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Currents

Letting God's currents carry us through Life

The Mission of the bridge Presbyterian Church is to help active adults connect with God's people, discover God's presence, learn God's promises, and embrace their unique God-given purpose for their lives.

Worship Together Weekly

eight words
to pray
every day

the bridge
presbyterian church

Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026

The Third Word: Help!

I Samuel 23: 1-14

I Samuel 24: 1- 4

Luke 22: 39 – 46

II Corinthians 12: 2 - 10

9:00 am - Early Worship Service

10:30 am - Second Service

Second services in person and livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

Links to all videos posted by the bridge on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@thebridgepresbyterianchurc4433/streams>



Sunday, Oct 4th Immediately after the 10:30 Service

The purpose of the meeting

is to elect the

Nominating Committee for 2027.

Find Purpose through Service

Sunday, Sept 27, 2026

Coffee Servers

9:00 - Laura

10:30 - Pat

Greeters/Ushers

9:00 – Dares

10:30 – Earlys

Liturgists

9:00 – Sandy S.

10:30 – Pat S.

Are you ready to be Connected by Serving?

Help with Coffee * Greet People * Usher

Let Wanda in the office know and she will get you connected.

Give Gratefully

	9/6/26	9/13/26	9/20/26
Total Weekly Giving	\$4,876	\$4,631	\$2,893
Total Attendance	109	84	95

Pray Daily

PRAYER LIST Sept 24, 2026

Prayers for the following:

ADDITIONS

- Barb Carlin who is in the hospital undergoing testing.
- Brenda Bozeman who fractured her pelvis.
- Carey, Wanda's sister recently diagnosed with liver and bile duct cancer and will start chemo in the coming weeks.
- Gary and Kim, friends of Susan Stanewick. Peace and comfort for Gary and strength for Kim as he enters hospice with an aggressive brain cancer.

ONGOING

- Taylor, Donna Maher's daughter and Donna who need God's guidance, strength, and care.
- Matt, a good friend of the Christianos who is undergoing chemo treatment for leukemia.
- George Robertson in his care in rehab and for Peggy his wife.
- Tom Rodman as he continues to improve at home.
- Debbie Cote who has returned home following major surgery and will now begin immunotherapy and radiation treatment.
- Rich Haggerty, friend of Jim Bath's sister Sue who begins immunotherapy next week for his esophageal cancer.
- Manny Rosenfeld for healing and ultimate restored sight following his eye surgery.
- Kayne, continued prayers in his treatment at Children's Hospital in DC. His tumor has shrunk, and his lung cancer is gone.
- Robert (Bob), a relative of Donna Maher's family who has had an emergency liver transplant with critical complications.
- Marilyn Vernon for strength and God's plan in her uncharted journey ahead.
- Lynn Hale as she continues her cancer journey.

AROUND THE WORLD

- Prayers for our country and leadership.
- Prayers for the countries around the world dealing with natural disasters.
- Prayers for peace worldwide.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

Please send any prayer requests to Susan Stanewick at [ssstanewick@gmail.com](mailto:sstanewick@gmail.com) or call the church office at 910-769-4951

Find Purpose through Service

**Matthew's
Ministry**
Food Changes Lives



September Mission Partner **Matthew's Ministry**

Matthew's Ministry motto is Matthew 25:40 which is a verse that many believe expresses the idea that serving the poor and needy is equivalent to serving Jesus. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew's Ministry (MM) is dedicated to helping reduce childhood hunger for Brunswick County school kids.

In northern Brunswick County, MM provides food bags for kids in 7 schools, which is about 1,200 food bags each month. Each food bag contains 11 food items. The Bridge works with Leland Rotary Club, Port City Community Church - Leland, and Reach Community Church to pack food bags and distribute food bags to schools. We have 3 storage units that hold food and food bags until bags are packed and delivered. Matthew's Ministry food program is a community service.

The Bridge church packs food bags monthly and delivers bags weekly to Town Creek Elementary, Town Creek Middle, and Classical Charter of Leland schools. At The Bridge, we pack about 400 food bags each month during the school year, and we deliver food bags to 100 kids each week.

