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Currents

Letting God's currents carry us through Life

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

Worship Together Weekly

Sunday, May 24th

The Church in The Power of The Holy Spirit



Pentecost Sunday

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>

Exciting Things Happening In Worship In May

You won't want to miss worship at the bridge in May. We have a lot of fun and inspiring worship planned. So, join your church family in worship this May.

May 24 –Pentecost Sunday at the bridge! Please plan on wearing red to worship as we celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit breathed into the Church.

May 31 – Fifth Sunday worship means one service only at the bridge. Plan on wearing your favorite team swag to worship as Dr. Doug compares cheering on our favorite sports teams to cheering on God in worship. Don't forget the potluck Brunch after worship. The Celebration Choir will also be singing.

Find Purpose through Service

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Coffee Servers

9:00 – Susan

10:30 - Patricia

Greeters/Ushers

9:00 – Broadwater

10:30 – Shaffar / Bennett

Liturgist

9:00 – Susan S.

10:30 – Terry H

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

	5/17/26		
Total Weekly Giving	\$5,719	9:00 am Service	40
		10:30 am Service	87
Weekly Offering (4 wk avg)	\$5,719	Total Attendance	127
		Attendance (4 wk avg)	111

Pray Daily

PRAYER LIST May 21, 2026

Please remember that this prayer list can also be seen on the Bridge Website within Currents. Avoid including private information in your requests unless you plan it to be public knowledge.

Health and Healing

- Prayers for Ed Weihs for successful treatment for newly diagnosed illness
- Anne Graham: For continued healing at home.
- Marilyn Vernon: For strength and comfort during her cancer journey.
- Lynn Hale: For comfort and strength following a diagnosis of Mesothelioma, cancer of her abdomen.
- Sandy Barrett: For peace and successful treatment following the return of her cancer.
- For Sallie Bohn recovering from knee replacement this week
- Prayers for Joyce Rodman's sister and brother-in-law, Becky and Lonnie, who have advanced stage cancer.
- Prayers for Barrie and Mel Martin, whose son Ryan died suddenly on Saturday.
- Prayers for Chuck Owens who is anxiously awaiting a liver transplant. Prayers for his pain and suffering
- Prayers for David Blankenship, a young father needing a kidney transplant.
- Prayers for Kiza who is learning the intricacies of the driver's handbook, so he can drive to a better job. Prayers for the people who volunteer their time to help Kiza on his journey. Pray for his family stuck in Africa, unable to join him. Prayers that they are not affected by the Ebola outbreak.
- Gordon Macintyre Cole, II and his parents Peter and Lily. Lily is having severe morning sickness and has been in the hospital. Gordon is Mary Ellen Cole's first grandchild.
- Prayers for Peggy Fulton who will be having surgery on June 3rd.
- Grateful Prayers for the health and recovery of Carol Guilmette. Our prayers for Carol have been heard.
- Grateful prayers for the recovery of Donna Siegmund who is home from the hospital and was able to be at church on Sunday.
- Hooray for a new great grandson for George and Linda Wells
- Congratulations to Mary Ellen Cole on the marriage of her son Aaron.

Our Community and World

- Street Reach: For their Angel Tree camps that grow each year
- The Vulnerable: For those who are homeless or forgotten.
- Global Concerns: For peace within our country and world

" GOD, GRANT THAT THIS TRAGIC MIDNIGHT OF MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN WILL SOON PASS AND THE BRIGHT DAYBREAK OF FREEDOM AND BROTHERHOOD WILL COME INTO BEING"
martin luther king, jr.

To make a prayer request, contact Elder Mary Campbell at carlislecampbell@gmail.com or (910)269-9696 text or phone. There are also yellow request cards available in the church hallway across from the coffee bar. You can also send a request through our website. Prayer requests remain in Currents for two weeks unless an extension is requested.

Find Meaningful Relationships in Small Groups

You asked for it ... We listened ... and now you've got it!!

