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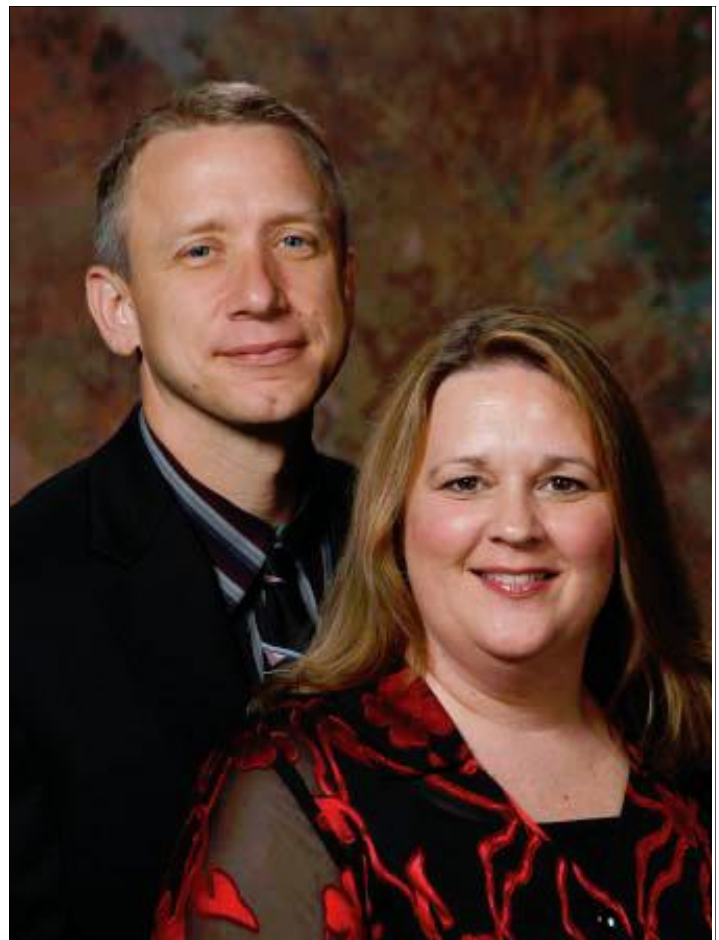
Minney a graduate of Gilmer County High School, a former Marine Sargent, and a native of Stumptown, West Virginia is called to serve as the Associational Missionary for the Coalfields Baptist Association.

Charles Minney, who grew up in Stumptown, West Virginia, began his ministry as the Associational Missionary for the Coalfields Baptist Association in October, 2009. Charlie and his wife, Cindy have one daughter, Nichole.

Prior to moving back to the state, Minney served as Strategic Missions Champion at First Baptist Church, Woodstock, for the state of West Virginia. His responsibilities included developing partnerships, planning mission trips, assisting with mission training and promoting missions with First Baptist Church. From 2003 to 2009 he organized fifteen mission trips into McDowell County. Twelve of the mission trips were within the last three years.

Also, he was the Facilities Director for the church and was responsible for maintaining the buildings and grounds of the 86 acre church campus. Prior to going to work for First Baptist Church in 1999, he worked as a meat cutter for Sam's Club, and as a truck driver.

Minney is a 1987 graduate of Gilmer County High School and following high school served in the Marine Corps for four years.



Charlie and Cindy Minney

For many years Minney has felt a call to return to West Virginia and serve in ministry. This burning call of God in his life resulted in him leading repeated volunteer mission trips into the state to work with home repair projects, food distribution, and

numerous evangelism projects including a Sportsman Event and Vacation Bible Schools.

When asked the question, "Why has God placed you here in the Coalfields Baptist Association?"

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Charlie Minney standing in front of the Coalfields Baptist Association office. He invites mission volunteers to come and join with him and the churches of the association in reaching the area with the gospel. Mission opportunities are still available for 2010.

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Minney shared the following five reasons he feels God has called him back home to West Virginia and in particular to the Coalfields.

1. To help people who are lost without Christ to be saved.
2. To see believers grow.
3. To help churches fulfill the Great Commission.
4. To plant new churches.
5. To demonstrate and live out the love of Christ.

On March 28, 2010, Charlie and Cindy, alongside other newly appointed missionaries with the North American Mission Board (NAMB) will be commissioned as missionaries at First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Georgia. Dr. Johnny Hunt, the current president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is the pastor.

The Coalfields Baptist Association covers all of Boone, Logan, and Mingo counties and the western half of Wyoming and McDowell counties.

For many years Southern Baptist churches and associations have been coming to the Coalfields of West Virginia to do a variety of short-term volunteer mission projects. Minney invites those churches and others who are interested in serving or helping to reach the Coalfields for Christ to contact him.

Bill Barker, director of A.R.M., is a native of the Coalfields. Recently he said, "I am excited to have Charlie back in West Virginia. His heart and passion to see people come to faith in Christ is contagious, and I look forward to not only working with him, but watching God use him in the years ahead to reach many with the gospel."

Short-term volunteer mission teams are needed to assist with Backyard Bible clubs, community outreach events, home repair projects, VBS, sports camps, prayerwalking or prayerdriving, and church construction needs. Long-term partners are needed to assist with church planting projects.

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Diapers and Wipes Needed in Clay County, Kentucky



Carol Bolin, Director of God's Closet, a ministry of Manchester Baptist Church, writes, "We are in desperate need of diapers. We now serve over 250 babies each month.

"The center is open twice a week and each time we are open we sign up two or more new babies. Each child receives one half of a pack of diapers and wipes when we have them available. The center has been struggling to have enough disposable diapers for the babies and small children.

"We have also been out of wipes since November. Some homes do not have running water so wipes are an important item as well as the diapers."

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Loaves and Fishes at Work in the Tri-cities Area of Eastern Kentucky

John and Melissa Fitzwater (Fitz & Lis) are the Directors of Loaves and Fishes Ministry, located in the former Manna House, Cumberland, Kentucky. They were called to serve in Eastern Kentucky after returning to their home from a short term mission trip to Lynch, Kentucky in October 2007. They moved to Lynch in February 2008, and today serve as MSC Missionaries with the NAMB.

John states that Loaves and Fishes is extending the love of Christ by reaching out to create relationships while helping to meet physical needs. This involves helping to feed those with food needs in Harlan County, Kentucky and sharing with them the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Loaves and Fishes ministry offers nutritious meals, groceries and acts of service to needy residents of Cumberland, Benham and Lynch, Kentucky.

The ministry is self funded and relies on individuals, churches and other groups, as God leads them, to provide food and support for the ministry.

They also have a small ministry house that sleeps up to six people available for volunteers staying overnight.

There are many short-term volunteer mission opportunities available for 2010. Call for information and available dates.

You are invited to come and serve with the Fitzwaters in preparing and delivering meals and/or working in our pantry type store. On days they distribute groceries at the store there is opportunity to fellowship directly with, pray with and witness to food recipients.

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A.R.M. assists Loaves and Fishes with funds to purchase food as donated funds are available.

Pictures on right:

Top: John and Melissa Fitzwater, Director of Loaves and Fishes NAMB MSC Missionaries

Middle: Melissa working the food line at the pantry. The ministry distributes over 500 food boxes each month. Additionally they distribute over 400 hot meals a month.

Bottom: John sharing the gospel with those waiting in line at the food pantry.

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