

# Bible Baptist Church

*"Where God and the family are first"*

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## Ministries

### EVANGELISM

Baptist Campus Ministries

Baptist Teen Couriers

Bus Ministry

County Correctional Center

Imperial Publishing

Nursing Home Ministry

Truth For Today Radio Ministry

World-wide Missions Program

### INSTRUCTION

Children's Church

Children's Sunday School

Far Above Rubies Publication

Girls' Joy Club

Jr. Boys' Club

Northland Baptist Bible Institute

Summer Camp Programs

Teen Bible Class

### MUSIC

Jr. Youth Orchestra

Harmony In Sound Orchestra

Imperial Praise Music

The King's Choralaires

The King's Kids



*Pastor Mike Custer*

Dear Pastor,

It is my joy to introduce/present to you Missionary Scott Kuzel, the "newest" missionary to be sent out from our church. Bro Kuzel and his wife, Donna, have been led by the Holy Spirit and authorized by Bible Baptist Church of Grand forks, ND, to begin pursuing the ministry to which the Lord has called them in the Republic of South Africa.

Twenty-two years ago, I had the privilege of leading Bro. Scott to the Lord. At that time, he was a college freshman, searching for answers to his confusion and spiritual emptiness. After he was gloriously saved, he "hit the ground running," and has never stopped! Since then, Bro. Kuzel has been active and fruitful in our ministry here at Bible Baptist, and for the last 15 years, has served with me on the church staff.

Over the years, he has shown himself to be a dedicated church member, a faithful witness, a good leader, a fine preacher, and a loyal and supportive pastor's assistant. He is a devoted husband, and father. He truly has a servant's heart, and the Lord has given him a deep love for native Africans, whom he will be serving in South Africa.

Bro. Kuzel's burden, which is an extension of that of his home church, is to preach the gospel, lead folks to Christ, Scripturally baptize the converts, and train disciples in the establishment of local, indigenous New Testament Baptist churches in Africa.

We have no idea when the door of opportunity will close in South Africa, but for now, it is "wide open." My heart was stirred again in May-June, 2004, when I was there and viewed sprawling tin-hut villages, filled with hundreds of thousands of people, with NO gospel witness.

Furthermore, as poor as the South African people are, South Africa is still considered "the promised land" in the minds of millions of African Immigrants and refugees who are fleeing their own nation's poverty or government oppression. More and more, because of the influx of Sudanese, Zimbabweans, Mozambicans, Ugandans, etc., South Africa is becoming a key to reaching other African nations.

Will you prayerfully consider helping this yielded servant of the Lord?

For His Glory

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Custer".

Pastor Mike Custer

*"The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Ps. 126:3*

# The Kuzels

Preaching the kingdom of God, and  
teaching those things which concern the  
Lord Jesus Christ...Acts 28:31



## Planting Baptist Churches in South Africa & the Regions Beyond

*Independent • Fundamental • KJV 1611*

### Dear Pastor,

My name is Scott Kuzel, and I'm the Asst. Pastor/Youth Director of Bible Baptist Church, Grand Forks, ND. Mike Custer is my Pastor. In the near future, my home church will be sending the Kuzel family to the Republic of South Africa, *to start scriptural, indigenous Baptist churches*. We are currently seeking other churches of like faith and practice to participate in this endeavor.

*After having waited 21 years, as a Christian, for God to bring me a wife*, I was married July 26, 2003 to Miss Donna Winger, a critical care nurse of 17 years. She was a member of Victory Baptist Church, in Frederick, MD, where Louis Purks is the Pastor. We had our first child, Alayna Louise, November 7, 2004!

### My Conversion/Christian Service

Raised to be a Lutheran, I was saved as a teenager, in 1982, through the ministry of Bible Baptist Church. Since that time, I've been *joyfully* serving our Lord at Bible Baptist, in various ministries. In 1990, I became a full-time staff member. I've taken seriously the responsibility to disciple the men that I've had the privilege of leading to Christ, one of whom is Bro. Paul Morrison, who is presently in New York, as of January 2005, starting an Independent Baptist Church.

### My Calling

In the fall of 2002, I first visited the Republic of South Africa for two months, to fill in for our missionary George Wyatt, while he was on furlough. My time was spent serving, encouraging, and loving the South African people. I had many opportunities to preach the gospel and to talk to people *of all ages* about their need of the Saviour. It was during this time that the LORD "stirred" every fiber of my being. The great contentment that I enjoyed being "a second man" to Pastor Mike Custer quickly came to an end, as I KNEW God was calling me to preach the gospel to these needy people. Subsequently, the Lord made this calling clearly evident to my pastor and church.

