

GUEST INFORMATION

Date: _____ **Circle: Mr. Mrs. Miss**
Name: _____ **Spouse:** _____
Address: _____ **Apt. No:** _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

Best time to call:

Guest: First Time Second Time

Are you a member of a church? Yes No

Church: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Circle Appropriate Age or Grade Group

Preschool: Ages B-1 2-3 4-5

Children: Grades K 1 2 3 4 5 6

Youth: Grades 7 8 9 10 11 12

Adults: Ages 18-19 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s+

How did you learn about our church? Friend Yellow Pages

Drove By Other:

I am a guest of:

New in the community

Names and ages of children living at home:

Would you like us to visit you? Yes No

Requests

I would like to speak with a minister.

I would like more information on this church.

Prayer requests and other needs:

Decision - Information

I am making a first-time commitment to Christ

I am renewing my commitment to Christ

I am interested in being baptized

I am interested in becoming a member of this congregation

I am interested in enrolling in Bible Study

I am committing myself to full-time Christian service

I am committing myself to full-time missions

I will serve where needed

I would like information on:

How to become a Christian How to become a member of this congregation Family activities Adult ministries

Single adult ministries Youth ministries Preschool &

Children ministries Music ministries

SERVICES - HOW TO JOIN

- OUR SERVICES -

Sunday:

Sunday Bible Study @ 9:30 am

Morning Service @ 10:45 am (Nursery Ages 0-3, Kids Church 4-6)

For more information please visit www.REBCTexas.com

Tuesday:

Ladies Prayer Meeting @ 10:00 am

2nd Wednesday of the Month:

Prayer Time @ 6:30 pm

Dear Guests,

We are so happy that you have visited Richardson East Baptist Church. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join this fellowship of believers.

How do I join?

At the close of each service, an invitation hymn is sung and the Pastor stands at the front facing the congregation. Those seeking a church home, who come forward for membership, will be received in one of the following ways:

1. If you have never trusted Jesus as your Savior and been born again, you are invited to receive Him. Salvation is a requirement for church membership. If you have trusted Jesus as your Savior, but have never been scripturally baptized, you can be received for membership by baptism.

2. If you are a member of another Baptist church, you can unite with us by transfer of membership. This is commonly called joining by letter. We write your home church and they provide a letter in which they state you are a church member and are recommended to unite with us.

3. If you question the ability of a church to furnish a letter, you may join by statement. Your statement simply means that you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior and have experienced baptism after salvation.

If you have questions, we will be glad to talk with you at the close of service. If you prefer, you may call the church during the week at **972-525-2229**.

A SIX-POINT SUMMARY OF THE GOSPEL BY JOHN PIPER

1) God created us for his glory. “Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory” (Isaiah 43:6–7). God made all of us in his own image so that we would image forth, or reflect, his character and moral beauty.

2) Therefore every human should live for God’s glory. “Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31). The way to live for the glory of God is to love him (Matthew 22:37), trust him (Romans 4:20), be thankful to him (Psalm 50:23), obey him (Matthew 5:16), and treasure him above all things (Philippians 3:8; Matthew 10:37). When we do these things we image forth God’s glory.

3) Nevertheless, we have all sinned and fallen short of God’s glory. “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). “Although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him . . . and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images” (Romans 1:21–23). None of us has loved or trusted or thanked or obeyed or treasured God as we ought.

4) Therefore we all deserve eternal punishment. “The wages of sin is (eternal) death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23). Those who did not obey the Lord Jesus “will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might” (2 Thessalonians 1:9). “These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life” (Matthew 25:46).

5) Yet, in his great mercy, God sent his only Son Jesus Christ into the world to provide for sinners the way of eternal life. “God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us” (Galatians 3:13). “Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God” (1 Peter 3:18).

6) Therefore eternal life is a free gift to all who will trust in Christ as Lord and Savior and supreme Treasure of their lives. “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31). “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9). “By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8–9). “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). “I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ” (Philippians 3:8).

