



Owen

Angel

Job Description:

AVP, Manager, Senior Finance
Operations Analyst, Pastor

Stay-at-Home Mommy

Education:

BA (Some Post
Baccalaureate Study)

Associate of Applied Science
Certified Medical Assistant
in OB/GYN

Favorites:

Childhood Memory

Fishing

Childhood Memory

Daddy-Daughter Outings

Hobby

Reading

Hobby

Baking

Tradition

Black Friday Shopping

Tradition

Christmas in the Mountains

Memory with a Child

Meeting My Two Sons at Birth

Memory with a Child

Teaching My Boys to Ride Bikes

Holiday

Easter

Holiday

New Year's

Children:

Xavier: 7 / Ephraim: 5

We are so excited for the opportunity to have another child bless our home. This baby will know from a very early age that he or she has been chosen through the blessing of adoption. They will always know of your desire for their presence in our home and we will be excited to tell them about you and remind them of the gift and the sacrifice that you gave.

About Our Family

We were born and raised in Ohio and both sides of our family live very nearby. Owen is a pastor of a great family church that we started two years ago and he works in the banking industry as well. He loves his time with the boys and has always been a great daddy. He is a hard worker, but always prioritizes his time with the Lord and his family first. The boys can't wait for him to walk through the door after work and tackle him with hugs and kisses! A few sweet things about Owen... He hugs me in front of our children so that they know how in love we are. He calls me from a busy day at work just to tell me that he's grateful for the lunch I packed. He kisses and prays over me while I sleep before he leaves for work. I am a blessed wife and so thankful for my adoring husband that cares for his family.

Angel stays at home with our social, energetic and loving boys as not only a full-time mother, but also their teacher during the school year. The children enjoy pulling up a chair to the kitchen counter to bake cookies or snuggle on her lap during story time. She finds God's pleasure in her daily time with them and looks forward to their part being role-models for their new brother or sister. The dearest lady in the world to me is Angel. She manages our home, creates a warm haven of safety for us and somehow finds time to run half marathons. I fall more in love with her daily and I pour out my praises to God for an extraordinary wife.

Our Extracurricular Activities

One of the most favorite parts of our week is the interaction we have with our supportive and loving church family on Sundays. Owen is the primary teaching pastor of this congregation that began meeting together back in 2009. Our Sunday afternoons are spent with great conversation over a weekly potluck while the children and teens enjoy playing together and talking with us. Many families within our church have either already adopted children or are in the process of going forward with adoption. There is a lot of love and excitement around the blessing of children.

We also have a home-based photography business and enjoying capturing the memories of weddings, family gatherings and children's portraits or our local community. Rest assured that you will receive lots of portrait updates on this sweet little baby since we are more than just slightly obsessed with taking pictures!

Our House & Neighborhood



We currently live in a two-story, 3 bedroom and 2.5 bath home in a very family friendly suburb in the state of Ohio. We initially were drawn to this property because it was a nice neighborhood in the middle of a quiet cornfield. We have enjoyed the peace and quiet that the country brings as well as the blessing of great neighbors. Our home has a nice fenced in backyard with a swing set and paver stone patio for cookouts. We purchased a bonfire pit last year and the kids enjoy making smores and watching the stars come out in the Summer and Fall.



Our Home

House & Neighborhood, (continued)



The Back of Our House

It is our desire to move in the near future to a larger house with more bedrooms on at least 2-5 acres to allow our children to have lots of room to play and enjoy the outdoors. We are planning on also growing a large garden and hopefully will be near to a creek so we can enjoy fishing together too. The children are also looking forward to the addition of our first family dog once we move to this new house. Because our family, church and friends all live nearby, we are looking to move locally from our current home to continue to see everyone often!

Our Extended Families

We have been blessed to live within an hour to both sets of our families over the years. Owen has three sisters and Angel is an only child. We have three nieces and two nephews and always enjoy seeing them over the Christmas holiday season. Owen's parents were married for over 30 years before his father passed away several years ago from a heart attack. His mother now takes care of his grandmother and is a great blessing to her.