In the fall of 2004, I returned to South Africa with my wife for 3 ½ weeks. During our stay, Donna sought to know how she could best meet the needs of her husband as a "keeper at home," in a new and foreign land. *I thank the LORD for giving me a prudent wife who's truly in agreement with her husband's calling.*

### My Training

I believe I was given a great privilege in being trained by some of the godliest men of our day. My *primary* spiritual tutor, for the past 22 years, has been Pastor Mike Custer, the man who led me to Christ. For the first eight years of my Christian life, I sat under the pastoral teaching of Dr. Gordon Silcox, from whom I learned real Baptist and local church doctrines. Other spiritual mentors include Missionaries Gary Norberg and George Wyatt, Pastor Ken Shaffer, and Evangelist Larry Clayton. I graduated from Northland Baptist Bible Institute, in 1990, of Bible Baptist Church.



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## My Burden

I am especially heartbroken over the youth of South Africa. As you may already know, **the AIDS epidemic** is claiming the lives of hundred of thousands of souls each year. The devil is already rejoicing over the many souls that have died because of the AIDS virus and **the millions more** that will join them! I strongly believe the hope of South Africa rests in reaching its citizenry with the gospel and especially the youth, before their lives are given over to licentious living.

The following report is provided by The United States Department of State and the United States Consulate (June 2004). (The emphases are mine.)

**South Africa is one of the countries most affected by HIV, with 5 million HIV infected individuals.** *Twenty percent* of the 15-49 year old population is infected, and in parts of the country more than 35% of women of childbearing age are infected. Overall, 11-12% of the population is infected. **About 1,700 new infections occur each day**, and approximately *40% of deaths* are believed to be AIDS-related. **There are approximately 660,000 children who have lost one or both parents**, and by 2008, 1.6 million children will have been orphaned by AIDS. Without effective prevention and treatment 5-7 million cumulative AIDS deaths are anticipated by 2010 (with 1.5 million deaths in 2010 alone), and there will be over 1 million sick with AIDS. The epidemic could cost South Africa as much as 17% in GDP growth by 2010.

The high infection rate has transformed HIV/AIDS from a public health problem to a broad social and economic crisis in South Africa, panelists said.

## My Commission

*My driving passion* is to preach the gospel that souls might be saved, to baptize the converts, and to instruct the saved in the scriptures, to the end that New Testament Baptist churches be established throughout South Africa and the regions beyond!

## My Financial Needs

The monthly supported needed, upon recommendation of 2 veteran missionaries to the Republic of South Africa, is \$4,000.00/month. The moving expenses from Grand Forks, ND to South Africa will be approximately \$5,800-\$6,000.

## My Request

Pastor, if you and your church are interested in entering into this labor, through your financial and prayer support, *it would be my honor and privilege to share with you and the church my calling and vision for South Africa, for your consideration.* May the Lord use us together as fellow laborers to reach these precious souls for Jesus Christ?

For His Glory,  
Missionary Scott C. Kuzel

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## A Statement of Faith

by Missionary Scott Kuzel

### God

I believe that God ALONE is “The Cause” of all that exists, Himself being “uncaused.” The LORD is the Alpha/Omega, the Beginning/Ending (Rev. 1:8), and the Author/ Finisher (Heb. 12:2). The Scriptures do not attempt to prove the existence of God but rather state this knowledge as fact. “In the beginning God...,” and “In the beginning was the Word...” I reject atheism, skepticism, agnosticism, and all other forms of denial. Gen 1,2; Ex. 3:14; 15:11; Ps. 83:18; 90:2; Isa. 44:6; Jer. 10:10; Mk. 12:32; Eph. 4:6; I Tim. 1:17

### Jesus Christ

I believe that Jesus Christ is the very incarnate Son of Jehovah God, the second Person of the Godhead, conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of the virgin Mary, making Him 100% God and 100% man. As the Lamb, Jesus lived a sinless life, to bear the sins of the world at Calvary, once for all! The Son of God died for our sins, was buried, and three days/nights later, arose from the dead. Now, He lives to make intercession for the saints. Rom 16:27; I Tim 1:17; Jn 1:1,14; I Jn 5:7; Heb 1:3; Jn 1:14,29; I Cor 15:1-4

### The Holy Spirit

I believe the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Godhead, Who reproves, indwells, seals, comforts, leads, and enlightens, etc. The Spirit glorifies Jesus Christ and leads the saved into all truth, imparting unto them spiritual gifts, for the purpose of edifying the church. The Spirit of God no longer issues “sign gifts,” such as tongues. The Spirit can be grieved, quenched, and resisted, but never removed from a truly saved person. Ps 139:7; Isa 6:3; Neh 9:20; Jn 14:27; 15:26; Heb 9:14; Rom 15:19; I Cor 2:11; II Cor 13:14; I Jn 5:7

### The Bible

I believe the Bible IS inspired, infallible, inerrant, and complete. God breathed *the very words* of Scripture. I believe that the ONLY true translation, *for English speaking peoples*, is the KJV-1611. I reject every other modern translation/paraphrase of the English Bible. God has preserved His Word perfectly throughout time and translation. Ps 12:6,7; Mt 5:18; 24:35; Jn 17:17; II Tim 3:16,17; II Pet 1:21; Rev 22:18

