

# RRBC Welcomes New Staff

## A note from our new Interim Pastor...



It is with a great deal of joy and anticipation that I begin my service as your interim pastor at Ridge Road. I've known your church and some of your ministers and have nothing but respect for your mission and ministry in the community. Although I've never been an "interim" before I have been a pastor, and I intend to bring the same commitment to you as I would any congregation, whether we're together one month or six.

I've already met Patti, Zach, the deacons, and several other members. They've all been warm and welcoming and seem eager to move forward. If in our time together I see ways I can facilitate this progress, I will. To

be honest, I am curious how God may enrich your church and my ministry as we enter into this partnership. If things go according to plan, I will preach December 27<sup>th</sup>, and begin officially January 3<sup>rd</sup>. My wife, Susan, and I look forward to the days ahead.

Peace,  
Randy Sherron

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## A note from our new Administrative Assistant...

Greetings, Ridge Road Baptist Church family. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your new administrative assistant. As I prayed for direction in my career God made it clear to me that Ridge Road is where he is calling me to minister and serve.

I have been married to my husband, Brad, for twelve years and we have lived in North Carolina for 10 years. Although I am originally from Florida, we moved here from Ft. Sill, Oklahoma where he was stationed in the Army. He now enjoys working for the Wake County Public School System transportation department. We do not have any children yet but we enjoy spoiling our two sweet little beagles, Buddy & Betsy. We are members of New Hope Baptist Church and participate in many activities there including the Angel Food ministry. I also serve as a Deacon, Asst. Director for the WMU, and Children's Sunday School teacher. Brad and I also enjoy spending time with my parents and fishing out on Falls Lake. **(Continued on page 2.)**

You should know...

## Sound System Operators

January 3  
Rolf Blizzard  
January 10  
Steven Lingafelt  
January 17  
Ellis Wheeler  
January 24  
Charles Lingafelt  
January 31  
Charles Lingafelt

## Sunday Greeters

January 3  
Joel & Sue Perry  
January 10  
Ellis & Teresa Wheeler  
January 17  
Hoover & Jo Thomas  
January 24  
Kevin Parker & Phil Dickens

## Thank You, Karen Congregation!

We want to express our deepest gratitude to the Karen Congregation for their generous financial contribution to our church. Thank you also for the warm wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are thankful that God has allowed us the privilege of partnering with you. May God continue to bless your ministry to Burmese families and refugees!

Sincerely,

The RRBC family



*"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6*

The Sonshine Kids program at RRBC is growing in love and faith! It is such a blessing each week to see children worship the Lord and learn about His love. The children hear the Bible come to life through interactive games, songs, puppet shows and "live" Bible characters.

It is a joy to watch the children as they absorb God's word and offer their praise and prayers to Him. The Sonshine Kids' workers are also blessed to be part of this growing ministry at RRBC.

We invite you as church members to visit a Sonshine Kids' Sunday School class (there are now 3 classes) OR Children's Church (during the church hour) to see if you might like to be involved in this exciting children's program. Perhaps you would like to volunteer one Sunday a month or once every two months to be part of the Sonshine Kids' staff. Please call Penny in the Preschool office at 787-5707 or at home at 359-2056 to find out how easy it would be to work in this area of ministry. The planning and crafts and lesson material would be supplied for you! We just need willing hands and hearts who love children!

In Christ's Service,  
Sonshine Kids Staff

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### Continued from cover...

Over the past week I have met many of you and have been made to feel most welcome. I look forward to getting to know and working with you all. I am glad to be part of the Ridge Road team and look forward to discovering how God will use my skills and abilities to serve you and to further his kingdom here.

New Years Blessings,  
Holly Baldwin



## Weekday Preschool News!

*A New Year!*

The Weekday Preschool is so excited to be part of what is happening at RRBC! With new programs, new activities, and the new year ahead, there is so much to look forward to around here!