As September's Mission Partner of the month, the church will collect monetary donations to purchase food. Write "Matthew's Ministry" on your donation check or donate via REALM to Fund "Matthew's Ministry".



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**We will pack food bags for Matthew's Ministry on Sunday,
September 27, after the second church service.**

This school year, we have a new location:

Matthew's Ministry food storage is now at Pinnacle Storage,
[2011 Enterprise Dr, Leland, NC](#), in building C, room 3080.

The gate code = 1 9 7 2 #

Building C, is straight ahead as you enter through the gate.

Room 3080 is near the end of building C.

Parking is next to or at the end of building C.

Right now, we are delivering 540 food bags to Town Creek Elementary school and 44 food bags to Town Creek Middle school each month. Leland Classical Charter school receives 80 "snacks only" bags each month.

If you can help, we will meet at Pinnacle Storage, building C, room 3080, to pack food bags for 3 schools on Sunday, September 27, after the second church service.

Thank you,

Gary Lewis for the Matthew's Ministry Mission Team



Season 2 of The Chosen
Begins Monday, September 28, 1PM

Bring your drinks and we will provide popcorn and other snacks. Come and join us for Season 2 of the popular TV series based on the Bible- The Chosen. We just recently completed 8 episodes of Season 1, and our sessions were well received.

Season 2 also has 8 episodes, and our first gathering will be at the church on **Monday at 1PM on September 28th**.

Like before, we will have a brief discussion followed by showing the episode on our sanctuary TV's. After that, we will have some "dig deeper" discussions. Each meeting will be about 90 minutes.

Cathy Boettcher and Steve Dare will again be the facilitators. Prior to each class you will receive some information on that week's episode via email. Please sign up at the table in the hallway so we can send an email to you. We hope you will print each email and bring it along to use for discussion – and bring your Bible. No other materials are necessary.

This study is a wonderful way to see unique portrayals of key figures who were living during the time of Jesus.

Consider inviting a friend. Remember, if you miss a week or two, it is no problem because you can view these 8 episodes on YouTube, Prime or online.

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THE BLUEFIELDS
MEMORY CARE



Our next Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, Sept 24 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Activities Room.

If you would like to join the fun in helping our friends, please arrive by 1:45 and wear your bridge tee shirt, if you have one.

Any questions please email

Patti Pirher at

ppirher@gmail.com

Our next Worship Service at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, Oct 1st at 1:30p.m.** in the Activities Room. Volunteers are needed to help the residents with songbooks, purchase/serve cookies, sing along, and enjoy worshipping God with our Bluefields friends.

If you would like to join us in this ministry, please wear your bridge tee shirt, if you have one, and arrive by 1:20p.m. For more information or if you are bringing cookies for the residents, contact Susan Stanewick at sstanewick@gmail.com





Recently, Charlie from Elah Baptist Church spoke on GriefShare. His invitation and remarks are below for anyone interested in attending.

If you would like a hard copy with larger font, please let Wanda know.

- My name is Charles Fish, **Charlie**, and quite often Tuna
- I am honored to serve as one of the leaders of the **GriefShare ministry at Elah Baptist Church.**
 - Over the years, I have come to understand that grief is not something we simply "get over." It is a journey-one that each of us experiences in our own way and at our own pace.
- As many of us know, there are few pains we experience as profound as the loss of someone we love.
 - This pain we call **grief**, and it touches every part of our hearts.
 - It often arrives in waves-sometimes gentle and manageable, and at other times overwhelming.
 - Grief may bring sadness, loneliness, anger, confusion, and even moments of peace as cherished memories return.
- One thing I have learned is that **your grief reflects the love you shared.**
 - The depth of your sorrow often speaks to the depth of your connection with the person you have lost.
 - There is no timetable for healing from grief.
 - Give yourself permission to feel, to remember, and to honor the life of the one you have lost.
 - Though their physical presence may be gone, the impact they made on your life remains.
 - Their love, lessons, laughter, and memories continue to live in the hearts of

those who knew them.

