

# Family Photo Session

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Thank you for booking with BRENDA THOMPSON PHOTOGRAPHY.

The following are recommendations for the day of your session.

## TIPS FOR ATTIRE

### CLOTHING

What to wear the day of your session is probably the biggest decision you'll make for your photographs. For couples or families, choose complimentary outfits - clothing that shares the same color palette. You may mix patterns and prints, as long as the combinations aren't too busy. One or two people wearing plaid with one or two wearing floral would go well with others wearing solids. Mix it up, but also keep it simple.

Also, it is not a good idea to wear identical clothing. Allow individuals to bring their personality by choosing outfits that are comfortable and fitting for each person. Wear clothing that is a notch above casual dress to formal clothing. You want to remember this occasion as one that was special, so special attire is fitting.



Avoid clothing that has wording on it as it can distract from the overall look of the photograph. Also, keep in mind the location of your photos and choose clothing that offsets from the background without clashing. Some families like to choose outfits that would look good in any season, so that the photographs aren't seen as seasonal. However, other families like a seasonal look, for example, fall photos with a fall-like overall look.

Make sure clothing is ironed and wrinkle-free. Wrinkles show up in photographs and cannot always be photoshopped away. The BEST way to make certain clothing looks wrinkle-free is to wear clothing that is wrinkle-free. As clothes may become wrinkled in travel, bringing clothing with you to change into is an option.

Just remember to plan clothing in advance and know what you want the outcome to be. This will help you arrive at the product you want with the best results.





## HAIR & MAKEUP

### *SUGGESTIONS*

Makeup that has sunscreen in it can reflect too much light in photographs. So, wear minimal foundation that has sunscreen for the shoot. Also, bright eye shadow can also reflect light, so too, wear it sparingly. It is recommended to wear a bit more eye makeup than lip color. A softer lip is better for photographs, but a dramatic eye look is fine.

Hair should be controlled in such a way that there aren't a lot of fly-aways. Hairspray, hair oil and wax can help to control or soften the look of the hair and make for better photographs.

Remember to check appearances in between different poses. Ask the photographer for her mirror or check with a family member for the fine details. Check one another for fly-aways, lint and other distractions from overall appearance.

Finally, wearing concealer is a good idea for imperfections of the skin. Lightly cover any areas that might snow up in photographs. Photoshop can help in removing imperfections but can be costly and take time. So, covering areas prior to the shoot can save time and money.



# FINAL TIPS

## REMEMBER

This is supposed to be fun, so bring the things that will make your family members feel at ease. Let the teenager have his/her cell phone, bring your toddler's favorite toy or even let the family pet tag along. The point is not to have perfect pictures but to have a moment in time stopped through photographs. The pictures do not have to be perfect, they just have to be YOU! So, relax! Let's have some fun and maybe, you will get some photographs you love.



### **Some final tips to leave with you:**

Bring warm clothes or layers. You never know what the weather will be, and being prepared is a good idea.

Bring comfy shoes. You can slip on a pair of dress shoes or heels quickly, but you never know when the terrain may be tough to travel in the wrong pair of shoes.

It's fine to reward children for good behavior during photographs. We can always stop and play, so again, bring toys, coloring books, bubbles, whatever may lighten the mood during what can be a long session for small ones.