Excerpted from “A Summary of the Gospel to Help You Enjoy It and Share It”

OUR CHURCH VISION, MISSION STATEMENT, & STATEMENT OF FAITH

Vision:

1. We see our church as a dynamic and exciting church, where everyone is excited about their faith and the ministry of our church.

2. We see our church as a caring and sharing church, where we genuinely care about one another.

3. We see our church as a grace-filled and spiritual church, where we are in love with the Lord Jesus Christ and show that love serving Him with our whole hearts.

4. We see our church as a teaching and disciplined church, where preaching and teaching are given a high priority and we come to a deeper knowledge of Scripture and live in obedience to its teachings.

5. We see our church as an evangelistic church, where our church cares about the destiny of those who do not know Christ and we train to equip ourselves to share the Gospel.

Mission Statement:

“Making disciples by serving our community, building relationships, and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those we encounter.”

Statement of Faith:

The Holy Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God and is the basis for any statement of faith. This Church Family subscribes to the doctrinal statement of *The Baptist Faith and Message 2000* as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention. We band ourselves together as a body of baptized believers in Christ, and personally committed to sharing the good news of salvation to lost mankind. The ordinances of this Church Family are Baptism and the Lord’s Supper.

BAPTIST FAITH & MESSAGE 2000

I. The Scriptures

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19; Joshua 8:34; Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11,89,105,140; Isaiah 34:16; 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16; 36:1-32; Matthew 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16ff.; 17:11; Romans 15:4; 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

II. God

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

A. God the Father

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

Genesis 1:1; 2:7; Exodus 3:14; 6:2-3; 15:11ff.; 20:1ff.; Leviticus 22:2; Deuteronomy 6:4; 32:6; 1 Chronicles 29:10; Psalm 19:1-3; Isaiah 43:3,15; 64:8; Jeremiah 10:10; 17:13; Matthew 6:9ff.; 7:11; 23:9; 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24; 5:26; 14:6-13; 17:1-8; Acts 1:7; Romans 8:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 4:6; Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 11:6; 12:9; 1 Peter 1:17; 1 John 5:7.

B. God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

Genesis 18:1ff.; Psalms 2:7ff.; 110:1ff.; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 53:1-12; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 11:27; 14:33; 16:16,27; 17:5; 27; 28:1-6,19; Mark 1:1; 3:11; Luke 1:35; 4:41; 22:70; 24:46; John 1:1-18,29; 10:30,38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:7-11; 16:15-16,28; 17:1-5, 21-22; 20:1-20,28; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; 9:4-5,20; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 5:6-21; 8:1-3,34; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2:2; 8:6; 15:1-8,24-28; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; 8:9; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:20; 3:11; 4:7-10; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:13-22; 2:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 7:14-28; 9:12-15,24-28; 12:2; 13:8; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:22; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:2; 4:14-15; 5:9; 2 John 7-9; Revelation 1:13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16.

*Where There is Love
There is Hope*

C. God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Saviour, and effects regeneration. At the moment of regeneration He baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Genesis 1:2; Judges 14:6; Job 26:13; Psalms 51:11; 139:7ff.; Isaiah 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matthew 1:18; 3:16; 4:1; 12:28-32; 28:19; Mark 1:10,12; Luke 1:35; 4:1,18-19; 11:13; 12:12; 24:49; John 4:24; 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4,38; 4:31; 5:3; 6:3; 7:55; 8:17,39; 10:44; 13:2; 15:28; 16:6; 19:1-

6; Romans 8:9-11,14-16,26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14; 3:16; 12:3-11,13; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; 1 Timothy 3:16; 4:1; 2 Timothy 1:14; 3:16; Hebrews 9:8,14; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 John 4:13; 5:6-7; Revelation 1:10; 22:17.

