



ADOPTION CHOICES OF MEMPHIS

Thank you for your interest in Adoption Choices of Memphis. Our minimum requirements for adoptive couples include the following:

1. Committed Christians who are active members in the same local, Bible-believing, Christ Centered church
2. Between the ages of 23 and 49
3. Both parents must be in good health, with no communicable diseases, with an average life expectancy of 19 more years. All family members must follow the Tennessee Department of Health immunization requirements.
4. Married couple, husband and wife, that has been married at least 3 years with history of fertility/reproductive issues. If couple wants to adopt a special placement needs infant, there are no restrictions.
5. If both parents are presently working outside the home, one parent must be willing to refrain from working outside the home at the time of placement for a recommended period for bonding. After the initial bonding period, any childcare outside the immediate family must be approved by this agency until the adoption is final.
6. We will work with families in 12 West Tennessee Counties and eight counties in North Mississippi. If a couple lives outside this area, they would need to obtain a home study through a licensed agency in their area.

In addition to meeting the above requirements, each couple must agree to the doctrinal and pro-life statements as presented by Life Choices. Please review the following documents and contact us if you have any questions. Please complete the contact information form and submit. Once it is received, you will be contacted to schedule a Prospective Adoptive Parent Orientation meeting. The orientation fee of \$50.00 is due at the orientation meeting. If we proceed with the approval of your application, a home study must be conducted by Adoption Choices or an approved agency in your state. Once you've been approved, you will be placed in our pool of waiting families to be viewed by expectant parents making an adoption plan.

LIFE CHOICES OF MEMPHIS, INC.

Pro-life statement

Since its inception, Life Choices of Memphis, Inc. has firmly stood opposed to abortion on demand and was formed to provide alternative solutions for women with a crisis pregnancy.

As Christians who believe in the authority of the Scriptures, we believe without reservation or qualification that the Scriptures teach that human life begins at conception. The Scriptures also teach that God highly values human life not only because man is a part of His creation, but because man is the pinnacle of His creation, having been created in His own image.

Thus, human life is sacred and is of inestimable worth. Man's value, which has been inalienably determined by God, must never be cheapened or subjected to utilitarian value. Every individual must be treated with this high degree of dignity and worth, regardless of their age, race, intelligence, and physical capabilities. We reject any philosophy or practice which determines a person's worth or right to live founded on elitist, humanistic perspective of valuing individuals, based on their race, potential social contribution, or physical and mental capabilities.

Since human life is sacred, the taking of a human life must only be done on the basis of a scripturally justifiable reason. And it is because the Scripture's prohibitions against the taking of the life of an innocent human being that we stand morally opposed to abortion on demand.

We do recognize that there are, on occasion, situations in which the mother's life is being endangered, but these situations must be cautiously and sensitively approached.

All couples adopting through Adoption Choices of Memphis must affirm our strong opposition to abortion on demand.

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Philosophy of adoption

WE BELIEVE ADOPTION TO BE A GODLY AND BIBLICALLY ROOTED CONCEPT. ADOPTION IS A POSITIVE OPTION FOR A WOMAN IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY AS WELL AS A DESIRABLE WAY FOR A COUPLE TO BUILD THEIR FAMILY. ADOPTION IS NOT THE RIGHT DECISION FOR ALL OUR CLIENTS, AND WE DO NOT ENCOURAGE ADOPTION OVER PARENTING. INSTEAD, WE TRUST THAT GOD WILL REVEAL HIS BEST PLAN TO THE BIOLOGICAL PARENTS TO WHOM HE HAS ENTRUSTED THE CHILD.

WE BELIEVE THAT BIRTH FAMILIES WHO CHOOSE ADOPTION ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR SACRIFICIAL LOVE. COUNSELING AND CARE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHILD'S BIRTH FAMILY AS THE ENTIRE UNIT EXPERIENCES THE LOSS.

WE BELIEVE THAT ADOPTING SHOULD BE FINANCIALLY ACCESSIBLE, AND THAT POTENTIAL ADOPTIVE FAMILIES SHOULD BE TREATED WITH RESPECT AND CARING. THEY WILL FIND HERE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE FRUSTRATION OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADOPTION PROCESS. WE WILL STRIVE TO EDUCATE FAMILIES ABOUT ADOPTION AND KEEP THEM AS INFORMED AS POSSIBLE THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS.

WE BELIEVE THAT A MARRIED COUPLE, A MOTHER AND A FATHER, ARE THE FOUNDATION NEEDED TO RAISE A CHILD IN A STABLE, NURTURING HOME ENVIRONMENT THAT WILL MEET THE NEEDS OF THAT CHILD.

WE BELIEVE ADOPTION TO BE A PERMANENT, COVENANT RELATIONSHIP BOTH BETWEEN THE ADOPTIVE FAMILY AND THE CHILD, AS WELL AS THE ADOPTIVE FAMILY AND THE BIRTH FAMILY. ALONG WITH LIFE CHOICES, THE BIRTH FAMILY AND ADOPTIVE FAMILY WORK TOGETHER, ALWAYS KEEPING THE CHILD'S BEST INTEREST IN THE FOREFRONT WHEN MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PLACEMENT AND AFTERWARDS. MUTUAL COOPERATION, RESPECT, AND LOVE PERMEATE THE ADOPTION PROCESS.

LIFE CHOICES of MEMPHIS, INC.
DOCTRINAL AFFIRMATION

1. WE BELIEVE that the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are the inspired and inerrant Word of God, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the Divine and final authority for Christian faith and life.
2. WE BELIEVE in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into Heaven where, at the right hand of the Father, He now sits as our High Priest and Advocate.
4. WE BELIEVE that the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on the cross and His resurrection provide the only grounds for justification and salvation for all who believe, and that all those who receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit and thus become children of God.
5. WE BELIEVE that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict men, regenerate, indwell, guide, gift, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.
6. WE BELIEVE that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is therefore separated from God. Only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit is salvation affected and relationship with God restored.
7. WE BELIEVE that the true Church is composed of all people who through saving faith in Christ Jesus have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the Body of Christ of which He is the Head.
8. WE BELIEVE in the bodily return of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that His return has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the Christian.
9. WE BELIEVE in the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to eternal fellowship with God; of the unbeliever to eternal condemnation.

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Client Contact Sheet

Name _____ DOB _____ RACE _____

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Phones: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Husband's Work: _____ Wife's Work: _____

Church Affiliation: _____

Other Household Members:

Name _____ DOB _____ Relationship _____

Name _____ DOB _____ Relationship _____

Name _____ DOB _____ Relationship _____

Name _____ DOB _____ Relationship _____

Child Desired: _____
 AGE RACE MEDICAL NEEDS