

MATT WOLF

Gibbon Baptist Church / Gibbon, NE
Lead Pastor
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LEAD PASTOR CANDIDATE: MARCH 5 & 7, 2017

Family

Wife: Melissa. Melissa was born and raised in Moab, Utah. She and Matt met at Colorado State University in Fort Collins while they were both in the worship band for the Navigators. Melissa earned a degree in Early Childhood Education and taught second grade in Littleton for three years. She is currently a stay-at-home wife and mother and loves it! She teaches piano lessons and is a regular volunteer at the church doing many things, which in the past has included organizing and leading the worship team.

Daughter: McKinley (d.o.b. 01/05/17)

Education

Bachelors in Speech Communication with Honors, Minor in History from Colorado State University.

Masters of Divinity in Biblical Studies from Denver Seminary.

Currently working on his Doctorate of Ministry in preaching, leadership, & discipleship through Talbot Theological Seminary

Ministry History

Currently the Lead Pastor at Gibbon Baptist Church in Nebraska.

Previously a Ministry Director of Young Adults (Volunteer) at Mission Hills Church.

Worship Leader with the Colorado State University Navigators.

While attending Denver Seminary he was a Bible study leader, occasional speaker, and mentor to several young men

When asked to describe experience, accomplishments and generational focus:

Unexpectedly, I was called to a small-town church in Gibbon, Nebraska. The church had been in decline for a number of years before I arrived. I am the only pastor and have worked to preach the gospel and bring revitalization to the church. When we first arrived, there was only one couple under 40 years of age, and they were only singing hymns with an organ/piano. They were in decline and had no unifying vision. Since arriving, we have more than doubled in size and new people have come to Christ. We now have more than a dozen families under 40 (while still maintaining the older congregation) and we have started a contemporary worship band.

As far as my accomplishments here, we remodeled the church facility and upgraded technology to more effectively reach the community. We are nearing in on hiring another ministry staff person. For the first time ever we held two services on Easter and drew in 259 people, a new record. The church continues to grow and we are developing ways to meet the needs of a growing congregation. Also, we have done several outreach projects to provide essentials like food and household goods to families in need in the community. Furthermore, I am the president of the local ministerial association and work to bring the various churches together by overcoming cultural and denominational divides for the sake of the gospel.

Though I have unique insight and effectiveness at reaching millennials (since I am one), I believe God's family is made up of all generations, so I strive to incorporate and honor all generations within the church.

Quotes:

“I love being a pastor and don't want to do anything else. Particularly, I enjoy every aspect of preaching: study, writing, delivery. Most fulfilling though is praying over, crafting, and casting a vision of what God has for the church and then seeing people rally around it. Also, I love when we see people coming to Christ!”

“My life-ministry goals are to faithfully serve in local churches and to preach the gospel of Christ as long as I am able. I am excited to follow God's leading into the next chapter.”
