### THE BRIDGE church of the carolinas

# Ownership

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# A Word From Pastor Buddy



As the Pastor of The Bridge Church, I wish to extend to you, a very warm welcome. God called us to start this church a couple of years ago. He has since blessed us more than we could ever dream or hope for. we love God and we are mission minded. We are a church that believes the words of Jesus in Matthew 28:18. We believe that we are to go and make Disciples.

It is our great joy and excitement that you are considering The Bridge as your home church. The Bridge "Seeks to Bridge the Gap between God and man." We are eager to do anything that we can to help you.

I pray that God blesses you and leads you to the center of His will.

In Christ and Him alone, Pastor Buddy

### **Be A Part of Our Story**



The Bridge Church of the Carolinas became a church long before it was named "The Bridge." God first called Pastor Buddy Robbins to plant a church in the fall of 2015. An initial group of church planters began meeting in various locations around Spartanburg and Chesnee around the same time. These meetings focused on topics such as church vision and church locations. This group began praying for guidance as to how and where the church would permanently meet. Several sites were prayed over before being led to the current location at 280 West Cherokee Street. The first meeting occurred on March 13, 2016 in our Bridge Kids area. While the initial congregation continued to worship and pray on a weekly basis, Major overhauls began happening all over the building. The first service would be held in the current main sanctuary on December 24th, 2016; this was a candlelight Christmas Service. The following day, Christmas 2016, the sanctuary held a children's music service. Bridge Kids moved into their permanent location on January1,2017. The official launch of the Bridge occurred on Easter morning, April 16, 2017. Thank you for being a part of our History. Then in the midst of the 2020 COVID-19 crisis, The lord led buddy to purchase a new building to accommodate the overwhelming growth of the church. the first service was held, march 28th of 2021, with the official launch the next sunday, april 4th on easter of 2021.

### What are Owners

#### **Owners Believe in Jesus**

Owners at the Bridge have put their faith In Jesus Christ. They are not just willing to allow Him to lead them through everyday life, but they are dependent upon Him in all situations and rely on Him wholly. Owners at the Bridge are true, born-again Christians.

#### Owners are Disciples of Jesus

Owners are imperfect followers of Jesus. They are willing to put an honest effort to live their lives according to the standard that He has set for them. They are lifelong learners who want to look and act like Jesus. Owners pursue the heart of Jesus.

#### **Owners are Servants**

Owners are servants first. Owners want to use their gifts and abilities to help the local church grow and maintain growth. They want to better the community that God has put them in and serve people in a way that helps them physically and spiritually.

#### **Owners are Evangelists**

Owners want other people to meet Jesus. They want to lead people to Christ because they know that He is the most important decision that they will ever make. They want God to use them in ways that will lead others to church. Owners want to make disciples of all people and see them grow in Jesus as well.



### **Owner Values**

#### **Owners Contribute**

Connecting to the Bridge means becoming a part of our church family. Primarily, we meet together as a family of believers to worship Jesus. The Bible also teaches us that we are to show support and kindness to our church family. God's plan is not to be alone, but to be a part of a loving community. Connecting to the Bridge means that not only that you will have the opportunity to help others, but that you will also have support in your times of need.

#### **Owners Connect**

Committing to the Bridge means that you are dedicated to us and our values. Being an owner means having a commitment to something bigger than ourselves. In public settings, you are to hold yourself accountable to being God centered, people loving, mission minded and life changing. We uphold these values for the sole purpose of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By committing to the Bridge, we expect that you also uphold these values. As a Christian, you are expected to represent the name of Jesus Christ in both public and private. By becoming a committed owner, you are also connecting your name, words and actions to the Bridge.

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### **Our Values**

### **God Focused**

Jesus is at the core of everything that we do at the Bridge. "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

Colossians 3:1-2

### **Mission Minded**

#### We serve our community both spiritually and physically

"Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 9:10

### **People Loving**

#### We love all people because God loves all people

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:34-35

# **Our Beliefs**

### God

God is the creator of everything. He rules and interacts within His creation. We believe that He is represented by three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Each person in the persons of the trinity are equal and represent the one Triune God.

Genesis 1:1, Psalm 33:6, Isaiah 42:5, Jeremiah 10:12, John 1:1-3, Hebrews 11:3

### **Jesus Christ**

Jesus Christ is God's solution to man's problem with sin. Jesus was both fully God and fully human. He gave himself as a perfect and sinless sacrifice on the cross to pay for our sins. After three days, He defeated sin and death through His resurrection. He ascended into Heaven and will return again to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. John 1:14, John 5:18, John 8:58, John 10:30, Romans 5:8, Hebrews 9:28, Acts 1:9-11

### The Holy Spirit

Our direct connection to God on a daily basis is made possible by His Holy Spirit. The Spirit is given to anyone who has been saved by Jesus Christ. Jesus describes the Spirit as "the helper," because it is through the Spirit that we accomplish God's purposes on earth. Finally, we must understand that the Holy Spirit is not an "it" but a "who." He is the third member of the Trinity and is both uniquely and completely God. John 14:16-17, Acts 2:38, Romans 5:5, Romans 8:9, Romans 8:26, Hebrews 10:29

### Man

God's most precious creation is humanity. Man was created in the image of God to worship Him. Man, however, chose to disobey God. This disobedience disrupted not only the relationship between God and man, but also every aspect of human life. Hebrews 2:7, Genesis 1:26, Colossians 1:21, Isaiah 53:6a

### Sin

Anything that disappoints God is sin and all sin is equally disappointing. Sin separates us from god, and ultimately leads to death.

James 4:17, Romans 3:23, Galatians 5:19-21, John 8:34

## Salvation

Jesus Christ is the only way that man can be saved from an eternity apart from God. We are saved by faith through Jesus by confessing our sins to Him, declaring Him as Lord with our mouths and believing in His resurrection. Salvation is an eternal act and nothing can remove it once we have it.

John 14:6, Romans 6:23, Romans 10:9, Romans 8:1, Romans 8:38-39

## Baptism

Baptism is a public display of a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ. To be baptized, is to be fully immersed in water. This represents dying to self and coming back to life in Jesus.

Acts 22:16, Romans 6:3-4, Colossians 2:12-13

### The Bible

The Bible contains no errors or contradictions. The Bible was written by man, but inspired by the Holy Spirit. it is God's love story to us. The Bible tells us who God is. It shows us His grace and mercy through narratives, history, poetry and wisdom. Everything that we know about God, man and creation comes from His word. It contains several eyewitness accounts of Jesus and his resurrection. The Bible is also one of the most well preserved ancient documents known to man.

2 Timothy 3:16, Psalm 119:105, Proverbs 4:20-22, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Proverbs 30:5

## **Stewardship**

Everything that is given to the Bridge will be used in a way that glorifies God and builds on His Kingdom. Money, time and spiritual gifts are all important contributions that enable us to continue doing ministry and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 4:10, Proverbs 3:9, Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

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