



THE BRIDGE CHURCH

BUILDING BRIDGES TO JESUS

CHURCH PROFILE



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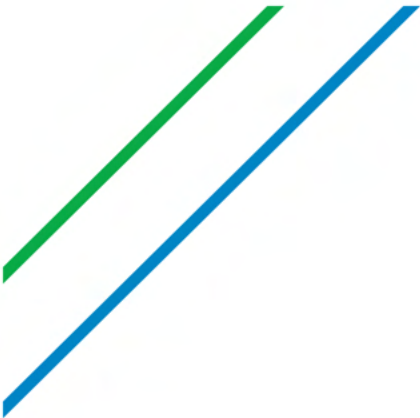


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OUR MISSION

The Bridge Church
exists to build bridges
for people to come to Jesus
and grow in His grace.

OUR VISION

The Bridge Church
will be highly valued by the
unchurched for its commitment
to its neighborhood, community,
and world.



OUR CORE VALUES

DEEP COMPASSION

We believe that God loves every person and matters deeply to Him; we are therefore committed to loving all people as He does. We want to reach the people no one else is reaching.

CULTIVATED RELATIONSHIPS

We believe God is a relational God and created us as relational beings; we are therefore committed to developing a growing relationship with God, with other Christ followers, and with those who do not know Him.

BOLD ACTION

We believe our God is a Big God who does big things in our world; we therefore want to be faith-filled, big thinking risk takers who never choose to play it safe.

USEFUL SERVICE

We believe God gifted each of us to serve and help one another; we are therefore committed to finding ways to use our gifts and help meet the real needs of people around us.

AUTHENTIC LIVING

We believe that Jesus died to change our lives; we therefore want to be people who seek to consistently live out the things that we say we believe. We want our actions to match our words and want to be known for what we are for, not what we are against.

RADICAL GENEROSITY

We will believe God provides us with everything that we need and we are to share what He has entrusted to us. We therefore want to be known for being generous and using what we



OUR CORE BELIEFS

THE WORD OF GOD

We believe the Bible to be the only inspired, infallible and authoritative Word of God without error in the original writings.

JESUS CHRIST

We believe in the Deity and the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, that He died upon the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice for the sin of the world, that He rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven, from where He will return with Power and Glory, and He provides the only means of salvation for us.

THE TRINITY

We believe in one God. Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

SALVATION

We believe that all people have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is absolutely essential for the salvation of lost and sinful people. We believe in justification by faith alone, realizing that it is impossible for man, through works, to save himself.

SECURITY

We believe in the eternal security of the true believer.

ETERNAL LIFE

We believe in the resurrection of the saved into everlasting life in Heaven, and the resurrection of the lost or unsaved into eternal punishment.



IN 2023

Served 279 families with 603 individuals through our food pantry

Helped serve 500+ meals at Thanksgiving and deliver 1,100 Easter baskets in partnership with Cookies for Kindness

We have 8 small groups running with about 80 people attending

We have an average attendance of twenty students (8th grade through 12th grade) attending The Crossing on Wednesday nights

IN 2023

International missions we support:

- Mexico Medical
- Action International
- Greater Europe Mission
- When I Grow Up

Local missions we support:

- Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission
- Awaken
- Growing Healthy Churches

Nonprofit partnerships:

- Al-Anon Family groups
- Boys and Girls Club
- Cookies for Kindness,
- FARMily
- Food Bank of Northern Nevada
- Hunter Lake Elementary School
- Katie's Community Garden
- McQueen High School
- Project 150
- The Solace Tree
- Turning Point
- Reno High Fellowship of Christian Athletes



OUR COMMUNITY

Washoe County, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, is a growing area located along the eastern slopes of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in western Nevada in an area called the Truckee Meadows and has an estimated population of 512,524 in 2024 made up of 275,000 in Reno and 108,000 in Sparks while the remaining population are in outlying areas.

Washoe County is home to: Lake Tahoe 60 miles to the southwest of Reno, one of the most beautiful places on earth; the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains; and the life-giving Truckee River which runs through downtown Reno.

Reno is home to outstanding institutions of higher learning, including the Tier 1 University of Nevada-Reno (UNR) and the internationally-recognized Desert Research Institute (DRI) while Washoe County School District (WCSD) oversees 66 elementary schools, 18 middle schools, 15 high schools, and 4 others while on a balanced schedule. Reno is also home to various academies, charter schools and Christian schools.

The Reno-Tahoe International Airport services all destinations through major airline carriers Alaska, America, Delta, Southwest and United with a recorded elevation of 4,414.

The average hottest month is July with an average high at 93 degrees. The average coldest month is December with an average high at 46 degrees. The annual precipitation is 7.4 inches.

The median household income (in 2022 dollars) is \$73,073 while the mean travel time to work is 20.5 minutes.

Reno's economy is principally based in the trade and service sector, with approximately 65% of the workforce employed in these occupations.

Nevada has no corporate or personal income tax and is a right-to-work state. These factors have contributed to the State's growth over the years.



OUR CHURCH HISTORY

The Bridge Church began in 1875 when Reverend C.L. Fisher, a missionary appointed by the American Baptist Home Mission Society serving in Virginia City, posted a notice in the Nevada State Journal on Saturday, November 27, 1875. The next day the church was born with fifteen people signing the charter. The first meetings were in the old Opera House at 209 N. Virginia Street. Reverend Fisher served as pastor for fifteen months.

