

# 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](http://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 will soon begin 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.

[www.redbridgebaptist.com](http://www.redbridgebaptist.com)  
[www.haitihomeofhope.org](http://www.haitihomeofhope.org)  
[www.gotquestions.org](http://www.gotquestions.org)

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## 2022-23 RBBC Year of being Members One of Another!



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**Coffee with Kathryn**  
The first of three "Coffee with Kathryn" fellowships was a great blessing for RBBC ladies. This is a time of getting to know Kathryn Skrbina, the wife of the new RBBC Assistant Pastor. Kathryn is front row/mid-picture, holding 16-month old, Elijah.

By Pastor Vic Borden

The RBBC 2022-23 year of being **Members One of Another** has been a challenge and great blessing at RBBC. To a great degree, it's been a challenge because of the hectic schedules of modern Americans. Most of us are pulled in multiple directions. This makes body life in the church, challenging. Our year of focusing on being **Members One of Another** has been a great blessing in that the lives of Red Bridgers are more deeply connected. God designed the parts of His body, the members of His family, to be interrelated. Even though our continual focus on being **Members One of Another** will soon end, it's certain that we'll continue to develop deeper relationships in His church. Be sure to be watching/listening for a new thematic year to be introduced later this fall.

The focus of the message this past Sunday morning was on *Encouraging One Another*. Of course, this is one of the practical ways of living out the command of being **Members One of Another**. In preparing the message, I couldn't stop thinking about a particular demographic at RBBC which greatly encourages me. The current group of RBBC young adults (let's say 20-40 years of age) are absolutely wonderful!!! To be sure, I love RBBC children, teens, median adults, and senior saints; but, of late, I've been especially encouraged by the RBBC young adults.

I've commented on this in the past, but I believe I'm so encouraged by RBBC young adults because I/we see a gradual changing of the guard. It seems like in all areas of church life there are young adults teaching the Word, chairing committees, leading ministries, etc. These young adults are not serving in these capacities because no one else will do it. They are serving because they are motivated and more than capable. They are generally grounded in theological truth, passionate about serving others, and burdened for the lost.

One very special subset of the young adults at RBBC are those in the young (very young!) single adult Sunday School class. I've been privileged to lead this class for the past 3+ years. I say "lead" instead of "teach" because this is a very lively group! We truly teach one another.

The above assessment and testimony seems to beg the question as to why RBBC young adults are fantastic leaders in the church. Clearly, in most cases, it's because of the consistent training these young men/women received while they were children/teens. Most of them grew up in God-fearing homes, where Christ was honored and the Word was taught. Also, many of them have extensive experience in AWANA, including being Citation Award recipients. In fact, many have been, or are currently, AWANA leaders. In a very real sense, this is an example of the command of 2 Timothy 2:1-2 being realized in a local church: *"Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."*

Pastors teach parents.  
 Parents teach children.  
 Children grow up to be adult  
 leaders in their local churches.  
 And the beat goes on.  
 To God be the glory!

