



Jim

Marcia

Job Description:

Advertising Representative for the County Newspaper

5th Grade Elementary Teacher for Our Local School District

Education:

Associate Degree in Business Management, Professional Firefighter Card from the State of Ohio & Certified Emergency Medical Technician

Bachelor's Degree in Education & Master's Degree in Education

Favorites:

Dream Car
Vintage Fire Truck

Dream Car
Vintage Mustang

Memory with a Child
Reading Bedtime Story

Memory with a Child
Disney World for the 1st Time

Quality of Spouse
Devotion to Family

Quality of Spouse
Work Ethic

Thing to Cook
Hamburgers on the Grill

Thing to Cook
Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup

Type of Music
Country

Type of Music
Pop/Contemporary Christian

Children:

Carson (14) & Emma (5)

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Our Children

Our children, Carson and Emma, are certainly a joy and a blessing. They are both so excited to have another sibling; they can't wait!

Carson is an active young man who attends our local middle school. He LOVES music of all kinds and enjoys being outside doing all kinds of outdoor things! He is active in our church and its youth group and has a great group of friends. He is a super big brother to Emma; and we couldn't be more proud of him.

Emma is an adorable 5 year old who loves to swing, swim, and dance! She is currently a preschooler and claims that she wants to teach school some day. After all, she can write her name, say her alphabet, and color in the lines! She can't wait to be a big sister!

Both have so much love in their hearts and are anticipating having a baby brother or sister. We are so proud of both of them, and we know that they will be excellent role models for their new sibling.

Education

Education is a top priority in our home. Both of us have college degrees that have allowed us to choose careers that we enjoy! Jim has an associate's degree in business and marketing and is a member of the Board of Education of our local school district. Marcia has a bachelor's and a master's degree in education and has taught for over 12 years.

We believe that education begins as soon as a child is born. Talking and reading to your baby helps development from the get go. A good preschool program is essential to start the love of learning. Both of our children had the perfect amount of social and play time mixed with fun ways to set the foundation for future learning. We will encourage the love of learning from the very early stages all the way through the college years. We will instill that hard work, passion, and a great education will allow anything to be accomplished.

We have a great school system in our area that offers not only an excellent preschool program but also college prep classes. Teachers here are creative and passionate about their work. The system has been recognized by the state and the White House for its accomplishments.

Not only is the education great, but there are also many extra curricular activities that are available to both boys and girls. There are excellent sports, music, dance, and art programs available. We will encourage our children to find what they love to do and do it the best they can. We look forward to sharing all of this!

Our House and Neighborhood



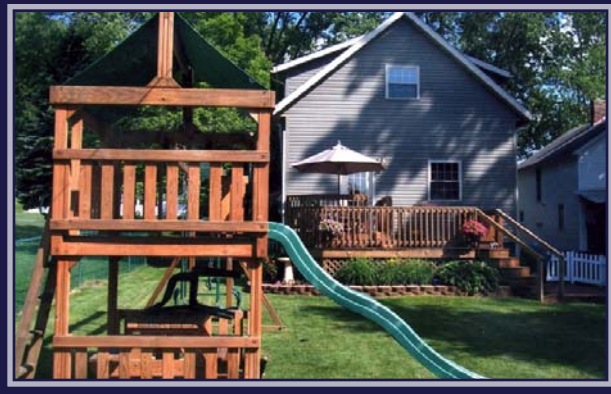
There is one word to describe our home, cozy!! We love our two story, four-bedroom house that is located in a quiet (except when the kids are out playing!) family oriented neighborhood. We spend lots of time in our recently added family room watching movies and munching popcorn or sitting in front of the fireplace reading or playing games. It is our favorite place to be after a full day of work and play.

Our backyard is huge and is fenced and gated. We recently purchased an Amish made play set that sees many hours of play. We enjoy grilling on the patio and eating dinner together outside during the warm months. We also own an acre of ground beside Jim's parents where we love to run and play ball. We have many wiener roasts there and eat lots of smores! We also plant a bumper crop of pumpkins on the ground hoping for that special one that could enter the county fair!!



Our Home

Our House and Neighborhood, continued



Our Back Yard

Our neighborhood has several young families that live nearby, and Marcia's mom lives only five houses down the street. The elementary school Marcia attended is a block from our home and has earned many state and national honors for its excellent work.

Our town is known for its historic train depot and its Polar Express rides. We have taken quite a few rides on this train, and can't wait to take a few more! We have an awesome water park that was just built this year not five minutes away. There is a beautiful family park complete with batting cages, great playground equipment as well as a carousel, Ferris Wheel, and a pond of ducks that get a lot of our stale bread just a few miles up the road.



Jim's Extended Family at Disney World

Our Extended Families

Jim is the youngest of three children. Both of his sisters live very near our home, and we spend a lot of time together. Jim has seven nieces and nephews that we adore. They range in age from 6 months to 16 years! Jim's sisters and their families are a very important part of our lives.

Jim's parents are both retired and live in Jim's childhood home. They love spending time with their grandkids and often call and ask if they can have them for the day. They take them "out home" to play, to the park, or everyone's favorite in this family, out for ice cream at the local creamery. They have always emphasized family and spending time together, and they have instilled this in all of their children. One of Jim's favorite memories of his childhood is camping with his family at a local lake. He remembers swimming, fishing, and hiking with his parents and sisters as well as many of his aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Jim's extended family is extremely close, and they spend a great deal of time together. Holidays and birthdays are especially lively and fun when everyone gets together to celebrate. We particularly like getting together to make homemade ice cream for no reason at all!

