

ComingUp

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.



RBBC Small Groups have started the third 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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2024-25 RBBC Year of Prioritizing Prayer!

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2025 RBBC Dates/Events

[save the dates on your personal calendar]

Palm Sunday, Apr. 13 10:45 AM
Children's Choir Musical

Easter Sunday, Apr. 20
SS - 9:15 AM Worship - 10:45 AM
No Evening Schedule

Sunday Fellowships After PM Service
June 8, 22 July 6, 20 Aug. 3, 24

Sunday, June 29 After AM Service
Churchwide *Dinner-on-the-Grounds*
No PM Service

Sunday, July 13 thru Thursday, July 17
6:30 - 8:30 PM
Vacation Bible School

Friday, July 18 6:30 - 8:30 PM
VBS Fun Fair

Aug. 10 - 13
World Missions Conference

Sunday, Oct. 5 Entire Day!!!
RBBC 60th Anniversary

Sun., Nov. 23 5 PM
Thanksgiving Banquet

Dec. 21 6 PM
Christmas Music Night

Wednesday, Dec. 24 4 PM [New Time!]
Christmas Eve Service
No Evening Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 31
New Year's Eve
No Evening Schedule

By Pastor Vic Borden

As most know, we are fully engaged in the **2024-25 RBBC Year of Prioritizing Prayer!** This theme will be addressed in numerous ways through next fall. I'm bringing a series of Lord's Supper messages which are focused on prayer. Additionally, there is currently an adult Sunday School elective on prayer. Of course, we've had a Wednesday evening prayer meeting since the beginning of RBBC (60 years ago!). We also have a men's prayer meeting on Tuesdays at 7 AM, and a ladies prayer meeting on Wednesdays at 10 AM. Red Bridgers will certainly want to **Prioritize Prayer** this year (and always!), both personally and corporately.

I want to encourage all receiving this newsletter to be sure to read the *InSight* column in this, and the next three editions, of the *Vision*. In this, missionary Scott Hudgins presents excerpts from what is essentially the theology of missions. RBBC has long been known as a missions church. It's a good and healthy practice to be reminded of what missions should and should not be.

I also want to draw to your attention the schedule of major dates/events for 2025. Please be sure to record in your personal calendar all of the dates/times which apply to you.

As you can see from the front page, we will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of Red Bridge Baptist Church on Sunday, October 5, 2025. We constituted as a local church on October 3, 1965. More details on the 60th anniversary celebration will be forthcoming throughout the next six months. If you're a former Red Bridger living out of town, then you might want to come to KC for this special day. You might even be able to take in a Royals game that weekend if we make the playoffs!

Are you actively involved in a Small Group? If not, do you desire rich Christian fellowship in a close-knit cluster of fellow believers? Please make your interest known through the ChurchCenter app (click on "Small Groups"), or by speaking to Jordan and/or Jessica List. If interested, do this right away as the next semester of Small Groups begins in mid-March.

Finally, I trust you are fully engaged in the life of your local church. This isn't just an issue of activity, but attitude. God desires one's heart first-and-foremost! However, that's not to diminish the importance of actually participating in church life. You see, grandma might prepare a world-class Thanksgiving meal for the family, but unless the children, grandchildren, etc., attend, then there's little benefit or blessing. Be sure to attend all that God has provided for you through His church. In doing so, you will surely be blessed and He will surely be glorified through your life!

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AroundRBBC

Future Member:

Jemima Noelle,
born to Darius & Karin Viet

Safely Home:

Pat Hay

Youth Worship & Fellowship Night In January, RBBC teens joined with teens from two other churches, for an evening of worship, training, games, fellowship, and, of course, food!



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

Multiple Choice Captions:
A. *Curly, Moe, and Larry?*
B. *A Reverse Oreo?*
C. *60 Is the New 40?*



The Insight column is currently focusing on RBBC missionaries.

Guardrails for Christian Missions*

By Scott Hudgins

As we consider missions for 2025 in this year's newsletters, I hope to offer some insight into, not only our understanding of the biblical basis of missions, but into the needed guardrails as we do our best to obey the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 20:21; Acts 1:8). The concept of roadway guardrails provides a good analogy to help us stay on track. Guardrails form a safety barrier to protect the motorist from steep embankments or obstacles on the roadside. As roadway guardrails warn motorists of potential danger, the guardrails presented in these columns this year provide us with four warnings, each accompanied with a theological construction designed to help avoid the dangers of embracing ecumenicism, encouraging contextual theologies, overemphasizing social responsibility, and adopting extreme contextualization. In this newsletter, we will look at the first guardrail—**Guardrail #1: A Warning Against Embracing Ecumenicism.**

Because the task of the Great Commission is too great for any one church, we are compelled to cooperate with other churches. Such cooperation leads to the starting of Bible colleges, seminaries, mission agencies, to send missionaries who are supported by multiple churches, and to encourage one another, and deepen involvement in missions through conferences and prayer initiatives. While cooperation is good, it cannot be at the expense of our doctrinal foundation of missions. To illustrate this, I would like to turn your attention to the World Missionary Conference of 1910, that was held in Edinburgh, Scotland. Theologians, pastors, and missionaries came together to discuss the future of missions. Such an initiative can have merit, but this meeting led to great error because of a lack of emphasis on the biblical foundation for missions. In fact, the meeting did not have a clear doctrinal basis for participation, nor were the Scriptures discussed in order to understand the biblical idea of missions (*Paradigms in Conflict*, p.274). These twentieth-century leaders unwittingly paved the way for ecumenical cooperation that celebrates organizational togetherness and ignores theological foundations (Article *Southwestern Journal of Theology*, pp.122-123). One-hundred years later, leaders gathered in Edinburgh to commemorate the conference of 1910. The organizers of Edinburgh 2010 declared, "Whereas 1910 was confined to mainline Protestantism, the participants in 2010 are drawn from the whole range of Christian traditions and confessions, including Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Pentecostal, and Independent Churches..." (<http://www.edinburgh2010.org>). In order to accomplish this level of organizational togetherness, doctrine has to be put aside. This is precisely what took place in the First and Second Parliaments of Religion in 1893 and 1993, where representatives from many religions around the world ditched their doctrine to come together to achieve a mystical experience of religious diversity (*Paradigms in Conflict*, p.76). When doctrine is set aside for the sake of ecumenicism, a slippery slope is created that allows aberrant theologies to be born, fostered, and even encouraged. This is precisely what took place in the theological void that was left in the wake of Edinburgh 1910. It is crucial that our cooperation with other churches, pastors, mission agencies, or missionaries be clearly established on what the Bible says. Therefore, we must establish and adhere to *doctrinal guardrails* to provide a safety barrier against ecumenicism.



Scott & Kristi Hudgins

* This article has been adapted from a paper that Scott Hudgins wrote in 2021 for a course at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary entitled: *Guardrails and Hazards of the Two-Thirds World Missionary Movement*. If you would like to read the full paper, you may request a copy by emailing Scott at: s.hudgins@mannaworldwide.com.

