

Joy IN THE JOURNEY

IN THE



YEARS

(1965-2015)

RED BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Commemorating God's Faithfulness

A NOTE TO THE READER

We are pleased to present this booklet, a commemoration of God's faithfulness in and through Red Bridge Baptist Church.

We have been richly blessed in studying the writings of leaders at this church—a blessing we hope to pass on to all past, present, and future members of Red Bridge. This booklet is by no means comprehensive: There are many more people, events, and details that could be celebrated. Our goal is that as each person reads through these pages, he or she will be filled with wonderful memories from the past, as well as an inspiring vision for the future.

We would like to express sincere appreciation to all those who helped in the creating and editing of this booklet, to those who provided pictures and historical information, and to Pastor Borden whose idea spurred on this project.

We would also like to thank Lyons Designs for the beautiful new logo, illustrating the purpose of the church through the cross, the bridge, and the world.

The RBBC 50th Anniversary Promotional Committee

October 2015

*This booklet is dedicated to the wives of the Red Bridge Pastors,
loved by all:
DeEtta Warren, Carol Ann Draper, Ava Morris,
Susan Long, and Pam Borden.*

“Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things.”

1 Timothy 3:11

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CHURCH HISTORY

1965 - 2015

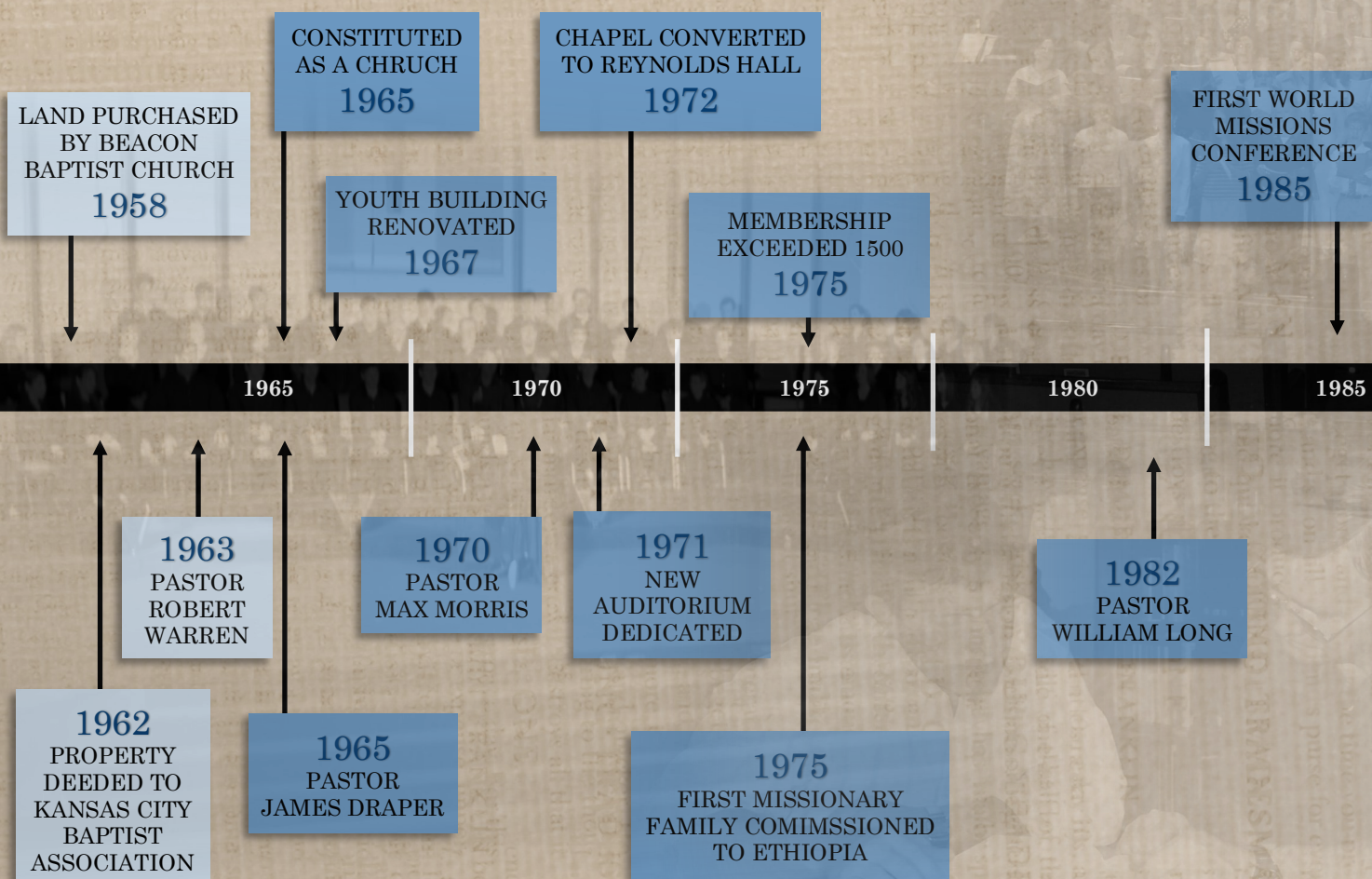
In the late 1950s, the land at the corner of Red Bridge and Grandview Roads was purchased by Beacon Baptist Church. The property was then deeded over to the Kansas City Baptist Association in 1962, and was granted to Bethany Baptist Church that same year for use as a church plant.