Beginning the week of May 11th, we will be offering a short 4-week Bible Study!

We are going to be focusing on 4 intriguing women of the Bible:

Leah

Rachel

Mary Magdalene

Priscilla

Each week will feature one of these women.

There will be two groups offered:

- **Tuesday at 10:00 am** – Facilitated by Tom and Greer Broadwater
- **Thursdays at 11:00 am** – Facilitated by Suzanne Veen

Signup sheets are in the hallway, or you can call contact the church office to sign up.

Find Meaningful Relationships in Small Groups



THE CHOSEN

The Small Group Ministry Team's recent survey indicated that there is great interest in having the bridge present the first, eight-episode series, on the popular faith-based television series **The Chosen**.

So, the Team is pleased to inform you that for **eight Wednesdays, beginning June 17th thru August 5th at 1:30PM**, we will meet to view and discuss each episode in the sanctuary.

Many of you are familiar with this series and know you will see Jesus and his disciples come alive on the screen in this historical fiction. You will see Jesus as very human and when he laughs, cries, shows frustration and grief you will feel like you are standing right next to him. The series is a historical drama based on the life of Jesus and those who knew him. It is set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Israel, and the series shares an authentic look at Jesus' life and teachings. Since it is a historical drama, where further explanations are necessary, Cathy Boettcher and Steve Dare, the facilitators, will add their researched insights.

This is a great outreach for the bridge so invite a friend to join you. **Sign-up sheets are on the table**. (PS remember if you miss a week, you can always view at home and not feel lost on your return)

Find Purpose through Service



May Mission Partner - Angel Tree Camp

It's time for Summer Camp!

You may wonder, what are Angel Tree Camps? And what am I being asked to donate?

Angel Tree camps are summer camps for children (ages 5-12) of incarcerated parents. The incarcerated parent has to apply for their child to attend. The sponsor for Brunswick County is Street Reach, one of our sustainable mission partners.

<http://www.bcstreetreach.org/>

Camp gives the child an opportunity to have fun, fellowship with their peers, build relationships with caring camp counselors, and to experience the great outdoors. These camps are usually traditional church camps located in NC or SC mountain regions.

Supplies needed for campers include: beach towels, sunscreen, and flip flops.

We will be collecting supplies for Angel Tree Camp in May at the Bridge. Angel Tree Camp and Street Reach will also be the mission focus for the upcoming Adult VBS in June. I will be collecting and delivering donations through July 1st.

You can also donate money - \$50 still sponsors one camper, but any amount is appreciated!

Last year, the Bridge sent 43 kids to camp!

Please put "Angel Tree" in the memo of your check, or give online – just use the Angel Tree Drop Down option



Find Purpose through Service



THE BLUEFIELDS
MEMORY CARE



Our next Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, May 28, 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, June 4 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 ssanewick@gmail.com





Fifth Sunday Brunch!

May 31^s -After the Service- Warnock Hall

See the Sign-Up Sheet in the hall and
plan to join your friends for some
good food and good fellowship!

Are you willing to get up a little early to visit the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehab Center?



Are you interested?

I've been talking with the Karen Beasley Turtle Resue and Rehab Center in Surf City. The only time they can host a private group tour is 10:00 AM. We would have to **leave Leland at 9:00 AM**. I'm trying to find out if there's enough interest and willingness to leave early to schedule a private tour for THE BRIDGE. If you might be interested in this field trip, please let me know by signing up the sign-up sheet in the hallway **by May 31st**. Remember, this isn't a commitment – we're just trying to see if we have enough interest for a group?

For Questions or more information contact Ruth Fitzsimmons @ 614 588 2390
(If no answer, please text or leave a message.)



