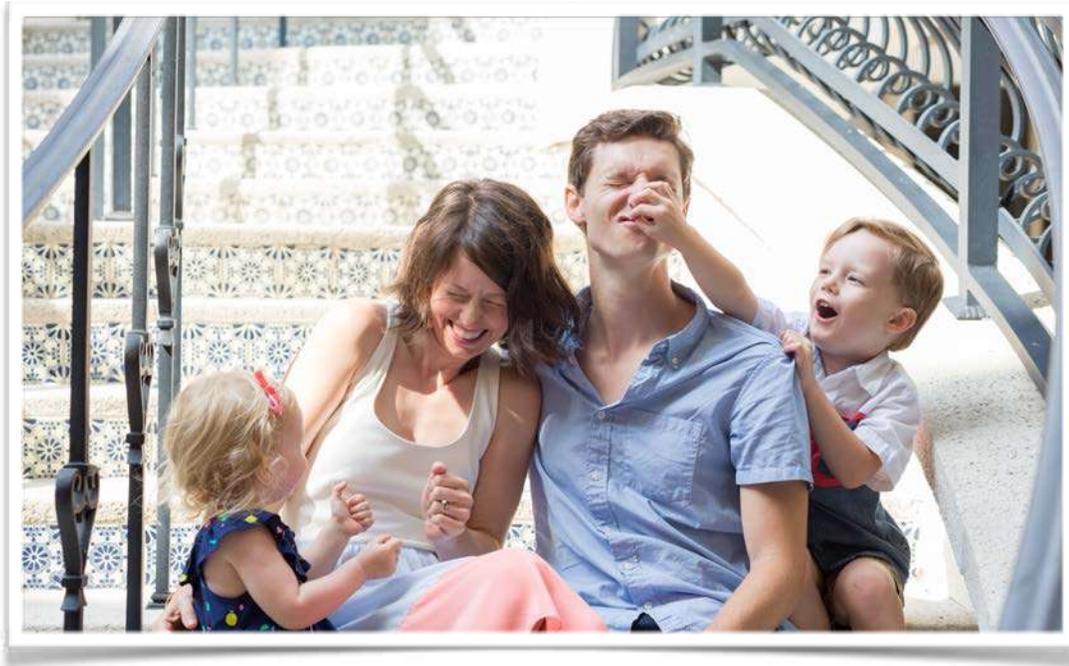




Brittany + Drew

Our Family

Drew + Brittany, Owen + Afton



Drew

Drew is a university professor. He also serves as a pastor at our church. He is passionate about racial justice and enjoys basketball, golf, and reading.



Brittany

Brittany is a graduate and undergraduate professor. She loves investing in her students through her teaching, research, and mentoring. She also enjoys yoga.

Our Story

Drew and Brittany grew up in Oklahoma and met in college. We have been married for 10 years. For a couple of years we lived in Chicago, Illinois, before spending six years in Cambridge, England, for us to finish post-graduate education before settling in South Florida, where we are both university professors. We love serving our city with our church family, running, and traveling.



OWEN
AGE 5

OUR KIDS

Owen is a sweet older brother who enjoys building with Legos & dragon books.

Afton is full of joy & energy & loves purple & coloring.



AFTON
AGE 3

Our Home + Community

We are surrounded by so many amazing people who love and support us!

In our Department at the university we have a tight-knit community with our colleagues and their families. Below you can see some of our fellow faculty members (left) and one of our favorite former students (right), Emily, who lived with us for awhile and often babysits the kids.



Playing at the beach near our house

Everyone loves a day at the beach, and we're no exception! It is an amazing privilege to live so close to the ocean and have many opportunities to build sand castles, splash in the water, skim around on a boogie board, or just relax and enjoy the sunshine.

SO THAT ALL MAY FLOURISH

We love being a part of our local church community, which seeks to serve Jesus Christ and all those in our city. Drew serves as a teaching pastor and Brittany is an elder. Owen and Afton enjoy time with their friends each week learning about God's love for them and His world.



Our kids at church having a Christmas pajama movie party >>>>>>



Meet Our Family



All Drew's family @ Disney

Mimi



At the beach with Grandpa

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And friends ...

<<< Kids with their godparents, Rosie + Jack (couple in the middle), in the UK

Two of our closest friends — JD and Jordan >>



Dear Birthparent(s):

From before we even met each other, we both had a desire to adopt children. After we were married, our mutual desire to adopt was continually confirmed and began to grow. Over the years we have loved sharing in the lives of family and friends who have adopted children. Two of our own family members are adopted, Brittany's grandmother and our niece.

We long to share our lives with a child in need of adoption. Our desire to extend hospitality and generosity in every area of our lives stems from our faith as Christians. An adopted child would enrich our lives, as both of our first two children have, beyond measure. We want to share our love, compassion, and resources to help another child flourish in the world.

As university professors our daily schedules are flexible, so we coordinate our teaching loads to allow for at least one of us to be with the kids while they're not in school. The Dean of our Department is sensitive to family needs, which means we can often work from home or teach an online class to make it easier to care for our children. At times when work is more demanding, we also have the support of our parents who come to stay with us.

It's also a great blessing to spend long summers with the kids. We enjoy traveling back to the UK to see friends each June (shown here).



Our family does not yet feel complete, a sentiment the kids have been expressing more recently as well. We await with anticipation a child to be part of our lives that we can cherish as our own.

THOUGHTS ABOUT PARENTING



We believe each child is a gift from God to be nurtured and celebrated for who they are, so we encourage our kids to grow in the things they enjoy and have a propensity for while also challenging them to try new things. This often looks like exploring all kinds of foods and cultures through travel, music, and books. We seek to cultivate an appreciation of diversity and sense of wonder, while communicating what's most important to us.

Every child has a personality all their own, so we have had to be creative as parents to care and connect with each child individually. We want them to have a strong sense of who they are and feel secure in our love for them.

Favorites + Fun

Brittany punting down the river in Cambridge

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Owen + Afton
❤️ painting and playing ninjas



Brittany

Color: Green
Soundtrack: Hamilton
Book: Jane Eyre
Movie: Lives of Others
Sport: Soccer
Music: T. Swift

Drew

Color: Blue
Soundtrack: Hamilton
Book: Jayber Crow
Movie: Good Will Hunting
Sport: Basketball
Music: Fun.



Drew running the marathon in Rome

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Thank you for taking the time to read our profile!

Our thoughts are with you during this significant decision.