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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

We welcome Rev. Bill Young for the Summer

Sunday, August 23, 2026

“The Christ, the Son of the Living God”

Matthew 16:13-20

10:00 am – Worship Service

livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

Links to all videos posted by the bridge on YouTube:

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

Information for the Summer

Week of 8/23 – 8/30/26

Elder on Call

Karen Santone – 570-460-5486

You can reach Rev. Young
at revbillyoung@yahoo.com or 910-876-2289

You can contact Rev. Young or contact Wanda to set up an appointment.

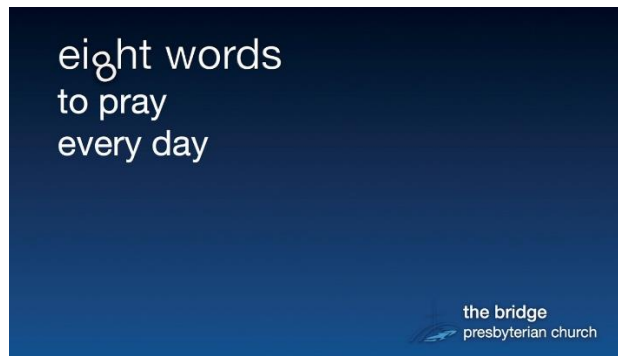
Church office Hours will be normal hours

Mon – Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am to Noon

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**Doug will be back to work on Monday, August 31st
and back to preaching on Sunday, September 6th.**



New Sermon Series: Eight Words To Pray Every Day:

**“Better a single word spoken from a heart of love
than a thousand from a heart of indifference.”
Evagrius Ponticus.**

Maybe your spiritual life is on autopilot and you're going through the motions. Perhaps you're keeping the religious treadmill spinning, but your soul is empty or tired. Or maybe you've fallen victim to the 'Too's' - Too many other obligations...too much guilt...too many changes in life; ...too many questions...too much pain...too much disappointment.

However, you're still asking: "How can I experience a life with God day by day?" What if there were eight simple words that, when prayed every day, help you genuinely connect with God?

Eight Words to Pray Every Day is a new sermon series that transforms eight ordinary words into one-word prayers. Each of these words are simple, practical and, most of all, reliable. Once we learn to use these words as prayers, we will begin to authentically connect with the living God.

If you struggle to start or keep a daily devotional life or if you need a fresh way to stay connected with the Lord while always being on the go, Eight Words to Say Every Day can change your life; and draw you closer to the Lord.

This new series will kick-off Sunday September 13th at the bridge Presbyterian church. Each week a new word will be unveiled and discussed in a pastor-led mid-week study in Warnock Hall.

Sign up for the noon Wednesday study at the sign-up table or on Realm

Join us as we learn to pray Eight Words to Pray Every Day.

Find Purpose through Service

Sunday, Aug 23, 2026

Coffee Servers - 10:00 – Laura and Kathy

Greeters/Ushers - 10: 00 – Christianos

Liturgists
10:00 – Stephanie B.

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

	8/16/26		
Total Weekly Giving	\$4,723	10:00 am Service	86
Pledge Fulfillment			
		Attendance (4 wk avg)	106

Pray Daily

PRAYER LIST August 20, 2026

ADDITIONS

Prayers for the following:

- Rich Haggerty, friend of Jim Bath's sister Sue who has recently been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. May he have healing, strength and comfort.
- The Spells for the Lord's guidance in the decisions they will make in the coming weeks.
- John Veen who will be having surgery on Thursday-May he have a successful procedure and a speedy recovery.
- Gerry Stanewick for successful surgery on Thursday.
- Debbie Cote who will be having major surgery on Wednesday with anticipated hospitalization and lengthy rehab.
- Jan Clark and her family in the loss of her husband of 66 years, Jim.
- George Robertson who has been readmitted to the hospital with pneumonia and for Peggy and his family ministering to him.

ONGOING

- Anne and Jim Graham's friend Mark Gilreath and his wife Jean as he is being treated for ALS.
- Manny Rosenfeld for healing and ultimate restored sight following his eye surgery.
- Kayn, an 18-month-old little boy whose family is friends with Donna Maher's daughter. He is receiving chemo for a large liver tumor at Children's Hospital in DC.
- Robert (Bob), a relative of Donna Maher's family who has had an emergency liver transplant with complications. He is In VCU hospital in Richmond.
- Sean Fleming, Bettye Weihs' friend. He has had reconstructive surgery and is

home with anticipated lengthy rehab.

- Marilyn Vernon for strength and God's plan in her uncharted journey ahead.
- Lynn Hale as she continues her cancer journey.
- Mark Painley and his family. He is improving and may move to a step-down facility in Apex. Our prayers are greatly appreciated by his wife Carolyn.
- Tom Rodman had successful bypass surgery and is recovering in the hospital. Hopefully he will come home over the weekend.
- Dr. Doug as he continues his sabbatical.

AROUND THE WORLD

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

Please send any prayer requests to Susan Stanewick at sstanewick@gmail.com or to the church office at thebridgepres@gmail.com



Words cannot express the gratitude I feel when I think of all the prayers, support, love, food, flowers, gifts, cards, calls and texts I have received from our Church family. The love that you have shown me, as I navigate the most difficult time in my life, has been immeasurable. I thank God for all of you each day.

