



ANDREW *and* LIBBY



Hello

We are Andrew and Libby! It means so much to be considered as adoptive parents for your baby. We take to heart what you may be going through or what's brought you here. It is truly an honor to share a little about us, our life, and our hopes with you.

We'd love to get to know you and learn more about the dreams you have for yourself, as well as for your child. Throughout this process we think of the moms or families who may be thinking about adoption. It's often on our hearts to pray that they find peace, support, clarity, courage, and reassurance as they make their decisions, and we are praying the same for you. We hope you know how loved, seen, and treasured you already are.

It's been our dream to become parents for a long time and we're excited to be in this process to adopt our first baby. If you decide we're the adoptive family meant to raise your baby, that little boy or girl would be such a blessing to us! We will make sure he or she always knows how much you mean to us and how much love surrounded them, even before we knew each other. If you have any questions as you learn about us, just ask! We'd love to hear from you.



Our Story



As told by Libby: We became friends at a singles Bible Study group I was helping to lead at our church. The next year we became a couple. We had our first date in the same old town square where Andrew proposed 9 months later, right before Christmas. The following spring we had a small wedding in that same old town square inside a historic chapel, on a very rainy Friday morning. Now we've been happily married about 9 years and our friendship and faith are still at the core of our relationship.

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS:

- Waiting to adopt our first child
- Christian home in north Texas
- Stable & happy married life
- Andrew enjoys the latest technology
- Libby loves to be creative
- Future stay-at-home mom
- Best friends for 10 years!



OUR LOVE LANGUAGE

Andrew shares: When we were first dating we would sign with our fingers "143" to say "I love you" in a quiet place or across a room. A couple months after that started, Libby's phone made an update to the emoji keyboard and where the heart used to be was now a star. She would text "I 'star' you" after the update. To this day these are still our little inside ways to say "I love you."





Fun Facts

(Where we're from) Andrew was born and raised in the Dallas area, though he also lived in 4 other states before settling back in Texas (this will always be home to him!). Libby is from a small mountain town in northern California where she has a big Italian family (so many cousins!). She moved to Texas and we met a year later. We love how our stories merged in Texas!

Andrew loves to sing! He comes from a musical family too. He can make a silly song out of almost any activity or what's happening around us (even chores!). Andrew's always got a song in his head.

Libby loves dancing! She always wanted dance lessons, so as an adult she learned how to tap dance, swing dance, and two-step. Sometimes she can't hold back if a good song is on, no matter where we are.

A LITTLE About Us

We like regular things, like time with family or friends, watching movies or TV, going out to eat (especially if there's chips and salsa!), and laughing at our inside jokes. Even home projects and running errands are fun together!

THINGS WE LIKE TO DO:

- Sing our hearts out to the music at church
- Cheer for our niece & nephews at their soccer games (we love Soccer Saturdays!)
- Play music & have random dance offs
- Go see movies or the newest season of The Chosen in the theaters
- Take walks with our sweet dog, Sophie
- Play card or arcade games
- Attend local festivals or street fairs
- Go out for dinner on date night
- Take road trips & explore along the way





A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE MEMORIES AS A COUPLE (SO FAR!)

- Buying our first home 5 years ago...and moving on a weekend that got 15 inches of rain!
- How Libby's car unexpectedly broke down on the night we got engaged (Andrew came to the rescue!).
- Meeting our dog, Sophie, one spontaneous Saturday morning when we decided to go to a Golden Retriever rescue event. (Sophie fell asleep on Andrew's lap!)
- Getting to have a day-resort all to ourselves during the first stop of our honeymoon cruise (the same trip where Libby tried guacamole for the first time as an adult...and loved it!).
- Bundling up to play cards and watch movies on the iPad through the mega-ice storm and power outages in 2021. (As pictured here!)



WEEKENDS WITH US:

We like to make sure our weekends have plenty of downtime before we begin a new week. We always look forward to going to church and having a date night dinner out together or seeing our friends or family. We like to catch up on yard work, grocery shopping, or chores at home, so that we have more time in the evenings during the week. In the summer our weekends often involve pool time; in the spring and fall we love Soccer Saturdays at the fields with our niece and nephews; in the winter we like going to a movie or taking it easy at home with our pup and binging a show. We know our weekends will look different with a baby and we enjoy thinking of the things we'll get to do on a weekend as a family one day.