Dedication services for the first building at 25 West 2nd Street were held on May 7, 1876. The building was destroyed by fire in 1879 and a new structure was built at the same location. Fire again destroyed the church in 1889. A new building was constructed at the corner of 2nd and Chestnut Street (now 2nd and Arlington Avenue) and was dedicated May 18, 1890. The church moved from that location to our current site on May 18, 1958.

During a period of transition from 2006 to 2008, the church name was temporarily changed to High Desert Church as part of an approach to reach a broader demographic.

The name was formally changed to The Bridge Church in January of 2009. With this came a new mission and vision for the church which developed into a strong focus on reaching people for Jesus through service to our local community. We still remain a part of the American Baptist Church denomination, but our approach is more non-denominational.

We are a member of the association Growing Healthy Churches, formerly American Baptist Churches of the West.





OUR FACILITIES





WORSHIP CENTER

Square footage: 3,550 -- Seating for 200 -- Lobby area -- Church staff offices



CLASSROOM WING

Classrooms: 10



WELCOME CENTER -- New in 2022

Square footage: 3,000



FELLOWSHIP HALL

Square footage: 4,200 -- Commercial-style kitchen -- Food Pantry



FORMER PARSONAGE -- Being used by Project 150

Square footage: 1,500 including basement



OUTDOOR SPACES

Courtyard off the Welcome Center -- Parking lot with 72 spaces
Open lot for an additional 60 spaces -- Community Garden of over 1.5 acres

FINANCIALS

Each year our budget is set to no more than 90% of the previous year's offerings.

2024 General Fund Budget - \$488,684

- Ministries \$21,068 (4%)
- Operations \$174,120 (36%)
- Human Resources \$268,404 (55%)
- Missions/Outreach \$22,800 (5%)

December 2023 Balances

- Checking \$84,429
- Reserves \$97,469
- Community Partnership Fund \$6,625
- Welcome Center Loan \$127,565

2023 Year-End Financial Summary

- Budget \$456,000
- General Fund Income: \$531,418
- General Fund Expenses: \$478,427
- Community Partnership Fund Income: \$29,939




CORE MINISTRIES



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

We currently offer a Sunday 10:00 a.m. service that includes inspiring worship music and relevant biblical teaching. Our desire is to meet people where they are with love and encourage their spiritual growth and life transformation.



Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Kids Kingdom offers nursery and children's programs during our adult service time. Children's ministry offers relevant biblical teaching communicated through games, music, storytelling, art and friendship.

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STUDENT MINISTRY

The Crossing is a weekly time where God's word is explored and applied to give our youth an anchor for their lives. Middle and High school students meet on Wednesday evenings to enjoy a meal, play games and learn about God. Student ministry leaders create an environment where students can build strong friendships and serve in the church and community.





SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

The Bridge offers a variety of small group options. People of all ages and all walks of life come together in homes and in the community. By studying God's word, through fellowship, prayer and community service, our groups provide deep connections. We believe great things happen when we share life and testimony of how God is working to transform us from the inside out.

CORE MINISTRIES



SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

The Bridge offers other ministries that help support our core ministries.

- **Worship Ministries**
(live music)
- **Welcome Team**
(greeting, information & prayer)
- **Media/Technical Ministries**
(media, lighting & sound)
- **Prayer Ministries**
(weekly spiritual support, resources & prayer events)



OUTREACH - LOCAL & GLOBAL

LOCAL / REGIONAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES

- On-Site Food Pantry funded through our Community Partnership Fund
- Christian Auto Repair Service (CARS) Ministry providing free car maintenance & repair for seniors and single parents funded through our Community Partnership Fund
- Community Partnership Fund providing small grants for housing, utilities, and other expenses
- On-Site Community Garden operated by FARMily / Katie's Garden
- On-Site Boutique to provide clothing, shoes, school supplies, and toiletries for at-risk youth operated by Project 150 Reno
- Annual Easter Basket Give-Away run by Cookies For Kindness
- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Veterans run by Cookies For Kindness
- Annual School Backpack Give-Away run by Cookies for Kindness
- Annual Christmas Candlelight Services

SUPPORTED MINISTRIES AND MISSIONS

- Al-Anon Family Groups
- Awaken
- Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows
- Cookies for Kindness
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) at Reno High School
- Food Bank of Northern Nevada
- Hunter Lake Elementary School
- Katie's Community Garden / FARMily
- McQueen High School
- Project 150 Reno
- Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission (RSGM)
- The Solace Tree
- Turning Point

GLOBAL MISSIONS OUTREACH

- Action International - Missionary Support
- Greater Europe Mission - Missionary Support
- Mexico Medical Ministries - Missionary Support, Mission Trips
- When I Grow Up / Furaha Community Foundation - Monetary Support, Mission Trips

LEADERSHIP

The Bridge Church uses an accountability model. The Senior Pastor leads the church by casting the vision, directing staff and overseeing all ministries. According to the adopted bylaws, the Executive Board governs the church by enforcing guiding principles that authorize the pastor to lead the church to fulfill its mission. The Senior Pastor is equipped by this Executive Board with clear responsibility, ample authority, and precise accountability.

LOOKING FORWARD

This year brings us into a new season as we search for a new Senior Pastor who will carry on the mission and vision of The Bridge Church into the future. Located in the heart of the Truckee Meadows with the potential to further build bridges into our community and across the world, we are a close-knit community that strives to grow and reflect our community across racial, demographic and socioeconomic spectrums.

In 1875, a group of fifteen people signed the charter and decided to plant the foundation of what is now The Bridge Church. The commitment and sacrifices of those leaders and church members over the years have produced a church that has built bridges out to the community, with a large campus, facilities and adequate resources that have put us in a position for our next phase of growth.