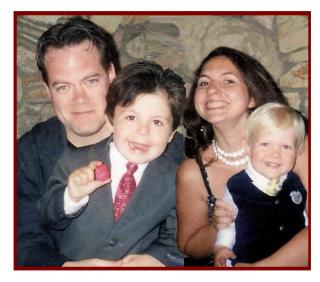
Matthew R. Klein (Matt) was born on July 1, 1974 and raised in an unchurched home. He began working at the age of ten as a paper boy and since has had a wide variety of jobs ranging from customer service, church ministry, and most recently, the technological industry. Throughout his years of employment, he has committed his life to a hard-work ethic.

At the age of fourteen, Matt was introduced to Jesus Christ through a good friend, **Mark Jordi**, who had invited him to his church youth group. Later, after the youth meeting, Mark witnessed to Matt and then led him in a Sinner's Prayer. Matt attended that Assemblies of God Church, in Massachusetts where he was involved in the choir, youth group, and drama club.



At the age of fifteen, he moved to Huntington Beach, California and looked for a church to attend. He walked in to New Hope Fellowship and spoke with the secretary about a youth group. Later, he met **Pastor Mike Boyer** who mentored him in the Word of God.

Later, Matt would begin a courtship with **Justine Boyer**, the pastor's daughter, over a four-year span. During these years of attendance at New Hope Fellowship, he was baptized and called to the ministry where he began diligently seeking God's will for his life.

In high school Matt was introduced to the music of Keith Green (a gifted songwriter) and chose to emulate the deceased artist's distinctive style which led to many hours of practice on the piano. During that time of studying Keith's music and message, Matt developed a heart for worship and a desire to reach out to the unsaved.

Matt preached his first sermon at a lunch time bible study, where he took on the nickname "Reverend." He graduated high school at the age of seventeen and attended Life Bible College for two years. At the age of twenty one, Matt married Justine and was called back to New Hope Fellowship where he continued to serve in many aspects of the ministry, ranging from cleaning toilets, to serving in the community and counseling people about God's word. He helped in the children's ministry and was in charge of the worship team and youth group. He served in the church for seven years and received a minister's license which enabled him to legally perform weddings and funerals.

In the year of 2001 Matt and Justine were blessed with their first son **Jonah**. He started writing many songs and developed a desire for recording and performing at the age of twenty four. At the invitation of **Pastor Mark Lebsack**, Matt was called to Las Vegas to serve as an Associate Pastor (Youth and Music) at Solid Rock Church where he was again blessed by the arrival of his second son, **Evan**. After three years, Matt and Justine moved their family back to Huntington Beach and has worked in the field as a consultant in technology and education. He currently attends Hope Chapel and serves on the worship team.

Matt has been married to his wife for twelve years and is a committed loving husband and father. In January, 2007, Matt and Justine began to pray about their desire to again serve God through full-time ministry. On July 29<sup>th</sup>, Matt received his first phone call from Pastor Rob Patterson of Bell Road Baptist Church in Auburn, California.