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The year was 1898 and in a small living room, J.M. Mizzel along with 6 other charter members began First Baptist Church in Boerne, TX. It is fun for me to imagine what being in that room would have been like, as they began forming the church. Were they anticipating large growth in this little town? Were they thinking that they would be able to reach people for Christ in ways that other churches in the area were not?

It's fun for me to imagine the beginning of that church, but it is also fun for me to look at the facts. Fact: because of their obedience to start FBC Boerne, we now have 5 churches in the Hill Country sharing the gospel and transforming lives. Because 7 people said "yes" to God's mission in 1898, today we have an estimated 3,500 people in attendance in all 5 churches on a weekly basis. Through First Baptist's kingdom mindset, they helped start Currey Creek Church, 19:10 Church, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel Church, and Riding the River Cowboy Church in Bandera. You see, the gospel always multiplies. As the good news is shared, a natural byproduct is that men and women step out of their comfort zones and begin a new work.

That is what we are experiencing today. As Currey Creek has grown, we have a burden to begin a new work to reach more people with the gospel in our area. Just like First Baptist sent out John Free, resources, and people to begin Currey Creek in the year 2000, we are now sending Jared Patrick, resources, and people to begin The Bridge Fellowship.

In the midst of uncertain times, we are certain in the mission Jesus put before us to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" Matthew 28:19. We are called to make disciples and the way we go about it is through multiplication.

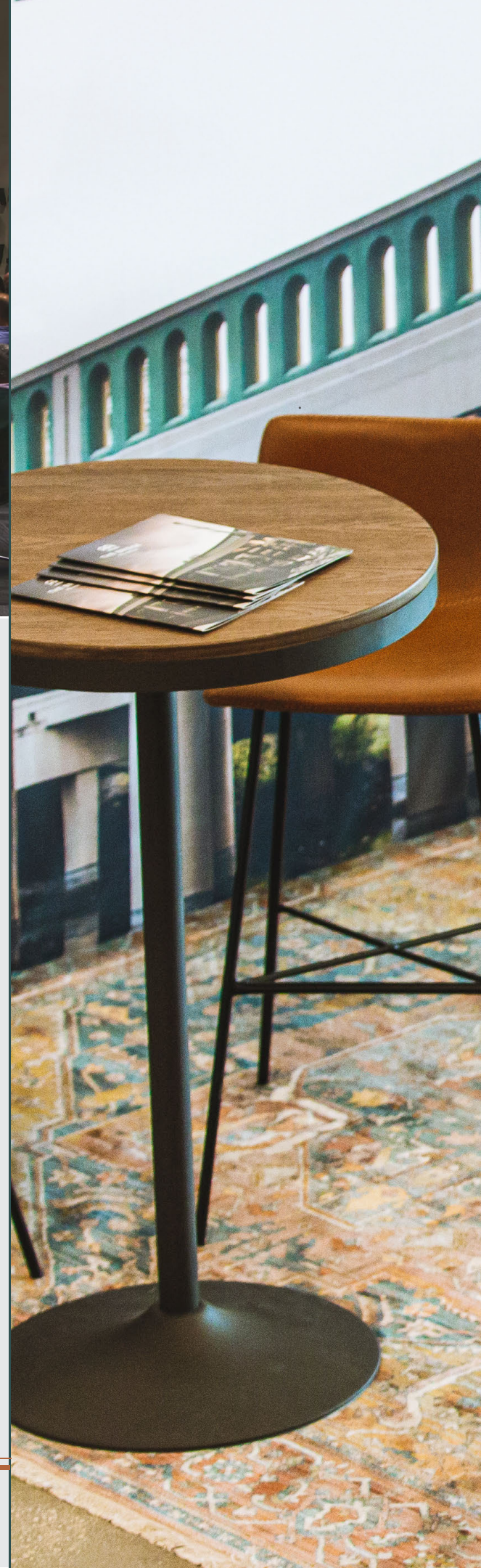
We are praying that God would move in big ways through the efforts of Currey Creek Church and The Bridge Fellowship. We are praying that the estimated 12,000 people moving to our area over the next few years would find a gospel-centered church home and that disciples would be made. We are praying that the legacy of a church that plants churches would continue, and that God would receive all the glory! Would you pray for Currey Creek as we send out? Would you pray for The Bridge Fellowship as we step out in faith in September?

Is God calling you? We would love for you to join us! Visit bridgefellowship.net to learn about the next steps in our journey.

Jared Patrick | *The Bridge Fellowship Pastor*



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welcome home

Dear Church Family,

In every place that I have had the privilege of pastoring, I've had the privilege of people that have loved and supported me. Not just my ministry mind you, but also me as a person. I cannot tell you how important that was to me in New Mexico as a young father and preacher 700 miles from our family. These wonderful families cared for, prayed for, and provided for me and my family. They were indeed my family while I was away from my biological family. These relationships allowed me to move forward in times of discouragement. They encouraged me when I had doubts. In short, they were instrumental in my life personally and professionally.

If you heard my message on May 3rd you may remember me mentioning Stuart as being a compliment to my giftedness. When I think back over the years, I cannot help but remember how important this aspect of ministry is to a local church. Everyone, and I mean everyone has blind spots. Everyone, and I mean everyone has deficiencies. That is why it is so important to live in community with one another. In true community, each one uses their giftedness to bring the whole to maturity. NOWHERE is this more necessary, evident, and beautiful than the local church. Again and again I'm reminded when I come through the doors of Currey Creek of families that have been faithful to the ministry here from the very beginning.

Why mention this when our focus this month is on The Bridge Fellowship? Simple. My desire for Jared and his family is that there would be families that would surround the Patricks and support them. Should the Lord tarry, I would hope that 20 years from now Jared would be able to show up at church and see families that have been steadfast at The Bridge since day 1. I hope that as The Bridge grows, that Jared has multiple staff that compliment his ministry and allow him to focus and flourish as a pastor. I have been so blessed both personally and professionally by people that loved the Lord and demonstrated that love to me and my family. May the Lord do the same and more for Jared and his family! Pray for the Bridge!

In Christ,

John D. Free

Senior Pastor | Currey Creek Church