About fifty members of the community gathered as the doors of Red Bridge Baptist Chapel first opened on Sunday, July 14, 1963. Pastored by Robert Warren, the chapel congregation grew weekly. On October 3, 1965, Red Bridge was officially constituted as a church with 349 charter members.

During the next five years, under the leadership of Pastor Jimmy Draper, the church experienced growth both in membership and structure. By 1968, the existing house on the west side of the property was renovated into a youth building, and plans for constructing a new auditorium were underway.

In April 1970, Max Morris took over the pastorate and led the church for the next twelve years. The new auditorium was dedicated in May 1971. With its completion, the old chapel was renovated into what is now known as Reynolds Hall and the loft, providing more classroom space for the expanding church body. In July of 1971, the house and land were purchased along the south line of church property. The house was originally used to accommodate missionaries home on furlough, but eventually became a residence for church caretakers.

In 1975, the church commissioned its first missionaries to Ethiopia. Since that time, numerous others have been sent out to serve in countries all over the world.



Bud Long served as pastor from 1982 to 1993. During this time, Deaf Liberty Baptist Church began holding services in the Youth Building. The first RBBC World Missions Conference took place in December of 1985, and with it, the institution of Faith Promise Missions. In 1992, the congregation adopted the Mission Statement of Red Bridge Baptist Church.

Vic Borden became senior pastor in 1993. Nearly ten years later, the church property experienced a few additions. In 2002, Haiti Home of Hope was

founded as an orphanage in Pignon, Haiti. A little closer to home, a pavilion was constructed in 2002, with playground equipment being installed shortly after, in 2004.

Also in 2004, a house was gifted to the church. Now known as the Missions House, it has since been used as a temporary home for missionaries.

During the years to follow, up until the present time, Red Bridge has seen ministries in the body, the local community, and the world flourish.

Two leaders from Beacon Baptist Church drove to the corner of Red Bridge and Grandview Roads, walked to the middle of a field, and cried out to God for His blessing and direction for a future church.



HAITI HOME OF HOPE
FOUNDED
2002

PASTOR
VICTOR BORDEN
1993

PAVILION AND
PLAYGROUND
CONSTRUCTED
2002

MISSIONS
HOUSE GIFTED
2004

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
INITIATED
2013

1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015

1992
MISSION
STATEMENT
ADOPTED

1995
AWANA
MINISTRY
BEGINS

1987
FIRST CHRISTMAS
MUSIC NIGHT

BUILT UPON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS
**JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF BEING
THE CHIEF CORNER STONE**
IN WHOM ALL THE BUILDING FITLY FRAMED TOGETHER
GROWETH UNTO AN HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD
IN WHOM YE ALSO ARE BUILDED TOGETHER
FOR AN HABITATION OF GOD THROUGH THE SPIRIT.

EPHESIANS 2:20-22

Commitment
Red Bridge Baptist Church



RED BRIDGE BAPTIST CHAPEL
To OPEN July 14th

SUNDAY SCHOOL..... 9:30 AM
WORSHIP HOUR..... 10:45 AM
...PROGRAM PERSONALITIES...
★ EARL HARDING... EXEC. SECY. OF MO. BAPTISTS
RED BRIDGE PASTOR.....
BETHANY'S 55 VOICE YOUTH CHOIR

also
JULY 12th.... 6:30 PM
Free FELLOWSHIP·BAR-B-Q
"EVERYONE WELCOME"

Program: RED BRIDGE HISTORY
REV. PAUL
Supt.



RED BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE GAY 90
SPRING BANQUET

Adult Banquet - March 8, 1973
Youth Banquet - March 9, 1973

SERVICES of DEDICATION

May 2, 1971

RED BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

RED BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
1965 - 1990

Celebrating 25 years of ministry

Share His Love

FELLOWSHIP DINNER
NOVEMBER 14, 1974



The **VISION**
RED BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

FROM THE PERS OF THE PASTOR

HYMAN APPELMAN DAY JULY 20

... THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE FOR THE WEEK ...
A. W. MESSAGE: "THREE DAYS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD"
P. M. MESSAGE: "HOW WITNESSES IN VAIN CRY FOR"

SUNDAY SCHOOL GOAL FOR JULY 20 700

Dedicate Church --
(Continued from Page 1)
prayer.

Refreshments were served by women of the chapel at an open house for 300 persons following the service.

In charge of music for the dedication was Joe Rust.

The chapel held its first service in the new church on July 14. Since then the chapel has boosted Sunday school enrollment to 241, and there have been 133 additions to the church. The training union enrollment has increased to 107.



Constitution Service
for
RED BRIDGE BAPTIST CHAPEL

October 3, 1965
2:30 p.m.



RED BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Where . . .

The object of our worship is Christ.

The object of our ministry is people.

Awana Clubs International

RED BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
KANSAS CITY, MO.

is officially chartered with
AWANA CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
for the purpose of reaching youth
worldwide with the gospel of Christ,
and raising them to serve Him.