- o Those memories become a part of who we are and, in many ways, a lasting part of the legacy they leave behind.
- When the burden of grief feels especially heavy, lean on family, friends, and others who care about you.
- Most importantly, remember that **you do not have to walk this journey alone.**
- That is one of the reasons **Elah Baptist Church offers GriefShare.**
- GriefShare is a Christ-centered support program designed to help you better understand the impact of your loss and provide practical ways to help you navigate the difficult journey of grief.
- Through video presentations, discussion, reflection, and the support of others who have experienced loss,
 - o GriefShare provides a safe and caring environment where you can share as much-or as little-as you feel comfortable sharing.
- Our GriefShare program can help you find
 - o **comfort in treasured memories,**
 - o **strength through the support of others,**
 - o **and hope through the knowledge that God's love remains with us even in our darkest moments.**
- Healing does not mean forgetting.
 - o Instead, with time, we can learn to carry our memories differently.
 - o The pain of our loss may gradually be accompanied by gratitude for the moments we shared, the love we experienced, and the legacy that remains.

You Are Invited

- Elah Baptist Church will begin its **ninth 13-week GriefShare Seminar Series on Thursday, September 10th**, and it will conclude on **December 10th.**
- **When:** Thursdays, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
- **Where:** Fellowship Hall
- **Elah Baptist Church - 1527 Old Fayetteville Road Leland, NC**
- Everyone is welcome to participate in our GriefShare program. **You do not have to be a member of Elah Baptist Church to attend.**
- If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one, I invite you to come join us.
 - o **Bring a friend, family member, or someone else who may also be walking through the difficult journey of grief.**
- You don't have to walk this journey alone.
- **Come join us. Let us walk together.**



Who can YOU bless?

Can you imagine the joy of receiving a new, warm pair of socks?

How about a t-shirt that fit and belonged to just you?

How about a snack when you are hungry or soap and shampoo when you take a bath?

These are but a few of the items that the “Women of the Bridge” (WOTB) will pack in the Blessing Bags for the homeless at Street Reach. Our Church supports Street Reach all during the year. At Christmas we like to remind the people that they are loved and cherished by our church.

SO, how can you help??????

If you would like to help, you can contribute to the Blessing Bag Ministry. It's so easy!

You can either contribute through Realm - just be sure to go to the “Blessing Bag Drop Down on the giving form or you can put a check in the collection plate marked 'Blessing Bags'. That's all!

WOTB members will purchase the items and during our meeting on Nov. 3rd, we will pack the Blessing Bags.

Share the fun of knowing your contribution improved the quality of someone else's life.....with a new t-shirt and socks!



On Saturday, October 17th, from 10am to 2pm, The Bridge Presbyterian Church will be hosting an event called "The 'Blessed Bargains' Community Yard Sale and Flea Market". The event will be open to the public and will take place at the church, located at 1444 Lanvale Rd. in Leland,

- Many of our Mission Partners will be represented at our event, to share stories about their work in the community.
- Food and beverages will be available, and appropriate "happy" music will be provided throughout the event by DJ Sunray, a local artist, who will donate all "tips" to The Bridge.
- New Hope Clinic will be bringing their "mobile clinic" and may offer some health screenings (Thanks Mary Early!), and we hope to see friends from our New Beginnings congregation as well!
- The event does NOT have a rain date.



Angelic Artists

– Creations Donated by Women of the Bridge –

I'm hosting the **Angelic Artists Table - Crafts by Women of the Bridge.**

I know we have painters, quilters, crocheters, knitters, seamstresses, and many other talented women in our congregation and I'm asking each of you to make and donate at least 1 personally created item to the cause. All proceeds from the sale of your donated craft items will go to our Mission Partners.

For more information, call **Ruth Fitzsimmons** to arrange for craft item donations.

614 588 2390

Blessed Bargains

Donations needed!

