

"The Coggi"



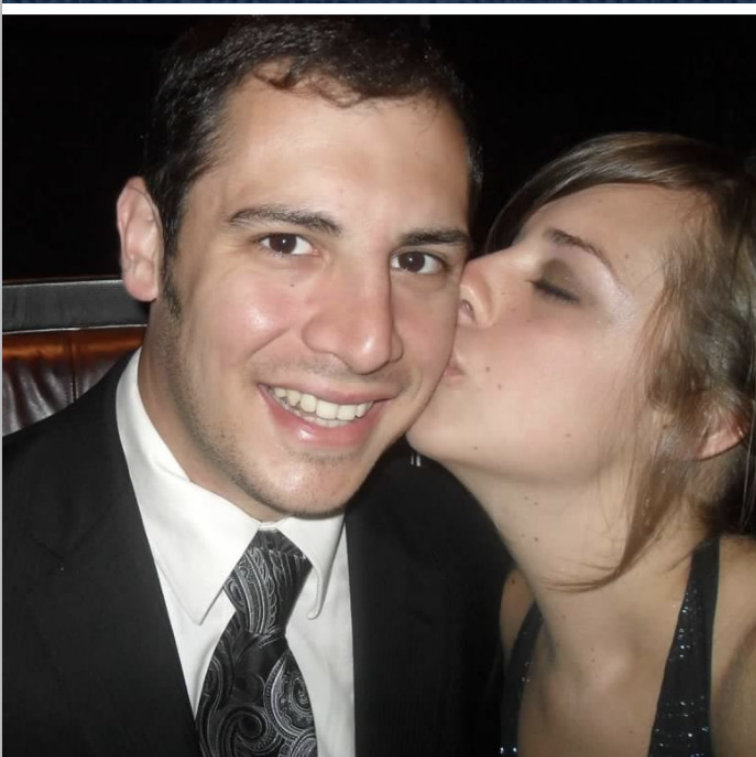
Paul, Chelsea & Audrey

Hi! We are the Coggins family. We refer to ourselves as "The Coggi."

God first excited our hearts for adoption in November 2012. We decided to enroll in fostering classes with Larimer county and just started our first classes when we found out we were pregnant with our daughter Audrey in January of 2014. We completed the classes and took steps to get certification, but then Audrey was born at 30 weeks gestation and hospitalized for another 9.5 weeks. She came home on oxygen and required ongoing occupational and physical therapy because of her premature birth. She graduated from therapy with no delays in 2016 and we started talking again about expanding our family. The trauma and complications surrounding our daughter's birth combined with advice from our doctor that another pregnancy would be high-risk, has solidified our decision to grow our family through adoption. When we met with Geri in April of 2016, we learned about open adoption and how beneficial this is for all parties. After prayer and consideration, we felt that open adoption was the right choice for us.

We cannot wait to meet the child God has for us! We have lots of love in our hearts to give away. We don't believe that flesh and blood determines family lineage or connections; God has filled up our hearts to see every life as a brother, sister, son, or daughter. We invite you to meet us in the following pages in the hope that you would consider entrusting us with the precious life of your child.

Love
Paul, Chelsea & Audrey



Chelsea's perspective:

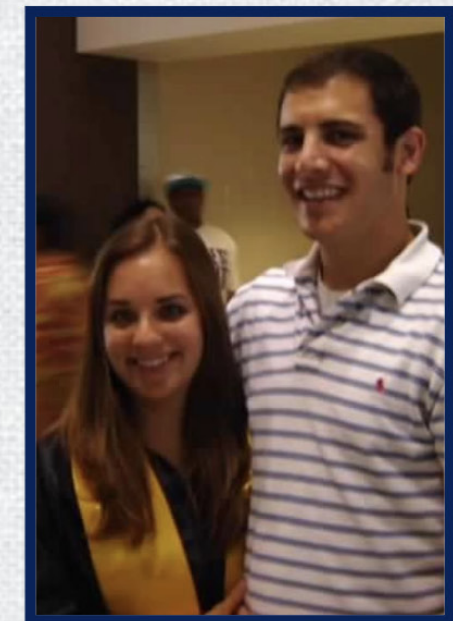
We met in June of 2009 in Geronimo, TX at my little brother Ricky's high school graduation party. Paul had befriended my dad and had been bike riding with him for several months! I remember thinking, "how is Paul still single? He is so cute and has a slight southern accent." When we met, he asked me to two step and I knew he was for me! He asked for my number and waited 3 days to call me! I was so nervous he wouldn't call but he did and we went out. We got married exactly one year later on June 12, 2010 in St. Augustine, FL. I am so thankful that Paul asked me to dance on that lovely evening!



