## **Coming**Up

Sun., June 28, 6 PM - Lord's Supper

Sun., June 28, after PM Service - Churchwide PM Fellowship - pavilion Sat., July 4 - Independence Day

Sun, July 5, 9:30 AM - Apologetics Class for Young Single Adults!!! Sun., July 5, 6 PM - Churchwide BBQ - This year's celebration is at a new time. Be sure to register to reserve your spot.

Mon., July 6 - Office Closed - Independence Day holiday

Sun., July 12, after PM Service - Churchwide PM Fellowship - pavilion Tues., July 14, 7 PM - Deacons' Meeting - youth building

Sun., July 26, 6 PM - Church Conference and Lord's Supper

Sun., July 26, after PM Service - Churchwide PM Fellowship - pavilion Fri., July 31, 5:30 PM - Wedding Rehearsal - Markovich/Hoeppner

Sat., Aug. 1, 3:30 PM - Wedding - Markovich/Hoeppner

Sun., Aug. 9, after PM Service - Churchwide PM Fellowship - pavilion

Tues., Aug. 11, 7 PM - Deacons' Meeting - youth building

Sun., Aug. 16, 6 PM - Church Conference

Sun., Aug. 23, after PM Service - Churchwide PM fellowship - pavilion

Sun., Aug. 30, 10:45 AM - Lord's Supper

Sun., Aug. 30, 5 PM - Hannah Ministry - fellowship hall

Sun., Aug. 30, 6 PM - Question/Answer Time

# **Sunday - July 5**

Churchwide BBQ

**6 PM at the Pavilion BBQ Meats/Beans Provided Everyone Bring Sides/Desserts Water Rides for Kids!!!** 





# We're Back!

### **God's people at Red Bridge Baptist Church are back** together again:

### **Praising Our Messiah!**

RBBC's Heaven Bound quartet played a major role during the pandemic & the regathering in leading God's people in praise music!



### **Praying for Our** Members/ **Ministries!**

**RBBC** men meet before the Throne of **Grace every Tues.** morning & our ladies meet every Wed.

### **Preaching His Majesty!**

**Currently, on Sunday mornings,** Pastor Borden is preaching verseby-verse through the Book of Hebrews. This summer, a Sunday evening study will begin in the Book of Revelation.





#### By Pastor Vic Borden

These have arguably been the strangest days in any of our lives in the U.S. (and probably around the world as well)!!! I won't spend much time addressing it, but suffice it to say that between social distancing and the struggle with COVID-19, our routine has been turned inside-out and upside-down.

Yet, the most important aspects of our lives remain the same. For many of us, much of our lives have likely improved. How? Perhaps by experiencing more of a dependence on God. There is likely a greater appreciation for our own families and our spiritual family at RBBC. There also might be a heightened awareness of the fragility of life, thereby reminding us to BE today who we should BE, and to DO today what we should DO. Simply stated: tomorrow is not quaranteed.

These days have not been wasted - - at least not in the ministry of RBBC. As you all know, we were thrust (without notice) into not being permitted to physically meet together as a local church. RBBC doesn't have much history of online ministry. However, a few years ago we created the Information Technology and Social Media Committees to help us get a footprint in the virtual world (thanks Borden kids for scolding me into this!!!). So, in mid-March, in the course of just a few days, we launched out into the deep ocean of online ministry.

What was the outcome? Profound fruitfulness! There are too many folks to name, but thanks to people like: James Dvkmann, Jordan List, Jessica List, and Nathan Dvess. RBBC was able to launch the streaming of our ministry to the entire world! Wow! Of course, Mark Saylor, Adam Claxton, the RBBC music ministry, etc., played huge roles as well. Special thanks to my dear wife, Cathie, for her major role.

While all of the streaming of music/teaching was being prepared/produced, the RBBC auditorium underwent a TOTAL renovation of the audio-visual system (hat's off to the entire team in the soundbooth, headed by Brian Peplow, in mastering an entirely new system!). Another Wow! It sounds/looks superb! Truly, if you haven't yet attended a worship service since we've been back at church, then be sure to get back as soon as you are able because the sound is outstanding and the visual aids the best! Can you tell that I'm jazzed???

What else has been happening? Oh, just a little thing like the construction of a canopy off the West end of the main building (thanks Ed Hutson, Don Uber, and many others!). A main area of the nursery has been completely upgraded while we were away (thanks David/Deborah Wallace). The church grounds look fantastic (thanks Paul/Dawn Short, Chuck Wainscott, and many others). What I'm saying is that during our time away, not only has RBBC NOT taken a step backwards - - we've taken major strides forward! You can probably tell by now that I'm jazzed!!!