WHY WE ARE *hoping to adopt*

When we were dating, we talked about adopting a child one day. Libby was already working in adoption when we met. Through her work helping moms and adoptive parents through open adoption we have learned a lot and have a special heart for what this path can be like for all involved. We believe adoption can be about two sides coming together to start a new story through a child. We have seen adoption connections that are like extended family between a child's adoptive parents and the biological parent or family, which means more people to love, and to love a child.

We've tried to become parents for many years and have been unable to get pregnant because of unexplained infertility issues. Through it all, our faith, relationship, and hope to raise a child together have grown stronger. Adoption is a part of both sides of our family and we have so much support behind us in this. It seems like our story has been leading us to adoption all along and we're so excited to grow our family this way!



WHAT WE

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FAITH: As Christians, our faith is everything to us. We trust in God's love, goodness, and presence daily. We hope to be examples of His love to others.

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LOVED ONES: We love to stay in touch with and be a part of the lives of our friends and family. It's important to nurture connections that matter to us.

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LEARNING: We believe in being informed, asking questions, thinking for ourselves, trying new things, and learning from our mistakes.

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CHARACTER & BEING AUTHENTIC: We strive to live each day with integrity and honesty, standing up for what we believe and what is right, and taking responsibility for our actions and choices. We believe it's important to honor who we are as individuals, trying to understand where we come from and what we've gone through, and showing compassion and respect to others for the same.

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FINDING THE GOOD: We try to look for the humor, lighter side, or good in the things we experience. Giving thanks and learning to laugh help us not take things for granted, or take ourselves too seriously.



FAITH IN OUR LIVES: We both grew up Christian and our faith is a meaningful part of who we are. Our church is very family-oriented, with lots of activities for kids. We look forward to sharing our faith as parents, reading the Bible and praying with our child, and helping them know how much God loves them and has a purpose for their lives.

EDUCATION: We each graduated from college; Andrew got his degree in Computer & Information Systems Security and Libby got her degree in Graphic Design and Family Communication. We still like learning, whether it's for a new skill or to learn from the world around us. We will help and encourage our child to make the most of their education and to learn practical life skills too. There are many great school options in this area! We plan to consider our child's individual learning style, strengths, and interests as they grow up, so that we can help them get the best schooling for their needs and goals. We will provide ways to help them develop their talents and interests as well.



ABOUT *Andrew*

LIBBY SAYS: Andrew is smart, dedicated to his family, a hard worker, funny, loving, and light-hearted. He has one of the strongest faiths I've ever known. He tells me every day how much he loves me and always tries to make me smile. Andrew is confident in his beliefs and loves to engage others in what they think or how they see the world. I know he will be a fun dad who always stand behind our son or daughter, celebrating their wins and helping him or her learn through challenges.



AT WORK: I am an engineer for a company that develops technology for restaurants to better serve their customers.

MY HOPE AS A FIRST-TIME DAD: I want my child to know that no matter what they go through, I will be there for him or her. I already like to think of how I will stay involved in their life, at any age, showing interest in their goals and activities, and planning one-on-one time to stay connected.



ANDREW'S FAVORITE THINGS:

Road Trip Snack: Spicy Beef Jerkey meat sticks

Sweet or Salty: Salty

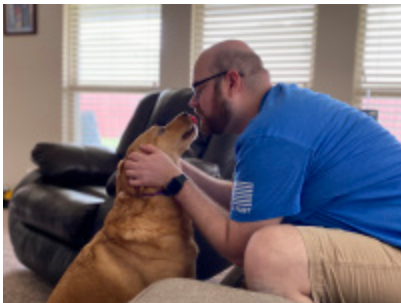
Color: Blue

Salsa: As HOT as possible!

Place to Shop in Person: Best Buy

Movie Theater Treat: Very buttery popcorn

If I were a TV character my catch phrase would be: "Hmm, interesting!"