Our first Christmas together - December 2009



Our Beginnings



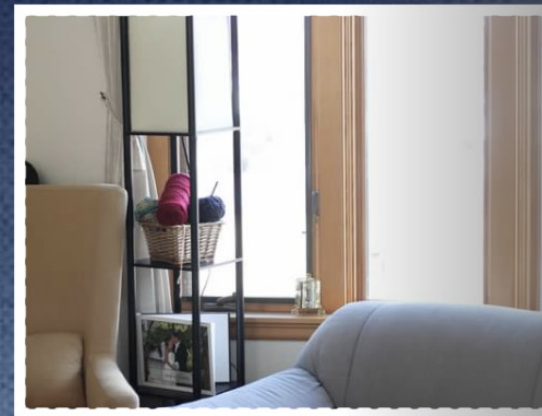
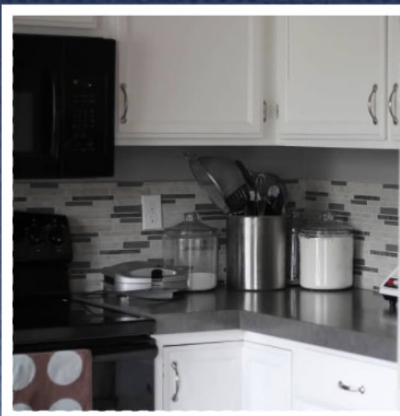
Chelsea's College Graduation
August 2009

Paul's perspective

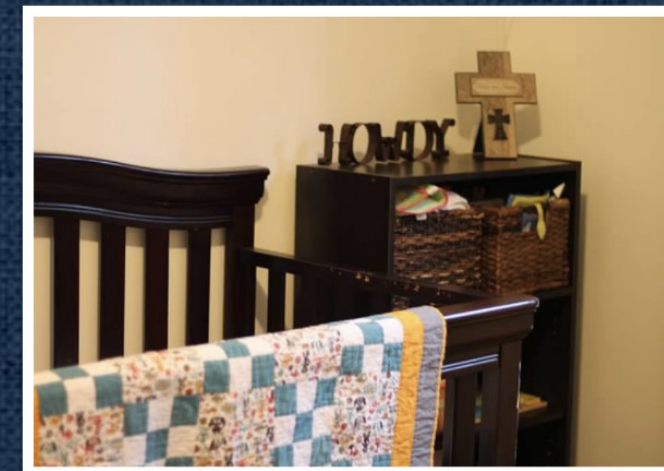
When I was working in Texas, Chelsea's dad, Rick took me under his wing and we started mountain biking every Sunday after church. Chelsea was in her last semester of college at Texas A&M and although I had met her 3 younger brothers, I didn't realize that Rick had a daughter. One day Rick mentioned his daughter. I said, "I didn't know you had a daughter!" He half-jokingly said, "Stay away from my daughter." But I wasn't sure it was a joke. Several months later I was invited to her brother's HS graduation party and I finally did meet Chelsea - along with her entire extended family! I saw her beautiful green eyes and the joy that she radiates and I knew she was my bride. I'm really glad I learned how to two-step. We married in June 2010 (and yes, I received permission from her father!)



Welcome to our home! We wanted to capture photos of our favorite places. We spend most of our time in the kitchen - we all love to cook and we especially love having family dinners at the table. We are excited to have another munchkin at the table and Audrey is ready to share with her sibling. Our daily routine is to ask each other at dinner, "What was your highlight today?" and then listen to each other's perspective on the day. We love to play and read books in the living room - we especially love the "napping" couch next to our bright window.