In our year of **Being Salt & Light in KC**, let's purpose afresh & anew to pour ourselves into the work of the Lord. Jump in and serve somewhere if you aren't already fully involved. You'll not regret serving Christ in His church. May

God continue to have His hand of blessing upon RBBC!

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### **Around**RBBC

#### Welcome to RBBC:

Dan Pentimone **Heather Pentimone** Carissa Rose Pentimone **David Pentimone** 

#### **Future Members:**

Emily Kristine,

born to Taylor & Mary Daugherty

#### Congratulations to **Philip & Jess Poindexter**



Married: Jan.11, 2020

#### Congratulations to Eli & Haley Claxton



**Married: May 3, 2020** 



# Sunday Evening Food-Fun-Fellowship

### Just for Fun!

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

During the pandemic, Cathie couldn't get to her stylist, so, she had to put herself at the mercy of "Victor Scissorhands"!



### Red Bridge Deacon Invests Retirement for Making Disciples

by Ben Hawkins, reprinted with permission from The Pathway

Now roughly eight years into his retirement, Ray Beeson wonders how he ever had a spare moment for a full-time job. The 73-year-old deacon and Sunday school teacher at Red Bridge Baptist Church spends his days studying Scripture with other men, taking the gospel from door-to-door, studying Arabic with the help of a Christian Egyptian, and ministering to members of Kansas City's large refugee population.

In 1975, at the age of 29, Beeson came to grips with the gospel and had "a radical life change." Ever since that time, he's loved sharing his faith with people, and he's seen many come to know the Lord. But during the past few years, he's thought differently about his role as a Christian witness. Taking a fresh look at the Great Commission in Matthew 28:16-20, he realized that he wasn't truly following Christ's orders if he stopped short with evangelism. The Great Commission involves much more: making disciples, baptizing them into the church, teaching them afterward to follow and obey Christ on a daily basis.

"It takes on a new meaning, in that you really have to give your life to that service," Beeson told The Pathway. "My life rotates around me being a disciple and a disciplemaker. That's such a time-consuming and wonderful way of life."

This realization led Beeson to invest much more time in those he shares the gospel with. Take, for example, a young Jewish man living in a neighborhood near Red Bridge Baptist Church. After a year of knocking on doors in the neighborhood, Beeson came to Daniel's home. As soon as Beeson rang the doorbell, it signaled Daniel's cellphone, and Beeson heard the young man's voice: "What can I do for you?" Beeson responded that he was out praying for the community and just wanted to know if Daniel needed prayer.

"His voice quivered," Beeson recalls, and he answered, "Yes. I need prayer." Ten minutes later, Daniel pulled into his driveway and shared his prayer needs. Soon, he surrendered to the Lordship of Christ.

But Beeson's Great commission efforts weren't finished after this evangelistic encounter. "Now, Daniel is a faithful disciple," Beeson said, sharing how he meets regularly with the young man to mentor him and encourage him in the faith and in his own efforts to win friends to the Lord. "He is on fire for the Lord," Beeson added.

Over the past few years, Beeson has also gained a new perspective on the global mission of the church when he learned about ministry efforts among refugees in Kansas City. "I've always felt called to the mission field," Beeson told The Pathway, "but that never worked out in my life, where I actually got to leave the country to go to the mission field. And, what was amazing to me about three years ago was to find out that God had brought the mission field—the world—to me."

On a weekly basis, Beeson now shares the love of Christ with families from Iraq, Myanmar, and other countries around the globe. Early in his work with refugees, he met a Nepali family facing difficulties brought about by alcoholism. Many of the family members received Beeson's message and joined him in studying Scripture, but not all of them did. "One of the young men would never even talk to me, and he didn't want me to pray for him," Beeson recalls. But one day, as Beeson led the family in a study of the third chapter of John's Gospel, they came to Christ's words: "You must be born again." Unbeknownst to Beeson, this young man overheard their discussion. "And to my surprise," Beeson recalls, "he came to me and said, 'I want that." After hearing the gospel in more detail, the young man broke down and surrendered his life to Christ. "We had prayer and hugged," Beeson said. "His countenance immediately changed." And, as with Daniel, Beeson makes a point to meet with this Nepali man regularly to challenge and encourage him in Christ.

Though disciple-making requires much time and energy, Beeson said the effort is well worth it. Not only is there joy and peace in obedience to Christ, he said, but there's also a special joy in studying God's Word with new believers and seeing them "grasp the instructions, the encouragement from the Word of God."

"It opens their eyes," Beeson said, and they decide, "'That's what I need in my life.' It just brings great joy."