THREE WORDS
TO DESCRIBE
MY HUSBAND:

Loyal
Fun!
Honest



ANDREW ENJOYS:

- Working on computers
- Video games
- Music (all types!)
- Financial planning
- Watching Texas sports (especially ice hockey or basketball!)
- Playing ball with our niece and nephews
- Learning new tech



ABOUT

Libby

ANDREW SAYS: Libby is one of the most caring and compassionate people I know. She is creative and talented, and has the biggest heart that shines throughout her. Libby thinks of others before herself and I know she will make a great mom.



AT WORK: I have worked in adoption for many years, helping adoptive parents and mothers in the different parts of their adoptions. I've seen first-hand how modern adoption can be a positive experience for all involved!

After we adopt, I'll be a stay-at-home mom and able to work from home as the baby gets older.

MY HOPE AS A FIRST-TIME MOM: I want to be my child's biggest cheerleader in all they do (*like my mom was!*). My hope is that he or she will know I am always here for them, even if they make mistakes or face hard challenges. I love to picture moments we'll share baking cookies, being creative, or exploring nature, as much as I dream of being a part of the things they will be into as they grow up and become their own person.

LIBBY'S FAVORITE THINGS:

Road Trip Snack: Sweet Tarts

Sweet or Salty: Sweet

Color: Blue (in almost any shade!)

Salsa: Medium and roasted

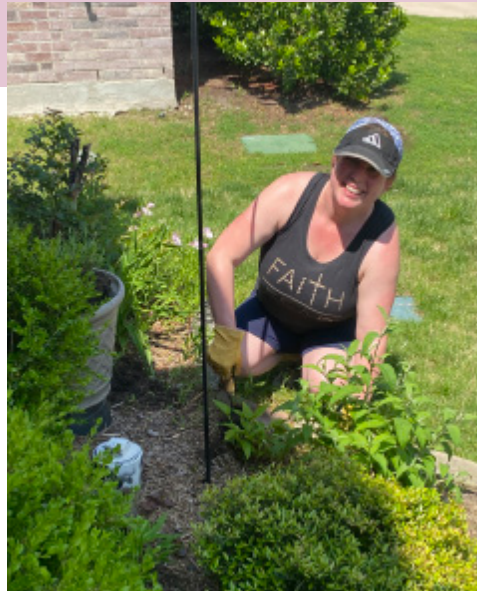
Place to Shop in Person:

Home Goods

Movie Theater Treat: Junior Mints

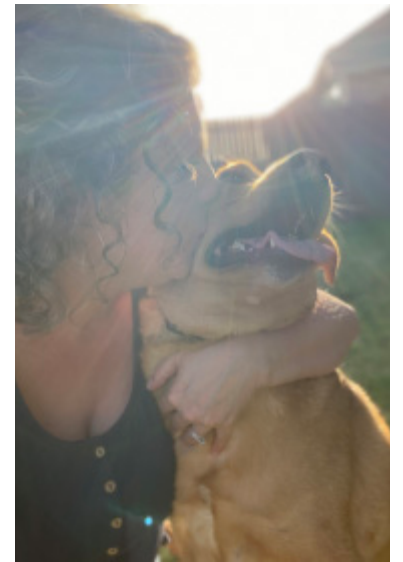


If I were a TV character my catch phrase would be:
"I just had the weirdest dream..."



THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE MY WIFE:

Thoughtful
Caring
Resilient



LIBBY ENJOYS:

- Watercolor painting, sketching, & hand lettering
- Baking & cooking from scratch
- Walking or playing with Sophie
- Sending hand-written cards (she even sells her own card designs!)
- Gardening, yard work, & taking care of her plants
- Creative projects with her nieces and nephew
- Graphic design & photography



Our Home

IN TEXAS

Our home is a newer three bedroom house, with a separate office for Libby, and an open style where the kitchen, dining, and living room are connected. It makes it easy to spend time together, whether we're relaxing after work with *Office* reruns while cooking dinner, or if Libby's doing an art project at the table while Andrew plays a video game. It's also a great layout for when people are over so that we can visit anywhere we are hanging out. We've made our place to feel comfortable and simple. Most of the decor is either Libby's artwork or photographs from our story or of people we love. We love our cozy home!