III. Man

Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:5,7,18-22; 3; 9:6; Psalms 1; 8:3-6; 32:1-5; 51:5; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Matthew 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18,23; 5:6,12,19; 6:6; 7:14-25; 8:14-18,29; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19,21-22; Ephesians 2:1-22; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11.

IV. Salvation

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

A. Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace.

Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Saviour.

B. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.

C. Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.

D. Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff.; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff.; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8,14; James 2:14-26; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.

V. God's Purpose of Grace

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is the glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, and bring reproach on the cause of Christ and temporal judgments on themselves; yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-8; 1 Samuel 8:4-7,19-22; Isaiah 5:1-7; Jeremiah 31:31ff.; Matthew 16:18-19; 21:28-45; 24:22,31; 25:34; Luke 1:68-79; 2:29-32; 19:41-44; 24:44-48; John 1:12-14; 3:16; 5:24; 6:44-45,65; 10:27-29; 15:16; 17:6,12,17-18; Acts 20:32; Romans 5:9-10; 8:28-39; 10:12-15; 11:5-7,26-36; 1 Corinthians 1:1-2; 15:24-28; Ephesians 1:4-23; 2:1-10; 3:1-11; Colossians 1:12-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:12; 2:10,19; He-

brews 11:39–12:2; James 1:12; 1 Peter 1:2-5,13; 2:4-10; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:19; 3:2.

VI. The Church

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture.

The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.

Matthew 16:15-19; 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42,47; 5:11-14; 6:3-6; 13:1-3; 14:23,27; 15:1-30; 16:5; 20:28; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 3:16; 5:4-5; 7:17; 9:13-14; 12; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:8-11,21; 5:22-32; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 2:9-14; 3:1-15; 4:14; Hebrews 11:39-40; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 2-3; 21:2-3.

VII. Baptism and the Lord's Supper

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Matthew 3:13-17; 26:26-30; 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11; 14:22-26; Luke 3:21-22; 22:19-20; John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42; 8:35-39; 16:30-33; 20:7; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 10:16,21; 11:23-29; Colossians 2:12.

VIII. The Lord's Day

The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should include exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private. Activities on the Lord's Day should be commensurate with the Christian's conscience under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Exodus 20:8-11; Matthew 12:1-12; 28:1ff.; Mark 2:27-28; 16:1-7; Luke 24:1-3,33-36; John 4:21-24; 20:1,19-28; Acts 20:7; Romans 14:5-10; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Colossians 2:16; 3:16; Revelation 1:10.

IX. The Kingdom

The Kingdom of God includes both His general sovereignty over the universe and His particular kingship over men who willfully acknowledge Him as King. Particularly the Kingdom is the realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful, childlike commitment to Jesus Christ. Christians ought to pray and to labor that the Kingdom may come and God's will be done on earth. The full consummation of the Kingdom awaits the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age.

Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 9:6-7; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Matthew 3:2; 4:8-10,23; 12:25-28; 13:1-52; 25:31-46; 26:29; Mark 1:14-15; 9:1; Luke 4:43; 8:1; 9:2; 12:31-32; 17:20-21; 23:42; John 3:3; 18:36; Acts 1:6-7; 17:22-31; Romans 5:17; 8:19; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28; Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 11:10,16; 12:28; 1 Peter 2:4-10; 4:13; Revelation 1:6,9; 5:10; 11:15; 21-22.

X. Last Things

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

Isaiah 2:4; 11:9; Matthew 16:27; 18:8-9; 19:28; 24:27,30,36,44; 25:31-46; 26:64; Mark 8:38; 9:43-48; Luke 12:40,48; 16:19-26; 17:22-37; 21:27-28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; 17:31; Romans 14:10; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 15:24-28,35-58; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Philippians 3:20-21; Colossians 1:5; 3:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 5:1ff.; 2 Thessalonians 1:7ff.; 2; 1 Timothy 6:14; 2 Timothy 4:1,8; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 9:27-28; James 5:8; 2 Peter 3:7ff.; 1 John 2:28; 3:2; Jude 14; Revelation 1:18; 3:11; 20:1-22:13.