Charter No. 19528

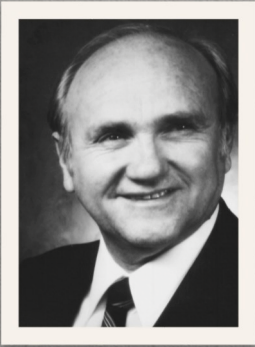
"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."
2 Timothy 2:15

MAY 1965
DATE OF CHARTER

DEVOTION IN PASTORING

SHEPHERDING GOD'S FLOCK

"THE PIONEER"



ROBERT L. WARREN
1963 - 1965

Bob Warren served as pastor of Red Bridge when it first opened as a chapel in 1963. A native of Missouri, he was educated at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri; Baylor University in Waco, Texas; and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1964, Bro. Warren left Missouri to serve churches in Tucson and Glendale, Arizona. He served the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention for fifteen years, acting as Director of Missions and Evangelism for six years. Over the course of his ministry, he preached and sang in more than two hundred revival meetings. Bob passed away on September 26, 2012.



JAMES T. DRAPER, JR.
1965 - 1970

"THE VISIONARY"

Jimmy Draper was born on October 10, 1935, in Hartford, Arkansas. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He has also earned a Master of Arts degree in theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Bro. Draper entered the ministry in 1956, pastoring churches in Missouri, Texas, and Oklahoma. He became the pastor of Red Bridge on May 28, 1965, leading the church during its first five years. Since then, Bro. Draper has served as President of the Southern Baptist Convention, received four honorary degrees, and authored over twenty-five books. He also served as the President of LifeWay Christian Ministries for nearly fifteen years. Jimmy is married to his wife, Carol Ann, and they have three children. The couple currently resides in Colleyville, Texas.



MAX W. MORRIS
1970 - 1982

"THE EVANGELIST"

Max Morris was born on September 1, 1931, in Arkansas City, Kansas. He was born again on January 1, 1954, and was called to preach just nine months later. After serving in the United States Marine Corps, he continued his education at Southwest Baptist College, Southwest Missouri State College, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He went on to receive a Doctor of Ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Florida. Bro. Max pastored for twenty-nine years at churches in Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas, beginning his pastorate at Red Bridge in April 1970. He then continued his ministry in evangelism for the next fourteen years, preaching over 1,000 revival services in the United States, India, Korea, Taiwan, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Jamaica, Romania, and Moldova. Three children were born to Pastor Morris and his wife, Ava. Bro. Max passed away on March 24, 1998.



WILLIAM A. LONG, JR.
1982 - 1993

“THE THEOLOGIAN”

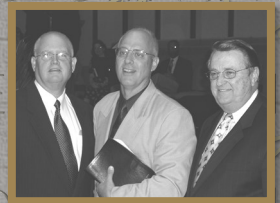
Bud Long was born on January 5, 1948, in Miami, Florida. He made a commitment to Christ at a young age, which matured under the guidance of Christian parents and his local church. He graduated in 1970 from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering. In 1974, he graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, with a Master of Divinity degree. Since beginning his ministry, Pastor Long has pastored churches in Texas, Florida, and Missouri. He came to Red Bridge in June 1982, pastoring there for the next eleven years. In 1993, he relocated to South Carolina. Since then, he has served the Florida Baptist Convention as a transition pastor and later trained transition pastors for the organization. He and his wife, Susan, have three children. The couple is currently serving at Springhill Baptist Church in Fernandina Beach, Florida.



VICTOR B. BORDEN
1993 - PRESENT

“THE ENCOURAGER”

Vic Borden was born on March 29, 1957, in Kansas City, Missouri. At age twenty, he received Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior while on active duty in the United States Navy. Vic has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry from Avila University in Kansas City, Missouri, and Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Luther Rice Seminary in Lithonia, Georgia. Vic began his pastoral ministry in 1985 at Bethany Baptist Church in Sedalia, Missouri. He became Associate Pastor/Minister of Education at Red Bridge in 1986, accepting the call to the senior pastorate on November 28, 1993, a role he continues in today. Pastor Borden has been a member of the Executive Board of the Missouri Baptist Convention. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees at Calvary Bible College & Theological Seminary. Vic is married to his wife, Pam, and they have been blessed with four children.



CHURCH STAFF

SERVING GOD'S CHURCH



ROGER FREEMAN
Minister of Youth
(1976-1980)



BILLY JACK
Minister of Music
(1975-1980)



IRVING COOK, JR.
Minister of Education
(1969-1971)



BOB TWIFORD
Minister of Evangelism
(1980-1984)



BOB BROWN
Minister of Music & Youth
(1967-1972)



BILL FREEMAN
Minister of Education & Youth
(1972-1974)



DON MORELAND
*Minister of Education
& Outreach*
(1972-1974)



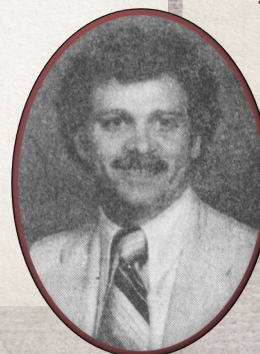
PHIL FERGUSON
Minister of Music
(1981-1984)



BOB BRANDT
*Minister of Education
& Administration*
(1975-1981)



TONY DYER
Minister of Youth
(1974-1975)



RICHIE RHEA
Minister of Youth
(1980-1984)
Minister of Education
(1984-1985)



TIMOTHY CHIN
Minister of Music
(1985-1992)



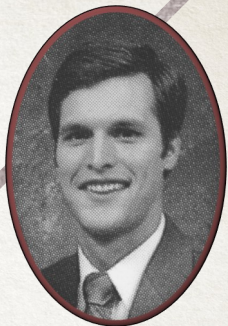
JOANNE MELOY
Director of Children's Ministries
(1984-1999)



