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AT THE BIBLE CHAPEL



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Brad Rine

Brad grew up in Wheeling, West Virginia. He has a Master of Arts in Christian Education from Dallas Theological Seminary and a B.A. from Syracuse University.

Before coming to The Bible Chapel, Brad served for over 17 years as the associate pastor at a bible church in the New Orleans area.

Brad and his wife, Karen, have four children, Natalie, Timothy, Rebekah, and Bennett.

**Karen and I have been married since 1991.
We have four adult children.**

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My favorite part of the wedding ceremony is the pastoral prayer near the end of the ceremony. It is a time for me to pray for their life together, not just the now, but the many years ahead. I sometimes get choked up because this wedding ceremony is only the beginning of what we pray is a wonderful and meaningful life-long journey together.

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ADVICE:

Communicate even when it's hard. Be willing to have hard conversations because in the end, this is what will draw you closer to one another as a couple.



Brad Sommerfeldt

Brad is the Pastor of Chapel Students Middle School at our South Hills location. He grew up in a small town in Southeast Kansas. After graduating from high school, he attended Central Christian College of the Bible, where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Christian Ministry.

He has over ten years of student ministry experience and is fervent about encouraging students to grow deeper in their walk with God and share their faith with others.

He and his wife, Rachel, have been married since 2015 and enjoy playing board games and going to movies. They have three beautiful children, Carter, Kennedy, and Monroe.

Rachel and I have been married since 2015.

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My favorite thing about weddings are all the small, unexpected moments during the ceremony that turn into your favorite memories - like the flower girl screaming down the aisle or grandma falling asleep.



ADVICE:

Love each other selflessly and sacrificially just as Christ loved the church, and the best is yet to come in your marriage. Also, being super competitive in board games with your spouse isn't worth it...



Dave DiDonato

In his role as Lead Pastor, Dave serves on the Elder board, has the privilege of overseeing the entire staff at The Bible Chapel, and serves on the teaching team alongside the Teaching Pastor. Dave, in his 10+ years at The Bible Chapel, has served in many roles including: college ministry, student ministry, Campus Pastor in Wilkinsburg, Associate Pastor, and now our Lead Pastor. Dave holds a Master of Divinity from Capital Seminary/LBC and a Master in Theological Studies from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Dave and his wonderful wife, Kristen, have been married since 2007 and have three children, Ezra, Faith, and Joel.

Kristen and I have been married since 2007.

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I love in the ceremony walking through the vows of the couple and also driving home that their union that day represents the union of Jesus Christ and His Church (Ephesians 5:22-33).



ADVICE:

I would encourage them right away to get plugged into a local church and begin serving together. One of the best decisions Kristen and I made in our first year of marriage was to serve in the local church while also surrounding ourselves with Christian community to encourage us in our marriage.



Dave Shields

Dave was born and raised in Bethel Park but resided in Fort Lauderdale, FL for 10 years prior to coming back to the greater Pittsburgh area.

Before coming to The Bible Chapel, Dave spent seven years as a staff member of Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale.

Dave is married to his beautiful wife, Amber, and they have two children, Amyrha and Aslan.

Amber and I have been married since 2013.

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A wedding is not just a celebration of love between two people but also a symbolic reflection of the divine love story between Christ and His church. It's a living parable of the Gospel, showing the world the beauty of God's redemptive plan.



ADVICE:

My advice for couples getting married is don't stay angry. Forgive quickly. (Ephesians 4:26-27,32)



Jared Ott

Jared Ott has been in full-time ministry for 24 years serving throughout the Pittsburgh area. He has served as an Executive Pastor, Senior Pastor, Counseling Pastor, Youth Pastor, and was the Director of The Silver Ring Thing, an international abstinence ministry for over a decade.

Jared has a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, a Master of Arts in Religion in Pastoral Counseling, a Master of Divinity in Church Leadership, and a Doctorate of Ministry in Practical Theology. Jared is a Licensed Clinical Pastoral Counselor with the NCCA, a Board Certified Pastoral Counselor with the AACC, and a Certified Prepare and Enrich Facilitator. Jared has been married to his wonderful wife, Deb, since 2000, and they have 2 children, Caeden and Langdon.

Deb and I have been married since 2000.



My favorite thing about weddings is seeing all the family there to support the couples.



ADVICE:

My advice for couples getting married is to be selfless in all things.



Kyle Zacour

Kyle is the Pastor of Next Gen at our South Hills Campus and grew up in Western, PA. From his very first visit to The Bible Chapel, Kyle knew that it felt like home.

Kyle studied education and student ministry at Malone University in Canton, Ohio and started his ministry career in 2012. Since then, he has gained experience and continues to be passionate about introducing students to Jesus and helping them grow in their faith by helping them build community, develop patterns of spiritual discipline, and cultivating ownership of their faith. Kyle and his wife, Kendra have been married since 2015 and have two beautiful children, Bennett and Graysen Kate.

Kendra and I have been married since 2015.

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My favorite thing about weddings is celebrating two people coming together and committing to loving each other in a way that displays the gospel of Jesus Christ to a watching world.



ADVICE:

My advice for newlyweds is to plan a yearly anniversary getaway (week or weekend) with just them and no one else. It has been an incredible rhythm Kendra and I have developed, and we can't recommend it enough.



