

BRIDGE BUILDING UPDATE



September '26.

Dear Friend,



Thank you for your generous support of my [Bridge Builder Ministry](#). Your prayers, encouragement, and financial gifts allow me to pursue ministry opportunities beyond my leadership of Church Together—the Church I dearly love. I am honored to shepherd and am delighted to see the depth and scope of the mission thrive and expand. I'd love to share more about the Church (*give me a call!*), but that's not the purpose of this note. This picture, though, is of my son Jonathan and me baptizing my daughter Bethany! **What joy!**

The Bridge Building fund, which you have contributed to, is separate from Church Together and supports a broader calling God has placed on my life: *building bridges of grace and truth between people, churches, cities, and culture*. I am deeply grateful that your partnership enables me to serve in these spaces. Here's a little update on how your gifts have been used recently.

God at Work Through the FIFA World Cup

The 2026 Soccer World Cup gave the global Church an extraordinary opportunity to share the hope of Jesus through the world's most-watched sporting event. God brought together churches, host cities, soccer leaders, chaplains, ministries, and volunteers who shared a desire to serve people and make Jesus known.

I was privileged to play a small, catalytic role—connecting people, strengthening partnerships, developing resources, caring for leaders, and helping churches see the World Cup as an opportunity for hospitality, conversation, and gospel presence. The impact of some of these projects is captured in this graphic.

What happened belonged to no individual or organization. It demonstrated what can happen when people faithfully offer their gifts, and God breathes upon their collective efforts. Behind every story of impact was a person invited to consider the hope, freedom, and transforming love of Jesus.



Although the tournament has ended, many relationships and opportunities remain. Others and I are working strategically to steward and capture the opportunities for faith within the global game of professional soccer.

Launching the Sacred Threads Journey



Over the past couple of years, God has brought clarity to patterns within my own life. As I reflected on the experiences, burdens, gifts, and relationships that have shaped me, I began to recognize the “sacred threads” God had woven through every season. From that personal journey, I developed the **Sacred Threads Journey**—a process that helps people understand their future purpose by prayerfully examining their past. It is not a personality test or an invitation to reinvent yourself. It helps people recognize the sacred design God has already been forming within their stories. A small pilot group is now helping me refine the process. My prayer is that Sacred Threads will help people answer, “How has God shaped me, and how

can I faithfully live from that design?”—enabling them to say “yes” with clarity and “no” with peace. *If you’d like to receive a copy of this process, let me know, and I’ll send it to you!*

Bringing Churches Together to Reach the Cities.

I also continue to serve as the U.S. Chair of NAYBA. At the heart of this work is a simple conviction: God has placed His Church in every city to seek its flourishing.

Churches across the country feed families, mentor young people, support schools, care for people in crisis, and strengthen neighborhoods. Yet much of this work remains disconnected or unseen. Through NAYBA, I travel, connect with churches and local governments, and help leaders measure, communicate, and increase the Church’s collective influence. Many ‘hot spots’ around the country are emerging for our work, and there is much to be excited about as the church recaptures its mission as a “city of a hill”.

Stewarding What God Is Beginning

As I look toward the final quarter of the year, I am grateful for what God has done and am expectant about what He may do next. In the final three months of the year, I’ll be traveling (To West Palm, DC, Philadelphia, and the UK) as I seek to expand opportunities to steward the spiritual momentum within soccer, launch Sacred Threads more widely, and help churches serve cities across the country.

None of this rests upon me. I simply want to remain available when God opens a door, using the relationships and experience He has entrusted to me for the good of others and the advance of His Kingdom.



To respond faithfully, I need to strengthen the financial foundation of the Bridge Builder Fund's financial foundation. Would you prayerfully consider continuing—or perhaps increasing—your support in the coming year? Your partnership enables me to travel, develop resources, convene leaders, care for people, and respond when God brings people and opportunities together. Every dollar you give is multiplied towards kingdom ministry.

Thank you for standing with me and helping me remain available to participate—however small my part may be—in the beautiful work God is doing. **[If you are so moved to make a gift, you can do so by clicking on the link below.](#)**

With deep gratitude,

Pastor, Church Together.

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