





That Brent and Julia are most thankful for is the foundation of faith that their parents have given them. It is this faith that permeates and stands out most in their love story.

Brent and Julia met on a trail-ride when Julia was only in the 6th grade and Brent was in the 8th. Through subsequent years of church and youth group activities, they were attracted to each other, but never at the same time. Then one day, after Brent had moved away to college, Julia thought of him and the thought "stopped me in my tracks." Through what she calls the "motherly chain" her mother let Brent's mother know that she was interested in talking with Brent and Brent gave her a call, inviting her to join his family for dinner. Brent picked her up for their date. When he saw her, he said "the skies opened. It was just one of those moments you know you'll always remember." That was five years ago.

As Brent drove back and forth to Knoxville, it occurred to him that he was "chasing the sun" in both directions, following the sunset from Knoxville to Nashville and following the sunrise on the return trip. Chasing the sun took on new meaning as Brent thought about chasing the Son – Jesus – in his pursuit of his perfect mate, Julia, and in pursuit of the schooling that he knew he needed. As he drove, he wrote a poem called "Chasing the Son" that he would use in his proposal.

Brent chose June 21, 2006 to propose and decorated the church with a great deal of personal history for him with dozens of candles laid on white cloths that led up to the alter. Below the cross a dozen red roses awaited Julia. The only light in the sanctuary was on the cross as Brent read his poem and asked Julia to be his wife. The white of the cloths was to symbolize purity, the red roses symbolized his love and the light on the cross, the focus on the Son.

Julia accepted Brent's proposal and they joined their lives together on a beautiful June day.

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Event and Wedding Planner: Angela Proffitt of Elegant Weddings by Angela;
Bridal Gown: The White Room; Tuxedos: Street Tuxedo;
Rentals: Grand Central Party Rentals; Music: Select Sounds;
Invitations: Invitations Galore and More; Videographer: Only Sterling Films;
Catering: Mrs. J's Baking and Catering; Floral Designer: Designs by Shannon