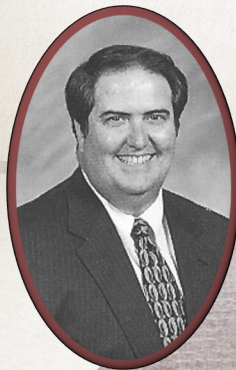
JERRY THARP
Minister of Family
(2000-2005)



VINCE STIGALL
Director of Children & Youth Ministries
(1993-2009)



HOWARD PITTSLEY
Director of Youth Ministries
(1985-1987)



JEFF BURROW
Minister of Education
(1994-2002)



MARK SAYLOR
Director of Music Ministries
(1992-PRESENT)



ADAM CLAXTON
Director of Children & Youth Ministries
(2013-PRESENT)



GARY BEARCE
Minister of Education
(1981-1984)

EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY

COMMUNITY, EVANGELISM, FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE

MUSIC PAGE 14

Choir, Orchestra, Worship.

Chi Alpha 2005

**HANNAH
MINISTRY**

*Praying for the
next generation
1998*

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING

Training Union

**Innermission
Drama
Team**

**M.T.I.
MINISTRY TRAINING
INSTITUTE**

*A program for those preparing to
teach Sunday school.*

IN

GROWING KIDS GOD'S WAY

*No excuse parenting Training Classes
taught by Red Bridge members.
Started April 1990*

**SWEETHEART
BANQUET**

*Thanksgiving
BANQUET*

SPORTS TEAMS

**BOWLING, SOFTBALL,
FLAG FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL
AND BASKETBALL.**

MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETING

SUNDAY

1994 **HEART TO HEART**
Women Teaching Women

**DEACON
MINISTRY**

HEAVEN BOUND

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THE VISION

Super Summer Fun Bunch

**PATCH THE
PIRATE CLUB**

1987

2001
CRAYONS TO CAP AND GOWN

Supporting Moms with children in public schools

RED BRIDGE HOME EDUCATORS

**CHILDREN'S
CAMP**

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 1989

**PROUD
2 PRAISE
PUPPETEERS**

*THE PUPPET
MINISTRY WAS
DEDICATED IN
1976.*

REACH

**REFLECTIONS
ALONG THE WAY**

1994

**YOUTH
VOLLEYBALL**

*Youth
Afterglow*

Fellowships

*Youth fellowships
were called
afterglows after a
youth evangelism
conference held by
that name in 1976.*

LOGIA

YOUTH CHAPEL
1971

SCHOOL

A.C.T.
ADULTS IN
CHRISTIAN
TRAINING
STARTED 1971

Grief & Loss Support Group

TIMOTHY TIME & GIRLS OF GRACE

Youth Summer Bible Study

YOUTH BANQUET

KCCV RADIO MINISTRY
"FAMILY OF GOD"

1974-1982

A message from Pastor Max Morris aired up to twice a week. This ministry was supported entirely apart from the budget.

HAITI HOME OF HOPE

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*Good
News
Bible
Club*

*Taking the gospel
to local
elementary
schools*

ISI KANSAS CITY

*Ministering to
international
students at local
colleges*

BUS MINISTRY

With four buses named Love Bug, Music Maker, Purple People Getter, and Orange Crate, this ministry brought up to 126 people into church on Sundays.

OUT

W.I.N. TEAMS
"WELCOMING INCOMING NEIGHBORS"
Church Outreach 2004-2015

Operation Andrew

"PEOPLE BRINGING PEOPLE TO JESUS"

A project to increase Sunday school attendance—introduced in 1983

JUDGEMENT HOUSE

*This walk-through drama was presented
five times between 2004 and 2012.*

WORLD MISSIONS

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Back Yard Bible Club

Started 1986

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

In 1988, enrollment in VBS was 774.

REVIVAL SERVICES

Once a big part of Red Bridge, revivals were held multiple times per year. Guest speakers drew large crowds from the church and community alike, growing God's family.

AWANA

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REACH

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

DISCIPLE NOW

In 1975, the first Disciple Now ran for four days, included 11 different guest speakers, and was attended by 140 Red Bridge and non-Red Bridge youth.

1974—1982

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAPEL

Prayer 24 hours a day. Originally met in the youth building, but moved to Reynolds Hall in '77.

PRISON MINISTRY 1992

S.W.A.T. SERVANTS WITH A TESTIMONY

Started 2001

Food Pantry

THE CUP

In 2001, this coffee shop opened in the youth building as an evangelistic ministry.

EXALTATION IN MUSIC

LET THERE BE PRAISE

The music ministry of Red Bridge Baptist Church encompasses both traditional and contemporary music styles. From hymns that have stood the test of time to more current compositions, music at Red Bridge is dedicated to uniting believers in fellowship and corporate worship, enhancing theological truths, and equipping believers to express praise to God. Various branches of the music ministry, encompassing all age groups, have formed and developed over the last fifty years.



Christmas Music Night

Starting in 1987, this favorite annual event brings the congregation together for beautiful Christmas specials performed by individuals and groups alike.

Sounds of Praise

Formerly known as Youth Choir, this group, composed of youth grades 7th - 12th, not only ministers at Red Bridge; they have shared in churches across the country.



Children's Choirs

Whether in Chirper Choir, Primary Choir, Junior Choir, Tiny Tunes, Melody Makers, Joyful Jamboree, or Sunshine Singers, children at Red Bridge have always had the opportunity to join their voices in praise.