A Prepared Place



We are so excited to finally fill up the nursery with a baby! We have had a lot of fun decorating and preparing a space for a new little one. Our favorite part is a chalk board over the crib. We wrote "Happy Birthday," a day we have been anticipating for a long time!

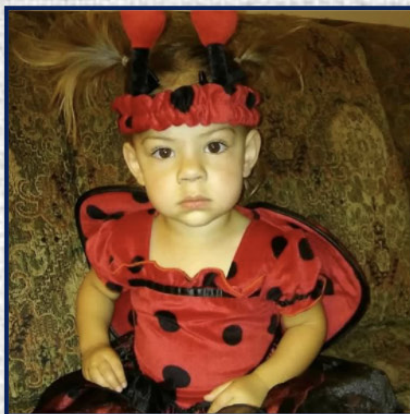
All of this waiting and preparation is of great purpose. We believe that it will be very powerful to tell our child, "We anticipated your birth for several years, we prayed for you and your birth mom daily, God answered those prayers, and you have a powerful identity and purpose on the earth. We are so thankful for you and who God made you to be!"





Costumes

Celebrating events and each other is very important to us. We value making extravagant cakes for each other and going all out to dress up for every occasion that calls for it! (Photos Clockwise from top left): 1920's Murder Mystery Dinner Party; Chips & Salsa for a fiesta; 80's theme for Chelsea's 30th bday; Halloween 2017 - We were pirates and Audrey was a shark. She loves sharks!; Audrey's 2nd Halloween; Paul dressed up like a Jawa for a Star Wars movie night; Chelsea as Marty McFly for Halloween 2016.



Cakes

(Photos clockwise from top left): Chantilly cake - Chelsea made for a friend's birthday; Audrey's 3rd birthday "Hammy the Hammerhead"; Valentines Day cupcakes; Chelsea's 30th birthday - 30 layer ice cream cake!; Paul's 34th birthday - Chocolate with Raspberry filling



All About Paul Galaxy's Best Dad!

I was born in Fort Myers, Florida and grew up in Leesburg in the center of the state where we had lakes, swamps, and orange groves. My favorite childhood memory is riding my bike in my neighborhood and perpetually having black knees from falling on the asphalt everyday! My older brother Brian and I loved to play with Legos and watch Star Wars movies. I went to Georgia Tech in Atlanta. I graduated as a Civil Engineer but had a great desire to become a brewer. I went to UC Davis and got a certificate in brewing and have worked for the last decade in production breweries and brewpubs. I really enjoy the work and the opportunity to make a product with my hands (and big pumps, valves, and pipes!) In my free time I enjoy running, mountain biking, playing piano, cooking, and reading. My favorite part about being a dad is getting to experience Audrey's sheer joy when we are reunited each afternoon. It is such a marvelous feeling when she takes my hand and shows me her art project of the day or tells me to sit down and play puzzles with her on the floor. I love taking Audrey on Daddy/Daughter camping trips and am thrilled to add more children in the mix! What I'm most looking forward to for a new baby is the bedtime routines: giving the baby a bottle and swaddling them up.



A note from Chelsea: My favorite thing about being married to Paul is that even in difficult times, I have always had a best friend to walk through life with. Paul has a constant desire to serve our family regardless of himself. When we first met, we were talking about his role as a manager over employees. He mentioned the best way to manage people is to do the jobs no one wants to do! I have seen this to be true in our family - he is always first to kill all bugs, take out the trash, and deal with all gross things. It has been such a joy to watch him transition into fatherhood! I am really excited to watch him be promoted to Dad times two (and beyond!)

All About Chelsea!

