

Why We Give

We moved from Little Rock, AR back to Charlotte about six years ago, and were “shopping around” for churches. We were really serious about finding a church home because we were expecting our first child, Mallory.

Niki: Brady grew up Catholic, and I was Southern Baptist, which made for some interesting church shopping! Every other week we would go Catholic/Methodist or Catholic/Presbyterian.

Brady: We wanted *some* tradition, but not too much.

Niki: We wanted to be at a church our kids could know from baptism to graduation. I wanted it to be a place I felt my children were at home.

Brady: We visited Sardis, and Dr. Kort’s sermons pulled us in and kept us coming back. We visited for maybe six months before joining, and during that time got to know more people. We just felt a connection here.

Niki: We’re pretty sure Dr. Kort has a camera in our house. It seems like every time we argue about something at home he will preach on that topic the next week!

Brady: The support that we have received at Sardis while raising our two daughters [Mallory is 5 and Courtney is 3] has been amazing.

Niki: I couldn’t have survived babyhood without my Mustard Seed Group! It was a huge source of support not only from other moms my age but also Sardis members like Bev Naumann, who is just my spiritual role model.

Brady: We’re also proud that Sardis is so involved in mission, especially as the girls get older. We want our kids to see us serving and caring for those in the community who need help. Take for instance Room in the Inn. The first time I served at RITI I was kind of uncomfortable, I didn’t know what to say, but after a few times I’ve gotten over that. I always meet someone I will remember. People are always impressed when I tell them about all the things Sardis does to serve in the community.

Niki: I remember one time taking dinner to RITI and trying to explain to Mallory what it means to be homeless and why the church was trying to help the neighbors. Once she understood, she said, “Wow, our church is nice!”

Brady: At Sardis we are being supported as we raise our family to grow in faith and learn to serve others. That’s why we pledge our support to Sardis.

We’re pretty sure Dr. Kort has a camera in our house. It seems like every time we argue about something at home he will preach on that topic the next week!

Brady & Niki Koesel

with Mallory & Courtney

