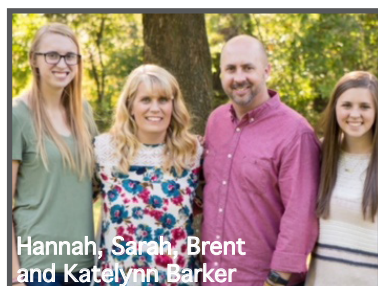


# SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH TEAM MEMBERS

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## BRENT BARKER



Hannah, Sarah, Brent  
and Katelynn Barker

**Brent and Sarah Barker have been married for 24 years and have two daughters, Hannah and Katelynn, who both attend the University of Missouri-Columbia.** Hannah is in the Sinclair School of Nursing and Katelynn is in the College of Education. Brent is a quality systems consultant for Farmers Insurance, and Sarah is a medical social worker at Meyer Orthopedic and Rehabilitation Hospital in Springfield. Brent accepted Christ as his personal Savior at seven years old and was baptized two years later at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church in Waco, Texas. He was ordained as a deacon in 2007 and is currently serving as an Elders. Brent and Sarah have been active members since joining Ridgecrest in 2000. They led a Small Group for parents of young children for seven years and have also taught in children's missions, preschool, and at Vacation Bible School. Brent's life verse is Romans 8:38-39.

## LORI BRATANOV



Emillia, Lori, Geno and  
Gabiella Bratanov

**Lori Bratanov and her husband, Geno, became members at Ridgecrest in 1997.** They have been married 21 years and have two daughters, Gabriella (19), a sophomore at Drury University, and Emillia (17), a senior at Kickapoo High School. Lori was nine when she became a Christian at Grant Avenue Baptist Church in Springfield. She is a kindergarten teacher of 25 years at Jeffries Elementary, and she has taught with Geno many years in preschool and elementary Small Groups, as well as at VBS. Lori is also an active member of the choir. Lori and her family had the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Ecuador a few years ago. Lori was a member of the previous pastor search team.

## DAVID BURTON



Matthew, Lauren, Stacey  
and David Burton

**David Burton and his family joined Ridgecrest in 2010.** David and Stacey have been married for 24 years. David is a community development specialist for University of Missouri Extension. Stacey is a Speech-Language Pathologist for the Republic School District. They live in Republic, where their daughter, Lauren, is a sophomore. Their son, Matthew, is a freshman at Missouri State University and plays drums in the 11 a.m. worship service. David was saved on July 13, 1975, during VBS at First Baptist Church of Ash Grove. He has served as a deacon at Ridgecrest since 2012. He has taught in youth, worked at CentriKids, CentriFuge and VBS. He was a member of a previous youth pastor search team, chairman of the previous senior pastor search team and a member of the Cook Small

Group. The family has taken 10 mission trips including trips to Ecuador, El Salvador and Cuba. His focus verse in 2018 is Jeremiah 9:23-24.

## BOB CANN



Lucia and Bob Cann

**Bob Cann and his wife, Lucia, became members of Ridgecrest in 1998.** Bob and Lucia have been married 32 years and have lived in Springfield since 1978. Bob has been a local businessman for 39 years. He was a believer at a young age in Salina, Kansas, where he grew up and rededicated his life to Christ in 1997. For 17 years, he and Lucia were members of Debbie Bilyeu's Christians in Action Faith Family, taking two years out to work with Debbie in the young adult program. They now are members of the Berg Small Group. Bob was a team member on the previous senior pastor search team, and he currently serves on the board of directors for the Wells of Joy ministry.

## DEBBIE CHERRY



Taffeta, Andrew, Trayton,  
Debbie, Jim, Tiara and  
Talon Cherry

Debbie Cherry and her family have been members of Ridgecrest for almost 15 years. She and Jim have been married for 30 years and live in Nixa. They have four children: Taffeta (25) is married to Andrew and lives in Lee's Summit; Tiara (22) is engaged and also living in the the Kansas City area; Talon (19) is a freshman at Missouri S&T in Rolla; and Trayton (12) is in sixth grade in Nixa. Debbie was saved at eight years old at a revival at First Baptist Church Carthage and has been an active church member all her life. Debbie is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist specializing in Marriage and Family therapy. She and Jim own Eaglecrest Counseling Center, and she has been providing quality Christian counseling in the Springfield area for more than 25 years. Debbie co-teaches a Small Group on Sunday mornings. She has taught several Wednesday night

Bible studies, serves as part of the Defenders Orphan Care ministry and as part of the Encouragers team. She was also a member of the previous senior pastor search team.

## SHAYLA HALE

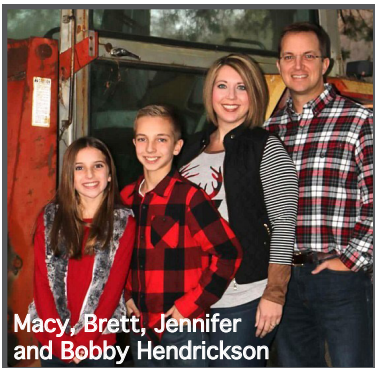


Shayla, Emma  
and Alan Hale

Shayla and her family came to Ridgecrest in January 2007 when she accepted the position of Children's Minister. She has served preschoolers and elementary kids and their families over the past 11 years. Shayla and Alan have been married for almost 24 years. Alan is a pediatric physical therapist for Missouri First Steps; he teaches the sophomore guys Small Group; and he is Shayla's right-hand man in VBS stage production. They have one daughter, Emma (19), a junior at Southwest Baptist University. Emma plays in the Ridgecrest orchestra and is studying flute performance and psychology. Shayla accepted Christ as her Savior in the summer before her kindergarten year, and she began serving with kids in junior high. She now serves as Minister of Family Development and is working to biblically equip parents, strengthen

marriages, and develop a Christ-centered faith pathway for the spiritual formation of our next generation. Shayla's favorite verse is Psalm 27:1.

## JENNIFER HENDRICKSON



Macy, Brett, Jennifer  
and Bobby Hendrickson

Jennifer and Bobby Hendrickson have been married for 17 years and live in Springfield. They have two children, Brett (12) and Macy (9). Jennifer is a CPA and works in public accounting at RMMC CPAs. Bobby is a Farmers Insurance and Financial Services agent and has owned his own agency since 1999. Jennifer accepted Christ at the age of six at Round Grove Baptist Church in Miller. Bobby and Jennifer became active members at Ridgecrest in 2003. They have served in various ways, including co-leading an adult Small Group, serving in elementary and preschool, attending as camp sponsors (CentriKid and CentriFuge), and as VBS leaders. Bobby was ordained as a deacon in 2007 and served as an Elder from 2014-2017. Jennifer was a member of the previous senior pastor search team. Jennifer is a volunteer for the rbcMissions team and is currently serving in the Young Adult Small Group.

## Pastor Search Team Information and Connections

Several members of this search team were members of the previous search team. The Elders felt strongly that the previous search was done in a uniquely open and God-seeking way and gave past team members the option of serving again. Shayla represents staff on the team, and Brent represents the Elders. The team will provide a checklist soon that will be regularly updated as a way for the congregation to track the progress of this national search. The congregation will also have an opportunity to answer a survey that will impact the pastor position description and interview questions. Church members are strongly encouraged to engage with the search process through the prayer guide. David Burton is serving as team chairman. The full team can be reached by email at [pastorsearchteam@ridgecrestbaptist.org](mailto:pastorsearchteam@ridgecrestbaptist.org).