

CHURCH PLANTERS TO
SOUTH AFRICA
the COFFEY *family*

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Our Home Church is Vision Baptist Church in Alpharetta, GA. 770-853-8148— Pastor Trent Cornwell

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OUR FAMILY



We are the Coffey family, and God has called us to be church planting missionaries to the country of South Africa. We are also passionate about helping others find their place on the foreign mission field through Short Mission Trips, Camps, and Christian School Education.

MARK'S TESTIMONY

I accepted Christ as my Savior when I was six. It was not until I was nineteen on a mission trip to Peru that I surrendered my life to the Lord. My wife and I were full-time missionaries in the field of Peru for five years but came back to the States in 2005 to help start the Our Generation Training Center, Vision Baptist Church, and Vision Baptist Missions in Alpharetta, GA. In April 2011, our family resigned as the Director of Vision Baptist Missions to begin raising support as church-planting missionaries to South Africa. We arrived on the field in June 2013, started New Life Baptist Church of Kwadwesi in 2015, and helped in 3 other church plants. In 2018, we started Camp Rhino Christian Camp and Training Center, and in 2023, the Rhino Youth Home. Amy and I have 5 children with our youngest Addison still at home in South Africa.

AMY'S TESTIMONY

I had the opportunity to grow up in a pastor's home. Pastor Wayne Cofield, from Whitfield Baptist Church in Dalton, GA, is my dad. I accepted Christ as my personal Savior when I was eight years old. I surrendered my life completely to God when I was in Peru on a missions trip at the age of fifteen. I decided then that I would do anything and go anywhere God wanted me to. My purpose in life is to be the best possible help meet for my husband. Mark and I, along with our youngest teen, Addison, are serving together to get the gospel around the world.

1995 MARK'S BACKGROUND

Five month missions trip to Peru, South America where I surrendered to preach.

1995-96

Worked in my home church, Whitfield Baptist Church, as the children's church pastor and as an assistant youth leader.

1997

Went back to Peru to complete Spanish language school and attend the Peru Baptist College.

1998-1999

Completed my last two years of Bible College at Crown College. I used those credits to graduate from the Peru Baptist College in Arequipa, Peru.

2000-2005

We were with Macedonia World Baptist Missions as Church planting missionaries to Peru, South America. We were on deputation for 2 years and on the field for 3 and a half years. We worked in church planting, the radio and television ministry, and the Peru Baptist College.

2006-2007

Represented the Peru Baptist College stateside. Helped start Vision Baptist Church, Vision Baptist Missions, and the Our Generation Training Center in Alpharetta, GA.

2008-2010

Represented the Peru Baptist College stateside and became the General Director of Vision Baptist Missions.

2011- present

Church Planting Missionary to South Africa.

OUR VISION AND PLAN

The fundamental problem in South Africa is the lack of Bible preaching churches among the black population. South Africa is a diverse country made up of three major races--the whites, the coloreds, and the blacks. The black population makes up close to 80% of the country. Although many profess to be religious, most are involved in ancestry worship and a works-based belief system.

We want to do more than just give everyone a chance to hear--we want to put a church within reach of every South African person. This is a huge task, not only because of the many languages throughout South Africa, but also because of the strong tension caused by the apartheid. The apartheid restricted blacks from having any voting control in the country until 1994.

Our vision is to start churches and train leaders that will be able to effectively reach their own people. To aid in this endeavor, we have started a Christian Camp and Training Center called Camp Rhino. It is a place where our churches come together to help evangelize and train our young people. We've also started the Rhino Youth Home.



RECOMMENDATIONS

STEVE HALL, PASTOR

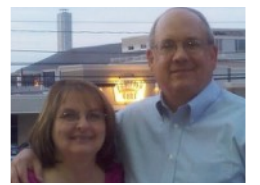
HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
FAIRFIELD, OH



It is with great joy that I recommend Missionaries Mark and Amy Coffey for your financial and prayerful support. Three things stand out when I think of the Coffey's: 1) They understand God's plan to reach the world is through churches, 2) They have a love for the unlovely, and 3) They do not allow the overwhelming responsibilities of ministry to get in their way of personal evangelism. Mark has a vision to not only reach South Africa, but the entire continent of Africa. You will not regret choosing them for support. God will bless you as you lay up for yourselves great treasures in heaven!!

WAYNE COFIELD, PASTOR

WHITFIELD BAPTIST
CHURCH
DALTON, GA



It is my joy and privilege to recommend my son-in-law Mark Coffey and his family. I have seen him grow up in our church and surrender first to the ministry and then to the mission field. He has a real burden to see young people surrender to the precious will of God and make a difference in this world. I know first-hand of many young people who are in full-time service because of Mark Coffey's influence.

KEITH SHUMAKER, MISSIONARY
TO BURKINA FASO AND
AFRICA FIELD DIRECTOR WITH
MACEDONIA WORLD BAPTIST
MISSIONS



When Mark told me that he was going to South Africa as a missionary, I rejoiced. He is a hard worker, honest, compassionate, and has been faithful for many years. He is very learned and has tons of experience in missions. He is a good husband and father. I have stayed in his house many times and his family is precious.

I highly recommend the Coffey family to your church. I think he is worthy of support and I truly feel that he will do a great job in South Africa.

