



Matt and Christian

Our Story

Hi! Thank you so much for considering us. We're Matt and Christian. We're very excited about being parents, and we're really honored to be considered by you.

We've been together since 2011, and we've been married since 2017. We met in Los Angeles, while Christian was still in law school and Matt was working at a law firm. Although we went to the same school, we weren't there at the same time. Matt is two years older, and Christian had also spent a few years flipping houses in Dallas after graduating from college (SMU). We met at an after-work happy hour to support a student group. We really hit it off and agreed to get lunch that next week.

Christian still says that the first lunch was all business - a networking lunch - but Matt says 100% it was always a first date. Either way, it went well... We saw in each other what we had been looking for but not finding until that point. Matt fell for Christian's authenticity and sense of humor, and Christian loved how Matt was down to earth and hardworking, while still fun and adventurous. We'd get up early and go for a run or hike, exploring the city or beach one day, and then we'd spend the next day laying around watching movies, only leaving the apartment to pick up pizza.

And Matt had a dog, so that helped (Christian is obsessed with dogs...). Payten, a Boston Terrier, is still part of our family today!



At a friend's wedding in Cali



Our wedding with family and friends



When we just started dating in LA



At a baseball game



Our wedding with family and friends



Sailing trip in Greece

Meet Matt

Growing up, I had two big passions: music and solving problems. In school, I learned to play the piano and trumpet, and my band classes and concerts were some of my best memories. I also loved to work through puzzles, crosswords, and other strategy games, trying to find the best path to a solution.

Looking back, my parents were so supportive of my interests, and I was fortunate to be able to pursue them. After I graduated high school in Delaware, I moved to Boston for college and studied music, focusing on jazz trumpet. However, I later went to law school out in Los Angeles and became a lawyer. That is the job I have today, helping clients work through their legal problems toward the best path to a solution.

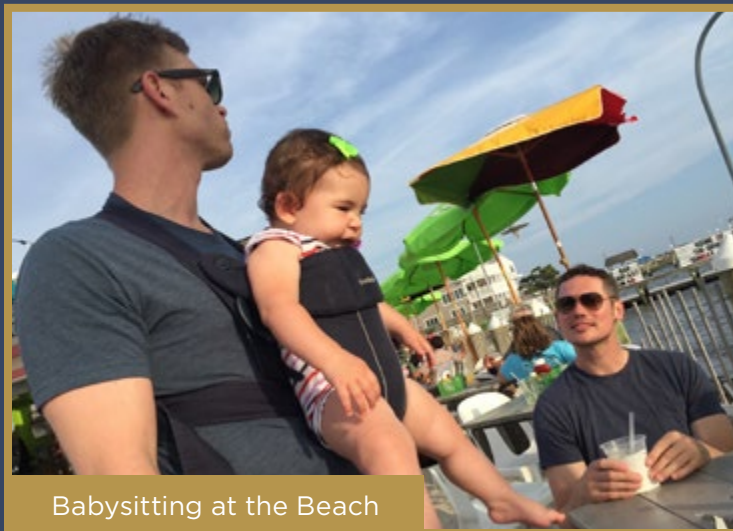
Now, looking ahead, I cannot wait to share these passions with a child. I'm excited to help them learn about the beauty of music, and to sing their favorite songs around the piano. I also look forward to teaching them to appreciate the rewards and satisfaction that comes with thinking through a problem and finding a solution.



Beach Cat in Colombia!



Quarantine Hair with Grandpa



Babysitting at the Beach



Trying to stay up for NYE!



Sunday Naps on the Dock



Kayaking with Payten



Babysitting some of our favorites

Meet Christian

My parents were young when they had me, and we struggled a lot as a family. Fortunately, my Grandma was able to play a big role in raising me and my brothers. She was an artist (even though she worked at a factory) and always encouraged me to create and improve everything around me. So many of my best memories growing up are from time spent painting, planting, or building something at Grandma's.

After high school, I moved to Texas and went to college on an arts scholarship, flipped houses for a couple of years (like on HGTV, but without the cameras!), and then went to law school. I was a lawyer for a bit but never loved it... so after a few years, I took a leap and started up a home design business that fortunately has been going really well -- and now, I can honestly say that I love what I do.

