

Objective:

To win the lost in South Africa to Jesus Christ and disciple them. To assist in planting churches and work with the music ministry in the church. To work with the youth and assist with the Camp Rhino ministry.

Testimony:

I grew up in a Christian home and made a profession of faith when I was young. As I grew older, I began to doubt my salvation, but tried convincing myself that I was saved by looking to the decision card I received on the day of my profession. For years, I placed my faith in the card rather than Jesus Christ. In 2011, I began attending The Crown College of the Bible. While there, in the spring of 2015, God convicted me about not truly having placed my faith and trust in Him. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior and gave my life to Him. Shortly after, I accepted a staff position at Gospel Light Baptist Church in Helena, Alabama. I served there for five years as a teacher at Gospel Light Baptist Academy and as the church pianist for Gospel Light Baptist Church. During my time there, God began to stir my heart towards missions. I went on a missions trip to South Africa and began to feel the call of God on my life to serve Him in missions. God has called me to serve Him in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, where I will be serving alongside Mark and Amy Coffey. My life verse is Luke 1:38a which says "And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy word." My desire is that I would be a willing handmaid of the Lord to do whatever He wants me to do.



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Serving in
South Africa
with Mark & Amy Coffey

**Only fear the Lord,
and serve him in truth
with all your heart:
for consider how
great things
he hath done for you.
1 Samuel 12:24**



Doctrinal Statement

The Bible (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Hebrews 4:12) I believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. I believe the scriptures are God-breathed to the extent that the very words were chosen by God, is the very word of God, and is inerrant in all its assertions and teachings. The Bible is therefore the only infallible authority for both doctrine and life. Since this is true, it is the special revelation of God to man and the only basis for true Christian unity. I believe that the King James Version is God's preserved Word for the English speaking people and is all that I will use for teaching and any church function.

God (Genesis 1:1; Matthew 28:19; John 1:1-3; Romans 1:2-4; John 14:16,17; 16:8; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Acts 5:3,4; Ephesians 1:13,14; Romans 8:9) I believe in one God existing in three persons. **God the Father** - I believe God is supreme in His person, eternal in His being, absolute in His attributes, and glorious in His perfection. I believe God is the creator of heaven and earth. **God the Son** - I believe in the virgin birth of Christ, His deity and sinless life, His vicarious death along with His bodily resurrection and ascension, and in His personal, pre-millennial return. He lived an absolutely sinless life and voluntarily gave up his life on the cross for man's sin. Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day, and ascended bodily into heaven and will come to rapture His saints to be with Himself. **God the Holy Spirit** - I believe the Holy Spirit is the executive of the Godhead. We believe that He executes the plan of God for our conviction and salvation. Christians are partakers of the Holy Spirit and empowered for service by Him. He convicts the unbelieving world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He regenerates, seals, indwells, fills the believer and bestows gifts upon believers for service. He teaches the believer and sets him apart for a holy life.

Man (Genesis 1:27; Romans 3:23; 5:12-19; Isaiah 53:6; Ephesians 2:1-3). I believe that man was created in the image of God and by choice fell into sin and death. Every person is sinful and under condemnation to eternal judgment. All men are universally sinful both by nature and choice, and are void of the righteousness of God. All men are thus alienated from the life and family of God, without excuse, under the righteous judgment

and wrath of God, and have within themselves no possible means of salvation.

The Salvation of Sinners (John 1:12; 3:16; 5:24; 12:46; Acts 16:31; Romans 10:11-13). I believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, and that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation. I believe that salvation is made free by the gospel, that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel. I believe that salvation was accomplished on the cross by Jesus Christ and is extended to all men as a gift to be received by faith. Although all men are responsible to receive the gift of salvation in Christ, only those who respond to the ministry of the Spirit of God in the presentation of the Gospel will be saved.

The Church (Matthew 28:19-20; Ephesians 1:22,23; Acts 2:41-47; Ephesians 4:11-13; 1 Corinthians 12).

I believe that the church is a congregation of baptized believers, practicing New Testament principles, believing its doctrines, observing its ordinances, and exercising its autonomy. I believe that a local church is an organized body of believers immersed upon credible confession of faith in Jesus Christ, recognizing only two offices (filled by pastor and deacon), sovereign in polity, and bonded together for work, worship, mutual edification, observance of the ordinances and the worldwide proclamation of the gospel. The church is distinct from Israel in the Old Testament, autonomous, and has Christ as its head.



Recommendation

Dear Pastor,

I am pleased to wholeheartedly recommend Katie Dilfer to your church as she is seeking prayer and financial support for the work God has called her to in South Africa. I have seen God work in her life, seen her heart's burden and tears for the people of South Africa, and seen her seek God's will and surrender to it.

Katie has served the Lord faithfully here at Gospel Light Baptist Church for the last five years. She has been a great asset to this ministry, and I believe she will be a great asset to the mission work going on in South Africa. She believes the Lord is leading her to work with Mark Coffey and his family, veteran missionaries in South Africa. Mark Coffey has established a great work planting several churches already and is planting new ones. He also has a camp and desires to start a Christian school there. Their ministry is growing and they have a great need for more laborers.

Katie has helped administratively in our school in many ways. She has worked on our church and school staff, working with many age groups from infants all the way through teens and even college and career aged people. Katie is a very hard working individual who has worked on many various types of projects that have been a blessing in our ministry, and I believe will be a blessing in the ministries in South Africa as well. She is very capable in many specific areas that I believe will make a great impact in the churches in South Africa. But most importantly, she has a heart for God and to reach souls. She has led many souls to Christ while serving here, and has also trained several others to be soul winners. She has worked with and discipled several other ladies. She can play the piano and sing beautifully, and she uses all of these talents to serve the Lord, willingly and tirelessly.

Would you please prayerfully consider allowing Katie to come to your church to present her ministry?

Because of HIM,
Pastor Gary Bohman

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