

The Fair means 'boiled peanuts' and 'fried chicken' for Cassidy Crenshaw

NAME: Cassidy Crenshaw

CURRENT CITY: New Orleans, La.

OCCUPATION AND WHAT IT ENTAILS: I'm the Creative Arts Pastor at Impact Church (New Orleans). I lead musical worship weekly in our church, and train volunteers to use their God-given gifts to lead in worship in a variety of ways.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY: I am married to Dru (Fulton) Crenshaw, formerly of Louisville. We have one daughter, Emory Rose, who is three years old.

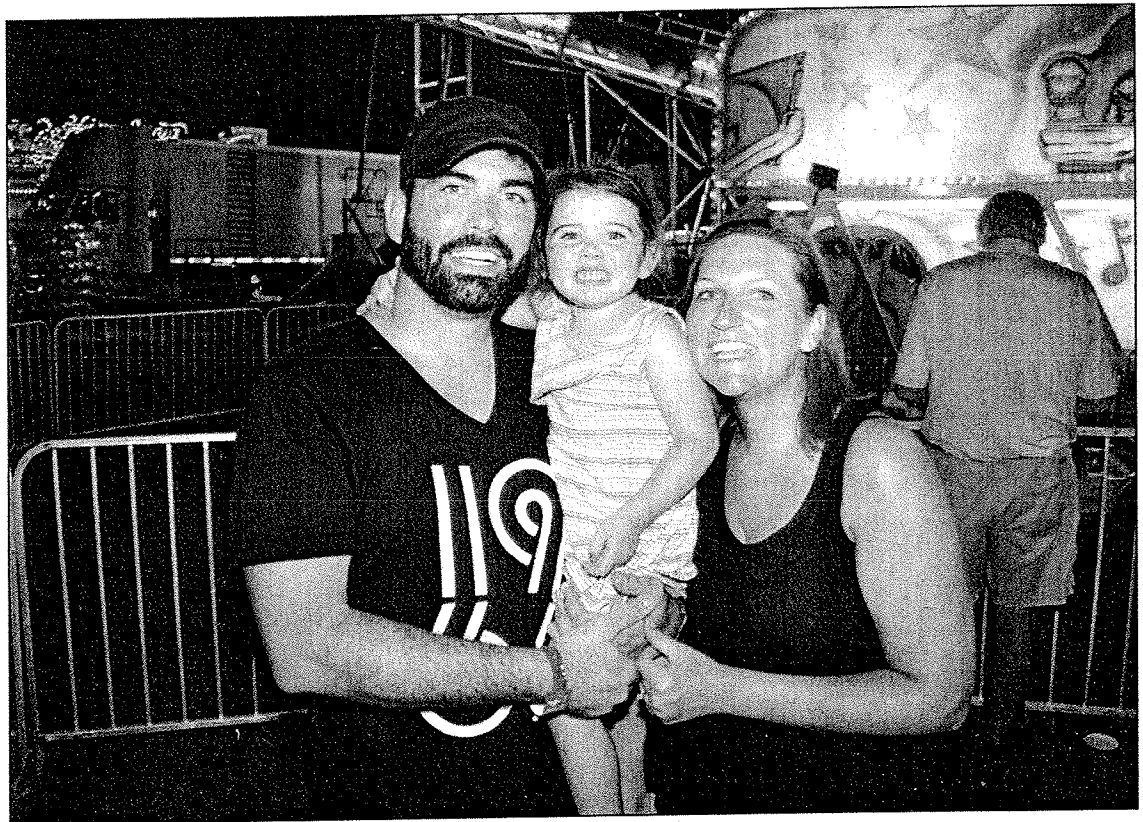
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN COMING TO THE FAIR? I've been coming to the Fair all of my life.

TELL US ABOUT THE CABIN YOU ARE STAYING IN: Our cabin is 36 years old, and was finished just in time for the Fair in 1978. All of my mom's uncles came together to help construct the cabin. It's changed very little from it's original state.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES OF THE FAIR GROWING UP AS A CHILD? One of the stories I love to tell is about "horse racing."

My brother Derek and I (along with several cousins and friends) would run in barefoot races up and down the road our cabin is on. There were times we'd even run out of the running horse gates on the race track. We'd rip up tree roots and used them as whips, while calling ourselves by real racehorse names like Hawaiian Kid or Shotgun Red.

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Cassidy, Emory and Dru Crenshaw

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT THE FAIR NOW? What I enjoy the most about the Fair now is seeing my little girl experience the same things I did as a kid. The Fair offers a chance to unplug and do things you wouldn't normally do every day, such as petting zoos, carnival rides, and helicopter hangouts. No iPads. No TV. Just good old-fashioned fun.

WHAT EVENTS OR HAPPENINGS DO YOU ATTEND EACH YEAR AT THE FAIR AND WHY? My wife and I al-

ways make it to the U.S. concert on Saturday nights. We love to watch from the grandstand right behind the sound desk. Horse races are a must and my wife always enjoys watching the pageant. The chair race is the best adrenaline rush I get year round.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE "FAMILY TRADITIONS" AT THE FAIR? Boiled peanuts at the horse races. Fried chicken on Sundays (my Mama Joiner's recipe).

Chair racing with my brother and

cousins.

WHAT SIGNIFICANT EVENTS HAVE HAPPENED IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOU LEFT PHILADELPHIA?

After working for six years in student ministry in Mississippi, my family moved to New Orleans in 2012 so I could attend New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. I'll graduate this December (2014) with a Master of Arts in Worship Ministries. I'm blessed to have the chance to lead worship for camps, retreats, and events all over the Southeast each year.