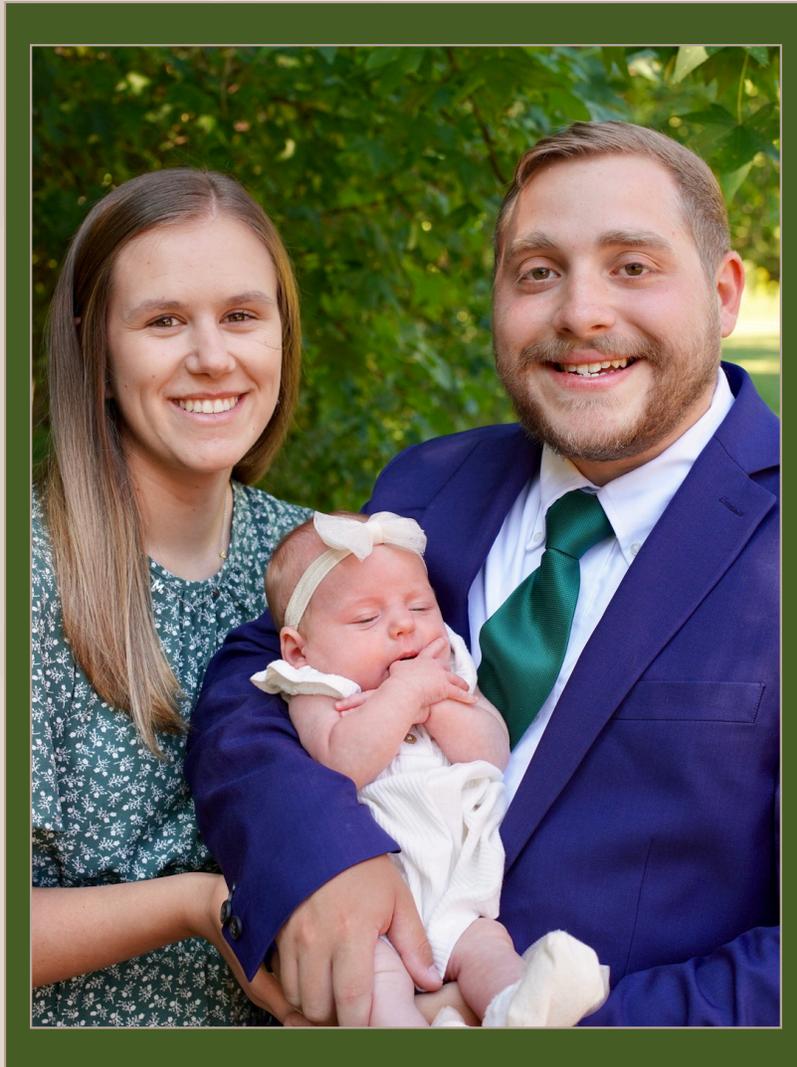


The
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to

West Africa

Information Packet



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OUR TESTIMONIES

MICHAEL

When I was seventeen years old, I was living a miserable life. I did not feel like I was loved by my family or friends. **I felt like my life had no purpose. I was searching for something more, but I did not know what that was.** At the time, I was playing high school football, getting into drugs and alcohol, and anything else I thought would make me happy. Then one day, **one of my teammates invited me to his church.** He invited me every day for a week. He knew that I did not drive, so he offered to take me. He also offered to buy me dinner if I went to church with him. I said yes because I did not want to pass up a free meal. **That was the first time I attended Southside Baptist Church and the first time that I felt loved and welcomed by all.** After a couple of months of attending, **I was invited to a guys' camping trip. It was on this trip that I received Christ as my personal Lord and Savior.** From that moment, I started seeking the Lord, studying His word, and training to serve Him.