OUR SWEET DOG

Sophie is our silly, smart, and super sweet Golden Retriever mix. She's a gentle, fun dog who is great with our nieces and nephews. Sophie loves walks with Libby, playing Frisbee, doing tricks, and sharing popcorn or sunflower seeds with Andrew.

<<< PLANS FOR THE NURSERY:

We look forward to setting up a nursery when we know more about the child we'll be chosen to adopt. We refinished an antique dresser for the nursery and already have a few baby things, including a quilt Libby sewed and children's books. We want our child's room to be a space where they grow up knowing how loved and prayed for they are every day. For the walls, Libby painted artwork with Bible verses that have encouraged us while we wait to adopt. We are excited to fill this room with story time, silly songs, and bedtime prayers.





LIFE IN NORTH TEXAS

We live north of Dallas in a suburban neighborhood next to a big lake. We are close to anything we ever need or want to do. Texas is a huge state with a lot to explore, from city life to country living. Texans love outdoor festivals, sports year round, decorating for the holidays, and restaurants (so many!). There's definitely truth to that saying of "Texas Pride" (just ask Andrew!), and it's a fun thing to see. People here love to decorate in Texas' state colors or with anything in the shape of the state of Texas! We love living here and know it will be a great place to raise our family.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT LIVING HERE:

- Walking trails, playgrounds, schools, and three swimming pools all inside our neighborhood
- Diverse area with families of all different backgrounds
- Sweet neighbors and the kids here love to ride bikes or play ball with each other
- Hearing the ice cream truck (it's like the sound of summer!)
- Getting dinner at the weekly food trucks they have at the clubhouse around the corner
- So many things to do with kids, like museums, zoos, aquariums, theme parks, water parks, and sporting events
- Andrew's family all live within a short drive from us
- Lots of sunshine and awesome thunderstorms



Our Family

We have loving, supportive families on both sides! Andrew's immediate family all live nearby. Libby has family in east Texas and Kansas, though most of her relatives live in northern California. Andrew has two older brothers and Libby has two younger sisters. We have two nieces, ages 4 and 10, and three nephews, ages 9, 10, and 12, and we love time with them!

ADOPTION IN OUR FAMILY:

Adoption is already a part of our extended families: Two of Andrew's uncles were adopted and Libby has cousins who were adopted. We also have friends who are touched by adoption too, in different ways. Everyone in our life is excited about our plans to adopt and will be a sweet support for our future child. They will also support any connection we have with our child's biological family too.





TRADITIONS WE'D LOVE TO CARRY ON AS PARENTS:

- Holiday baking with old family cookie and pie recipes we loved when we were kids (*Libby's favorites are her grandma's Candy Cane Cookies & Andrew loves Peanut Butter No-Bake Cookies*)
- Game or movie nights
- Summer weekends at the swimming pool
- Watching the Thanksgiving Parade while cooking food for the big family dinner
- Seeing the neighborhood fireworks from our driveway on Fourth of July and New Year's Eve
- Putting up the Christmas tree with deli meats, crackers, and fancy cheeses to snack on
- Going on big family vacations, like when we went to the beach with Andrew's side and to the mountains with Libby's family
- Always having a birthday cake with a candle (*Tres Leches for Andrew & a cupcake for Libby!*)
- Trick-or-treating with our niece & nephew
- Getting dressed up for Easter service at church
- Road trips to visit Libby's family in east Texas or traveling to see her relatives in California

WE LOVE BEING AUNT LIBBY & UNCLE DREW-DREW!



WHEN WE PICTURE THE

Future

When we think ahead to our future as a mom and dad, we look forward to planning family trips, discovering and supporting our child's talents or interests, sharing bedtime prayers, family talks around the dinner table, road trip sing-alongs, helping with homework, and more. It's amazing to think of who this little one will become!

We have dreamed of raising more than one child, so if we are meant to have a bigger family, we'd love to adopt again in the future. For now, we're so excited to experience all the firsts as new parents!

We've built a good life here, so unless God had a big surprise ahead, we plan to stay in this part of Texas. We'd like to have a home with more property, so we may move just outside of this area one day, but still live close our family.