### Salvation

I believe salvation, *which is being born again*, is wholly through Jesus Christ's redemptive work on the cross. Without the shedding of blood is NO remission. Salvation is by God's grace, through faith. I am neither a “Calvinist” nor an “Arminian.” I believe a sinner is saved *by repenting* of one's sins, *by receiving* the gospel, and *by believing* the Son of God. Repentance is a change of heart and mind, a turning *from sin unto* the Lord, and MUST accompany faith, if salvation is to be experienced. “Whosoever” will repent and believe the gospel is “elected” of God. Election/predestination is according to God's foreknowledge. Mt 1:21; 3:2; 4:17; Mk 1:15; Jn 3:3,7,16,18; 5:24; Acts 20:21; Rom 2:23-25; 5:1,2; 6-9

### Eternal Security

I believe the saved are eternally secure in the Person of Jesus Christ. Just as a sinner cannot earn or merit salvation by his works, he cannot retain or maintain his salvation by his works. Salvation is ALL of God's grace. Jesus is the Author AND the Finisher of our faith. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. Jn 3:16,18,36; 10:27-29; Rom 11:29; 8:37-39; I Pet 1:3-5

## The Local Church

I believe the church is a local, visible assembly of saved, baptized believers, whose primary purpose is to fulfill “The Great Commission.” **Any church that is not actively engaged in this work CANNOT justify its existence!** Jesus Christ is the Head of the church, *which He established on the earth before Pentecost*, using the disciples of John the Baptist. The local church is likened unto the Lord's bride. The offices of the church are pastors, teachers, with deacons (servants.) In polity, the church is self-governing, self-financing, and self-propagating. Since its inception, the church has NEVER gone out of existence. I believe Biblically and historically that this church is an Independent, Fundamental, “John the Baptist-type” Baptist church. Mt 10:1-4; 16:18,19; 28:18,19; Acts 1:21,22; I Cor 12:28; Eph 2:19-22; 4:4; 5:23

## Baptism

I believe that **water baptism** is one of two ordinances of the church. In order for baptism to be scriptural, it **MUST** contain *all four* Biblical prerequisites - 1) *a proper candidate*: a sinner saved by repentance and faith in the gospel; 2) *a proper mode*: immersion, the **ONLY** acceptable method of baptism; 3) *proper motives*: to publicly declare one's salvation experience, to portray the gospel, and to join Christ's local body, the church; 4) *a proper authority*: a New Testament Baptist church, meaning I do not accept “alien immersion.” True baptism serves as “the gatekeeper” to the church. Mt 3:2,5-9; 28:18-20; Jn 3:23; Acts 2:41; 8:12,36-38; Rom 6:3-5; Gal 3:27; Eph 4:5; I Pet 3:21

## The Lord's Supper

I believe the Lord's Supper is the second ordinance of the local church. It is a memorial service to remember the great price of salvation and to show the Lord's death, till He comes. I believe this ordinance is **restricted** to Christ's local body, the church, meaning I hold a **CLOSED** position. (A “close” position is still an “open” position.) Furthermore, this ordinance is restricted to church members who are in fellowship/unity with the Lord and with fellow church members. The items used in this service are *unleavened* bread and *unfermented* grape juice. (I reject the use of alcohol for this sacred service, as well as for a beverage!) The Lord's table protects the purity of the church from within. Prov 20:1; 23:29-35; I Cor 11:24-30; Mt 26:26-29

## Separation

I believe in Biblical separation. Personally: a saint is called to live a life of holiness. As Christians, we are not to touch the unclean thing. Ecclesiastically: a Scriptural church is to remain “independent” of all para-church organizations: boards, committees, fellowships, etc, including all false religions. We are to put a difference between the clean and the unclean. Ezek 22:26; II Cor 5:17; 6:17,18; I Pet 1:15,16; 2:9-12

## Future Events

I believe the next event to occur is the Rapture, which is “the catching away” of all saints. This begins a 7- year tribulation period, when the anti-Christ rules this present world with a pseudo-peace. Midway through the tribulation begins a time of “great tribulation,” when the anti-Christ breaks his covenant with Israel. Finally, Jesus Christ returns to destroy His enemies and to inaugurate His Millennial Kingdom, when Satan is detained. After the Millennium, Satan is loosed from the pit for one final battle. The Great White Throne Judgment is executed, and the eternal state begins. *I believe in a pre-Tribulation rapture.* I Cor 15:51-54; I Thes 4:15-18; Mt 24:29-31; II Pet 3:1-13; Jude 14,15; Rev 11-21; 20:4; 21:1-5

## Music

I believe that music is to glorify the LORD through the Spirit and not the flesh.. Therefore, I do not endorse CCM. The Scriptures endorse psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Rev. 15:3

## The Home

I do NOT believe in divorce! A divorced man is not qualified to hold the office of pastor or deacon. Remarriage is only permissible upon the death of a spouse. The husband is the head of the home and is to love his wife, as Christ loved the church. Mt. 5:31,32; 19:18; Rom. 7:1-3; 1 Tim. 3:2,12; Eph. 5:25