

# BRIDGE-BLAST

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR OCTOBER 2016 & BEYOND



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FOR OUR COMMUNITY IS TO MAKE PEOPLE FEEL LOVED...

**H**ello Bridge Family! We are in the middle of a great message series, **We are Ironbridge & last week, Pastor Mark challenged us by asking, 'who are we and why it matters?'** Well, it matters because we have something life changing to offer: the love of Jesus. It's simple really, we have real life and real love living on the inside of us, so just share it with those around you. One of the most impacting things we can do for our community is to make people feel loved and welcomed on Sunday mornings. If you see someone you don't know, just simply saying hello and letting them know you are happy to see them can make all the difference.

**We are Ironbridge has come with many changes, but not just change for the sake of change. Changes for the sake of being the best representation of the gospel we can be in our community.** You may have noticed one of those changes is our new Welcome Center in The Gathering. Maybe you have been wondering how to get more involved on Sundays. Take *real life-real love* to the next level and join the Welcome Team. If you are on the fence, don't worry, you don't have to be an expert socialite to be an awesome Welcome Team Member. Plus, we offer some simple training and support. So the answer is yes, we need you. Contact Melinda Clapp @ [glorygirl15@gmail.com](mailto:glorygirl15@gmail.com), stop by the Welcome Center or grab a connection card.

ON THE MENU



## BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday Oct 23rd | 12-12:10pm in Z-Street

## SPIRITUAL RETREAT

2nd Tuesday of every month Richmond Hill, "Listening To the Silence Retreat" Contact [prayer@ironbridge.org](mailto:prayer@ironbridge.org) or visit [www.richmondhillva.org](http://www.richmondhillva.org)

## THANKS-GIVING

Turkey Time @ Mercy Mall | Buy &/or cook a turkey for a family in need | Contact [dennis@ironbridge.org](mailto:dennis@ironbridge.org)

## NEW MEMBERS

BridgeLife 1.0 Course | 10:45am-12pm Sunday November 6th | Z-Street | Please RSVP @ [ironbridge.org/membership](http://ironbridge.org/membership)

## LADIES ONLY

Women of Worth 4th Annual Ornament Exchange | Friday December 2nd | Sign-up in The Gathering or email [marianwgeorge@outlook.com](mailto:marianwgeorge@outlook.com)

## OPPORTUNITY

Handbell Choir Going on Now | Interested in ringing Handbells? We meet Sundays at 5pm. Contact Paul Cochran @ [paulc@ironbridge.org](mailto:paulc@ironbridge.org)



CHRISTMAS MISSIONS

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HELPING LESS FORTUNATE FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS.

**A**WANA is getting ready to start their annual Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child missions project. So let's pack a shoebox! Don't miss an opportunity to partner with our AWANA students to make a difference during the holiday season. Donations accepted at the Welcome Center before November 6th.

**Personal Care** washcloths, toothbrushes, combs, bar soap, hair bands, small packs of tissues, etc

**Toys non-military** | flashlights with batteries, non-inflated soccer balls with pumps, dolls, toy cars, cards, slinkies, etc

**School & crafts supplies** notepads, pencils & colored pencils with sharpeners, crayons, kits, kid scissors, erasers, small coloring books, stickers, small picture books

**Clothes** plain kid t-shirts, hats, gloves, socks

**Do Not Include** Used or damaged items, war or military items, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items, aerosol cans

## IT'S A BRGR CHRISTMAS GALA

**E**verything happens on Friday, December 9th from 7pm-10pm in The Gathering right here at Ironbridge Church. The Gathering area will be transformed into a Winter Wonderland befitting a BRGR Christmas Gala Event.

Expect your evening to be filled with **delicious food**, so come hungry! Expect an **amazing talent show**, so come ready to cheer and laugh! Expect to hear and/or sing some **heart warming carols**, so come with your vocal chords warmed up! Expect to be inspired and moved by the reading of a **Christmas story**.

Seriously, you are not going to want to miss the first ever BRGR Christmas Gala. Now here's the catch. The event is open to anyone participating in a fall 2016 BRGR. **Wait a minute! What is a BRGR?** I'm so glad you asked! BRGRs are BridgeGroups, & it is not too late to join one. So, make sure to join a BRGR before the end of November.

**A**ngel Tree Ministry helps give children of prisoners a Christmas filled with joy and hope. These children need to know that Jesus can fill the void in their hearts and is able to bring healing and restoration to their families destroyed by crime.

## WHAT CAN I DO?

### Donate gifts | Join a Delivery Team

In November, we will participate by purchasing & delivering gifts. This often leads to an opportunity to share the gospel with the families and to offer them hope. To sign-up for a delivery team Contact Margot Miller @ 804-706-1524 or [margotmiller@msn.com](mailto:margotmiller@msn.com)

**M**iddle Distric Baptist Association Christmas Store is designed to help parents provide Christmas gifts for their children who can't afford to on their own.

## TWO WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

**Sponsor a child** | Indicate the number of children you want to sponsor and email Bill Vickers @ [popvickers@gmail.com](mailto:popvickers@gmail.com) or grab a sponsor sheet at the Welcome Center.

**Donate gifts** | Coats for all ages, toiletries, household items, games, books, *lightly-worn* clothes, etc. Deliver gifts and donations to Bellwood Baptist Church on November 28th-29th between 9am-2pm.