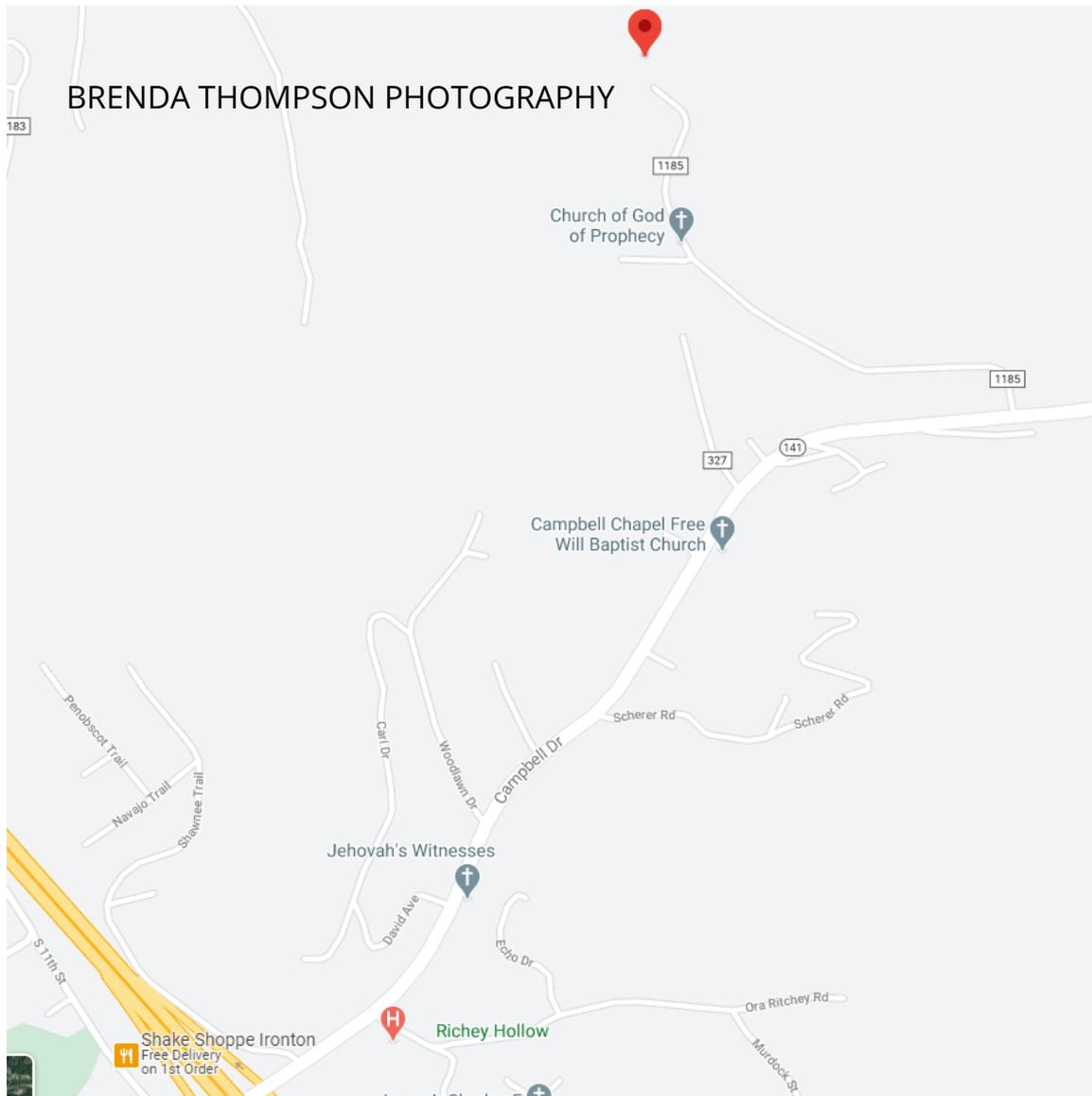
If there's a meltdown, don't worry about it. Such is life! It's hard to be the center of attention for a long period of time, and photographs can be stressful. Just remember it's not the end of the world, and memorable pictures capture all kinds of emotions. A comforting hug can make for the best photograph, so every emotion is OK.

Bring any ideas of inspiration you have with you. Whether it's a Pinterest Board or something you saw on Facebook, bring it. We can use it as a springboard for your pictures.

Lastly, arrive on time and be ready to rock this session!

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BRENDA THOMPSON PHOTOGRAPHY is located on Jones Road on Beechwood Terrace about a mile out off of 141. The address is: 560 Township Road 1185 Ironton, Ohio 45638. Please call ahead if you need help in finding us, and thanks again for choosing BRENDA THOMPSON PHOTOGRAPHY for your photo needs.



### COVID GUIDELINES

*You may enter the studio at the foot of our driveway. We will follow all CDC guidelines during the shoot. Hand sanitizer will be provided, and footwear must be removed upon entering the studio. Masks will be worn by photographer and staff. All areas of the studio will be sanitized in between shoots. Please arrive on time to allow for proper sanitation. Allow only those to be photographed and no more than ONE other person in attendance for session.*