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DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The Bible - We believe that the BIBLE is the WORD OF GOD, and that it is divinely inspired. We believe in the plenary, verbal inspiration, that it is the only complete and final revelation of the will of GOD to man, and the supreme, infallible authority in all matters of faith and conduct. We use the King James Bible for all teaching and preaching in English. II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20,21; Mark 13:31; John 8:31,32; John 20:31; Acts 20:32

God - We believe in the Trinity, the unity of the Godhead. There are three persons: The FATHER, The SON, and The HOLY SPIRIT. They are equally perfect in every divine quality, and execute distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. (A) We believe in GOD the FATHER (B) We believe in JESUS CHRIST (C) We believe in the HOLY SPIRIT. Genesis 1:1,26; John 1:1,3; Matthew 28:19; John 4:24; Romans 1:19,20; Ephesians 4:5,6

The Father - We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He infallibly foreknows all that shall come to pass, that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. Luke 10:21,22; Matthew 23:9; John 3:16; 6:27; Romans 1:7; I Timothy 1:1,2; 2:5,6; I Peter 1:3; Revelation 1:6

Jesus Christ - We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe Jesus Christ is God. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth. Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; John 1:1; 20:28; Romans 9:5; 8:46; II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 2:21-23; John 20:30, 31; Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 1:4; Acts 1:11; Romans 5:6-8; 6:9,10; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:28; I Timothy 3:16

The Holy Spirit - We believe in the person of the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide. John 14:16,17,26; 15:26,27; John 16:9-14; Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; Galatians 5:22-26

Man - We believe that all men by nature, choice and practice are sinners, but that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." We believe, therefore, that those who repent of their sins and by faith receive Christ as Lord and Savior will rejoice forever in God's presence, and those who refuse to receive Christ as Lord and Savior will be forever separated from God. John 3:14,16; 5:24; John 5:30; 7:13; 8:12; 10:26; Romans 9:22; II Thessalonians 1:9; Rev. 19:3,20; 20:10,14,15; 21:18; Psalm 51:7; Jeremiah 17:9; James 1:14; Romans 3:19; 5:19; Proverbs 28:13; I John 1:9; John 3:16; John 1:13; II Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:1

Eternal State - We believe in a literal Heaven, the eternal home of the redeemed. We believe Heaven to be the literal place where the saved will live forever in the eternal bliss and blessings of God. We believe in Hell, the Christ-less eternity for the lost, where there will be burning and tormenting for those without salvation, who have refused to receive the gospel and Jesus Christ as Lord. We believe that Hell, unbelievers, Satan and all the fallen angels shall be cast into the lake of fire to be tormented day and night forever and forever. Matthew 13:41-43 Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-24; John 14:2; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Revelation 21-22

Salvation - We believe salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8,14; James 2:14-26; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.

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Baptism - We believe in baptism by immersion after salvation with no merit for salvation in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (Spirit). We reject infant baptism and any form of sprinkling for infants or adults. Baptism is an outward expression of our faith in Jesus Christ and simply a public testimony of what God has done by His grace. Romans 6:1-5; Acts 8:36-38; Acts 2:41; Matthew 3:16; Matthew 28:19-20,24; John 14:2; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Revelation 21-22

The Church - We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of professing, born-again believers in Jesus Christ, immersed in a credible confession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that to those local churches we are committed, for perpetual observance of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and that God has laid upon these churches the task of proclaiming to a lost world the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and the enthroning of Him as Lord and Master. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture. Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:42; Romans 6:3-5; I Corinthians 11:23-26; Ephesians 2:19-22; Ephesians 5:19-21; 1 Timothy 2:9-14; 3:1-15; 4:14; Hebrews 10:23-25

The Relationship between Church and State - We believe that every human being is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and autonomous and must be free from any ecclesiastical or political authority; therefore, Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions with each fulfilling its duties free from the dictation or patronage of the other. Matthew 22:21; Mark 12:17; Luke 20:25; Acts 5:29; I Timothy 2:5; Romans 13:1-7; 14:7-9,12

Spiritual Gifts - We believe that spiritual gifts are given to the church for the express purpose of winning the lost and edifying other believers. The Holy Spirit is given to each believer upon acceptance of Christ, and His purpose is to exalt and bring people to Christ. Speaking in tongues was the least important of these gifts and was given as a sign for unbelieving Jews. That is why Vision Baptist Church does not teach or practice speaking in tongues. John 7:37-39; 14:17; Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 1:22; 3:16-17; 6:19-20; 12-1

Eternal Security - We believe in the eternal security of all blood-bought individuals or believers and that such inheritance is incorruptible, and undefiled, and that each believer is kept by the power of God and nothing can separate us from Him, ourselves included. We believe that believers can lose the joy of fellowship with God, can grieve God and can quench the Spirit of God in him or her, but not lose his/her salvation. John 3:16; 5:24; 6:37-39; 10:27-30; Romans 8:35-39; Philippians 1:6; Titus 1:2; 1 Peter 1:5; 1 John 5:11-13; Jude 24

World Evangelism - We believe that the apostolic office ceased with the death of the Apostles. We believe that it is His church that He promised continual existence, to continue the work He started until He comes again. We believe that the ministry of reconciliation is committed to every believer, and all are saints/priests of God. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. Matthew 16:18; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; John 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:6; 5:10

Second Coming - We believe in the literal return of Jesus Christ to the clouds to take all saved people from the earth before the beginning of the Tribulation period. We believe in his bodily visible return with his saints at the close of the Tribulation period to rule and reign for a thousand years on earth. We believe that unbelievers will face God and be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment according to their works, not for salvation, but for their proper and rightful places in the lake of fire. I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 4:1, Matthew 16:27; Mark 14:62; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; Phil. 3:20; Thessalonians 4:15; II Timothy 4:1; Titus 2:13; I Corinthians 4:5; I Corinthians 15; II Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 20:4-6, 11-15

Biblical Separation - We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord; and that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and associations is commanded of God. II Timothy 3:1-5; Romans 12:1-2, 14:13; I John 2:15-17; II John 9-11; II Corinthians 6:14-7:1

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