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## Welcome to the Trinity Gazette!

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We have heard this question for the last year. We have been through meetings deciding if we need a Young Family Outreach Pastor, and the congregation voted yes. We formed a Dan Committee who came up with a financial campaign to make it happen. We saved and made commitments and we succeeded. We formed a Search Committee and they looked through a ton of applications and narrowed it down to a single candidate, then presented this to the Servant Board which then sat down and interviewed our Dan Candidate, and he met with their approval. Well now, it is our turn to meet Dan, the man of the hour, so we have a chance to meet him and to go into prayer, and when the congregational meeting happens, we can vote with sound mind.

So, God got a hold of me to do an interview with him "Gazette style", for I have a perspective which has nothing to do with the Boards, Committee, or Pastoral Staff. I sat down with him and his wife last night and spoke to him over Skype (Internet Video Phone) and I was able to see their expressions as I asked the questions I felt God wanted me to ask on your behalf. It was an enlightening interview, and I learned a lot. I will tell you at the end of the interview, in the Editorial Comments what I think, because I want to make sure that you are able to read this interview without the influence of me or others.

So now, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am proud to introduce to you **Corey and Kasey Kugle**.

### Pastor Corey Kugle

Ute: When did you come to Christ Corey?

Corey: It was when I was 18, about two weeks before I was going to go to College. I went to a Young Life camp in Minnesota. In part, it was to spend more time with Kasey and with my friends. It was during that camp that our leader told us to go and be quiet with God to find a place and sit and listen. It was during that time that I gave my life to Christ. I do not remember why, how, or what God said to me, it was just that I surrendered to Him. I was the last one back that night. After that, my life changed. That was in 1999.

Ute: Did you decide then that you wanted to go to Seminary?

Corey: No, I went to College, but I got involved with Campus Crusade for Christ where I was involved in Bible studies, discipleship, and leadership soon after I arrived on campus. By my senior year, God stirred me to go to Seminary.

Ute: What was Kasey's response when you told her about your intentions that you wanted to go to seminary?

Corey: She was not surprised. We had been dating at this point for four to five years already, so she knew where my heart was. I also received an internship with Athletes in Action after I graduated from college. It was during this experience that God affirmed to me that He was calling me into full-time ministry.

Ute: What made you decide to send your resume to Trinity?

Corey: I was familiar with the background of the Evangelical Free Church and what it stood for. I liked the job description of an associate pastor as well, that gave me an opportunity to make an impact in ministry. I also listened to some of Pastor Dave's teachings and I liked his style. I am looking forward to working hand in hand with him, I am looking to learn from, and to be mentored, so I can continue to grow spiritually.

Ute: Have you listened to some of Theo's teachings or Doug's?



Corey: No I haven't had the opportunity yet. However, what I love about preaching is that every preacher has his own style that goes with his personality. Each of us has a different strength that God uses to communicate His truth to His people.

Ute: What are you feeling about stepping out in front of the congregation? What are your feelings about preaching in front of a bunch of strangers?

Corey: There are butterflies, which is normal, but I am looking forward to preaching. I am going to preach on the baptism of Jesus. What is better than to talk about the Father's great love for the Son on Father's day?

Ute: What style of teaching do you have?

Corey: I like people to have their own Bibles, for the main scripture. I want people to look it up. I do not like to put them on PowerPoint. The scripture I am integrating, I will put that up on the screen, because I do not want people to get distracted by looking for other places as I teach. So, those verses which will follow will be up on PowerPoint.

Ute: So you are a Bible traveler?

Corey: I believe that the whole Bible is interlinked, for instance, when I am going to teach on Jesus' baptism, I will go to Isaiah 42 and talk about a great reference in it.

Ute: What type of Bible do you prefer?

Corey: I like the ESV (English Standard Version). The New American Standard is really good too, but I think sometimes it is so literal that it hinders readability.

Ute: What do you envision or how would you like to make an impact?

