



Welcome to Bismarck Baptist's online community! I'm so glad you decided to dig a bit deeper into what our church is all about.

I have a unique perspective on our church because like many who explore this website, I'm fairly NEW to Bismarck Baptist Church (or "BBC"). I became the pastor here in January of 2015. I know the church pretty well because I grew up in Bismarck and this church was the place I encountered Jesus for the very first time. But I've been living in other parts of North America since those early days. Now I'm privileged to be "back home" leading a wonderful church into what I believe will be an exciting adventure.

As I meet people around town, the most common question people ask of me is, "What kind of church is Bismarck Baptist?" Here's a quick answer. We're transitioning right now, but we're going to be trying very hard to be REAL.

For example, you might be accustomed to the more formal environment some churches have. At BBC, we're not going to be emphasizing a lot of ceremony. Nothing wrong with it, but Jesus spent most of His life helping ordinary people in actual life situations. He spoke straight and clear. He laughed deeply with people. He spread joy. He cried real tears. And at His birth, God went out of His way to send Jesus to a very ordinary place. No pomp. Nothing fancy. Just very real. At BBC, we're trying to follow His example and address real life using real people. I try to be genuine about who I am and hope you feel free to do the same. We grow from there.

We want to be "real" in other areas. We're doing our best to use styles of music many of us enjoy daily. In our teaching, we attempt to bring real truth to real life questions. We invite people to experience real community in our small groups, events, and classes. We want to give parents real help in the very real task of raising their children and guiding their young people.

And here's the most important part about who we are trying to be as a church. We believe the Bible is real. We believe what it says about God, His Son, and His plan for our lives. We earnestly believe our greatest purpose is to help people find Christ and grow in Him.

If you want to experience God in real ways, we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings for our Celebration Service, and then come back again and again. We're building a church that's real, and you're invited!

I hope to see you Sunday!

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Bryan Hochhalter, Lead Pastor