We hope to learn what you picture for a connection with us as your child grows up. Like any relationship, we hope to continue to get to know each other over the years, sharing milestones and little things in between that include you in our story, if you want ongoing contact. Whether you're in touch or need your space, your child will grow up hearing us speak of you with love.

Our Promise

FROM THE HEART

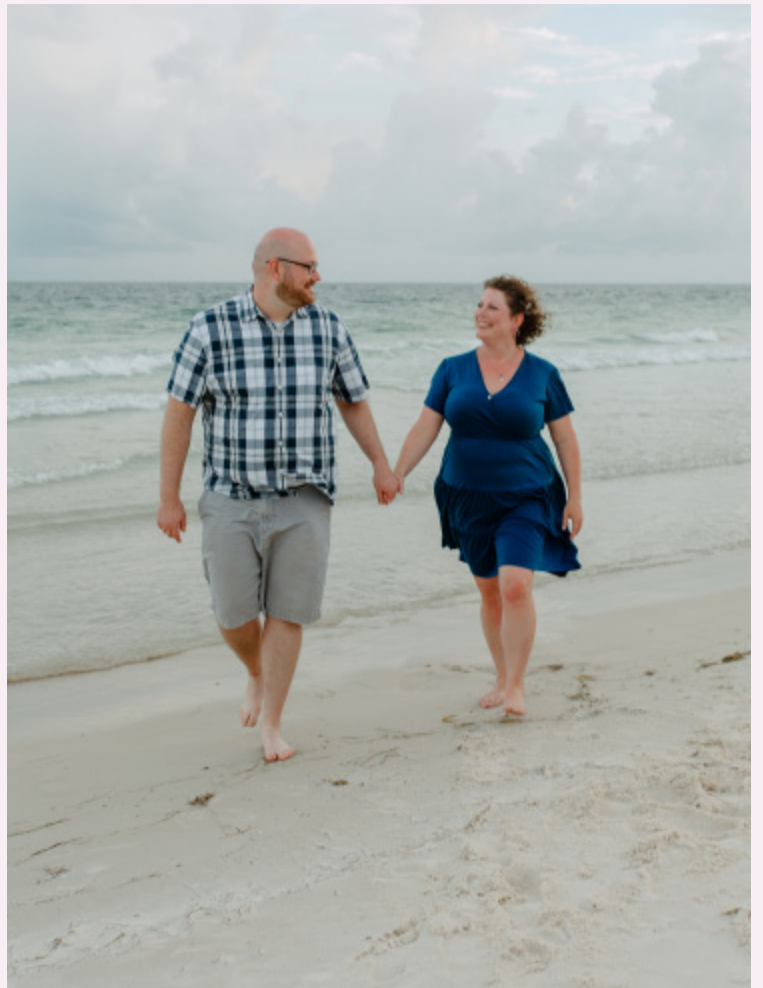


If you choose us to adopt your baby, we promise he or she will be so loved, constantly encouraged, and always provided for in every way we can. It would be such a blessing to welcome your child into our family!

We promise to honor your child's story, to always speak of you with love, and to raise him or her to understand how we all came together through adoption. We will make sure he or she knows they can talk to us about anything. If you want, we'd love to get to know you and keep in touch after the adoption. You and your child will always be cherished!

We believe open adoption can be as unique and special as any important relationship, even like extended family. There will always be a special connection between you, us, and your child. If you'd like an open adoption, we will be happy to share updates, such as letters, photos, calls, texts, or occasional visits. As a family we will keep you in our prayers too. You will always hold a special place in our hearts.







Thank you

We are so grateful to be considered as adoptive parents for your baby! Our hearts go out to you as you walk through this process. We truly appreciate this chance to share our adoption book with you as you make plans for your baby's future. Our hope is that you will feel loved, cared for, and supported through this process. We pray you have peace of mind as you move forward in this journey, finding courage and grace you need with each step. May you always know what a treasure you and your baby are to the adoptive family you choose to become a part of your story.

We'd love to talk or meet with you! Thank you for considering us.

WITH LOVE FROM,

Andrew
& Libby



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— THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING US! WE'D LOVE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOU. —