Corey: I believe in equipping families, and to teach children. Children are so important, they are so easily molded. All they need is to be taught. I want to make it fun for them through the Word of God. I want to look at what other churches are doing as well to evaluate and see what might be a good fit at Trinity.

Ute: You know we have the Rock in place, which is lead by great leadership consisting of parents; and we used to have a summer program called KIDZONE. That is how we came to Trinity, I am sure someone still has copies of the DVDs available.

Corey I am looking forward to learning about what is out there and to challenge the kids.

Ute: What is your favored Bible verse?

Corey: I do not have one, however; I have a favored book in the Bible. I really like the book of Habakkuk. In the beginning Habakkuk blames God for everything and in just three chapters he is praising God. That is how long the whole book is. The other book I really like, and I have done a lot of translating and teaching from, is Colossians. I love how the whole study focuses on Christ.

Ute: what type of music do you like?

Corey: I love contemporary Christian Music; I also enjoy Hymns for their richness of depth in the word and their biblical reflection. I have also been known to enjoy some U2 and Journey.

Ute: What type of Bible study do you prefer?

Corey: I like to work out of the Old and New Testament and work with the original languages when I study the Word of God. I like to bring it to life to show how we can apply it to our daily lives.

Ute: What personal Bible study do you do?

Corey: I like to alternate between reading books of the Old and the New Testament. I just finished studying the book of Hebrews and was reminded how Christ is our great High Priest. I am now reading Joshua.

Ute: Has God taken you outside the United States?

Corey: Yes, I have been in Mexico, Guatemala, Ecuador, Australia, and Canada. My dream trip is to go to Israel, to look at all of the biblical sights and I want to take Kasey there.

## Kasey Kugle

Ute: When did you come to Christ?

Kasey: I grew up in a Christian household, so I came to Christ when I was four or five years old.

Ute: How did you and Corey meet?

Kasey: We met in High school, when I was a sophomore. I was sixteen years old. We were both involved in a Community Service Club.

Ute: You are a Pharmacist. Are you planning to go to work?

Kasey: I will have to get my Florida license and maybe work a couple of days, however; my main responsibility is to raise Micah and be a wife to Corey and to pray for him.

Ute: Do you have a favored Bible verse?

Kasey: Romans 8:35-39

*<sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Ute: What do you see as your part here at Trinity?

Kasey: I am the wife to Corey and the mother of Micah, which is my job. I am going to be behind the scenes praying for Corey, taking care of our home, honoring God, and being part of the community.

Ute: What book of the Bible really speaks to you?

Kasey: Hosea, which shows the Love of God for us. I also love the Christian Fiction book called Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers. It is a fictional book, but it brings Hosea alive.

What kind of Bible studies have you done?

Kasey: I just finished Beth Moore's, Esther

Ute: What creative ideas do you have to bring to Trinity?

Kasey I am excited to come to Trinity, but as Corey said, we are new parents ourselves and we are looking forward to walking side by side with other young families to learn and to teach.

Ute : How do you feel about moving to Florida?

Kasey: We are excited to move to Florida, and most of all to be where God wants us.

Ute: What kind of music do you like?

Kasey: I love Christian music; I have a Christian radio station playing right now. What type of radio stations do you have in Eustis?

Ute: Z88.3

## Editor's Comments

Here you go! This is what I found out and now I leave you to go over this interview, to talk about it, and to go into prayer with God. I hope that I was able to give you all a different perspective on this young couple. I personally feel that they will fit in fantastically. I believe that Corey has what it will takes to bring in the young families and to teach them the Word of God.

I am looking forward to meeting them both in person, and of course little Master Micah. I see an exciting beginning for our community and a wonderful growth of our church. Thank you, Corey and Kasey, for giving me the time to sit down with you and to do this interview. Give Micah my thanks as well, for being such a great baby and not interjecting with loud yelling. See you when you get here!

