DISCOVER 101.



DISCOVER THE BRIDGE CHURCH

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Welcome To DISCOVERY 101

First off, thank you for taking the time to be here. Whether you've been attending The Bridge for a few weeks or a few months, we believe this class is an important step in helping you understand who we are and where God may be leading you next.

Brandon Anderton

Lead Pastor
The Bridge Church

At The Bridge Church, we believe church is more than just attending a service. We believe God designed us to grow in community, discover purpose, and make a difference with our lives.

Our prayer is that today helps you feel:

- connected
- encouraged
- challenged
- and excited about what God wants to do in your life.





OUR VISION

We help people journey from where they are, to where **GOD** wants them to be.

What Is Vision?
Vision answers the question:

"WHY DO WE EXIST?"

At The Bridge Church:

- We exist to help people take spiritual steps.
- We believe everyone is on a journey.
- We want to help people move toward Jesus.

What stands out to you most about our vision?

OUR MISSION

How We Live Out The Vision

- **Reach the LOST**.
  We want people far from God to know Jesus.

- **Pastor the FOUND.**
  We care for people and help them grow spiritually.

- **Disciple the GROWING**.
  We help people become more like Jesus.

- **Mobilize the EQUIPPED**.
  We equip people to use their gifts and make a difference.

Which part of the mission connects with you most?

☐ Reach the Lost
☐ Pastor the Found
☐ Disciple the Growing
☐ Mobilize the Equipped

WHY?

OUR VALUES



Encounter GOD

James 4:8
“Come close to God, and God will come close to you.”

We believe:

- God still changes lives
- His presence matters
- Prayer matters
- Worship matters
- His Word matters

What This Means

We don’t want people to simply attend church.

We want people to genuinely encounter God.

Life change happens in His presence.

How have you experienced God recently?

Live FREE

John 8:36
“So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.”

We believe:

- Freedom happens in community
- Nobody grows alone
- Healing takes honesty
- Discipleship requires relationships

What This Means

Freedom is possible through Jesus.

We believe healing, growth, and discipleship happen best in healthy relationships and biblical community.

That’s why LifeGroups are such an important part of The Bridge Church.

Have you ever experienced growth through relationships or community?

Know PURPOSE

Ephesians 2:10
“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.”

We believe:

- Every person has purpose
- Every believer has gifts
- God wants to use your life
- You were created on purpose and for a purpose

What This Means

You were created intentionally by God.

Part of spiritual growth is discovering:

- How God designed you
- How He gifted you
- How He wants to use your life to impact others.

What gifts, passions, or strengths do you believe God has given you?

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Serve OTHERS

1 Peter 4:10
"God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

We believe:

- Saved people serve people
- The church works best when everyone participates
- Serving is worship
- Serving changes us



What This Means

We believe church is more than attending services.

God created each of us to serve and make a difference in the lives of others.

Serving helps build:
- **The church**
- **Community**
- **Relationships**
- **Spiritual growth.**

Have you ever served somewhere and it impacted your life spiritually? How?

HOW PEOPLE GROW HERE

At The Bridge, Growth Happens Through:

Encounter SERVICES
Where we gather together for:
- Worship
- Prayer
- Teaching
- Encountering God together

Life GROUPS
Where we:
- Build relationships
- Grow spiritually
- Pray together
- Live life together

Growth TRACKS
Where we:
- Learn
- Grow
- Get equipped
- Discover next steps

Serve TEAMS
Where we:
- Use our gifts
- Make a difference
- Build the church
- Serve others

The Bridge Church Leadership

HOW OUR CHURCH IS LED

At The Bridge Church, we believe healthy leadership matters.

As you invest your:

- Heart
- Time
- Family
- Gifts
- Finances

into the life of our church, we want you to feel confident in how our church is led and cared for.

We believe healthy churches are built through:

- Integrity
- Accountability
- Spiritual leadership
- Servant leadership
- Biblical stewardship.

The Bridge is...

Guided by Staff

The day-to-day ministry and operations of The Bridge Church are led by:

Lead Pastor Brandon Anderton along with the ministry staff team.

Our staff team helps:

- Develop ministries
- Disciple and equip others
- Care for the church
- Create healthy ministry environments.

We believe leadership is not about power...
it's about serving people well.

Covered By Elders

The Bridge Church is also overseen by trusted elders who help provide:

- Wisdom
- Accountability
- Spiritual oversight
- Protection for the church.

