

# DR. MATT CAPPS

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## PERSONAL

- Born on December 3, 1981
- Responded to the gospel and was baptized at age 11
- Married to Laura Towery Capps (LCSW), September 15, 2007
- Ordained at Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem on January 2, 2009
- Matt and Laura have two children, Solomon (5) and Ruby (1)

## EDUCATION

- *The University of North Carolina at Charlotte*, Charlotte, NC  
Bachelor of Arts in Art, 2005
- *Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary*, Wake Forest, NC  
Master of Divinity with Biblical Languages, 2008
- *Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary*, Charlotte, NC  
Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Theology, 2017

## EXPERIENCE

- College Ministry Intern, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC. 2004 - 2006
- Calvary School of Pastoral Leadership, Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC. 2006 - 2008
- Associate Pastor for Connections, Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC. 2009 - 2010
- Associate Pastor for Adults, Calvary Baptist Church West Campus, Advance, NC. 2010 - 2013
- Brand Manager, The Gospel Project, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, TN. 2013 – 2015
- Teaching Pastor, The Fellowship, Nashville, TN. 2013-2015
- Senior Pastor, Fairview Baptist Church, Apex, NC. 2015-Present

## WRITING

- *Hebrews: A 12 Week Study*, Knowing the Bible, edited by J.I. Packer (Crossway, 2015)
- *15 Things Seminary Couldn't Teach Me*, Chapter Contributor (Crossway, 2018)
- Articles and resources for organizations such as The Gospel Coalition, The Counsel for Biblical Manhood and Womanhood, For The Church, Gospel-centered Discipleship, The Gospel Project, Explore the Bible, Facts and Trends, Together for Adoption, Pastors Today, He Reads Truth, and Church Leaders.

## LEADERSHIP

- The Leadership Council for the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention (2016).
- Young Pastors Council for the North American Mission Board (2017).
- Field Instructor, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (EQUIP) (2017-).
- Board of Directors for The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (2018-2022).
- President of the North Carolina Pastors Conference (2018)

## RECCOMENDATIONS AND REFERENCES

Matt is a faithful follower of Christ who loves the Bible, the Church and the lost. He is passionate for biblical authenticity and a man for whom I have the highest regard and respect.

**Dr. Daniel L. Akin, President**

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Wake Forest, NC

I have known Matt Capps since 2006 when he came to serve at Calvary. He presently serves as an Associate Pastor at one of our satellite campuses. His major responsibilities involve giving oversight and leadership to our adult education program on that campus; preparing and teaching our core curriculum for the members of that campus; pastoral care; and assisting the Lead Pastor. He also serves on the pastoral leadership team at our central campus. Matt is a team player. He is a creative thinker and often shares ideas that we adopt. He has built a great volunteer adult leadership team on his campus. Matt is theologically astute and is an excellent writer. I think that all of our pastoral staff would join me in affirming Matt's integrity, character, and deep commitment to Christ. He has a deep desire to see people come to Christ and grow in Christ.

**Dr. Gary Chapman, Senior Associate Pastor**

Calvary Baptist Church  
Winston-Salem, NC

As Sr. Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC, I was privileged to serve with Matt Capps. Matt joined the staff at Calvary in 2006 as a seminary intern through the Calvary School of Pastoral Leadership. We were impressed with Matt's leadership skills and asked him to join the pastoral staff when he completed his internship. Like few people I have ever met, Matt has the extraordinary blend of winsome personality, artistic flare and intellectual prowess. He has an extremely keen mind and can synthesize unusual amounts of research and data. Matt is a man of excellent Christian character and has servant spirit. He is completely committed to the authority of scripture and the Lordship of Christ and has served faithfully as a pastor.

**H. Al Gilbert, Executive Director of Love Loud**

The North American Mission Board, SBC  
Atlanta, GA

I had the pleasure of teaching Matt in two theology courses in our Master of Divinity program in 2007, and working with him in an independent study in 2008. He is a very able student, with a good mind and an excellent work ethic. But what most distinguishes Matt is that he combines academic ability with practical application in ministry. I saw that to a degree while he was in classes with me, but I have seen it even more as I have continued to have interaction with him over the past few years, as he has applied the ideas and concepts we discussed in theology class in his local church ministry.

**Dr. John S. Hammett, Professor of Systematic Theology**

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Wake Forest, NC

I've known Matt Capps since his earliest days in the ministry. I love and respect this man deeply. He is a dynamic leader who shares God's desire to see all people saved through faith in Jesus Christ.

**Dr. Stephen N. Rummage, Senior Pastor**

Bell Shoals Baptist Church

Brandon, FL

I have known Matt Capps and his family for many years and have been a witness to Matt's development into a talented young man and a true man of God. His life experiences and his deep love for his Lord and Savior provide him with a wonderful combination of learning and teaching that he is now prepared to utilize fully in his own career in ministry and faith. It is my opinion that Matt would be a treasured member of any church or religious organization that might be fortunate enough to attract him.

**James H. Morgan Jr., Former Chairman, CEO, President**

Krispy Kreme Doughnut Corporation

Winston-Salem, NC

I know Matt to be a man of faithfulness and integrity. Matt loves God's word and God's people. He seeks to lead with clarity and biblical vision. I know you will receive many resumes to consider as you seek God's man for your great church. As you strive to discern the Lord's direction, I hope you will give Matt strong consideration. If you would like to talk with me about Matt, I would be glad to speak with you. Thank you and God bless.

