

Welcome Brent Budd, Director of Christian Education

Brent Budd is our new Director of Christian Education. He joined the church staff in August 2007. We invited him to write a paragraph introducing himself to our church family.

Hi. My name is Brent Budd, and I am really excited about what God is doing at UOPC and being chosen to play a part in that with you. My wife, Alina, and our kids, James and Eadie, are eager to be a part of this church family. I am originally from central Illinois, ironically, next to an Amish community. I studied psychology at Cedarville University in Ohio. After college I moved to Atlanta, GA where I worked in an adolescent unit of a psychiatric hospital. During my four years in Atlanta, I was involved in a great church that nurtured my heart for the world. As the wall was coming down in Eastern Europe, God moved in my heart to be involved in youth ministry in Russia. I moved to Moscow, Russia in 1992, serving as a missionary until January of 2007, primarily working in the area of youth ministry in that city and country. Starting a youth ministry in our local church and being involved in the training and mentoring of youth leaders nationwide were the two directions ministry took. In 2001 Alina and I married. Alina was born in Moscow, and finished the university with a degree in Foreign Languages, primarily English. Little did she know back in her study days that she would be marrying an American and moving to his country someday, but God did. James is now four years old and can appear shy at first until he gets to know you...then watch out! He'll talk your ear off all day. He is very curious about the world around him and takes life pretty seriously. Eadie just turned two, and is our outgoing one who likes to get everyone laughing with her entertainment skill. She is really laid back but is very serious about taking care of her baby doll. Alina and I thought we would live our whole lives in Russia, serving Him there, but God made it clear that our time there was ending and that it was time to move to the US. We've taken that step obediently, and over the last few months He has led us here to you! It's been a faith walk that has strengthened us and, seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, we are filled with incredible joy. We look forward to getting to know you better, and to serving our Great God with you.