Our elders help ensure that:

- Decisions are made wisely
- Leadership remains healthy
- Finances are stewarded responsibly
- The church stays focused on its mission.

Elders help provide:

- Spiritual OVERSIGHT
- Wise COUNSEL
- Biblical ACCOUNTABILITY

We believe healthy accountability protects:

- Pastors
- Staff
- Leaders
- The church family

No one should lead alone.

Generosity & Stewardship

At The Bridge Church, we believe generosity is part of spiritual growth.

- Giving is not about pressure.
- Giving is about worship, trust, and obedience to God.

Giving is an act of <u>WORSHIP</u>.

Proverbs 3:9–10 (NLT)
"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce."

Malachi 3:10 (NLT)
"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple."

WE BELIEVE IN THE GIVING OF:

<u>Tithes</u>
The tithe — the first 10% — belongs to God and supports the work of the local church.

<u>Offerings</u>
Offerings are above-and-beyond tithes used to expand ministry, outreach, missions, and community impact.

We believe generosity is partnering with God's mission to see:

- Lives changed
- Families strengthened
- Students discipled
- Children impacted
- People reached

Heart For The House

What Does It Mean To Call The Bridge Home?

At The Bridge, we don't believe church membership is simply signing a card, adding your name to a list, or receiving a title.

The Bible teaches that the Church is a family, a body, and a team of believers united around the mission of Jesus Christ. Church partnership is about having a heart for God's house and being committed to building His Kingdom alongside others.

When you call The Bridge your home, you're saying:

"This is where I'm growing. This is where I'm serving. This is where I'm giving. This is where I'm helping people go from where they are to where God wants them to be."

Why Partnership Matters?

God never intended for believers to follow Jesus alone. We are called to belong, contribute, and work together to accomplish His mission.

Romans 12:5 (NLT)
"We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other."

If The Bridge Is My Home Church, I Will:

Attend Regularly
I will prioritize gathering with my church family to worship, grow, and encourage others.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT)
"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. "

Give Faithfully
I will honor God through biblical generosity and support the mission of the church through tithes and offerings.

2 Corinthians 9:7-9 (NLT)
You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever."

Serve Faithfully
I will use my gifts, talents, and abilities to make a difference and help other encounter Jesus.

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)
God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

Protect and Promote Unity

I will speak life, guard against gossip, support church leadership, and help create a culture of honor and unity.

Ephesians 4:3 (NLT)

Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

Romans 16:17-18 (NLT)

And now I make one more appeal, my dear brothers and sisters. Watch out for people who cause divisions and upset people's faith by teaching things contrary to what you have been taught. Stay away from them. Such people are not serving Christ our Lord; they are serving their own personal interests. By smooth talk and glowing words they deceive innocent people.

Hebrews 13:17 (NLT)

Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.

Live on Mission

I will actively help people go from where they are to where God wants them to be by inviting, serving, and sharing the love of Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)

So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

As leaders of The Bridge, we commit to shepherd, equip, encourage, and care for those who call this church home. Together, we will Encounter God, Live Free, Know Purpose, and Serve Others as we build God's Kingdom and make a difference in our community.

"Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."

Ephesians 4:11-16 (NLT)

Everyone Has A Part To Play

THE CHURCH WORKS BEST WHEN EVERYONE DOES THEIR PART

God designed the church to function like a body.
Every person matters.
Every role matters.
Every gift matters.

The church works best when:

- People serve
- People give
- People grow
- People stay **CONNECTED**.

WHAT THIS MEANS

At The Bridge Church, we believe every person has:

- Value
- Purpose
- Gifts
- A role to play.

The church is healthiest when:

- People are connected
- People are growing
- People are serving
- People are giving
- People are helping others encounter Jesus.

We don't believe church is meant to be built by a few people doing everything.

We believe God designed the church to function as a family — where every person contributes and every person matters.

What area do you feel most called to grow in?

☐ Serving
☐ Giving
☐ Leadership
☐ Community
☐ Spiritual Growth
☐ Consistency
☐ Discipleship

Your Next Step

EVERYONE HAS A NEXT STEP

At The Bridge, we believe spiritual growth is a journey.
No matter where we are, God always has a next step for us.

Join us for...

Discover 201

In Discover 201 you will:

- Reflect on your spiritual journey
- Identify healthy next steps
- Discover areas of spiritual growth
- Continue building on your discipleship journey.

THANK YOU

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