitten. He will often bring his favorite toy to one of us when he wants to play fetch. When he wears himself out from playing, he also enjoys snuggling up in someone's lap or in the rocking chair. Our nieces enjoy calling on Facetime so they can see the cats.

PARENTING & EDUCATION



We believe in lifelong education, and we will do everything we can to support your child's educational goals, in whatever form that takes. We plan to be supportive, hands-on parents, allowing your child to explore and discover their own interests and passions.



We understand that all kids grow and learn at their own pace, and we will provide your child with a variety of experiences and opportunities to learn about the world around them. We are looking forward to sharing everyday life with a child, including family meals, game nights and movie nights, and back yard picnics. We will teach your child to love and respect all people, while recognizing and appreciating differences.





THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our family and the life we have to offer a child. You have already demonstrated a tremendous amount of love and care by considering an adoption plan.

If you choose us as your baby's family, our family will expand to include you as well, in whatever way makes you feel comfortable. We will ensure your child grows up knowing they are loved unconditionally by many people, including you.

We promise to give them a hand to hold, create opportunities for adventure, read great bedtime stories, encourage them to feel good about who they are in the world, and rejoice in their individuality. We will love them fiercely and completely, and surround them with a village of people to cheer them on.

If you would like to ask us any questions, we would love the opportunity to connect with you.