"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

Colossians 3:16

Highest Praise Choir

Adult choir has been around since the beginning of Red Bridge. While there have been changes in members and attire, the ministry of leading congregational worship through beautiful melodies and harmonies remains the same.



School of Fine Arts

SOFA began in 1989 with eight instructors. Having as many as sixty-three students at one time, the program has provided educational instruction in piano, voice, trumpet, trombone, flute, saxophone, clarinet, organ, violin, cello, and art.

Conductors

Members of the music ministry have come together to bring dramatic musical productions such as *Saviour: The Story of God's Passion for His People* and *Handel's Messiah*.



Orchestra

Starting in 1983, orchestra members have provided weekly accompaniment to worship services. Instruments played over the years have included piano, organ, keyboard, flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, tuba, timpani, tambourine, violin, harp, cello, and guitar, just to name a few.

Heaven Bound

Starting as a men's quartet in 1985, this group became known as Heaven Bound when they released their first album *I'm Feeling Fine* in 1999. They have shared their music both in local and international venues.



ENGAGEMENT IN MISSIONS

MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

Missions Philosophy Statement

Red Bridge Baptist Church recognizes its responsibility to the biblical mandate of world evangelism, and, for the purpose of financial support, considers missions to be those organizations and individuals involved in evangelism, and in some way involved in the process of a church planting ministry.



JULY 13, 1975

“For the first time in the history of our church, we will have the privilege of commissioning a missionary family for foreign mission work. R. “Dee” and Judy Bodenhamer have

blessed our lives tremendously with their surrender to go as our missionaries to Ethiopia.”