They are all excited about our plans to adopt. They can't wait to have another child in the family to spoil and love!

Marcia is the oldest of three children. Her younger brother lives near the ocean with his wife and daughter. He comes home at least once a year, and it is a special time for the family. Her sister lives less than five minutes from us with her family. We enjoy spending time with each other swimming and shopping. Our children enjoy being around their cousins as often as they can.

Marcia's parent's live only fives houses from our home! It is only a two-minute walk to Grandma's house where cookies and swinging are much better than they are at home. It is fun to get together here for a cookout and picnic on the screened in porch and then head to the yard for a dip in the pool.

Marcia's family is also excited about our plans to adopt. They are excitedly looking forward to another child to love and cherish.



Carson and Emma and Our Nieces and Nephews on Easter

Our Faith



Our Church Taping the Pastor to the Garage After Vacation Bible School

Our faith and love in God is an important part of our lives. He has certainly given us the strength and wisdom to make it through some difficult times. Both of our children were born prematurely with health complications. God worked his miracles through the doctors in the hospitals to care for our children and allowed us to bring them home to love.

We have attended the same country church for many years. Our small congregation and pastor are like an extended family that constantly keeps us in their prayers. Please know that we are praying for you as you read this and contemplate your most important decision.

We are both involved in our church through teaching, singing, and speaking. God has given us talents that we have been called to share with our church family.

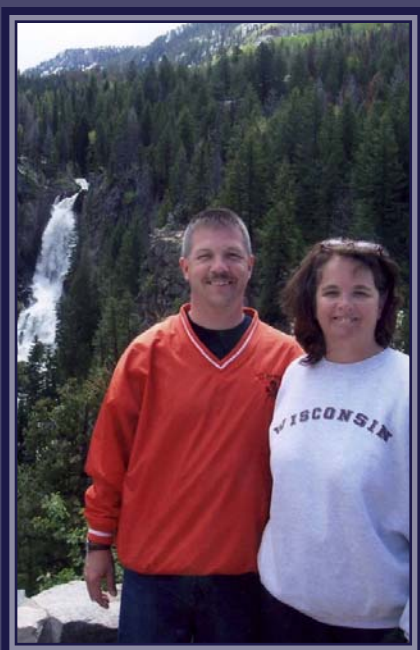
We will raise your precious child in the same small church surrounded by an extended family that will love and pray for him or her everyday. We will teach him or her about the love that God has for them and encourage them as they learn through Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. We hope that he or she will become an active part of the church and will share God's love with others as an adult.



Rooting for a Favorite Team



At the Zoo



Steamboat Springs,
Colorado

Jim & Marcia



Pawley's Island, South Carolina



At Myrtle Beach



Getting Ready to Board the Polar
Express

Dear Birthparent(s),

We are Jim and Marcia, and we are excited to share with you our lives through this letter. We cannot begin to understand the emotions you are experiencing at this time, but we pray that our words will give you encouragement and hope as you read them and get to know us better.

We were high school sweethearts and married after finishing college. Jim is an advertising executive for our county paper, and Marcia is an elementary school teacher. We have been married for 17 years. The strength of our marriage is due to our faith and our ability to love and support one another unconditionally.

In our early years of marriage, we made plans like all couples do for our future. We both knew that we wanted a large family, and we often joked that if we had enough kids to form our own baseball team, that would be the perfect number! God has blessed us with two team members! Our son Carson is 14 and our daughter Emma, is 5. Both were born prematurely with complications that required lengthy hospital stays and medical interventions. Both frightened us to early gray hair as well! With God's guidance, we have joyfully decided to complete our "team" through adoption, and we couldn't be happier to be parents once again.

We believe that being a parent is a privilege and an honor; it is something that we both are truly blessed to be. We love, honor, and cherish our children unconditionally. We are dedicated to providing experiences and offering choices that will allow them to become who they want to be. We cannot wait to share our abundant love with another precious life!

Life in our home is fun!!! We love to play games, sing, tell and read stories, and ride bikes. We spend many evenings at the park riding the carousel, feeding the ducks, and eating ice cream. We enjoy taking "one-tank trips" to various places across our state. Making memories that will last a lifetime is a priority in our home!

Traditions are also an important part of our family. Each fall we visit the pumpkin patch to pick out the roundest pumpkin for our jack-o-lantern. We get together with both extended families for two great meals on Thanksgiving. As Christmas approaches we remember the reason for the season through special church activities. We pick out and cut down the "perfect" tree, make gingerbread houses, and decorate cookies to give away. When spring finally makes it to Ohio, it's time to decorate, hide, and hunt Easter eggs as well as plant flowers that will last well into the summer. And speaking of summer, this is the time we pack up our suits and sand toys and head for the ocean for a week of fun and sun. It is our greatest desire to share these traditions and begin new ones with your child.

We have a support system that is beyond compare. Our extended family is so excited that we are growing again. Your child has already been welcomed with open hearts and open arms and will be loved like no other! Our church family is also excited. They have been praying for you and your child! They are so supportive and fun and we wouldn't be where we are today without them. Your child will become a part of a great family and grow in the love of God surrounded by them.

We will always be open and honest about adoption with your child. He or she will always hear us speak of you with respect and love. We would be privileged to keep in communication with you through letters, emails, and photos if that is your wish. You will know that your child is happy, fulfilled, and above all, loved.

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With love, respect, and prayers,

Jim and Marcia