XI. Evangelism and Missions

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-6; Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 9:37-38; 10:5-15; 13:18-30, 37-43; 16:19; 22:9-10; 24:14; 28:18-20; Luke 10:1-18; 24:46-53; John 14:11-12; 15:7-8, 16; 17:15; 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2; 8:26-40; 10:42-48; 13:2-3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 3:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:8; 2 Timothy 4:5; Hebrews 2:1-3; 11:39-12:2; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Revelation 22:17.

XII. Education

Christianity is the faith of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ abide all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is, therefore, a part of our Christian heritage. The new birth opens all human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge. Moreover, the cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is co-ordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian education is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people.

In Christian education there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

Deuteronomy 4:1,5,9,14; 6:1-10; 31:12-13; Nehemiah 8:1-8; Job 28:28; Psalms 19:7ff.; 119:11; Proverbs 3:13ff.; 4:1-10; 8:1-7,11; 15:14; Ecclesiastes 7:19; Matthew 5:2; 7:24ff.; 28:19-20; Luke 2:40; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Ephesians 4:11-16; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 2:3,8-9; 1 Timothy 1:3-7; 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:14-17; Hebrews 5:12-6:3; James 1:5; 3:17.

XIII. Stewardship

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to

the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause on earth.

Genesis 14:20; Leviticus 27:30-32; Deuteronomy 8:18; Malachi 3:8-12; Matthew 6:1-4, 19-21; 19:21; 23:23; 25:14-29; Luke 12:16-21, 42; 16:1-13; Acts 2:44-47; 5:1-11; 17:24-25; 20:35; Romans 6:6-22; 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 6:19-20; 12; 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 12:15; Philippians 4:10-19; 1 Peter 1:18-19.

XIV. Cooperation

Christ's people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people. Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such cooperation involves no violation of conscience or compromise of loyalty to Christ and His Word as revealed in the New Testament.

Exodus 17:12; 18:17ff.; Judges 7:21; Ezra 1:3-4; 2:68-69; 5:14-15; Nehemiah 4; 8:1-5; Matthew 10:5-15; 20:1-16; 22:1-10; 28:19-20; Mark 2:3; Luke 10:1ff.; Acts 1:13-14; 2:1ff.; 4:31-37; 13:2-3; 15:1-35; 1 Corinthians 1:10-17; 3:5-15; 12; 2 Corinthians 8-9; Galatians 1:6-10; Ephesians 4:1-16; Philippians 1:15-18.

XV. The Christian and the Social Order

All Christians are under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in our own lives and in human society. Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ. In the spirit of Christ, Christians should oppose racism, every form of greed, selfishness, and vice, and all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography. We should

work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the abused, the aged, the helpless, and the sick. We should speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love. In order to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and His truth.

Exodus 20:3-17; Leviticus 6:2-5; Deuteronomy 10:12; 27:17; Psalm 101:5; Micah 6:8; Zechariah 8:16; Matthew 5:13-16, 43-48; 22:36-40; 25:35; Mark 1:29-34; 2:3ff.; 10:21; Luke 4:18-21; 10:27-37; 20:25; John 15:12; 17:15; Romans 12-14; 1 Corinthians 5:9-10; 6:1-7; 7:20-24; 10:23-11:1; Galatians 3:26-28; Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:12-17; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; Philemon; James 1:27; 2:8.

XVI. Peace and War

It is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness. In accordance with the spirit and teachings of Christ they should do all in their power to put an end to war.

The true remedy for the war spirit is the gospel of our Lord. The supreme need of the world is the acceptance of His teachings in all the affairs of men and nations, and the practical application of His law of love. Christian people throughout the world should pray for the reign of the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 2:4; Matthew 5:9, 38-48; 6:33; 26:52; Luke 22:36, 38; Romans 12:18-19; 13:1-7; 14:19; Hebrews 12:14; James 4:1-2.