Angel's parents have been married for over 43 years and still go out on dates! They enjoy spending time with the grandchildren and spoiling them as grandparents like to do. In addition to our family, we are blessed in abundance with dear friends that are so encouraging and supportive of our family.



Thanksgiving with Our Extended Family

Adoption in Our Lives

We have both have the privilege to be a part of many adoptions in the course of our life. The church that we met and married at many years ago included many adopted children as well as our current church family. Our neighborhood is also filled with families that have chosen adoption. Eight years ago, our first niece was born and came into our family through adoption. Four years later, our second niece was also born and joined our family through the adoption process. I had the honor to teach my oldest niece through her second grade school year and she has such a special place in our heart!

Along our journey, we have had the great benefit to meet and befriend several mothers who made the decision to place their child with a new family. One young lady in particular, Erica, continues a friendship with Angel to this day. They have spent many hours on the phone as well as lunches together to discuss the emotions, challenges, fears and joy that stems from both sides of the adoption process.



A Trip to the Firehouse Museum

Enjoying Healthy Living as a Family



Running a 5K Together

We love spending time together as a family. This year we began the tradition of "Family YMCA Saturday mornings". My husband and I both enjoy our time running or working out, but felt it important to show our children that time spent one-on-one with them was just as important. We get up early in the morning and have breakfast together, and then spend about two hours in the gym at our local branch playing basketball, running on the track and sometimes playing soccer.



Fun with Neighborhood Buddies

We feel it is very important to take care of the body that we have been given. Another one of the fun ways that we have chosen to do that is through fundraising and participation in local charity 5K's, half-marathons and triathlons that benefit cancer research, heart foundations, cerebral palsy and multiple sclerosis. The boys enjoy making signs and cheering us along as we run the trails!



Enjoying a Beautiful Spring Day



This Year We Will Celebrate
11 Years of Marriage!

Owen & Angel



Just the Two of Us



A Family Portrait



Playing Games with Daddy



Enjoying a Walk on Our
Family Vacation

Dear Birthparent(s),

We are so excited for the opportunity to have another child bless our home. This baby will know from a very early age that he or she has been chosen through the blessing of adoption. They will always know of your desire for their presence in our home and we will be excited to tell them about you and remind them of the gift and the sacrifice that you gave.

We look forward to showing them pictures and letters that you have sent and telling stories that are important to you. Again, please rest assured that we will keep you updated with letters and pictures of the baby as he or she grows and changes. We understand the importance for you to be a part of your child's life through this correspondence and see that they are safe and loved in our home.

After we made the exciting adjustment to become a one-income family that would allow Angel to stay home, we also made the decision to teach our children at home. We feel that strong education and training is very important and appreciate the privilege to be able to do this within our own house. Teaching at home has been a blessing in a variety of ways. Not only does it encourage our boys to get along with each other, spend lots of time with family and interact with adults, but it also allows them to pursue a subject as quickly or slowly as they need to under the guidance of a loving mother and father who desire the best for them and their future.

In addition to our teaching time at the home, we also participate in group activities at the YMCA, library, metro park systems, museums, and enjoy volunteering at nursing homes. Both our boys are very social and love playing with their neighborhood friends after school or spending time with another homeschooling family. The freedom that home teaching has brought us is of great value. It has allowed us more time to spend with friends and family, opportunities to travel and the ability to daily enjoy a relationship with our children.

We can imagine that as you consider placing your child with a new family, there are many concerns, fears and questions that come to your mind about the future of your baby as well as yourself and your family. We want you to know that we realize what a huge decision this is and we also do not take it lightly. Our devotion and love will be binding to your precious baby and we promise to honor you and your decision as we raise them to adulthood. We promise to you that we will counsel, love and nurture them as unto the Lord for as long as He gives us the privilege.

We look forward to sharing more of our family story with you and hope that we might become a wonderful part of your story as well.

Warmly,

Owen and Angel

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