I was born in Scottsdale, Arizona and moved to Texas when I was 5. I grew up in a small town, I mean really small town.....my high school graduating class had 76 people! The school was surrounded by cornfields and one of my classes was "Fruits, Nuts and Vegetables." I like to garden now and attribute this to being exposed to gardening so young! I graduated from Texas A&M in August of 2009 with a Bachelors in Human Resources. I worked in various office jobs until I found my true fit which is being a stay at home mom, AKA CEO of Coggins INC. I enjoy having the time and space to make sure our home is clean and peaceful and am SO thankful for the time I get to spend raising Audrey and future kids. Audrey and I love to go to the library, play at the park, read books, and have tea parties. I am looking forward to adding a baby in our routine! When we load up in our van to go places, Audrey often says, "my baby will sit in the seat next to me." I smile at her and say, "that's right Audrey!" When I drop Audrey off at preschool, I see moms loaded down with a massive diaper bag in one arm, lugging the infant car-seat carrier in the other, cheerios everywhere, while chasing a rambunctious preschooler - I can't wait to be one of these moms! When I get a break from full-time mom life, I love to bake, work out, read, crochet (well I am learning), and connect with other women. In the future when the kids are in school, I dream of going back to school and pursuing a career in nursing and possibly midwifery. For now I know I'm exactly where I'm supposed to be. I am content being a nurse at our house- I'm great at kissing owies!

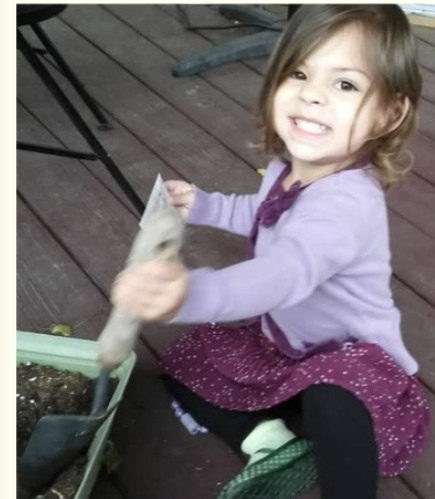


A Note from Paul: Chelsea is truly an incredible wife and mother. She is compassionate, patient, kind, gracious, joyful, and encouraging! Everyone loves to be around her because she is so upbeat. I knew she would be an excellent mother from the time we were dating: if she ever had to hit the brakes quickly while driving, she would instinctively throw out her hand across my chest. She also won a "Soccer-mom award" for a club in college because she took great care of everyone and made them delicious baked goods. I am confident that she will continue to excel as a mom and come into her own even more as we grow the Coggi with more kids!

Audrey Karen



Audrey was born on July 10, 2014 at 30 weeks gestation, weighing 2 pounds, 2 oz. Her premature birth was due to preeclampsia and a placental abruption. She was in the NICU 66 days and we were able to take her home on September 14, 2014! (Middle top photo: Audrey ready to go home for the first time, weighing 5 lbs!) God saved her life and we are so thankful she is alive and healthy! She is truly a miracle and we are grateful for her and appreciate the fun and spunk that she brings to our family.



Audrey today is a thriving, healthy, and joyful three and a half year old! She is ready to be a big sister and have a best friend for life. When asked what she was most looking forward to when her baby is born, Audrey said she is excited to: "Hold my baby, rock my baby and give my baby a bottle." When asked what she wanted to tell her baby, she said, "I will share Pop Pop's doggies with you and I will have tea parties with you." Audrey's favorite things are: (Photos clockwise from top left) preschool, baking, taking care of her babies, and playing outside and helping out with the garden)



Our

We are SO thankful for our community in Fort Collins! Our friends love to celebrate events with us. A few of our them had babies at the same time and therefore Audrey's besties are all about 2 months apart. It has been such a blessing being on the parenting journey with them! Audrey loves playing with Alma, Lucy, Vivian, & Eleanor. Our favorite thing about raising a family in our community is our kids are growing up with so many adults who love and care for them.

Friends!

We also appreciate hanging out with our friends, especially when we get babysitters and have adult time! This has been important to help us unwind. We enjoy playing games, going to dinner, laughing, and meaningful conversation. Not to mention, the kids seem to enjoy having a break as well. Our friends have emotionally supported us throughout our adoption journey and are praying and believing. They even held a surprise baby shower for us. They are really excited to welcome you and baby!