XVII. Religious Liberty

God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word or not contained in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and

this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and propagate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power.

Genesis 1:27; 2:7; Matthew 6:6-7, 24; 16:26; 22:21; John 8:36; Acts 4:19-20; Romans 6:1-2; 13:1-7; Galatians 5:1, 13; Philippians 3:20; 1 Timothy 2:1-2; James 4:12; 1 Peter 2:12-17; 3:11-17; 4:12-19.

XVIII. The Family

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.

Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race.

The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.

Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents.

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-25; 3:1-20; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 1:26-28; Psalms 51:5; 78:1-8; 127; 128; 139:13-16; Proverbs 1:8; 5:15-20; 6:20-22; 12:4; 13:24; 14:1; 17:6; 18:22; 22:6, 15; 23:13-14; 24:3; 29:15, 17; 31:10-31; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 9:9; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 5:31-32; 18:2-5; 19:3-9; Mark 10:6-12; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Timothy 5:8, 14; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7.

RESOURCES

Theology & Bible Study Resources

American Gospel - <http://www.americangospelfilm.com/>
Bible.com - <https://www.bible.com/>
Bible Hub - <https://biblehub.com/>
Blue Letter Bible - <https://www.blueletterbible.org/>
Chick Tracts - <https://www.chick.com/>
Crossway - <https://www.crossway.org/>
Dallas Baptist Association - <https://www.dba.net/>
Desiring God - <https://www.desiringgod.org/>
Expositing the Word - <https://expositingtheword.org/>
Grace To You - <https://www.gty.org/>
Lifeway - <https://www.lifeway.com/>
Logos Bible Software - <https://www.logos.com/>
Our Daily Bread - <https://odb.org/>
Southern Baptist Convention - <https://www.sbc.net/>
Truth for Life - <https://www.truthforlife.org/>
Wisdom Hunters - <https://www.wisdomhunters.com/>

Missions Resources

Chosen People Ministries - <https://www.chosenpeople.com/>
Lift Up the Vulnerable - <https://liftupthevulnerable.org/>
Refuge City - <http://refuge-city.org/>
Silk Road Catalyst - <https://www.silkroadcatalyst.com/>
Village Missions - <https://villagemissions.org/>

Senior Adult Resources

Assisted Living Research Institute - <https://www.assistedliving.org/>

Pregnancy Care Resources

Prestonwood Pregnancy Center - <https://prestonwoodpregnancy.org/>

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER

Tuesday Morning Prayer

Join our Ladies every Tuesday Morning in prayer. We meet every Tuesday @ 10:00 am.

Wednesday Prayer Prayer Service

Please come and join our Church Family for Prayer every 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 6:30pm. We get together and update our prayer list, give praise to God for answered prayers and set aside a time to pray. Everyone is welcome to join us.

CHILDRENS MINISTRIES

Sunday School & Nursery

Our little ones are never forgotten. We offer a Nursery for infants to 4yrs. The Nursery is available during Sunday School, Morning & Evening Services. We offer two Sunday School classes for our children, Ages 4-7 & Ages 8-12.

*Where There is Love
There is Hope*

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Ladies in Touch (LIT)

The Ladies in Touch of Richardson East Baptist Church meets every Tuesday. We come together to fellowship with another to grow as Christians, to spread God's Word, and to give back to our community. Members and non-members alike are more than welcome to attend our ladies meetings.

Periodically during the year, we have our heart-filling "outings". Activities include a trips to Canton, welcoming home our beloved Soldiers and Heroes at DFW airport (a breathtaking and heart-warming experience). Also, we have served meals to the homeless at the Stewpot in downtown Dallas and have attended the Arboretum in reminiscence of God's beautiful creations at work.

We welcome you to our church and are honored that you chose to visit, fellowship and worship with us. We hope to see you soon!

