



## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the vision of CrossBridge?

To glorify God by knowing Christ more and making Him known through the power of the Holy Spirit.

### How do we live out this vision?

We concentrate on three vital relationships and committing ourselves to:

- Love God
- Love each other
- Love the lost.

Our goal is to be a connected Church - a place where people are actively engaged in growing deeper in these three vital relationships. We don't have a lot of programs or activities. Our heart is for our members to be involved in the lives around them and a part of their community, not busy with church activities.

We see the life of following Jesus as a great adventure; a journey with Jesus and other believers towards life change - Christ-likeness. We are laser focused on two things: Life groups and Missions. We provide places for you to be cared for, grow spiritually, and impact your community. Our desire isn't to be a big church. As we grow larger, we will also grow smaller through connecting people in Life groups. We want to allow the Holy Spirit more room to move in our lives through practical biblical teaching, personal spiritual disciplines, authentic relationships, and a missional lifestyle of loving people to Jesus.

### What is the history of CrossBridge?

Our initial core group of 27 people began sharing with our neighbors and friends the vision of starting CrossBridge. On April 6, 2003, we officially launched our new church and began rapidly growing as the Lord drew people to Himself and CrossBridge. In August 2004, Reagan High School became the location of our Sunday ministry, allowing us to expand our capacity for ministry and loving people for Jesus. Though we own 25 acres of land on Hwy 281 (almost paid for!), we still believe that the best use of God's money currently is for us to continue using Reagan High for our Sunday morning ministry. However, we're currently building a 12,000 sq. ft. building on our land to accommodate our student ministry, women's Bible studies, men's groups, and other weekday activities.

### Who is the Lead Pastor?

Kirk Freeman. A native Texan, Kirk spent ten years working in the publishing industry prior to God's leading him into pastoral ministry. He served as executive pastor at NorthWood Church in the DFW metroplex before moving to San Antonio to help start CrossBridge. Kirk and his wife, Debbie, have known each other since elementary school, though they didn't get married until junior high (just kidding). They have been close friends for nearly 25 years and married since 1993 (Kirk was slow to recognize that friends can make great mates). They have three sweet children and enjoy spending time as a family and alone as a couple...when they can arrange it.

### What is the leadership structure of CrossBridge?

CrossBridge is led by a team of five Elders. Elders are couples who are represented in our regular meetings by the husband. The primary role of the Elder Team is spiritual accountability and doctrinal purity. Operational decisions are made largely by the pastoral staff.

### What are your essential beliefs?

[Click here](#) to review our essential beliefs.

## **What are your views on Baptism?**

Baptism is a way of showing others that you have entered into a relationship with Jesus Christ. It symbolizes what took place in your heart at the time of salvation:

- You died to your old way of life and accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- You became a new person, forgiven and accepted by God, indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and promised eternal life.

In a very real sense, Jesus was your substitute. He died for your sins and then rose again three days later declaring his victory over death. In baptism, you're expressing that you have died to your old way of life and have received the new life that Jesus offers you.

Because Jesus instructed us to be baptized, baptism is an act of obedience. While it is not necessary for salvation, it demonstrates submission to God. We immerse at CrossBridge Community Church because we believe Scripture shows that Jesus modeled that for us as the way to publicly acknowledge our faith in Him. The Greek word "baptize" from which we get the word "baptism" literally means, "to immerse or dip under water".

Some denominations choose to christen infants. While we recognize the right of other churches to practice infant christening, we understand Scripture to teach that a person is to be baptized after they've personally accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. Remember, baptism doesn't "save" you, rather it shows that you've already been saved. Baptism isn't something you have to do in order to be saved and go to heaven, it's something you get to do!

Baptism doesn't make you a believer — it shows that you already believe. Baptism does not "save" you, only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring — it's the outward symbol of the commitment you made in your heart.

## **How do you observe Communion or the Lord's Supper?**

Jesus never asked His disciples to remember His birth, but He did instruct them to remember His death and resurrection as a reminder of the new life found in Him.

The ordinance of communion is something that we take very seriously and undertake with humility, thankfulness, and sincerity. We observe the Lord's Supper once a month, typically on the first Sunday of the month and also on special occasions (Good Friday service, Christmas, etc.).

We do this because the school district allows us to have food and drink in the facility once a month based on our agreement with them and so that we are reminded of the greatest sacrifice of Jesus, so that we may have abundant life.

## **Where do you stand on gifts of the Holy Spirit?**

We believe that God in His wonderful mercy desires to impart to believers spiritual gifts to equip the body of Christ and reveal His presence and power in the world. We believe that these gifts are listed in 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, and Ephesians 4 and are still relevant for today. We believe that humility and unity will be evident when we are using our spiritual gifts in accordance with God's will.

## **Why do you meet in a school?**

We meet in a school because we desire to be a low debt or even no debt church. Not only does Reagan High School provide a beautiful and effective meeting place for us, but our annual rent is a fraction of what a mortgage would be were we to build a comparably sized facility on our land. Yes, it requires more work to transform the school into a church each Sunday, but it frees us up to invest in missions and has enabled us to almost pay off our land completely.

**Will you be building a facility soon?**

Though we're building a small building on our land now, we plan to continue our Sunday ministry at Reagan. There are several conditions that would prompt us to build: we may build as we see our growth maxing out the high school; we may build when the school facilities are no longer conducive to the ministry we are led to conduct; we may build if the school administration is no longer willing for us to host us.