

Psalm 37:4 "**Delight** thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the **desires** of thine heart."

Growing up in a pastor's home, Matthew was able to see the continuous blessings, hardships, and everything in between of being in the full-time ministry. Though his parents faced many challenges, they gracefully persevered while giving God the glory. It was seeing this undying faith lived out before him day in and day out that slowly grew in Matthew the desire to serve the Lord with his whole life. As a young boy, Matthew made a profession of faith. However, through his teen years he struggled with doubts of a genuine salvation. It wasn't until an all-night prayer meeting in college that he settled those doubts once and for all. Since that time, Matthew has been fully invested in the Lord's complete will for his life. While at Crown College of the Bible, Matthew set his sights on a young lady named Courtney and 2 years later they would be married.

Courtney had the privilege of growing up in a Christian home that emphasized living right, living clean, and living selflessly. Courtney received Christ at a young age and surrendered not long after to serve and do whatever the Lord had for her life. Growing up, Courtney had a strong love for music. She started piano lessons at age 7 and shortly after started using her talents for the Lord by playing offertories, singing specials, starting a children's choir, directing Christmas programs, teaching piano lessons and participating as one of the church piano players. While at Crown College she would meet her soon-to-be husband (though she wasn't convinced of it at the time).

Matthew and Courtney were married in the summer of 2011 and soon after moved to South Carolina where Matthew would work as a service technician for AAA Well Drilling. During this time, they were able to serve at Gantt Street Baptist Church as Sunday School teachers, AWANA volunteers, choir members, and other positions as needed. Courtney was born and raised in this missions minded church, under the leadership of Bro. Gene Rowell. Gantt Street not only teaches their people to love on missionaries but to become personally involved in their lives and ministries through personal relationships. At the beginning of November 2017, the Womack's moved to Carrollton, Ohio to fill the position of Youth Pastor, under the direction of Pastor David Powell. While on staff at Carrollton Baptist Temple and Carroll County Christian Academy, Matthew and Courtney were able to serve in many areas as opportunities were made available. It was during this time that both Matthew and Courtney were stretched to get out of their comfort zones and see what God could do when you take a leap of faith and trust Him fully. Without a doubt, God sent Matthew and Courtney to Carrollton for the purpose of learning and gleaning experience under David and Kathy Powell.

Missions has always been a focal point in both Matthew and Courtney's lives. Courtney willingly surrendered to the mission field at a young age. She had the opportunity to take a mission's trip to Peru and to intern with veteran missionaries in the Philippines during the summer of 2008. Matthew was raised to think of missionaries as heroes, but never thought God would call him to the mission field. In 2013 Matthew took a mission's trip to Hong Kong and mainland China. This trip stirred in Matthew an awareness of the need for the gospel to be shared internationally that he never understood before leaving the US.

Matthew and Courtney have been blessed with three wonderful children: Savannah (12), Eason (10), Cullen (7). Together they serve the Lord at Solid Rock Baptist Church in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. The Womack's arrived in South Africa in June of 2022 and will be celebrating 2 years on the field soon. Solid Rock Baptist Church has seen a tremendous growth over the past few years from averaging 25 weekly to over 60. With this growth has come several Outreach opportunities such as the Helping Hands Ministry, Soup Kitchen, Friday Night Youth, Thursday Evening Discipleship, Sunday Afternoon Service at MES (Mould Empower Serve), Tuesday afternoon Bible Study at MES, preaching at Vistarus Mission Station, and Holiday Clubs in the local Township. While the Outreach Ministries keep the Womack's busy, their main focus remains on the Sunday and Wednesday Services at Solid Rock, training and discipling new converts to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.