A year later, **I was given the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Mexico.** While on that trip, the Lord burdened my heart for the lost souls around me. **The missionary on the trip started preaching from Isaiah 6:8. It was like the Lord was talking directly to me. He was asking who would go, and I surrendered to go if the Lord would allow.**

I knew that my next step would be getting the training I needed. **I went to the Crown College of the Bible** for two years while also serving and preaching at my home church. The Lord then directed me to complete my training at the **Our Generation Training Center**, where I spent a year taking classes and then spent **six months in Burkina Faso, West Africa.** While in Africa, God confirmed in my heart His call for my life, and gave me the burden to return. **Since completing the Our Generation Training Center and coming back from West Africa, I have been serving on staff at Southside Baptist Church.**



VICTORIA



I grew up in a godly home. At the age of eight, I attended a Christian camp where I heard about the reality of Heaven and Hell. That night, **I realized my need for a savior and that I was a sinner. I asked Jesus that night to save me.** At the age of fifteen, I was **diagnosed with WPW** (a heart condition). At the time, they were unsure how severe it was and if I would make it. **The Lord gave me peace** during this time, reminding me of the hope I have in my salvation. Through this time, **the Lord burdened my heart for those who do not have that same peace and hope.** I started to see souls in a different way. I became concerned about where others would spend eternity. After visiting the OG Summit in 2020, **the Lord started to open doors and made it clear that He would have me surrender to missions.** In the fall of 2020 the Lord opened doors for me to move to Georgia and attend the **Our Generation Training Center.** There **I studied under former missionaries for two years.** After my classes, I also **took a six month internship to Burkina Faso, West Africa.** There, I was able to work with the children and teen girls. The Lord used this time in my life to grow me and better prepare me for the mission field.

For the past year, I have served alongside my husband at Southside Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. I look forward to all the Lord has in store for our family in West Africa.

REFERENCES

Dear Pastor and Church,

It is a joy and privilege to recommend the Turner family as missionaries out of our church. Michael and Victoria have served on our church staff for the last year and a half in various areas, but mainly serving in our outreach van ministry, nursing home ministry, and youth ministry. They also have both served a 6 month foreign missions internship to Burkina Faso, West Africa. It has been exciting to see how the Lord has brought them together as a couple for his service and now He has called them to go back to West Africa to serve Him!

I have personally known them as a couple for the past two years, but I have been privileged to have known Michael a few years longer; witnessing his salvation and baptism as a teenager in our church. Southside has been a part of their training and early ministry. They are loved by our church and community and will be missed greatly. It has been a true blessing to see them grow in the Lord individually and now together as a couple serving the Lord.

Michael and Victoria have completed a degree from Our Generation Training Center in 2023 and Michael will pursue an advanced degree from Veritas Baptist College in the future. They both have a strong heritage of faith in their church and families and now have owned it for themselves.

Please consider having this couple in your church. They have a heart for the Lord and a heart for missions. I believe they will accomplish much for His Kingdom. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the Turners to West Africa. The church office @865-573-1881 or me personally @865-313-3073
Thank you and have a blessed week!

Pastor Luke Wilkerson Southside Baptist Church



Dear Pastor,

I would like to recommend Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Victoria Turner for your mission family consideration. I understand the number of requests you, as a pastor, receive; however, I believe the Turners would be a valuable addition to your church's mission program.

Mrs. Turner grew up here at Buffalo Ridge Baptist Church. For many years, her family has been, and continues to be, heavily involved in the ministries of our church. Before moving away after her marriage, Mrs. Turner also served in many ministries with high character and a willing attitude.

After Mrs. Turner surrendered her life to God's service, she trained for the ministry and met her husband, Michael. Together, both desiring to serve God, they are launching into full-time missions. We stand behind them and encourage your church to consider supporting them also as the Lord enables and leads.
Together in His Service,

John Herdman, Pastor Buffalo Ridge Baptist Church



WHY WEST AFRICA?