Robert Thornton

Pastor Robert Thornton has faithfully served in pastoral ministry since 2007. He has a heart for shepherding God's people and leading the church in spiritual growth and community impact. Currently, he is pursuing his Doctorate degree at Liberty University, further equipping himself to serve the church and city with excellence.

Pastor Thornton has been married to his wife, Kimberly, for 28 years, and together they are blessed with three daughters. His ministry is marked by a love for God's Word, a passion for people, and a commitment to building up the body of Christ.

I have been married to my wife since 1997.

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My favorite thing about weddings is seeing the groom's face as he beholds his bride. It's that "wow!!" that gets me every time.



ADVICE:

If there is one piece of advice I would give to an engaged or married couple, it is to do your best to cultivate a relationship where you can have a H.O.T relationship - that is Honest, Open, Transparent.



Ron Moore

Ron Moore serves as Teaching Pastor/Senior Pastor Emeritus of The Bible Chapel. Ron earned his Master of Theology (ThM) and Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degrees from Dallas Theological Seminary and an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Grove City College. He also holds a Master of Education (M.Ed) from Texas A&M.

Along with his pastoral duties, Ron is the President and Founder of The Journey Ministry, a non-profit organization focused on Bible engagement, with the mission to share the hope of Jesus. Ron serves on the Board of Directors of Word of Life International and is a guest lecturer at Word of Life Bible Institute in Florida. He previously served as President and Senior Bible Teacher at Back To The Bible. Ron and his wife, Lori, have four married children and eight grandchildren.

Lori and I have been married since 1980. We have four married children and eight grandchildren.

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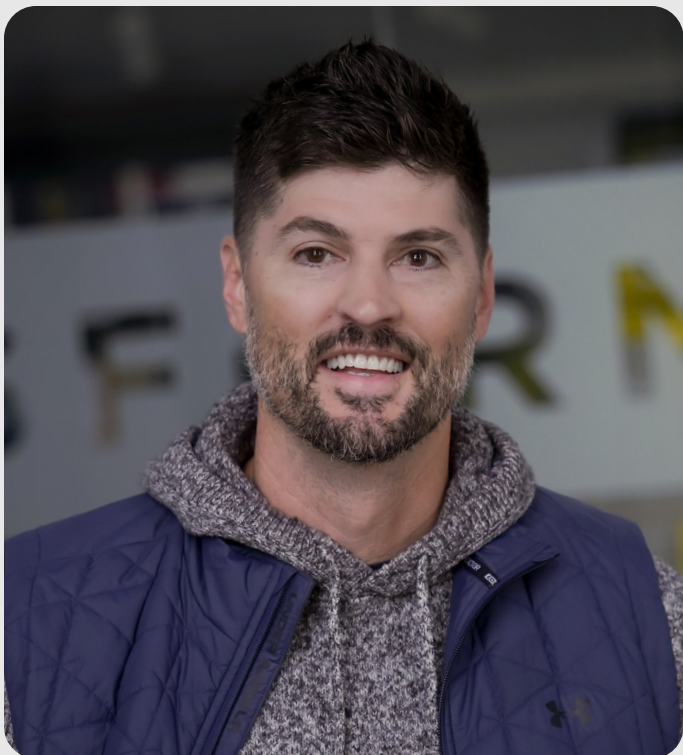
My dissertation for my doctorate from Dallas Theological Seminary focused on marriage enrichment. I have used the foundation of that study to provide marriage and pre-marriage content for couples at TBC for many years. So here are my five things favorite things.

- *Our longtime commitment at TBC to do our best to prepare couples for marriage. I know that as I stand before the man and woman, they have studied what the Bible says about marriage and interacted with a mentor couple about the practical aspects of God's instruction.*
- *Reading the Marriage Mission Statement. I love reading publicly, before God and the witnesses, what the couple has prayerfully committed their marriage to be about.*
- *Considering publicly what God says concerning marriage. I want the ceremony to be personal and biblical.*
- *The Vows. A powerful time for the man and woman look into each other's eyes and make a lifelong commitment before God.*
- *Pronouncing the couple "Husband and Wife."*



ADVICE:

Prepare for your life together by prayerfully investing in the study of what God has to say about His design for marriage, healthy communication, conflict resolution, finances, and honoring Him through an intimate, exclusive relationship. Your beautiful wedding and amazing reception will be over in a day. Your relationship lasts a lifetime and leaves a legacy for generations to come.



Tom Rojahn

Tom grew up in the Pittsburgh area. He has a Master of Arts in Christian and Classical Studies from Knox Theological Seminary and a B.A. in Sport Communications from Robert Morris University.

Tom started his career in corporate marketing and sales for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Afterward, he joined the leadership team at Truth in Action Ministries - a media ministry focused on teaching biblical worldview - before joining The Bible Chapel in 2012 as Pastor of Discipleship. In 2015, Tom began serving as the Campus Pastor for our Robinson Campus. He and his wife, Amanda, were married in 2003 and have three sons, Owen, Wes, and Jude.

Amanda and I have been married since 2003.

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My favorite thing about weddings is seeing the groom's face when he sees his bride walk down the aisle.



ADVICE:

My advice to couples is take time to go on date nights with one another and work to protect that time.