Warmly, Gina Larkin

Find Purpose through Service



August Mission Partners **Brunswick County Schools**

AUGUST IS ...BRUNSWICK COUNTY SCHOOLS SCHOOL SUPPLIES MISSION MONTH

Below are lists of items that are needed for the elementary and middle schools. Please put donations in the bins in the church foyer. Thank you in advance for your generous donations to help children be prepared for a great school year!

Please contact Marybeth Christiano with any questions. (mbc8@hotmail.com)

- Sturdy book bag (some with laptop sleeve)
- 14" Chromebook laptop sleeve
- 24 pencils
- Pencil pouch/box
- Colored pencils
- Black, blue, & red pens
- Purple glue sticks
- Headphones (no earbuds)
- Crayons
- Markers
- Blunt tip Fiskar scissors
- Leakproof reusable water bottles
- Pink erasers & pencil top erasers
- Skinny dry erase Expo markers
- Marble notebooks
- Spiral notebooks 3 pack post-it notes
- 2 pocket folders



2026 Church Wide Food Drive

The Mission Team has approved joining a church wide food drive sponsored by Brunswick Family Assistance to help them with the growing demand for food assistance in our community.

The need in Brunswick County is significant and continues to grow. In the first quarter of last year BFA distributed 85,093 pounds of food. In the first quarter of this year, that number increased to 140,255 pounds distributed to Brunswick County residents. These numbers reflect the growing demand for food assistance in our community

THANK YOU!

**THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING DONATING TO THE
BRUNSWICK FAMILY ASSISTANCE FOOD DRIVE.**

Below is a list of items we especially need.

Please know, any & all donations are much appreciated.

- PEANUT BUTTER
- SPAGHETTI SAUCE
- CANNED TUNA
- BAKED BEANS
- GRITS/OATMEAL
- CANNED FRUIT
- MAYO/MUSTARO
- MUFFIN/BREAD MIXES
- BOTTLED WATER
- RICE (small bags)
- SHELF MILK
- CANNED CHICKEN
- PORK n' BEANS
- SUGAR/FLOUR
- BAKING MIXES
- KETCHUP/BBQ SAUCE
- COOKIES/CRACKERS
- PASTA NOCOLES (any style)
- CANNED VEGETABLES
- MEAL HELPERS
- CEREAL
- COFFEE/TEA/ JUICE
- SALT/PEPPER/SPICES
- CANNED POTATOES
- CHIPS

**AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME,
CONSIDERATION & GENEROUS HEART.**



the **Bridge**
Presbyterian Church

Copies of this list are on the sign up table in the hallway

Items can be left in the tub in the hallway

Find Purpose through Service



Our next Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, August 27 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, Sept 3rd 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





*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, NC.

*Anyone with something (legal) to sell, from crafts or other created items, to "traditional" yard sale fare like things you might sell as you clean out your garage, can purchase a table for \$20.

*YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN TABLE. Electricity will NOT be provided. All tables must be reserved in advance- No spaces will be sold on the day of the event. Limit of 40 vendors (not including any Mission Partners that wish to have a FREE space).

*All proceeds from the sale of table SPACES will go to benefit our 12 local "Mission Partners" that The Bridge supports in Brunswick County. Vendors KEEP any money they make from their own individual sales from their tables- Their only cost is the \$20 fee to rent the space for their table.

*Many of our Mission Partners will be represented at our event, to share stories about their work in the community.

*Vendors must agree to remove any unsold items. No trash service will be available.

*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 for our New Beginnings congregation as well!

*The event does NOT have a rain date.

*There is not a process for dropping off sale items in advance, for Covenant Partners who have items they may want to donate. If there is something someone wants to offer, we may be able to work out something, but there will have to be a plan for any donated items to be disposed of after the event, should they not sell.

*AT THIS TIME there is not a plan for the Bridge itself to have a table, however if the Men's Group, Women's Group, etc... would like one, we will certainly make that available at no cost, and in this case, all monies from those sales would go to Mission Partners.

*For more information call Bruce Garriss (910) 297-3551 or to reserve a table spot, please call the church office at (910) 769-4951

Join us on September 1 at 1:00 PM
In the sanctuary for the amazing:



Presented by Leland Town
Mayor and bridge covenant
partner:

Brenda Bozeman

**All are invited to a fun
and festive event at
Mike's Farm!**

December 12, 2026

Every year, Mike's Farm is a
Sell-Out event in our area! Due
to its huge popularity, tickets
sell out super-fast! Don't miss
your opportunity to join in the
Holiday fun with your Church
Family!

Tickets must be purchased in advance by August 31, 2026.
Sign up on Ream or in the Hall Way - Note Mike's Farm in the menu

	
\$70*	\$40*
Dinner, Show, and Hayride	Dinner and Hayride Only
2:00 PM	4:00 PM

*Ask Ruth about children's ticket prices

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

27

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**

Celebrate Life's Milestones

August

Birthdays

Brod Hale	22
Theresa Skerlick	22
Linda Lehmann	27
Lisa Garris	28
Bill Faulk	29
Tom Early	30
Eddie Pirher	30

Anniversaries

Fatima and Jon Beals	Aug 3rd
Ann and Mike Tydings	Aug 12th
Ken and Mary Campbell	Aug 24th
Michael and Ronnie Marchand	Aug 25th
Norman and Judy Spain	Aug 27th

Upcoming Happenings

August

25th - Karen Beasley Turtle Center - 9:00 am

27th - Bluefield Craft - 2:00

30th - 5th Sunday – 5th Sunday Pot Luck