

# Coming Up

**FOOD - FUN - FELLOWSHIP  
THIS SUMMER!!!**

Red Bridgers will be blessed through all the opportunities for special times of Food, Fun, & Fellowship this summer. Mark your calendars now!

Sunday Evening Fellowships: after PM Service

May 26 (1st for the summer)

June 9

June 23

July 7 (*Youth Impact* will be incorporated into the Churchwide Fellowship)

July 21

Aug. 4 (*Youth Impact* will be incorporated into the Churchwide Fellowship)

Aug. 18 (final for the summer)

Sunday Afternoon, June 30: Annual Church-wide Family Picnic after the AM Service (no PM service this day)



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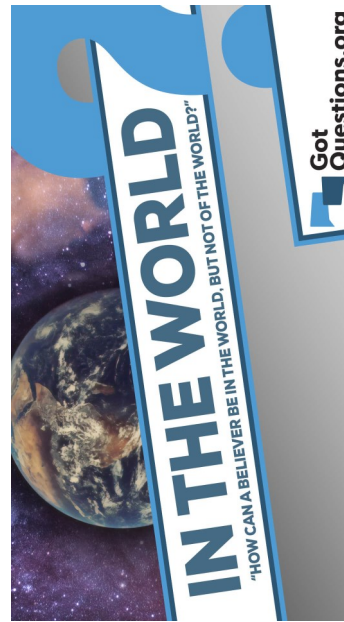
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# 2023-24 RBBC Year of In the World - Not of the World

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## SAVE THE DATE!

### Vacation Bible School

Monday - Friday, July 15 - 19

Those having completed K-6th Grades

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY'S  
**The Truth Project**  
The Truth Project  
Combined Adult / Youth  
Sunday School  
9:15 AM each Sunday  
Continuing thru June



By Pastor Vic Borden

We're about halfway through our current thematic church-wide focus. As most know, this thematic focus has been titled: **"In the World! - Not of the World!"** This 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."*

Why is this an important focus for a follower of Christ? The answer is two-fold. First, it's clear that the Lord has left us in this world to make a difference for the cause of Christ. Literally, our highest calling is to glorify the Lord Jesus by knowing Him, and making Him known. Second, it's equally clear from Scripture that a follower of Christ is not to be given to worldliness. This adds veracity to one's testimony of Him. This truth is emphatic in 2 Cor.6:14-18.

How has our theme been addressed the past six months? Our entire adult & youth Sunday School hour has become a training center in equipping believers in biblical theology in contrast to worldly philosophy. The Truth Project has been our resource, and this training will continue through June. Each session stands alone, so even if you haven't attended yet, there is still time to receive excellent training. We meet each Sunday at 9:15 AM, in the West Wing.

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The theme of being **"In the World! - Not of the World!"** has also been the focus of our recent Lord's Supper messages. Other sermons have dealt with this theme as well. I invite you to go to our website [www.redbridgebaptist.com] and look at the list of sermons in case you missed one.

A primary way that God has designed His people to be victorious in following the principle of being **"In the World! - Not of the World!"**, is by tight fellowship in the local church. This exhortation is given in Hebrews 10:24-25. Believers are NOT to forsake gathering together for mutual edification. Of course, this is realized to some degree in/through our worship services, but not nearly to the same degree as being part of a Small Group. Please carefully read what Jordan List has to say in the *Insight* column of this edition. Additionally, our Bible study and discussion time in Sunday School helps meet this need for mutual edification.

Sunday evenings this summer will feature great times of fellowship as we meet many times together at the pavilion following the evening worship service. Don't miss it!

All of this training, edification, and fellowship is not as valuable as it could be if we don't make a difference for the cause of Christ. Come and receive all that your local church has to offer, participate to your fullest, and then go into this world living for Christ, while you're always ready to share the eternal hope in the Lord (1 Peter 3:15). May God continue to have His hand of blessing upon RBBC!



# AroundRBBC

## Future Member:

Connor Lee,  
born to Nathan & Rebecca Swaney  
Elizabeth Sarah,  
born to Ben & Ellen Saylor

## Welcome to RBBC:

Wayne Worthy	Karl Lind
Marge Worthy	Elijah Burton
Ben Boyer	Marcus Spears
Kelsey Boyer	David Doshier
Chris Mills	Jennifer Doshier
Denise Mills	



The Campbell family arrived in KC, to the cheers of family & friends from RBBC. It was quite a celebration at the airport!

Who knew RBBC Deacon, Tony Daugherty, was in charge of the KC Chiefs' press conferences???



A Girls' Get-a-Way! Nine RBBC young ladies had a fun-filled weekend in Branson, w/o work, husbands, kids, etc.

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



## The Importance of Small Groups

by Jordan List, Deacon & Small Group Co-Coordinator

Small groups are an essential part of one's Christian life, providing a unique space for growth, connection, and encouragement. They allow us to experience the love and unity that Christ intended for His body, the church. Please join me as we delve deeper into why I believe everyone needs a small group [verses are ESV].



### 1. Closer Relationships and Community - Do you long for deeper relationships and a sense of community with other believers?

Small groups foster authentic, non-surface-level, connections. In the early church, as depicted in Acts 2:42-47, believers didn't just meet for worship, but they shared their lives with one another. *"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."* In these intimate gatherings, believers shared life, supported one another, and grew in their faith. They rejoiced and mourned together, and everything in between, embodying the spirit of Rom.12:15: *"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep."*

### 2. Living Out Faith Intentionally - Do you desire to live out your faith in a more intentional way?

Small groups provide a context for intentional discipleship. They offer a space to study God's Word in a more intimate setting, which often leads to deeper understanding and application. Heb.10:24-25a, encourages us: *"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..."* In a small group, we not only study God's Word, but also pray for each other and motivate each other towards godliness, fulfilling the call in Colossians 3:16a: *"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom..."*

### 3. Informed and Involved with Others' Needs - Do you desire to be more informed and involved with the needs of other members?

Small groups create a space where we can share our joys and struggles, pray for each other, and practically support one another. When we know each other's needs, we can love and serve more effectively. Gal.6:2 reminds us: *"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."* Moreover, 1 Jn.3:17-18 says, *"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."*

### 4. Prayer and Encouragement - Do you desire to be prayed for and to receive encouragement tailored to your specific circumstances?

James 5:16 says: *"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed..."* Small groups provide a safe environment for vulnerability, where we can lift each other up in prayer and offer encouragement. Eph.6:18 also prompts us: *"Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints."* In a small group, we have the privilege of standing with our brothers and sisters in prayer, interceding with and for one another.

### 5. A Partner in Personal Growth - Do you desire to have someone encouraging you to stay on track in your spiritual, marital, parenting, or other growth-related goals, as well as celebrating your wins with you?

Small groups are an excellent source of encouragement and accountability. In a small-group setting, individuals are more likely to share personal goals and ask for support in achieving them. This accountability can help us make significant strides in our personal and spiritual growth. 1 Thes. 5:11 tells us: *"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."* By joining a small group, we give ourselves the opportunity to both encourage and be encouraged, to celebrate others' victories and have our victories celebrated.

### Getting Started

In summary, joining a small group provides opportunities for deep relationships, intentional faith practice, involvement in others' needs, mutual encouragement, and personal growth. To get started on your small-group journey, head over to the "Church Center App," navigate to "Small Groups," and click "Get Started." Or, you can email [smallgroups@redbridgebaptist.org](mailto:smallgroups@redbridgebaptist.org), or connect directly with Jordan List.