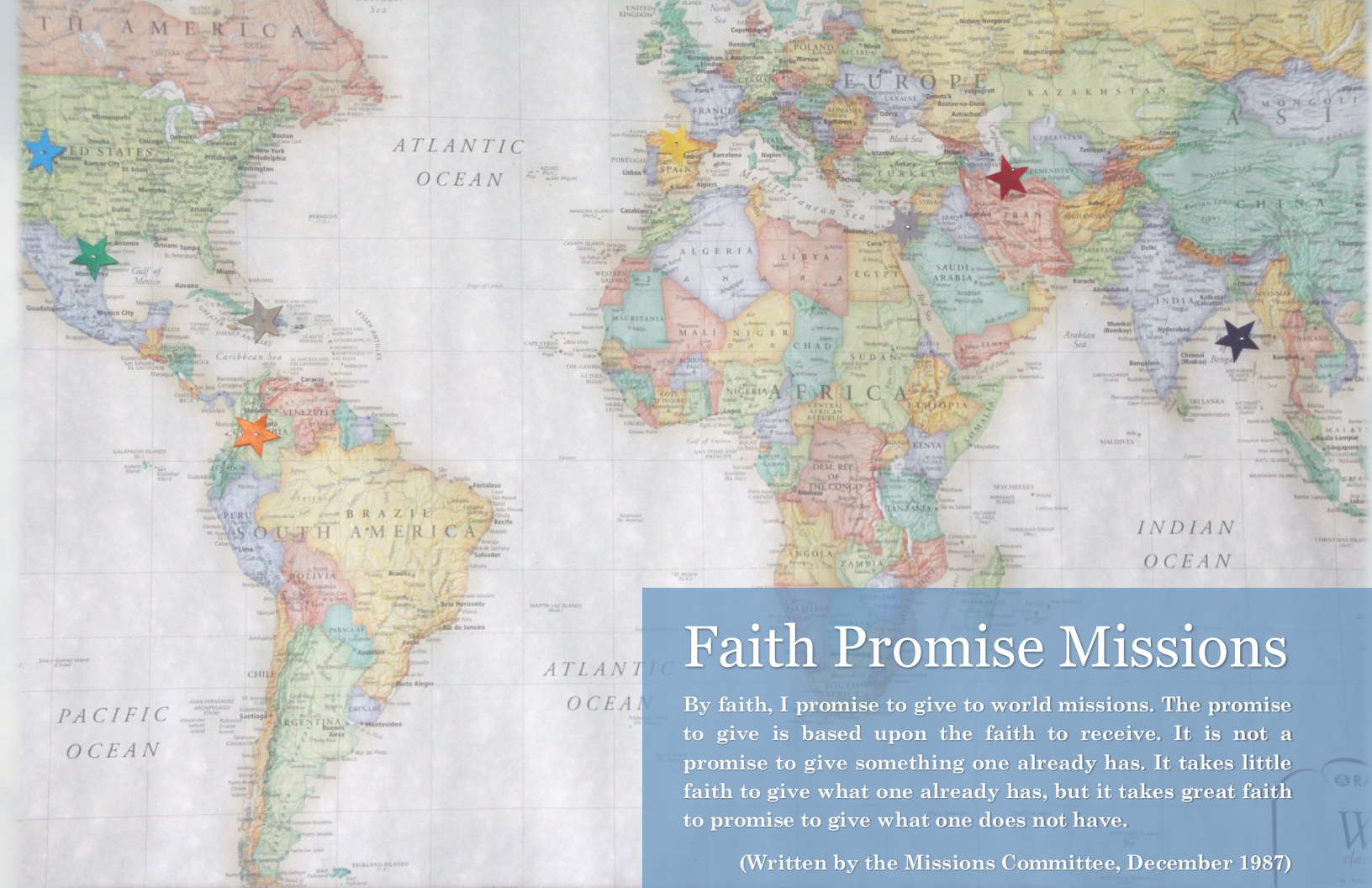
- Max Morris -

World Missions Conferences

1985	WITHOUT A VISION
1987	STEPPING OUT IN FAITH TO REACH A WORLD WITHOUT CHRIST
1988	SO SEND I YOU THAT ALL THE WORLD MIGHT HEAR
1989	READY FOR THE BATTLE
1990	HOW SHALL THEY HEAR
1991	LIFT UP YOUR EYES
1992	PROCLAIM YOUR FAITH AROUND THE WORLD
1993	ACROSS THE STREET, ACROSS THE SEA
1994	PIECES IN PARTNERSHIP
1995	MISSIONS IN FOCUS
1996	REACHING NEW HORIZONS
1997	HEAR HIS VOICE, HEED HIS CALL
1998	BEARING PRECIOUS SEED
1999	FAMILY REUNION
2000	RUN WITH THE VISION
2001	WILL YOU BE THE ONE?
2002	MY FRIENDS—MY FIELD
2003	GOD OF THE NATIONS—GOD OF THE CHURCH—THE GOD OF YOU
2005	IF NOT YOU; THEN, WHO? IF NOT NOW; THEN, WHEN?
2006	SHORT-TERM MISSIONS; LONG-TERM REWARDS
2007	A LIGHT IN A DARK PLACE
2008	THAT THE GENERATIONS TO COME MIGHT KNOW
2009	SACRIFICIAL COMMITMENT
2010	SUBMISSION TO THE MISSION
2011	REJOICING TO SUFFER FOR CHRIST’S NAME
2012	ENCOURAGEMENT IN MISSIONS
2013	SEEDTIME AND HARVEST
2014	CHRIST WILL BUILD HIS CHURCH
2015	DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS



And He said to them, Go into all the world



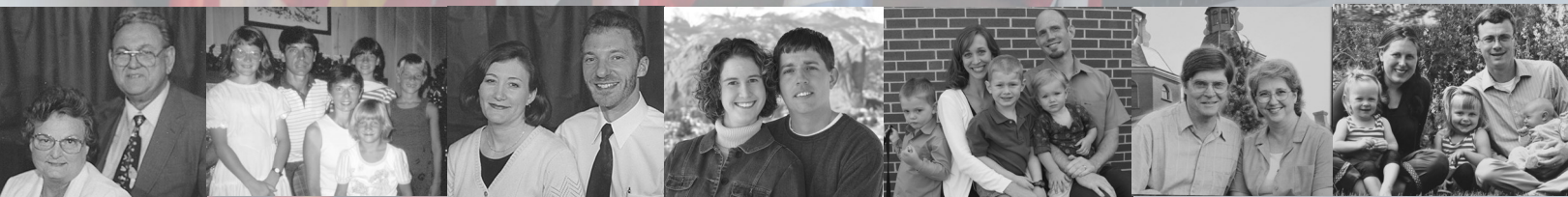
Faith Promise Missions

By faith, I promise to give to world missions. The promise to give is based upon the faith to receive. It is not a promise to give something one already has. It takes little faith to give what one already has, but it takes great faith to promise to give what one does not have.

(Written by the Missions Committee, December 1987)

A highlight of each recent Missions Conference at Red Bridge is an original song composed by the current Director of Music Ministries, Mark Saylor. Assisted by other church members, Mark's songs encompass each year's theme and are enjoyed by the congregation throughout the conferences.

*As we go forth and sow in tears
Together labor through the years
The way of joy will be made clear
When bearing precious seed*



and preach the gospel to every creature.

HAITI HOME OF HOPE

"LAKAY LESPWA AYITI"



Red Bridge's ministry in Haiti began in the 1980's when the church partnered with Rev. Webb Chenault in his vision to aid children living in one of the poorest countries in the world. By the 1990's, when Webb had purchased property and begun construction on an orphanage compound, Red Bridge had contributed approximately \$50,000 to the ministry.

Just as the plans for the orphanage were becoming a reality, God called a family from Red Bridge to champion the work. Members Bill and Jennifer Campbell surrendered to this mission in the early 2000's and continue to be the directors of what is now known as Haiti Home of Hope (HHH).

At its beginning, HHH intended to foster older boys, but the first orphan God brought to them was a baby girl—quickly changing the vision. Since that time, HHH has grown to include homes for both boys and girls, as well as a Milk Clinic. The organization also has become one of the largest employers in the area. Currently, HHH has full care of forty-one children, with an additional twenty-two infants enrolled in the Milk Clinic.



This ministry has impacted thousands of people in the North Central Plateau of Haiti.

“A father to the fatherless... is God in His holy habitation.”

Psalm 68:5

“I encourage all of you to support this work with your prayers, encouragement, and finances. I also ask you to pray that God will keep the Campbell family faithful, excited, and strong in the Lord.”

- Fred Campbell, 2003

Goals

To glorify God through trusting in His provision

To teach and model the life-changing Gospel of Christ before orphans, asking God to show mercy to each one

To be a light in a dark world by prayerfully following God’s will through obedience to His Word

To teach the orphans a skill or trade which will enable them to support themselves as adults in their own culture

To love orphans through the provision of shelter, food, clothing, medicine, and education

To be used as a training center for groups on short-term missions trips

To train the orphans to be actively involved in a Bible-believing local church and be faithful stewards of the time, talents, and treasure God has entrusted to them

The Compound



- Missionary Home
- Boys’ Home
- Girls’ Home
- Visiting Intern Cottage
- Lodging for Visiting Groups
- Dining Hall and Kitchen
- Library
- Food Distribution Center
- Three Cisterns
- Water Well and Tower
- Playground Equipment
- Garden



AWANA

APPROVED WORKMEN ARE NOT ASHAMED

2015

marks the twenty-first year of Awana at Red Bridge! Since the start of the ministry in 1995, average attendance has exceeded clubbers each week. This ministry is only made possible by the hundreds of leaders who have served over the last two decades.