Paul's Family

The Coggins family is a fun and lively group! My family lives in Florida. My mother, Karen, was diagnosed with colon cancer in late 2000 and passed away in 2002. She was truly a wonderful woman in every aspect. I am very thankful for her influence on my life- she spent her last days ensuring that I would be a man of great faith in Jesus. My dad Lester "Pop Pop," is a southern gentleman through and through. He is very wise, generous, diligent and has aimed to instill these qualities in me. He married my step-mom Cheryl "Nana" who is a farmer by hobby and he quickly embraced her country living. They have several goats, chickens, dogs, a big garden, hay field, and hunting land - they don't like to sit down much! My brother, Brian "Uncle BB," is a biochemistry professor at Duke University in North Carolina. He is gifted at teaching and I'm very thankful that he is always willing to patiently teach us and the next generation everything from gourmet cooking to music.

Even though it was hard losing my mom, it has been an incredible blessing to welcome my step-mom Cheryl into the family! Brian and I gained more siblings too: My step-sister Brooke, her husband Shaun, my step-brother Justin, and his wife Stacy. I always wondered what it would be like to have more siblings and we have been able to relate to each other well: they are similar to our age, and they lost their dad in a car accident around the same time we lost my mom. It is cool how God restored both of our families by bringing us together! My family is always ready to accept people into our clan. My brother's best friend Morris started attending all of our family gatherings back in 2007 and now he and his wife Grace are one of us and bring their own flair to our holiday celebrations, especially their Taiwanese coffee. It has been awesome to see how God has knit us all together despite our differing backgrounds! I have seen my family live out the heart of adoption over the last decade. As I reflect on my family, I see that God planted the seeds of adoption years ago and this seems like who the Coggins are. We are thrilled for this to continue as a family identity! Everyone is excited to cuddle a new baby.



Pop Pop's has fun toys!



Audrey feeding a baby calf at the farm!



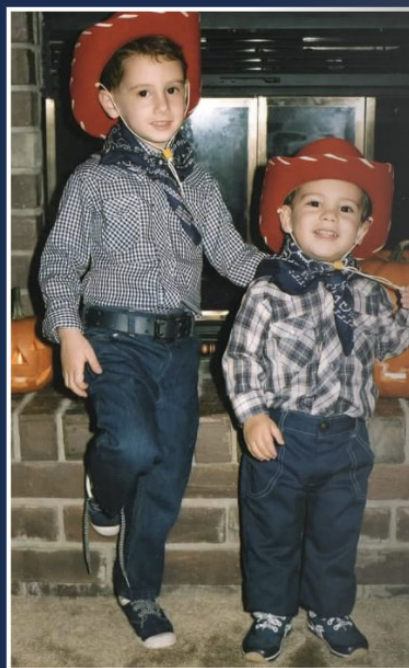
Brian and I went to Germany, 2009



Family dinner! One of the Coggins' favorite past times - eating!



Brian's best friend Morris with Audrey



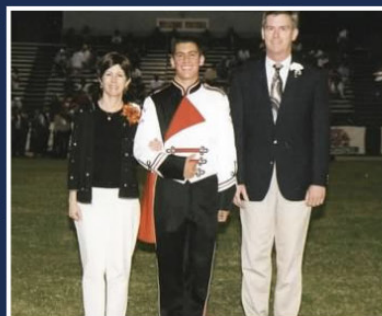
My brother Brian and I as cowboys - Halloween 1986



My family, Thanksgiving 2001



Thanksgiving- Left to right: Justin, Brooke, Shaun, Lester, Great Grandma Katherine, Audrey, Cheryl, Chelsea, LadyBug, Me, and Brian



