

Ordination Service for Matthew J. Hancock

March 25, 2012

Welcome to Visitors and Announcements

Song.....Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.....74

Prayer.....Pastor Greg Mazak

Choir.....Softly and Tenderly.....

Song.....O Church, Arise.....661

Call for Elders

Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Dedication

Presentation of Ordination Certificate

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Song.....For the Sake of His Name.....402

Special Music.....Speak, O Lord.....Ladies Ensemble

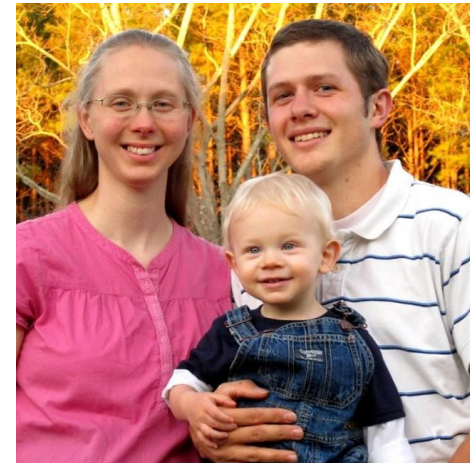
Ministerial Charge.....Pastor Greg Mazak

Song.....Lead On, O King Eternal.....140

Presentation of Bible

Closing Prayer.....Pastor Ward Andersen

Reception to follow in the Activity Center.



The Hancocks

Matt grew up in a Christian home with three brothers and one sister. From the time he was two years old until now, his parents have faithfully served at Trinity Bible Church, exemplifying to him the joy of serving Jesus. Though he was taught the Scriptures and understood the facts of the Gospel, Matt looked to his own good works for acceptance before God. As a teenager, he lived as a proud and self-righteous Pharisee. But God, who is rich in mercy, spoke to him through Romans 2:1, exposed his sin, and brought him to repentance and faith. Since then He has transformed Matt's life and given him the desire to preach the Word that others might come to know the Savior.

Matt attended Bob Jones University, majoring in Christian Missions. For extra credit in one of his classes, he asked Becky Christenson to a Christmas opera. One and a half years later, they were engaged! Part of Matt's missions training included a cross-cultural internship. He chose to learn from Forrest & Jennifer McPhail, missionaries in Cambodia. Through his two-month experience there, God burdened his heart to return to Cambodia full time.

In May of 2009, Matt graduated from BJU and he and Becky were married. The next year he finished an M.A. in Pastoral Studies from BJU, and in August, Jonathan Eliab was born. Matt and Becky were accepted as missionary appointees with Biblical Ministries Worldwide in July of 2011 and began deputation this past February.

As they consider the challenges of missionary life, the oppression and struggle of spiritual warfare, and the daily battle against their sinful hearts, they are fully convinced that the work of the ministry is impossible in their own strength. They desire to make disciples in Cambodia only by the empowerment of the Spirit, the Word, the church, and intercessory prayer. Pray that they may finish the race they have begun, doing "according to what is in [God's] heart and in [His] mind." (1 Sam. 2:35)

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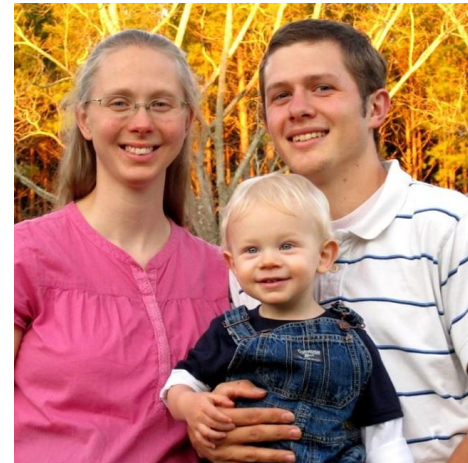
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