First of all, we want to say "Thank you" for chosing life for this child. Pregnancy and delivery was probably not the easiest or most appealing option and we hope that you truly know what a gift you have given this child.

We also want you to know that you are so important. You are worth so much more than you could ever imagine. You were created by a Creator that loves you and made you in His image. You are beautiful!

We would love the opportunity to share with you, a little about our lives.

We have so many friends and family that look forward to sharing their love with the newest addition to our family.

We believe that God has placed this on our hearts and we are so excited to grow our family through adoption!!





It was young love!

We met at the ages of 15 & 16 and began dating off and on. We got married when we were 19 & 20 and have now been married for 10 years! The above picture is us celebrating our 10 year anniversary in one of our favorite vacation spots....Destin! We are truly best friends and although we were young when we married, we wouldn't change a thing about it!

#### Education & Work

Andy (Dennis) began studies in community college but decided to pursue his career in music. He traveled playing Christian rock for the younger generation and leading worship; while working part time as a youth/worship minister. After several years, he decided to continue his theological studies and was ordained by the Christian Church; which led him to full time vocational ministry. He is now a full time staff member of a contemporary Baptist church. His main role is Worship Pastor but also preaches when the pastor is away, teaches and provides counseling.



Calvina started pursuing modeling and acting at a young age. She worked as a pharmacy technician and planned to also enroll in school for Elementary Education and Early Childhood Development. Calvina became pregnant only 3 months after they were married. Due to complications during the pregnancies, Calvina was unable to work or attend school. We both knew that when we had children, we wanted Calvina to be a stayat-home mom. That's exactly what she has done! Calvina will be a stay-at-home mom until ALL of the children are in school all day. She will then enroll in college and obtain a degree in education.



### The Kids



Wow! What can we say about our kids?! They are amazing!

We were told that Calvina would never get pregnant and that, if she did, she wouldn't be able to carry them full term. God obviously had different plans! 3 months into our marriage, Calvina was pregnant with our first child! There were many complications and we did almost lose him several times. However, he is now here and is perfect! The second child came only 22 months later and the third, only 11 months after that!! Each pregnancy was very difficult and we knew that having another would be extremely risky and shouldn't be chanced. The fact that these 3 are here; that's a miracle!!

Evangel is now 9 years old and in third grade. He is a very smart, compassionate, funny and outgoing boy! He loves to talk to people!

Malchiah is now 7 years old and in the second grade. He is our "cloud 9" child. He is that child that is lost in thoughts often. He is a smart boy but struggled in the beginning with learning. He has come a long way! He is also a very sweet boy and is funny!

Adalee is now 6 years old and is in the first grade. She is a "little momma". She loves to help take care of things and is very girly! She is doing great in school and is also very compassionate.

They are all so excited about welcoming a new baby sister to the family!!

# Things We Enjoy

We truly love working at and attending our church! Some of the most amazing people are there!!

We also love going to the beach, to the pool, taking walks on trails, playing at the park, being silly, our Friday nights (which are family "party night"-pizza, ice cream, popcorn and movies every Friday!), doing our nightly Bible story, celebrating holidays and just anything that we can do together, as a family!

Here are just a few photos of us doing some of the things we love:



















## Our Home





Our home is located in Southeast Missouri. The name of the city is Cape Girardeau and it is a river front/college town. The town is around 39,000 people. It is large enough to have many different cultures/ethnicities but small enough to feel "homey". The kids' school is only about 30 seconds away from our house! Our home includes 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, a dining room, a living room,

family room, eat-in kitchen, a garage and a full, partially finished basement (which will include an office, fitness room, family room, play room and bathroom. It is mainly the kids' play area ©).

### In Closing:

We'd like to say that we hope you have enjoyed learning about our family. We understand that choosing a family is a very difficult task, not to be taken lightly. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!

If you do choose us as the family for your child; please know that she will be loved unconditionally! She will always know that her birthmom did everything that she could to make sure that she was well cared for and had the perfect family. She will be told how much she was loved and for that reason, she was placed with us. We will do everything in our power to make sure she knows that she belongs and is so incredibly special!

We will be praying for you through your journey and hope that you know, as said before, that you are worth so much!

We look forward to hearing from you!