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FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROSEVILLE, CA

Dear Ministry Leader,

I hope that today you find yourself rejoicing in the service of our King! We truly have “joy unspeakable” as 1 Peter 1:8 says it. May we all “press toward the mark” with eager anticipation of the great works from the hands of our great God!

It is my joy to draw your attention to the church planting ministry that God has called us to in Roseville, California. Roseville has relatively few gospel-preaching churches and a very fast growing population. Naturally, anybody who has a heart to spread the gospel would be drawn to such a need. Yet, for our team, it is more than a draw. It is a God-given calling!

We are searching for churches and individuals who would be willing to partner with us in our church planting ministry in prayer and financial support. Below, there is an index of information about our ministry. We trust this will help you make your decision about how God would have you co-labor with us. Make sure to watch the “Personal Welcome Video.” If you don’t use the internet, I would be glad to send you a DVD in the mail.

We invite you to contact us via email or telephone with any questions or comments you might have. We look forward to meeting you!



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OUR MINISTRY APPROACH

The purpose of this introductory article is to affirm our commitment to fundamentalism and define how we relate to the dynamics within fundamentalism. We have highlighted several aspects below in an attempt to accomplish this.

Separation

A distinctive aspect of the heritage of fundamentalism is its commitment to biblical holiness. Specifically, fundamentalism has chosen to maintain separation from the world, false teachers, and disobedient brethren. Fundamentalists have often found it hard to sort out the "how's" and "when's" of separation, and it isn't our purpose to do that here. We simply affirm our commitment to fundamentalism's desire to apply this biblical principle to personal and corporate ministry.

Culture

Do we engage culture? Do we totally withdraw from culture? Historically fundamentalism has chosen to carefully "sift" through culture. Jesus himself prayed in John 17:15 that we would NOT be taken out of the world, but that we would be kept from evil. Once again, it isn't our purpose to sort out the "how's" and "when's" here, but we will affirm our commitment to a careful handling of the culture in which we live.

Bible Translations

The NASB, ESV, NKJV, and KJV Bible versions are a good example of what we consider to be a good translation of the Scriptures. Within Fundamentalism, there are good people who disagree on this issue. We will not reject those who simply disagree with us. This does mean limited participation will be exercised with ministries that have strongly-expressed differing views on the textual and translation issue.

Soteriology

We recognize there are "tension-truths" in the Bible. In this case, it is the matter of man's free will and God's sovereignty. The Bible clearly teaches both. Our approach with the biblical tension-truths is to let the Scripture speak for itself. We do not build any theological system to the neglect of other clearly revealed truths in Scripture.

Music

We recognize that within fundamental churches today there are many different views on what type of music is appropriate in church. Generally speaking, we seek to avoid overt connections to Contemporary Christian Music (CCM), and we applaud the traditional approach to church music. This does not mean that we shun all things that are new. We believe there are many new and fresh songs available today that comfortably fit within the traditional approach to church music.

Eschatology

We believe in a Pre-mil, Pre-trib approach to Eschatology. We believe this is the best position for a literal hermeneutic.



OUR TEAM

The Bate Family

Nathan and Katrina were married late 2003. Nathan grew up in Greenville, SC and Katrina grew up in northern, Indiana. They met while they were serving as summer counselors at the Wilds Christian Camp. They enjoy hiking, spending time with friends, and spending time with their children. Nathan has a ministry degree from Bob Jones University, and Katrina has an Elementary Education Degree from Pensacola Christian College. They both enjoy being involved in other people's lives and helping others live a Christ-centered life. Their children, Kaylee and Jonathan, are 12 months apart, and there is never a lack of adventure with them around!



Nathan's Ministry Qualifications

Nathan holds a Bible Degree from Bob Jones University with an Ancient Languages Minor. He has also earned 35 credits of master's work in the Master of Divinity program at BJU seminary. Nathan did an internship at Faith Baptist Church in Taylors, SC and internship at Bible Baptist Church, Wakarusa, IN.

Nathan traveled one summer with Neighborhood Bible Time and counseled two summers at the Wilds Christian Camp. He spent two and a half years serving in outreach ministries at a church in Greer, SC during his undergrad training. While he was working on his graduate work, he spent four and a half years serving in outreach, childrens, Sunday School, and technical ministries at Faith Baptist Church in Taylors, SC. It was also during this time, he spent a year and a half as an Administrative Assistant at Faith Baptist Church in Taylors, SC. After this, Nathan served two years as an Assistant Pastor serving in many areas of ministry at Bible Baptist Church in Wakarusa, IN.

The Athey Family

Matt and Amy Athey have been married since 2006. Even though both of them grew up in Indiana, they did not meet until Matt and Amy were both in graduate school at Bob Jones University. Matt has earned BA and MA degrees in Bible. He enjoys teaching Sunday School at their church and being involved with ministry. Amy has studied at Indiana State University where she earned a BS in Communication Studies and at Bob Jones University where she earned an MAT in Elementary Education. Amy has a real passion for working with children, including those with special needs. The Atheys have recently begun the journey of parenthood with the birth of their son, Caleb.



Matt's Ministry Qualifications

Matt holds a Bible degree from Bob Jones University with a Composite Speech minor. He also earned a Master of Arts in Bible from BJU seminary. Matt completed an internship at Heritage Baptist Church in Antioch, CA.

Matt has had the privilege of traveling one summer with Neighborhood Bible Time and one summer working with the BJU Australian mission team. During his graduate school training, he served in a church in Georgia helping in many aspects of the ministry. Matt has spent the last three years serving at Faith Baptist Church in Taylors, SC in outreach, children's, Sunday School and technical ministries.



HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT US?

FIVE-YEAR SUPPORT

Has the Lord put you or your ministry in a position to support another missionary? Please prayerfully consider taking on a U.S. Church Planter. When you do this, you get a better “bang for your buck.” In five years, your funds will be free to support foreign missions again. Plus, you will have helped start another church that can send missionaries to the foreign field in the future.

TWO-YEAR SUPPORT

Many times there is a great desire within churches and individuals to support U.S. Church planting, but there just aren't the funds in the budget for a heavy duty commitment. This option allows you to help another church get started and avoid long-term strain on the budget. It is amazing what two-year support can do for a new church!

ONE-TIME SUPPORT

This truly is a critical part of a U.S. Church planter's funding. There are dozens of expensive one-time costs involved with starting a church here in the United States. Without funds from one-time support gifts, the start of a church could be delayed for several months. Many churches and individuals have been blessed with some one-time extra funds, and they want to use some of that to invest in eternity!

START-UP HELP

One of the biggest challenges for a new church is to get the word out. Another large challenge is to prepare the place of meeting, the portable furniture, and all the odds and ends that go into planning the first service. Some of this work can even be done off-site while some of it must be done on-site. A committed group of start-up helpers can accomplish an incredible amount of work that would normally take the church months and years to complete alone.

MISSION TEAM

Mission teams are not a foreign concept, and U.S. church planters have an advantage here. What normally costs tens of thousands of dollars to help a foreign missionary work can be done for a tenth of the cost here in the United States. Plus, helping a U.S. Church planter means that there will be another church here in the U.S. that is able to support a foreign missionary in the future.

MISSIONARY VACATION

I doubt if most of you have considered how *easy* it is for you to be an encouragement to a U.S. church plant. All you have to do is take a vacation! That's it! Next time you plan your vacation, why not pick a place that is near a U.S. church planter? Let him know that you are coming, show up, take an interest in his ministry, go to church on Sunday, and then during the week, enjoy your vacation!