LIT MISSION STATEMENT

To grow as Christians through fellowship with one another.

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." - 2 Peter 3:18

To participate in the Richardson community.

"As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." - James 2:26,

To spread God's Word as commanded by Him in the Bible.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." - Matthew 28:19-20

MEET THE PASTOR & STAFF

Pastor Wayne & Gloria Lewis



Pastor Wayne Lewis and his wife, Mrs. Gloria, have served here since 2006. Pastor Lewis graduated from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been in the ministry for over 40 yrs and loves to serve the Lord and the people of the church. Pastor Lewis has served as Minister of Music, Minister of Evangelism, Associate Pastor under Dr. OS Hawkins of Ft. Lauderdale,

Florida, Minister of Sr. Adults, and as Sr. Pastor. Pastor Lewis and Mrs. Gloria enjoy sharing their favorite Bible verses Psalm 46 and 1st Timothy 4 and Revelation 3:20. They are much loved and we welcome you with the same compassion.

Our Staff Members

Assistant Pastor: Jimmy Russell Office

Executive Assistant: Leslie Allen

Worship Leader: Allison Farris

Sunday School Director: Jim Hallam

Teachers:

Lalo Beltran- Adult Sunday School

Sharon O'Farrell/Margie Barton - 1st-3rd Sunday School

Pastors Wayne & Lalo - Wednesday Night Prayer Time

Praise Team:

Allison Farris - Lead Vocals - Julie Hewett - Vocals

Betty Peiffer- Vocals - Jeff Booth - Vocals

David Booth - Vocals - Pastor Wayne Lewis - Drums & Vocals

Jimmy Russell - Guitar - Lance Rawlings - Bass Guitar

Timothy Salomon - Piano

MEET OUR MISSIONARIES

Reaching the World One Prayer at a Time!!

"...and You Will Be My Witnesses"

Here at Richardson East Baptist Church we believe in the Acts 1:8 ministry which has been given to each believer. "...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." REBC has missionaries that serve locally, nationally, and internationally. We support missionaries that serve here in The United States of America, Brazil, Germany, Asia, and the Middle East. But we also consider ourselves (REBC) a local body of praying missionaries with a purpose of fulfilling the Great Commission.

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the hole world as a testimony to the nations, and then the end will come." - Matthew 24:14

For more information please visit: www.REBCTexas.com

Meet Samuel & Mercy Farag

Village Missions

Samuel and Mercy Farag joined Village Missions in 2021 after they felt God leading them to serve among the forgotten churches in rural North America and bring the Gospel message to those in their own Jerusalem.

They have two daughters and enjoy spending time with family and friends, baking, reading, and getting outdoors. Sam served as Youth Pastor at their home church, Richardson East Baptist Church in Richardson, Texas, and Mercy served in the Children's Ministry and cared for their daughters.

We invite you to prayerfully consider partnering with the Farags and Village Missions to help rural churches thrive through your encouragement, prayer, and financial partnership. You can get more info on their ministry at <https://expositingtheword.org/give>.

Meet Steve & Janice Schirmer

Silk Road Catalyst

Steve Schirmer is the Founder & President of Silk Road Catalyst (formerly CrossCampus International), was born and raised in North Texas and became a follower of Jesus while attending the University of Texas at Arlington.

At a specific moment during the Spring of 1999, God spoke to Steve through Mark 16:15, "Go and preach the good news to all creation." This was the verse God used to call Steve into full-time cross-cultural ministry, although Steve had no idea at the time what that entailed. This verse, in addition to a few other events that same year, led Steve to quit his job in May 2000 and travel to East Asia on his first international mission trip. To say the least, that trip changed his life and his direction.

