

Coming Up

The new and preferred way to access the RBBC calendar of events is via the Church Center app, or the church website (www.redbridgebaptist.com).



EVERY Red Bridger is asked to Download the app. See Jordan or Jessica List if you have questions regarding the RBBC Church Center app.



SMALL GROUPS
MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

RBBC Small Groups have started the second year of meetings! The Small Group Task Force will not be aware of your interest in participating in this ministry unless you let it be known. Those interested in being part of a Small Group can express this through the Church Center app.

Weekly Prayer Times:

Men: Tuesdays, 7 AM, Yth. Bldg.
Ladies: Wednesdays, 10 AM, Conf. Rm.
Churchwide: Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Aud.

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2023-24 RBBC Year of In the World - Not of the World

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Christmas Music Night
Sun. - Dec.17 - 6 pm

Late-Night Christmas Eve Lord's Supper Service
Sun. - Dec.24 - 9 pm



The Insight column is currently focusing on RBBC missionaries.

Brian and Jenni Evans serve in Rome, Italy with Agape Italia (CRU - formerly Campus Crusade for Christ). They have two children: Owen (3) and Lily (2). Brian came to faith through the ministry of CRU as a freshman at Purdue University. Jenni grew up in a Christian home and trusted Christ as a young girl following a Sunday sermon at First Baptist Church in Cleveland, TN. The Lord brought them together in an amazingly providential way outside of a laundromat in a small village in Normandy, France, where Jenni was working as an English teacher. Brian was on vacation with his parents, but didn't waste any time. Within 18 months, they were married. If you get a chance, you really need to hear the story!



Jenni joined Brian in his outreach ministry to refugees right before the big influx of migrants came to Europe following the Arab Spring uprisings in the Muslim world. It was a big shift for her as she went from teaching English to French children, to serving the mostly male refugees from all over North Africa, the Middle East, and especially Afghanistan, Iran, and Iraq.

Their ministry has been based around two day-centers that they run in collaboration with local churches and local believers. At these centers, the service they provide creates opportunities to establish relationships and dialogues about the Christian faith with both refugees and also with a handful of non-Christian volunteers. They have invested heavily in teaching basic literacy and Italian to hundreds of refugees over the years, and they have been able to see a few dozen people come to faith in Christ, mostly from Afghanistan and Iran.

Between the harsh restrictions of the COVID pandemic, and the fall of the Afghan government to the Taliban, the landscape of the immigration situation in Italy has changed dramatically. Whereas, in years past, most of the refugees entering Italy were male, now many women and children are coming as the Italian government is granting more asylum requests due to the brutality of the Taliban regime. Brian and Jenni are currently working with their local partners to adapt their ministry to better meet the needs of the new mission reality.

The Evans are celebrating two ministry opportunities and answers to prayer. The first is that at long-last they will have a new person joining their team. Lauren, a friend from their local church, has recently joined the staff of Agape Italia to work full-time with Brian and Jenni. The second is that the Lord has opened a door of ministry among a large network of high profile refugees who were evacuated from Afghanistan immediately after the fall of Kabul. Many of these people were activists, journalists, and politicians fighting for women's rights in Afghanistan. This group was assisted by one of the partner churches of the ministry and has shown signs of openness to the gospel.

In addition to evangelizing refugees, Brian also leads the national ministry. He is helping the ministry grow in effectiveness through mobilizing Italians into the mission field. The Evans family is active in their local church "Hopera."

P.S. Brian and Jenni asked that the following be passed along to Red Bridgers.

"We are so thankful for our strong partnership with RBBC! You all have been an encouragement to us over the years, through your prayers and generous financial support. We love to hear as well that you are also engaged in the missionary opportunity of reaching out to refugees in Kansas City. Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel!"