130



Red Bridge has awarded over **70** Citation Awards—the highest award that can be earned in Awana. This award is given only to **70** high school seniors and adults who have completed 10 years' worth of Awana curriculum, 3rd through 12th grade, including all associated activities. By the time a clubber achieves his Citation Award, he will have memorized over **1,000** Bible verses.

1,000



As one of the church's largest outreach ministries, approximately **40%** of clubbers come from outside of Red Bridge.

40%



Because Kids Matter to God



do you remember?

Awana clubs and curriculum have experienced many changes while at Red Bridge. Sparks clubbers used to work through the Hiker, Skipper, and Climber books, while the Chums & Guards and Pals & Pioneers wore gray and red button-down uniforms.



STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF
APPROVED UNTO GOD
A WORKMAN
THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED
RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH.
2 TIMOTHY 2:15



competition

Individual clubs at Red Bridge have experienced unmatched success in Awana-sponsored competitions at both regional and national levels. From placing first in the Sparks-A-Rama to taking the national title for Journey AwanaGames and Bible Quizzing, Red Bridge has become known as one of the teams to beat. Praise the Lord for giving Red Bridge clubbers success in this area.

objective

Awana involves children and youth from ages three through twelfth grade. Through creative club activities, handbooks, and mentorship, clubbers are disciplined in the gospel message, scripture memorization, and Christian service.

know. love. serve.

THE VISION

CHALLENGING & INFORMING RED BRIDGE SINCE 1965

"What a sweet, loving fellowship that can only be blessed of God. What glorious opportunities lay before us. What a great host of committed people with which to serve the Lord together." - Bud Long, 1982

"These are the most exciting days I've ever seen

**TO SERVE OUR WONDERFUL LORD!
GOD IS MOVING IN OUR MIDST**
and each day is a new world in which we can serve Him.

Your faithfulness in attendance and in support of the program of your church is a delight to share.

Don't you dare miss these services on this coming Lord's day.
God has been so good to us by being so real to us in our worship experiences!"

- Jimmy Draper, 1968

"We must not feel slack concerning our witness to those who feel led by God to visit our fellowship" - Max Morris, 1977

"Won't you join the ranks? Many have but we need more. We need cooperation—team work—togetherness. Become a cooperative part. Let's get burdened to see Christ's house filled for His glory, as a gift from us to Him." - Bud Long, 1984

"Two ingredients characterize growing churches: a willingness to work sacrificially for Christ's church, and the ability to love people. I would add one to that: the faith to step out and believe God will bless what we do." - Bud Long, 1984

"We must never have an attitude of being a survivor church. We will never have such an attitude if we have a vision and commitment to reach people." - Bud Long, 1982

"An often heard phrase when we first arrived was...

"This is the greatest church in the world!" After our first year with you, I agree! Thanks be unto our Living Savior for making it thus, and keeping it this way."
- Max Morris, 1971

"Bring your Bible,



"God is up to something around here, and the devil doesn't like it. ...The purified heart and seeking after the righteousness of Christ is obnoxious to the devil and to all spiritual powers in this lost world. They will not rest until they have won back what they have lost. Only by watchfulness and constant prayer can God preserve the gains won for us by the operations of God's grace.

Praise God, greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world!"

-Max Morris, 1972

"I've never been more certain that God is doing His thing at Red Bridge! And the thrilling thing about it is that He has let us in on it!

Praise the Lord!"

- Jimmy Draper, 1969

"...RBBC is a church with strong, committed believers.

We've long been known as a church which tenaciously holds to the authority/orthodoxy of the Word of God."

-Vic Borden, 2008

"There is nothing quite so contagious as a great spirit in a people. When God's Spirit moves to create an atmosphere of warmth and love, others want to be a part of that spirit"

- Jimmy Draper, 1968

"Thank you for being the greatest church in the world."

-Jimmy Draper, 1969

a lost friend, and a heart of joyful expectation." - Max Morris, 1973

"And we began the new year right at Red Bridge. You came in great numbers, you gave sacrificially of your possessions, we worshiped in fellowship with each other, and God gave us six upon profession of faith and one by statement. ...How good God is to us here to let us serve Him through Red Bridge!"

- Jimmy Draper, 1968

"Trust the Lord and tell the people."

-Max Morris, 1973

"You could have found a man who was a better preacher, a more proficient theologian, or a more effective administrator. But, you could not find one who loves the people of God at Red Bridge Baptist Church more than I."

-Vic Borden, 1993

New Awana Program is Off and Running at RBBC

Haiti Home of Hope
Celebrating 10 Years of Ministry to Haitian Orphan January 2003 to January 2013

Silver Anniversary
World Missions Conference

Sanctity of Life Sunday
January 20, 2013, 6 PM

2008 World Missions Conference
January 13-16, 2008
"That the Generation to Come Might Know..."

Steve Green
IN CONCERT

P.R.E.P.A.R.E.D.
Total Baptisms: 2,426
Total Offerings: \$15,377,235

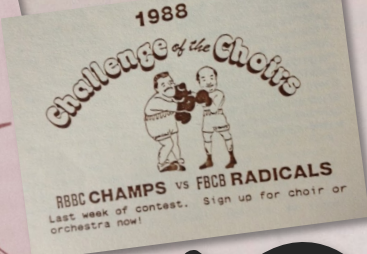
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As of August 19, only 194,400 Minutes remain in the RBBC Capital Campaign! Have you given yet?

