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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, Oct 25, 2026

The Seventh Word: SORRY!

II Samuel 11: 1 – 9; 14-15; 26-27

II Samuel 12: 1 – 13.

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>



Congregational Meeting
Sunday, November 1, 2026

immediately following the 10:30 service

The purpose of the meeting is to
elect Elders for 2027.

Bios of each will be in next week's Currents.

Welcome and Include All

Welcome One Another – a Message from Dr. Doug

Do you remember how alone you felt when you moved to Leland? Do you recall what a blessing it was when a stranger introduced themselves to you; welcomed you or invited you to join a gathering?

At the bridge, we receive new visitors almost every week. But lately, it seems like there has been an uptick in new visitors. Did you know that most visitors subconsciously decide whether to return to a church within the first eight minutes of their visit? Yea, it's true!

This means that everyone at the bridge has a big part to play in making our visitors feel welcome and included. This means that God is using you when you take a moment to simply say hello or to welcome our visitors. This means that you are showing the love of Christ every time you shake someone's hand and say: "Good morning."

Because we are growing, it's not easy to know who is visiting and who is a covenant partner at the bridge. The last thing anyone wants is to welcome someone by saying: "Are you new to the bridge," only to find out they joined a year ago. That's embarrassing.

There are, however, more effective ways of welcoming our visitors. For example, you can make it a habit of simply saying: "Good morning," to people you don't know. Better yet, you could make a habit of simply introducing yourself to one person you don't know every Sunday: "Hi I'm _____. Or, "I don't think we've met, I'm _____."

Here's a challenge for everyone at the bridge. For the next month pay attention to where your eyes take you on Sunday morning. Do your eyes naturally gravitate toward people you know or people you don't know? Try looking for someone you don't know, someone who looks a bit lost or a bit by themselves, then offer them a simple greeting.

Remember how you felt when you moved to Leland? Remember how wonderful it was to be greeted by a stranger or welcomed by a new neighbor? Remember what we read in Romans 15:7: "Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

Grace and Peace,
Dr. Doug

Find Purpose through Service



October Mission Partner **Hope Harbor Homes**

Our October Mission partner is Hope Harbor Home, a shelter for abused families. They need of food. Please look at the following list for food needs. They also need Halloween Candy.

Canned and Jarred Food		Grains and Dry Goods
Canned Fruits		Rice
Canned Soups		Pasta
Canned Tuna or Chicken		Oatmeal
Canned Pasta		Cereal
Peanut Butter		Granola bars
Jelly or Jam		Crackers
		Pancake Mix
Other Helpful Items		Flour
Cooking Oil		Hamburger Helper
Salt and Pepper		Baking Boxes
Sugar		Breakfast items (pop tarts)
Spices and Seasonings		Ramen
Boxed meal kits		Snacks (fruit snacks, animal crackers)
Baby Food/formula		
		Shelf – Stable Items
Non- Food Items Appreciated		Shelf – Stable Milk
Shampoo		Instant Coffee
Conditioner		Tea
Toilet Paper		Hot Chocolate
Paper Towels		
Diapers and wipes		
Curly Hair products (oils, mousse, combs)		

They also can always use clothing.

It's fall, and if you are doing a closet clean out, please consider donating to Hope Chest, by the Piggly Wiggly. Their proceeds go to Hope Harbor Home.

There will be a box by the sign up table for food items

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THE BLUEFIELDS
MEMORY CARE



Our next Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, Oct. 29th 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, Nov 5th 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





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNION SET-UP and/or CLEAN-UP.

We are in need of volunteers to set-up and/or clean-up for communion on:

Sunday Dec. 6 (both services 9:00 and 10:30 am),
Christmas Eve (one service at 6:00 pm)
Sunday Jan. 3. (both services 9:00 and 10:30 am)

All elements will be prepared.

We just need help putting them out and cleaning up after each service.

This is pretty easy and quick! Training will be provided.

Thank you in advance.
Sharon and Sandy

Please let Sharon, Sandy or Wanda know if you are available.



This month's "Coffee with Friends" will be held

Thursday, October 22, 9:30 a.m.

at Panera in Waterford.