**Clint Pressley, Senior Pastor**

Hickory Grove Baptist Church

Charlotte, NC

Matt has experience in developing a second campus of a mega-church. He is a gifted preacher of The Word. He is an excellent teacher and presents well. He has a very good grasp of how ministry in small groups should be done. He is a faithful family man with a joyful and outgoing personality.

**Dr. Frederick W. Kremkau, Professor and Director**

Center for Medical Ultrasound, Wake Forest University, School of Medicine

Winston-Salem, NC

I would like to commend to you a dear brother and friend, Matt Capps. I have had the privilege of knowing Matt for several years and most recently working with Matt in some of our church planting training initiatives. One of the things I discovered very early in our work relationship is Matt's

faithfulness to the projects we shared together, and how thoroughly he completed them beyond my satisfaction. I feel quite confident that in whatever ministry context Matt finds himself in, that he would display such a commitment to excellence. As a theologian, churchman, disciple-maker, father, and friend, I believe God is going to use Matt greatly in the future!

**Tim Brister, Director**

The Haiti Collective  
Cape Coral, FL

I've known Matt Capps for years now. If I were to characterize him in a few words, I would say that he is a man of sound character who is happily married, theologically sound, pastorally sensitive, and culturally aware.

**Dr. Bruce R. Ashford, Associate Professor of Theology and Culture**

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Wake Forest, NC

It has been a joy to know Matt not only as a co-laborer in the gospel, but also as a trusted friend. I have a great appreciation for Matt's commitment to serve the Lord well as a pastor, and his dedication to Bible study, preaching the gospel, discipleship, theological seriousness, as well as shepherding God's flock is admirable and exemplary. In our conversations over the years it has become evident that Matt senses a call to humbly pastor God's people, and to do it with excellence. I also appreciate Matt as a friend, one who doesn't take himself too seriously, who is able to laugh and enjoy the simple beauty of Christian community. It is easy for me to recommend Matt and to stand with him as he seeks to fulfill God's call on his life and ministry.

**Dr. Chris Griggs, Senior Pastor**

Denver Baptist Church  
Denver, NC

Matt Capps is one of the outstanding young pastors in the Southern Baptist Convention. He has a sharp theological mind combined with a compassionate, pastoral heart. He deeply loves Christ and his word, and teaches it well. While I am sad that we are losing him at LifeWay, our loss is your gain. I believe you have chosen well as you bring Matt Capps to be your new pastor.

**Dr. Ed Stetzer**

Wheaton College  
Wheaton, IL

Over the last few years, I have watched as God worked in and through my friend Matt Capps. He has led in the work force, in our church, and his family with grace and strength. But even when called upon to lead, he has sought to be a learner. I have absolute confidence in Matt's heart and his ability to lead others in ministry.

**Dr. Philip Nation**  
Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church  
Bradenton, FL

When I think of my time working alongside Matt Capps at LifeWay, I think of three words: pastoral, genuine, and earnest. Matt is pastoral in the way he cares for people, desires their best, and willingly serves without complaint. Always personable, he finds it easy to connect with people and to sustain friendships over time. Matt is genuine, too. He has convictions that do not shift, and yet he is genuine in moments of disagreement or debate. The common phrase, "He's the real deal" applies to Matt. There's no phoniness or fakery with him, and that's one of the best aspects of working with him. You expect honesty and sincerity, and that's what you get. The third word I think of is "earnest." Matt believes in the power of the gospel and the beauty of the church, and that earnestness infuses everything he does. He's the kind of guy who will devote whatever resources he has or can find to the cause of Christ. I've had a front row seat in watching how that passion serves him and his family well. His earnestness and sense of urgency has served us well here at LifeWay, and I look forward to seeing how his passion is transformative in the church he will pastor.

**Dr. Trevin Wax**  
LifeWay Christian Resources  
Nashville, TN

We knew when we hired Matt Capps at LifeWay to serve on our team that it would be for a short period of time. We knew this because his passion for the local church, his hunger to pastor people, and his desire to teach the Word were so strong. We knew he would one day soon want to be on the front of the battle lines again, would one day pastor a church.

We would hire him all over again. In every way, he has exceeded expectations. In Matt Capps, your church is receiving an incredibly wise and gifted leader. He has a strong understanding of the Scriptures and how they all point us to Jesus. He loves people and relates well to them. He is wise in decision-making far beyond his years. He is a quick learner and extremely savvy. And most important, he meets all the requirements we find in I Timothy 3. He is a man of character. He loves and leads his family well and is able to teach and preach with the authority the Lord has given him.

I rejoice with you that the Lord has led Matt Capps to you and you to him. By God's grace, your church and community will be strengthened and served. I encourage you to love Matt and his family, follow his leadership as the Lord leads him, and pray for him as he begins his ministry with you.

We promised Matt when he joined our team at LifeWay that if he served well and left well, we would "high-five" him as he left. We are doing so. He has served the churches we serve with conviction, character, and competence. And he has left with such intentionality: finishing strong and searching for his replacement. Your church is blessed to be receiving Matt as your pastor.

**Eric Geiger**  
Senior Pastor, Mariners Church  
Irvine, CA