AroundRBBC

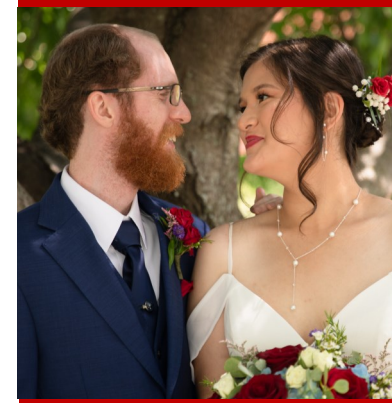
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Rich Staley
Katelyn Roberts

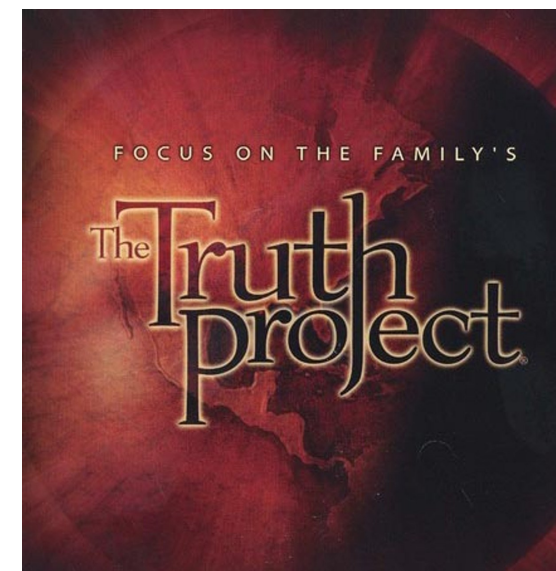


Be sure to make your year-end giving before December 31.

Congratulations to Stephen & Hollie Meek



Married: July 22, 2023



The Truth Project Combined Adult / Youth Sunday School from January thru June

See Sun. Sch. Superintendent David Wallace with Any Questions

Just for Fun!

Just for Fun! is a feature in the Vision for the purpose of...well, Just for Fun!

The KC Chiefs mascot, KC Wolf, visited the RBBC tent during an evangelistic outreach ministry at Red Bridge Shopping Center.



By Pastor Vic Borden

The RBBC 2022-23 year of being "Members One of Another" has concluded, and the new 2023-24 thematic year has commenced. The churchwide focus for the next year has been declared to be: **"In the World - Not of the World."** This theme is taken from Romans 12:1-2:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

This focus is especially important in our current culture, for at least two reasons. First, because our culture is so sinful, and is further removed from biblical morality than ever in our history, the temptation is to be isolated from it. Believers are tempted to fear being contaminated by the world, especially in the lives of our children/grandchildren. This is not an irrational possibility. Still, children of God are called to be **"In the World,"** so as to shine the Gospel light in a dark place. The second reason this is such a pertinent theme is because of the certainty of being tempted with sinful worldliness.

Clearly, the enemy of our souls desires followers of Christ to be contaminated by evil. So, though we're **"In the World,"** we must always be vigilant that we're **"Not of the World."**

This is not double-speak. The Word of God makes it clear that God's people are to make a difference for the cause of Christ, while at the same time resisting sinful temptations.

Of course, one cannot do this in his/her own strength. It takes the power of God, through dependence on Him, for this to be a practical reality.

A concentrated focus on this theme is already underway as I've recently begun preaching through the Book of 1 Corinthians on Sunday evenings. This church, though filled with saints (1:2), was deeply soiled by worldliness. The Spirit of God led the Apostle Paul to write two lengthy letters to the Corinthians, basically instructing them that though they're **"In the World,"** they must be **"Not of the World."**

This fall, the RBBC children were offered the opportunity to be trained in this principle, as Miss Hanna Sims led a weekly time in apologetics (i.e., a defense of the faith). What's more, our new Assistant Pastor, Rev. Garrett Skrbina, will lead the RBBC youth (joined by youth from Lone Jack Baptist Church and Antioch Southern Baptist Church) in a "Lock-In," with the focus of "Be Prepared."



These are exciting days to be alive and serving our glorious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Child of God - **YOU** can make a difference for the sake of the Gospel. This will only

be realized to the greatest degree that you personally own the biblical conviction that you're to be **"In the World - Not of the World."** May God be pleased to use this theme this year in the lives of His people at RBBC. May God richly bless each of you!

"The churchwide focus for the next year... 'In the World - Not of the World.'"