Please text Sheila Davis at [910-264-3142](tel:910-264-3142) if able to attend.

Breaking Bread Luncheon

CORRECTED DATE

Friday, Oct 23rd at 11:30



4812 Main Street, Shallotte

RSVP by Oct. 18th

You can sign up on Realm or on sign up sheet in hall

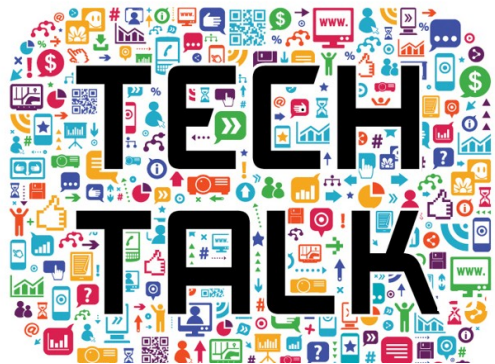
CHAT Outlook for 4th Quarter!

Breaking Bread has resumed! We have one more Breaking Bread get-together this year. October's restaurant has something to do with BBQ and authentic! Watch for info on the Sign-Up Table



An Alternative to Halloween! Don't settle for Trick-or-Treaters or costume parties this year! CHAT is hosting Christian Illusionist Don Townsend for an hour of amazing theatric illusions that reveal Christ's message and mission on earth. **October 29th** at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary! Snacks will be provided afterward! A love offering will be taken after the show.

Tech Talk is returning in November! For those who may have missed it last year, we're offering our beginner computer training every Tuesday at 10:00 AM in November. Program Information will be available at the Sign-Up table. Sign up for individual classes or the whole series. Sign up sheets will be coming out in October.



Fifth Sunday Fellowship Meal - Nov 29
Since the Men lost out to the Ladies in the Crazy Dress Up contest, the Men have agreed to do all the cooking for our November 5th Sunday fellowship. Join us after the 2nd Service if you dare!



At the end of this module, participants will be able to:

- ## **Module Two - Learning Objectives: Computer Basics (1.5 hours) 11-10-26**

At the end of this module, participants will be able to:

- Module Three - Learning Objectives: Essential Computer Skills (2 hours) (1.5 hours) 11-17-26**

At the end of this module, participants will be able to:

- Describe the Windows file folder method for organizing content on your computer
- List three ways to backing up your files
- Send an email
- Add an attachment to an email
- Open and save an email attachment
- List 3 aspects of photo management
- Explain what a QR Code is
- Open content from a QR code
- Create a QR code

- Place a QR code in a document
- Define “Streaming”
- Subscribe to a streaming service
- Use Zoom for Remote meetings
- Connect a Computer to the Smart TV in Warnock Hall

Module Four - Learning Objectives: Microsoft Office (Word)11-24-26

At the end of this module , participants will be able to:

- Recognize similarities across the MS Office programs
 - Change font formatting within a document
 - Copy and Paste graphics and text
 - Use the Format Painter to copy formatting from one block of text to another
 - Apply bullets and numbering
 - Indent and outdent text
 - Apply shading and borders
 - Apply Styles to format text
 - Insert a page break
 - Understand the difference between a hard return and a page break
 - Adjust text to left, right, centered, or justified
 - Find specific text within a document
 - Replace text already in a document with new text
 - Create tables, modify, and use tables
 - Insert graphics into a Word document
 - Create shapes and drawings in a document
 - Capture a screen shot and place it in a document
 - Create text boxes to position and hold text and graphics
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Save the Date

Advent Wreath Making Class

Thursday, Nov 19th at 1:00

More information to follow

Celebrate Life's Milestones

October

Birthdays

Viviane Grebert	26
Ed Guilmette	28
Eric Peterson	29
Dick Hubbard	30

Anniversaries

Dianne and Steve Betz	Oct 27th
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Congratulations to Lisa Garris

She has been with Wilmington Health serving the Leland community, and some of our Covenant Partners, for 5 years!

Upcoming Happenings

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

*** The **CHOSEN** – Mondays at 1:00

October

29th- Bluefield Craft - 2:00 pm

29th – Christian Illusionist – 6:00 pm