I'm so excited for us to adopt. I cannot wait to share with a child the same things my Grandma shared with me, encouraging their creativity and passion. I can already see us decorating their room together or building a treehouse in our own backyard.



Christian LOVES all dogs.



Baby Naeve



Payten and her best baby pug friend



With the cousins



With a best friend at Six Flags...



With Olivia



Always manages the decoration process...



Our City House

Our Home

We live in Washington, DC, on a quiet, tree-lined street of charming row homes and brick sidewalks. We're right in the city and we can walk to a ton of restaurants, the grocery store, and even the movies. At the same time, our neighborhood still feels small and things like block parties and Halloween trick-or-treating are really big deals. While we've got a big deck that we hang out on all the time, our yard is tiny and full of rose bushes... so we're really grateful that we're right around the corner from a cute park.

While we love our house in DC, and it's definitely nice and big enough for our family, we're really fortunate to also have a big, beautiful vacation home on a lake about an hour-and-a-half outside the city! From summer BBQs by the water to Thanksgivings spent sitting around one big table, we love being able to host our crazy families here. The house sits right on the water, and there's even a huge yard for sports, but we tend to spend most of the day swimming, kayaking, or just relaxing on our beach. At night, we then play board games and gather on the screen porch, where we've got a big fireplace and really comfy couches.

Whether we're in DC or down at the lake, we've built a safe, comfortable, fun, and loving home life that we cannot wait to share with a child.



Christmas in the City



Grandma's painting by the tree



Our Lake House



Lake house from the water...



Backyard in the Spring

Our Family

Our immediate family is just the two of us, and of course our dog, Payten. But we see our parents, and our brothers and sisters, a lot. Matt's parents live in Delaware about two hours away, and Christian's parents live in Ohio, not too much farther. Matt has a sister who lives in Los Angeles, and Christian has three brothers -- two of them live in Ohio, and one moved to Colorado a few years ago for school.

We really love to visit and spend time with our family. We host everyone at the lake house in the summer, and we gather together for all the big holidays. We also travel together for lots of fun adventures, like hiking in California, sailing in the Caribbean, skiing in Colorado, and even visiting glaciers in Alaska. We always try to plan at least one big family trip every year!



Siblings in DC



Fourth of July at the lake



National Harbor with Nana



Hiking with Christian's Parents



Skiing in Colorado



Cabin birthday with Grandpa



Tubing behind our boat



Skiing with Christian's Parents



Scuba diving in Puerto Rico

Hobbies and Traditions

We spend a lot of our free time at the lake, and we love taking out our boat, spending time on the water or relaxing in the sun. It's even better when we get to share those times with family and friends -- which fortunately is most weekends!

Christian loves to tackle projects around the house or in the yard. Matt likes to run (eight marathons so far, including one in Hawaii). And we love to cook together, even though we still probably eat out more than we should. We also both love board games and movies, so a typical Friday night might be going out to dinner and a movie or playing cards and board games with friends or family.

We have a few holiday traditions, too. In the spring, Matt's Aunt hosts Easter for the whole family. In the summer, we spend the Fourth of July at the lake, watching fireworks from the boat. We also visit Christian's parents and take out their jet skis on Lake Erie.

For Christmas, we've been making the same fun road-trip loop for the past eight years: first, we drive to Christian's parents in Ohio seeing all the family in the days leading up to his mom's HUGE Christmas Eve party. After the party, we take turns driving through the night to Delaware, where Matt's parents live. Christmas morning is Matt's mom's favorite time of the year, so we always arrive in time for gifts and breakfast by the tree. Christmas dinner is then always hosted by one of the aunts -- they all take turns!



Zip Lining in Belize



Hiking the ruins



Beach drinks in Colombia



Indoor Skydiving

Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to read our book. We hope it's helped you learn more about us, our family, and our lives. We are incredibly proud of the life we have built together, and we cannot wait to share it with a child.

If chosen as adoptive parents, we promise to give your baby everything they deserve -- love, support, guidance, a healthy lifestyle, a great education, and a big, beautiful loving family ready to embrace them. We hope to be able to stay in contact throughout the child's life. But regardless, we promise to always remind the child of the incredible sacrifice that their mother made.

Thank you so very much for considering us as adoptive parents, and thank you for bringing this beautiful baby into the world.





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