For over a month now, we have been talking about PEACE on earth and GOODWILL...now (2010) is the time to put those words into action. In his book, Don't Sweat the Small Stuff, Richard Carlson says to be aware of the "Snowball Effect" of our thinking. He suggests that we quit letting negative thinking spiral out of control! By doing that, we can become more peaceful. "If our goal is to become more peaceful and loving, we certainly don't want to harbor negativity toward others."

The Weekday Preschool staff wishes everyone a very blessed and peaceful new year! We appreciate RRBC and all the people who make this church a special place.

Ms. Penny  
*Weekday Preschool Director*

## Sunday Fellowship Gatherings

Check this list to see if your class is responsible for refreshments.

January 3  
Seekers

January 10  
Gibson

January 17  
Fidelis

January 24  
Koinonia

January 31  
Koinonia

## Highlight...

Do you like to bake? Would you like to use that gift to bless others?

We are looking for a team of 3-5 people who will be willing to make baked goods to be delivered to those who are our first-time guests in worship. These goodies will be put in our new welcome bags and delivered by our Deacons.

If you are interested and want to find out more about participating in this important ministry, please contact Zach Roberts.

## New College Class!

Starting Sunday, January 3, 2010 we will begin a new college class in room 211 in the Education Building.

Nathaniel Grubbs will be the group facilitator, and we will kick off this new venture using the NOOMA DVD series curriculum.

Students are invited to participate in an interactive discussion around relevant issues of faith and spiritual practice.

## Highlight...

Are you a good driver?

There are a number of members in our church family who cannot drive and need transportation to our church gatherings. We are organizing a team of shuttle drivers who can transport these members to and from church on Sundays and Wednesdays, and for special events.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry contact Zach Roberts. If you are someone who needs a ride, please contact us as well.



## NOTES FROM PATTI



A new year...a new interim pastor...maybe some new ways of doing things in worship or elsewhere around the church...new faces in our midst (hopefully!)...new creation (anyone who is in Christ)...new life.

*"And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'" (Rev. 21:5)*

May it be so here at Ridge Road Baptist Church in 2010 and may we all be open to the workings of God's Spirit and the newness he will bring.

Is God calling you to participate in the music ministry at Ridge Road? New members are welcome in the Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, and Handbell Choir; see me if you are interested. The new year is a good time to find your place in our music ministry.

Musically yours,  
*Patti*

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## Children's Wednesday Night Discipleship

Wednesday nights in 2010, Children ages 4 - 10 will be learning the who, what, where, and why of missions. We will be using a combination of the CBF "Form" and "Spark" curriculum to invite children into the stories of real CBF missionaries all over the world, and the people they serve. Sessions include biblical studies, life stories, activities, and crafts all related to sharing the good news of Christ with the world. The class will meet downstairs in the children's building at 7:00 PM following Choir. (begins Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>)

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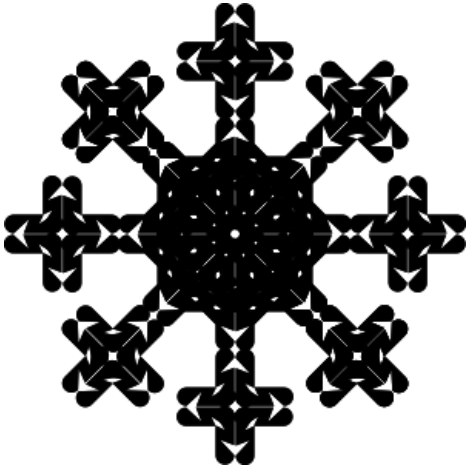
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### New Beginnings

As resurrection people, new beginnings are a part of our story. Ridge Road Baptist Church is in the midst of many new beginnings, from new staff to new programs. These things are exciting and point to the promise of good things on the horizon.

The birth of new things is inherent to communities enlivened and animated by the gospel. The good news of God's love is life-brining and life-sustaining. As we enter into a new year, I believe its crucial that we consider how to bring and sustain life in and around our location here at 2011 Ridge Rd. This happens by asking ourselves two simple questions. Who are the people among and around us that need the life-giving touch of God's love? What do I plan to do about that?

Blessings,  
Zach

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