

MEGGAN HILL *to* MICHAEL TREY ALLEN ~ JULY 25, 2010

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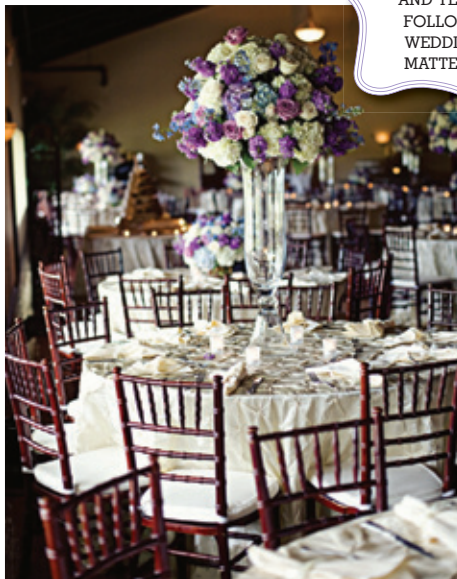
Some couples meet through mutual friends. Others spot one another across crowded rooms, or flirt in laundromats, or reach out to each other online. Very few find true love over a broken nose. But that's exactly what happened to Meggan Hill and Michael Trey Allen. Good thing, too. Otherwise the Abilene Christian University alums—they met playing intramurals, when the future groom tended to the future bride's sports injury—may never have gotten the chance to send out invitations from Pressing Events announcing their July nuptials several years later.



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The pair said their vows in an emotional ceremony at Briscoe Manor officiated by the same minister who had married the bride's parents 25 years earlier. Especially poignant was the moment, prior to the marriage ceremony, when the bride's mother, brother and two nieces lit a candle and placed a boutonniere on the altar in memory of the bride's brother, who had passed away four months earlier. The large wedding party, with bridesmaids dressed in Priscilla of Boston, also included one "bridesman," a lifelong friend of Meggan's, and many adorable children, ranging in age from one to seven years old.

At the couple's reception in the adjoining Briscoe Manor ballroom—the space dressed in shades of lilac and cornflower blue with help from Blooming Gallery and Linen Gallery—guests started the celebrating with delectable passed appetizers. After the newlyweds' first dance, to "Then," by Brad Paisley, revelers helped themselves to dinner from stations featuring, among other items, jalapeno-cornbread-stuffed pork tenderloin. Wedding cake from Cake Creations provided a sweet finish to the meal.

At the close of the lively, dance-filled celebration, guests saw the happy couple off by waving glow sticks—a favorite memory of the groom's—as the pair zoomed away in the bride's own SUV.

While the bride and groom are enjoying their gifts from Williams-Sonoma and other well-selected registries, and still treasuring memories of their Cabo San Lucas honeymoon, what they cherish most is simply being together: "We wanted a great wedding, but knew that it was the days and years that followed the wedding that matter most," Meggan says. "Our wedding day was special, fun, and full of love for each other, and love for our family and friends."