Breaking Bread Fellowship Group

Our May Luncheon will be

Friday, May 29th at 12 Noon

Marina Grill
18 Harnett St
Wilmington, NC 28401

Hosts: Ed and Jane Hoeft

Please RSVP by May 26th
on REALM or sign up in the hallway



Adult Vacation Bible School

FUN

**June 9th - 11th
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

FELLOWSHIP

SNACKS CRAFTS

BIBLE STUDY: *Hope Dies Last*

Please Return by May 24, 2026

WAYS FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO REGISTER

- Forms on sign up table in hall
- On REALM
- Email us at : thebridgepres@gmail.com
- Call the office at 910-769-4951

Leland Campus: 1444 Lanvale Rd, Leland, NC

**Free Event - Donations will be taken for
STREETREACH**

Practice a Christ-Centered Active Lifestyle

Introducing Active Adults on the **Go!**

Beginning in April, the Activities Team will offer a monthly activity to help keep the **ACTIVE** in our active adult church! It may be a well-being class, learning a line dance, or taking a field trip!



Keep an eye on Currents and the Bulletin Board for more info!

Month	Event	Date
Jun	Line Dancing with Linda – so we can show off our stuff at July’s Beach Concert Linda teaches line dancing at a number of venues in/around Leland No Cost for participants	June 18 2:00- 3:00 PM
Jul	Beach Concert – Holden Beach We’ll car pool to the beach and enjoy an evening of Beach Music and Dancing	July 12
Aug	Karen Beasley Turtle Rehab - Carpool to Surf City and learn about the gentle and amazing Sea Turtles! (Who knows, we might even run across the children’s book, <i>Bravery – A Baby Sea Turtle’s First Adventure</i> , illustrated by our own Lisa T. Myers!)	TBD
Sep	Ministry Fair – more to come on this!	TBD
Oct	Christian Illusionist – an Alternative to a traditional Halloween!	Oct 29, 6:00 PM
Nov	Tech Talk – Yes, we’re going to offer it again for the folks who missed it the first time!	
Dec	Mike’s Farm – A Christmas variety show, a buffet dinner, and a hayride through the Farm’s spectacular light show! (<i>Depending on transportation arrangements</i>)	

Active Adults on the GO!

Presents:

Line Dancing with Linda



Line Dancing with Linda is Part 1 of a 2-Part Activity!

Part I – Learning to Line Dance

Linda Wadhams – a renowned Leland Area Line Dance Instructor - will bring us together in Warnock Hall where she will teach the group 1 or 2 simple line dances! Sign up electronically through Realm or on the Sign Up Sheet!

**June 18, 2026
2:00 PM
Warnock Hall**

Part II – Holden Beach Music Concert

Our newly trained dancers will meet at Holden Beach's new stage for a concert of Beach Music, where we will have an opportunity to get up and "cut the rug" with the rest of the concert-goers!

**July 12, 2026
6:00 PM
Holden Beach
More details to follow!**

Both of these events are free and sure to be fun!!

Sign up in the hallway or on Realm

For more information contact Ruth Fitzsimmons at 614-588-2390 or by email at .fitzsi55@gmail.com



CELEBRATE MORE

Life

Community Blood Drive

**Bridge Presbyterian Church -
American Red Cross Bus**

1444 Lanvale Rd

Leland, NC 28451

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Make your life-saving blood drive appointment by contacting Carol Spradley at 910-547-3058 or cspradley1@icloud.com or by going to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: **Bridge**



Scan to be directed to
RedCrossBlood.org



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Celebrate Life's Milestones

From Linda and George Wells:

Our great grandson, Callahan Banks Cooper was born May 17th in Brevard, NC

May

Birthdays

Laura Patterson	24
Marilyn Vernon	24
Patricia Shaffar	29
Mike Wilt	29

Anniversaries

Mike and Sharon Wilt	May 26th
Brenda and James Bozeman	May 30th
Steve and Theresa Skerlick	May 31st

Upcoming Happenings

May

25th - *Office Closed for Memorial Day*

28th - Bluefield Craft - 2:00

31st - ONE SERVICE 10:30 - Invite a Friend Sunday – Potluck Brunch