Many Red Bridges have faithfully and sacrificially given to the year-long Capital Campaign.

Have you given yet?

REMINISCENCE AND REFLECTION



Elisabeth Elliot
 Gracia Burnham
 Gary and Anne Marie Ezzo
 Steve Green
 John MacArthur
 Bill Gothard
 Nancy Leigh DeMoss
 Squire Parsons
 W. A. Criswell
 Steve and Annie Chapman
 Eric and Leslie Ludy
 & Woodrow Kroll
 have all been special guests at Red Bridge!



RED BRIDGE YOUTH HAVE
 TAKEN MISSIONS TRIPS TO:
 MEXICO
 TEXAS
 COLORADO
 & DISNEY WORLD

1995-96
 RBBC YEAR OF
 CARING & SHARING
 INREACH & OUTREACH



From Sunday's Bulletin
 July 21, 1963:

- ⇒ 85 total in Sunday School
- ⇒ Total offering—\$87.00
- ⇒ Part time secretarial help needed. We will be unable to pay any salary.
- ⇒ Air conditioning on—we thank God for a comfortable building in which to worship.

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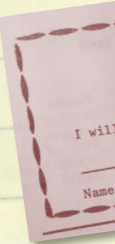


Remember when...

- Single adult fellowships were called "Snack and Yak"
- The orchestra was by audition only
- Chest of Joash Day was held one Sunday every year
- There was a senior adult choir
- Deacons had a meeting once a week



Wanda Jackson is the church's longest serving employee at 36 years. She started working as a part-time bookkeeper in 1979, becoming a full-time secretary later that same year. She is currently the Administrative Assistant/Office Manager at Red Bridge.



Prayer Grams

used to be sent out like encouragement cards and could be picked up in the church office.



'86 "BABES" THEN AND NOW!



Red Bridge Baptist Church



Glen Pape and Ilene Myers are two current Red Bridge members that were among the charter members of the church when it was constituted in 1965.

A ticket to the 1st annual youth banquet was \$0.60 a person; \$1.00 per couple.

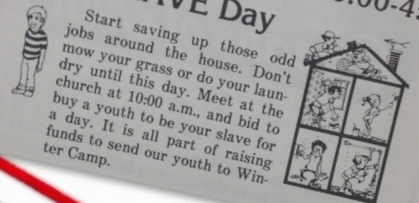
In 1971, the church bought a new offset press and began printing its own Vision.

"Our mission is to be a fellowship of believers expressing love to God and to one another in a spirit of unity; to make disciples by sharing and demonstrating the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people; to mature as Christians through the study and application of God's Word; to glorify God in all we do."



In 1971, the church held afternoon services in addition to the morning and evening services.

27th Saturday Youth SLAVE Day 10:00-4:00



Start saving up those odd jobs around the house. Don't mow your grass or do your laundry until this day. Meet at the church at 10:00 a.m., and bid to buy a youth to be your slave for a day. It is all part of raising funds to send our youth to Winter Camp.

Sermons were first sold on tape in 1979.

OFFICIAL V.B.S. COOKIE CONTRACT
I will buy _____ dozen cookies for V.B.S. May 29 - June 7
_____ weekly _____ before school
Phone _____



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RED BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reflecting on these 50 years, there is little to add in the way of words. I am humbled at God's blessing on the people and ministries at Red Bridge, in growing, preserving, and strengthening us over these five decades. While we have experienced many changes, some giving cause for rejoicing and others for sorrow, our purpose has remained constant: to glorify God through this local church. This has been realized through the proclamation of the authoritative Word of God, soul-stirring music, praying for and with one another, rich fellowship, sharing the glorious Gospel of the grace of God in

Christ with the lost, both across the street and across the sea, and generally linking arms to serve Him on this corner in Kansas City.

When Pam and I first came to RBBC in the summer of 1980, our first impression was that this was a people of the Book. Red Bridgers have always held to the inerrancy of Scripture. We also were drawn to worship together with Red Bridgers because of the quality music which was never a show, but truly a ministry to and from the heart. What might have been most arresting was the sense of joy. I was a very young believer in 1980, having been saved just three years earlier, and I was filled/thrilled with the joy of the Lord in my spiritual journey. Pam and I sensed others shared that same joy.

It is a distinct honor to be used of God at this church, and to know you all as brothers and sisters in the Lord. It is also a distinct honor to stand on the shoulders of the men who preceded me as pastor. Whether pastor or people, minister or member, please know that our "...labor is not in vain in the Lord" (I Corinthians 15:58). Who we are in Christ, and what we do for the cause of Christ, matters!

God's providence in planting and prospering this church is evident. He has been abundantly gracious in allowing us to serve Him on this corner for fifty years! The next fifty years are certain to present new and greater challenges. The enemies of the Lord would like nothing more than to destroy what God has created. Let us commit our ministry, fellowship, and mission to God, prayerfully following His Word. Only then will we all be able to look back and say with confidence, there has been *Joy in the Journey!* To God alone be the glory!

In Him,

Pastor Vic Borden



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