In 2004, while on an extended trip to East Asia (8 weeks), the Lord spoke to Steve through Ezekiel 43:1-5. In this passage, God gave Steve a specific vision. He was to engage the Silk Road and mobilize the Church, especially the church in China, to be part of multiplying disciples along the Silk Road, the most unreached region of the world. However, while the vision was clear, it wasn't time for Steve to act upon it just yet.

In December 2011, God used a Chinese house church pastor to speak into Steve's life. At that moment, Steve knew it was time to work toward acting on the vision God gave him in 2004 and it took about 18 months to begin the transition from a campus specific ministry to focusing on the vision from 2004.

As of October 2013, CrossCampus International is now known as Silk Road Catalyst. Their vision is to "Catalyze disciple-making movements among Unreached People Groups in every country along the Silk Road." Their current mission is planting churches and multiplying disciples among two unreached people groups in East & Central Asia, as well as, equipping and mobilizing Chinese believers to serve along the Silk Road.

Meet Vladimir and Inna Pikman

Chosen People Ministries Located in Germany

Vladimir was born to a Jewish family in Kiev (Ukraine). Through different circumstances in his life, both in Ukraine and Israel, and through his personal study of the Old Testament he came to the faith in Jesus the Messiah in the age of 22. He committed his life to bring the Gospel to his Jewish people. Since 1992 serving in different countries of Europe and worldwide, he has led Jewish outreaches and started several messianic congregations.

God uses Vladimir to lead many people to the Lord, to find and equip new ministers and start new messianic ministries in several countries. In 2000 he was ordained as a Messianic Rabbi.

Vladimir is the founding Executive Director of Beit Sar Shalom, the largest Jewish-messianic ministry in Germany, and the Rabbi of the messianic congregation in Berlin. "Due to the Holocaust, German culture is very sensitive to Jewish issues. It makes us, the Jewish believers, visible and thought-provoking in the society. We have a unique advantage of presenting the gospel from the Jewish perspective in the culture, where people are paying careful attention to everything Jewish. We try to be a good testimony for the people living here," says Vladimir.

"While being based in Berlin, Germany, the main goal of our ministry is proclaiming the gospel of the Messiah "to the Jew first," teaching believers, equipping leaders and planting messianic congregations in Germany and the rest of Europe, says Vladimir.

My wife, Inna, is involved in many aspects of this ministry. Additionally, she is leading our worship team, writing and translating worship songs, teaching Biblical and Modern Hebrew and Biblical Greek. She is completing her doctoral dissertation in interactive teaching of Biblical Greek.

Vladimir lives in Berlin, Germany, with his wife and two daughters, Elishevah and Shoshannah. Please pray diligently for Vladimir, and his family.

Meet Ken & Lucimar Davis

World Venture Located in Brazil

"Back in the '80s, I lived and worked in the Dallas area as an electrical engineer with Texas Instruments. I joined Richardson East Baptist Church in 1986, and spent the summer of 1988 as a short term missionary in Brazil. After that trip, I decided to return as a full time career missionary, which I did in the fall of 1988.

In 1996, our mission asked me to assume the leadership of a publishing house that was going through a difficult period. We moved from rural northeast Brazil to the mega city of Sao Paulo.

We are now working at the publishing house called Vida Nova. Vida Nova was founded in 1964 and is one of the leading evangelical publishing houses here in Brazil. Over the last three years we have been working to stabilize and revitalize the ministry of Vida Nova after going through a very difficult financial crisis that nearly bankrupted the company. We have made good progress, yet still have a long way to go.

Vida Nova publishes a full line of quality, academic, theological, reference works and study Bibles for pastors, leaders, seminary students and church members. We have about 250 titles in our catalogue and distribute throughout the world in the Portuguese language. We have just published a new Bible version that would be comparable with the English Standard Version (ESV).

We sponsor an annual Theological Congress as well as regional conferences throughout the year. We are a not-for-profit ministry that's self sustaining with the exception of my salary and the salary of one other part time missionary. We have 25 full time Brazilian employees. You can check out our ministry and products at www.vidanova.com.br