God has burdened our hearts for the people of West Africa. **Over 50% of West Africa is falsely hoping in Islamic religions**, the rest believe in Catholicism, or some folk religion/rituals that've been passed down for generations. Each of these will one day stand before a holy God and be cast into a lake of fire unless someone will go to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to them. **Our desire is to see all of West Africa reached with the Gospel!**



MINISTRY PLAN

Matthew 28:19-20

- **Share the Gospel**
 - We believe God desires all to be Saved. **(2 Peter 3:9)**
- **Disciple Believers**
 - After salvation, we believe God has called all to serve Him and to conform to the image of his Son. **(Ephesians 2:10, Romans 8:29)**
- **Plant multiple churches**
 - We believe that the local church is God's design for reaching the world with the Gospel
- **Train national leaders**
 - We believe that it is our RESPONSIBILITY to train others to reach others



DOCTRINAL BELIEFS

The Bible

The Bible is the inspired, God breathed Word of God. Every word is completely accurate and true. It has no flaw or error. It is the foundation of my faith and practice. We use the King James Version of the Bible for teaching and preaching in the English language.

(2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21)

God

There is only one true and living God, who is in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All three persons have different characteristics and jobs but are one God.

(Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14, 1 Peter 1:2)

Jesus Christ

Jesus is the human manifest of God. He is the Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary. He is completely God and completely man. Jesus lived a perfect and sinless life to be an example for the Christian walk. He died for the sins of mankind. He was buried for three days and rose to ascend into Heaven to sit at the right hand of God.

(Matthew 1:20-23, Luke 2:4-14, 21, John 1:1-5, Romans 1:3-4, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Hebrews 4:14-15)

Holy Spirit

We believe that God the Holy Spirit's job is to show unbelievers their need for salvation and is sent to be a comforter and guide to the believer at the point of salvation.

(John 14:25-26, 1 Corinthians 2:12, Romans 8:14-16)

Man

Man was/is/and will be the creation of God, made in the image of God. The first man, Adam, sinned and mankind became sinners in need of a savior.

(Genesis 1:26-27, 3:1-19, Romans 3:23, 1 Corinthians 15:21-33, James 1:14-15)

Salvation

We believe that salvation is a gift only obtained by Jesus Christ. That there is no work or good that we could ever do that could save us, but that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ. It is by His blood that we can be washed clean and forgiven.

(John 3:16, John 14:6, Romans 9-10, Ephesians 2:8-9, 2 Peter 3:9, 2 Timothy 1:9-12)

Eternal Security

Any person who has accepted Christ as their personal Lord and Savior is eternally secured and will forever have a place in Heaven. There is nothing a person can do that will cause them to lose their salvation.

(2 Corinthians 1:22, Ephesians 1:13, Ephesians 4:30)

DOCTRINAL BELIEFS CONT.

Eternity

Every person was created to exist forever. There is an eternal Heaven and an eternal Hell. Every person who dies without Christ will spend eternity in Hell, but those who trust in Christ as their Savior are forgiven of their sins and will have eternal life in Heaven.

(2 Corinthians 5:6–8, Luke 16:19–24)

Baptism

Baptism is an outward showing that you accepted Christ and an act of obedience to the command of Christ after salvation. Baptism is not a means of salvation and is not necessary for salvation.

(Matthew 28:19–24, Titus 3:5, Colossians 2:12, Ephesians 2:8–9)

The Church

The church is a local body of believers with the Lord Jesus Christ as head.

(Romans 16:5, 1 Corinthians 16:19, Ephesians 5:23–27,32)

Prayer

Every believer has direct access to God through the mediator Jesus Christ.

(Matthew 6:9–13, 1 Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 10:19–20, 2 Thessalonians 5:17)

Government

We believe in separation of church and state, but not in the separation of God and government. Believers are to obey the law and be salt and light in the community.

(John 19:11, Matthew 22:21, Hebrews 13:7,17, 1 Timothy 2:1–3)

World Evangelism

Every believer is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, for it is a command from Christ himself.

(Matthew 28:18–20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47, John 20:21, Acts 1:8)

Second Coming

There will be a literal return of Christ and he will remove all believers from earth before the great 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 place in the lake of fire.

(1 Thessalonians 4:13–18, Revelation 4:1, Matthew 16:27, Mark 14:62, John 14:3, Acts 1:11, Philippians 3:20, 2 Timothy 4:1, Titus 2:13, 1 Corinthians 4:5, 1 Corinthians 15, 2 Thessalonians 1:7–10, Revelation 20:4–6,11–15)



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THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to look over our information. We value your prayers and look forward to partnering together to further the gospel in West Africa!