If you would like to donate items to be sold at our "Blessed Bargains" fundraising event on October 17th here at the church, please contact the appropriate person below, based on what you would like to give:

Lisa Garris; Household items, including kitchen, garden, art/ decorative items, holiday, clothes, etc... Lcng1511@yahoo.com

Ruth Fitzsimmons; Homemade craft items, original artwork and unique gift items, etc...
r.fitzsi55@gmail.com

Jim Bath; Tools of all kinds including lawn and garden, automotive, hand tools, shop tools, and handyman type items...
jtbath60@gmail.com

Please note: Donated items must be brought to the event on the morning of October 17th, between 8-9am, and each of our table coordinators will need to know in advance what you are planning to bring, so that they can make sure we have enough tables available to hold everything. THANKS!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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SEPTEMBER

CHRIST CRUISE

Opportunities to connect with others in the community

Encouraging worship/fellowship

Beautiful scenery and peaceful time on the water

SEE THE [SIGN UP SHEET](#)

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OCTOBER

CHRSTIAN ILLUSIONIST

Here's an alternative to Trick-or-Treating! Come be DAZZZLED &

AMAZED by Don Townsend

6:00 - 8:00 PM in the sanctuary

Snacks provided

A LOVE OFFERING WILL
BE TAKEN

All
Month

NOVEMBER

TECH TALK

Yes, for those who missed it last year, Ruth will be offering a 4-week basic skills series on the computer, internet, and Windows-based products (Microsoft Office)

5 PARTICIPANT MINIMUM

12

DECEMBER

MIKE'S FARM

This Sell-Out Event includes the "Ho-Ho-Ho Christmas Variety Show", All You -Can Eat Buffett, and a hayride through a spectacular light show!

WE'LL HAVE TO BUY TICKETS
EARLY - PRICES TBA

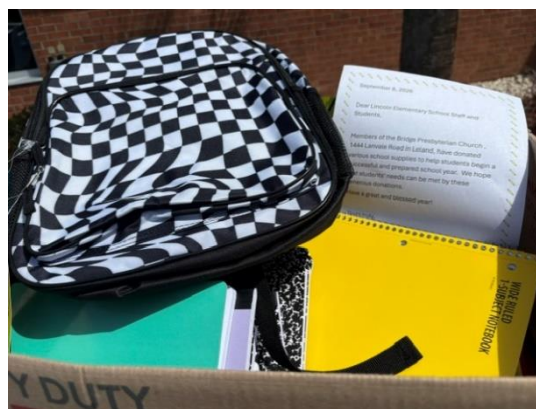
Thank
You!

News from the Brunswick County Schools August Mission...

Thank you to everyone who donated to our
schools last month.

A \$300 check was given to Dr. Jamie Smith, head of the STEAM Council in Brunswick County. They will use the money toward this initiative.. "Science-Technology-Engineering-Art-Math" enhancement.

Large boxes of school supplies were delivered to Leland Middle School and Lincoln Elementary School. The Student Assistance Counselors, Carrie Sublet and Michele Herrmann, were very appreciative.



Celebrate Life's Milestones

September

Birthdays

Linda Faulk	29
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Anniversaries

Stephanie and David Billingslea	Sept 25th
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October

Birthdays

Sandy Sears	1
Ed Weihs	1
Jan Conn	2
Charlie Smith	4
Sharon Wingert	10
Theresa Honeycutt	12
A J Lehmann	15
Sharon Stengel	17
Joe Dutra	18
Barbara Hubbard	21
Bill Spencer	22
Viviane Grebert	26
Ed Guilmette	28
Eric Peterson	29
Dick Hubbard	30

Anniversaries

Rita and Steve Migliore	Oct 2nd
Gail and Lang Spell	Oct 3rd
Sharon and Doug Cushing	Oct 4th
Dianne and Steve Betz	Oct 27th

Upcoming Happenings

September

24th - Bluefield Craft - 2:00 pm

27th – Christ Cruise – 3:00 pm

***** Eight Words to Pray – Sermon Based Small Group** - Weekly on
Wednesdays at Noon from September 16th – November 4th

October

1st - Bluefield Worship - 1:30

4th – Congregational Meeting

2nd- New Hope Mobile Clinic

13th - WOTB - Shell Crafting with Ruth

17th - Blessed Bargains - 10:00 - 2:00 pm

29th- Bluefield Craft - 2:00 pm

29th – Christian Illusionist – 6:00 pm