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# AroundRBBC

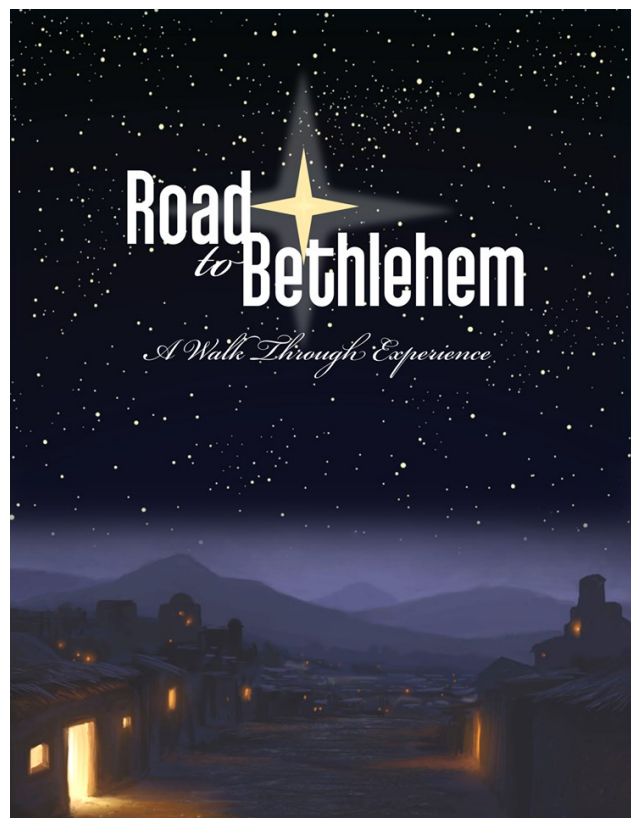
**Welcome to RBBC:**

- Ibiba Chidi (watchcare member)
- Maya Chidi (watchcare member)
- Jordan Gordon
- Veronica Ross
- Garrett Skrbina
- Kathryn Skrbina

**Congratulations to Michael & Kaley Poindexter**



Married: September 3, 2023



**Road to Bethlehem** is a dramatic presentation of the Christmas story. This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> biennial presenting of this ministry. In 2021, over 800 folks from the area attended **Road to Bethlehem!**

**Preview Performance for RBBC family:**  
 Sat., Dec.2, 5-9 PM

**Public Performances:**  
 Fri., Dec.8, 6-9 PM  
 Sat., Dec.9, 5-9 PM  
 Sun., Dec.10, 4-8 PM

Preregistration required, beginning Nov.1:  
[www.redbridgebaptist.com](http://www.redbridgebaptist.com)

**Assistant Pastor Garrett Skrbina**

Garrett Skrbina is the newest member of the Red Bridge pastoral staff, having officially started his position as Assistant Pastor of Family Ministries in August of 2023. Although he was born and raised in the church, Garrett did not truly become a believer until he had started college, where he first experienced serious challenges to the Christian worldview that he had claimed up to that point. By God's kind providence of apologetics, his questions were answered, his doubts quelled, and his faith purified through fire.



Garrett graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts in Technical Communication from Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, MO; he subsequently enrolled in the Master of Divinity program of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, MO, graduating with an emphasis in Biblical Languages in 2020. During his time there, his two great mentors, Drs. Blake Hearson and Alan Tomlinson (Professors of Hebrew/Old Testament and Greek/New Testament, respectively), emphasized to him the importance of understanding the ancient world from which the Bible came. He reminisces, *"Dr. T. always had this saying—and his students love to affectionately imitate his Tennessee accent: 'You can't read the New Testament like it was written in the 21st or 16th centuries, brother! You gotta gitcher head inside the first century; amen, everybody?'"* And one time, Dr. Hearson teased back, *"That's not far enough; you need to go back a few more centuries!"* Under these great influences, Garrett developed a passion for the study of the languages, cultures, and material remains of ancient Israel and its surrounding neighbors.

As he was completing his master's degree, Garrett married Kathryn Doshier, on July 25, 2020. They moved near Marble Hill, Georgia, where Garrett pastored for three years (2020-2023) at Foothills Community Church, as Director of Music for the first two years, then as Youth Pastor for one. *"I had been playing music since I was 14, and Kathryn came out of the womb singing,"* he joked, *"so when we started playing together regularly, the result was greater than the sum of its parts. It was a blessed bonding experience, planning and practicing the musical portion of worship together each week, and we especially enjoyed tutoring a handful of kids and teenagers in the church, so that they could join the band. That musical bond that we formed with the teenagers was actually how I ended up transitioning into the Youth Pastor position during our final year there."* It was then that Garrett discovered another great passion: using his education in biblical backgrounds to teach young people about the Bible. *"Teenagers are a lot more intelligent than most people give them credit for, and they enjoy learning something new about the Scriptures that they haven't heard 100 times before. If their brains are developed enough to handle algebra, they're developed enough to handle deep biblical study. I realized that I wanted to be for them what I wish someone had been for me: someone to show them how to read their Bibles well and defend their faith well—thereby learning to love God more, and to live their faith boldly, knowing that they've placed their trust in something real."*

Garrett, Kathryn, and their new baby boy, Elijah Joel (born May 17, 2022) are grateful to be some of the newest members of the Red Bridge family, and they are very excited to see how their many gifts and talents will be used for God's glory in the South Kansas City area.