Senior Night Fall 2001



Audrey and her cousins Brady and Madison



Chelsea's Family

I have an amazing family! They all live in Texas and we have the opportunity to see them about once a year. My parents divorced when I was 5, and they have done a great job of making sure I feel loved and supported. I have one biological brother named Ricky - "Uncle Stinky," he is married to my sister in law "Auntie Kim" who is an incredible woman of God! We love spending time with them and are hoping they have kids soon because I want to be an Auntie too! My mom, Tina is such a warm and compassionate woman. Her beauty radiates both inside and out which is perfect because she loves anything that blings. She really wanted to be called "glam-ma" but I quickly vetoed and she has since embraced being "Mimi." My Dad, Rick "Pops" married my step mom Katie "Grand" over 20 years ago! They have stuck with each other in hard times - I am thankful for their faithfulness and the example of a Godly marriage. They have two children - my half brothers Jack & Adam, "the Funcles" (get it, fun-uncles), who were born when I was high school. I love having 3 brothers! When we get together we enjoy playing board games and we are all a little competitive! I am the oldest - so I still have to keep everyone in line.

I love having siblings and am excited for Audrey to get to experience the bond that comes with having brothers or sisters. Audrey is the first grandchild in my family and they are all excited to welcome another baby and are supportive of our adoption process. They have big hearts and a lot of love to share!



My brothers and I at a pumpkin patch when I was a senior in High school. Oct. 2005.



Ricky and I being goobers. Aug 2001



My mom and I dancing at Ricky and Kim's wedding April 2015



Uncle Stinky and the "funcles" when they took Audrey to the zoo in Texas. April 2017



All of us kids at the December release of Star-wars in 2015. My sister in law Kim has a twin Courtney who joined us.



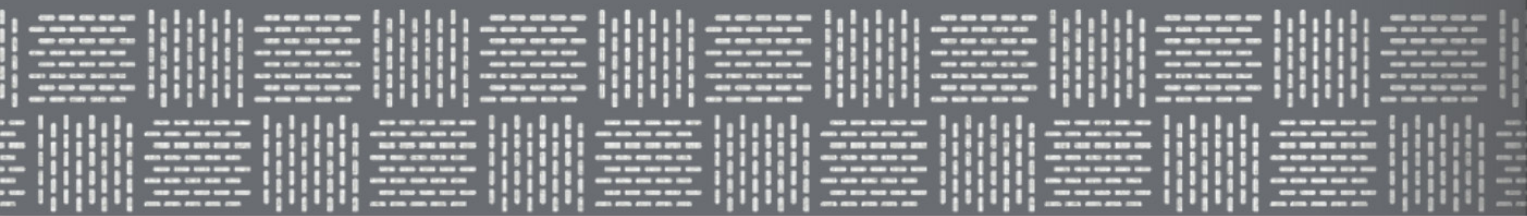
Grand and Pops visiting us for Christmas. December 2016



4 Generations! My Grandpa, Dad, Audrey and I. Dec. 2015



Thank you for taking the time to read about us! If our book resonates with you in anyway, we would love to meet you and learn your story. We want to assure you that your child will always have a loving and supportive family with us. We are hoping for an open relationship with you, one where your child grows up knowing you and the sacrifices you made for them. This child will be blessed to have so many people who love them! We are looking forward to meeting you soon! Love, The Coggi



Random Coggi Facts

Our favorite holiday is Halloween because we love dressing up and eating candy.

Starting when Audrey first got home from the NICU, we created Coggi special songs! We wrote a lullaby "Go To Sleep My Little Jelly." But over the last year, Audrey has been busy at composing her own songs, "Washy Dishes," "I Know my Mommy and Daddy Love Me," and "Forever!"

Paul currently works the night shift - we joke that he is a nocturnal bat.

We became debt-free in 2012 and we plan to stay that way!

Paul and Audrey are very extroverted! Chelsea is an introvert and enjoys time by herself reading and in the bath.

We sold our extended cab pickup in 2016 and bought a mini-van to fill up with kids!

Our family tradition is when celebrating birthdays or holidays we go to our favorite donut shop down the street called Lamars.

We believe dental hygiene is very important; flossing everyday and regularly visiting our dentist.

Audrey and Chelsea are firstborns - Paul is the youngest in his family and perceives them as a little bossy.

"The Coggi" Family Mission Statement: We will follow Jesus, serve all people, celebrate each other, and choose to have fun!

