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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 3rd
Congregational Hymn Sing

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 3rd – We will be having an 'always-popular' hymn sing at both services. Sing along with our amazing band as we praise God in song.

May 10 – We will be installing Elder Gary Westphal and celebrating the Lord's Supper. Dr. Doug will be preaching an interactive sermon titled: "Prayer as Conversation."

May 17 – Dr. Doug will preach a sermon titled: "We're Still The Same!" reflecting on God's grace lived out at the bridge. After second-service there will be a short informational gathering for anyone wanting to know more about Dr. Doug's upcoming sabbatical.

May 24 – a 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 pot-lock after worship. The Celebration Choir will also be singing.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE BRIDGE?
**JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT “CONNECTING WITH THE
BRIDGE” SMALL GROUP SESSIONS**

MONDAY, MAY 11th & MONDAY, MAY 18TH AT 11:00 AM

We will be hosting our next Connections Small Group Sessions in May. This informal small group is a wonderful opportunity for you to connect with others who are looking for a new church home and to spend some time getting to know Pastor Doug and each other.

We will be sharing a light lunch as we introduce ourselves and meet a few of our Elders. Pastor Doug will share a little about our church history and what it means to be a Presbyterian. We will also share information about our mission and vision at the bridge and ways you can connect with God’s passion, people, and purpose here at the bridge.

I am so hoping you will consider joining us! There is a sign-up sheet on the long table in the hallway as you come in the double doors where you can let us know that you will be coming. You can also reach out to me, Judy Bath, at jannbath@hotmail.com for more information.

Blessings!

Judy Bath, Connections Team Leader

Find Purpose through Service

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Coffee Servers

9:00 – Marcia

10:30 - Linda W.

Greeters/Ushers

9:00 – Christianos

10:30 – Earlys

Liturgist

9:00 – Louise R

10:30 – 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

	4/26/26		
Total Weekly Giving	\$5,164	9:00 am Service	42
		10:30 am Service	63
Weekly Offering (4 wk avg)	\$5,434	Total Attendance	105
		Attendance (4 wk avg)	104

Pray Daily

PRAYER LIST April 30, 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
- Prayers for Peggy Fulton as they await surgery at Cleveland Clinic.
- 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, a cancer of her abdomen and small intestine.
- Carol Guilmette: For strength as she continues to manage her illness.
- Sandy Barrett: For peace and successful treatment following the return of her cancer.
- For the family of Sheila Davis on the loss of her nephew's wife from a lengthy illness
- For Elena Tribuna, friend of Mary Ellen Cole, a Russian refugee, battling advanced cancer after a misdiagnosis.
- For Pat Smith who fell and broke her foot
- For John Larkins, sick with a respiratory infection, prayers that John has a speedy and satisfactory recovery.
- Prayers for Joyce Rodman's sister and brother-in-law, Becky and Lonnie, who both have advanced stage cancer.

Our Community and World

- Street Reach: For their ongoing mission to serve the homeless.
- The Vulnerable: For those who are homeless or forgotten.
- Global Concerns: For peace within our country and throughout the world.

BEHIND EVERY STRONG PERSON IS A STORY THAT GAVE THEM NO CHOICE

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.

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**Matthew's
Ministry**
Food Changes Lives



Last packing for the 2025/1016 school year

This Sunday, May 3rd immediately after the 10:30 Service



Collection for Hope Harbor Homes will continue one more Sunday.

If you have items for Hope Harbor – please bring them no later than
Sunday, May 3rd.

**Please be aware there will be TWO BINS – out in the
hall – One for Hope Harbor Homes and one for
Angel Tree Camp**

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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



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THE BLUEFIELDS
MEMORY CARE



Our next Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, April 30, 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

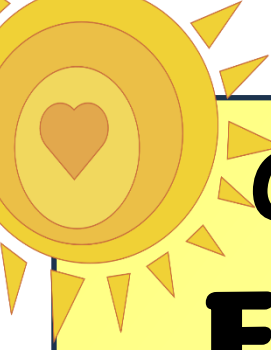
Patti Pirher at

ppirher@gmail.com

Our next Worship Service at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, May 7th 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





Come join us for a day of **FUN WITH THE SON!**

(And...help tell the community about THE BRIDGE!)



Saturday May 2nd from 10-3pm

**Belville Riverwalk Park
Founder's Day Festival!**

**Come spend time at our booth handing out fun gifts to
kids and sharing the story of our church!**

Signup sheet in the hallway- just pick your time!



Realm is our church data system. It is our church directory as well as so much more.

On Thursday, May 7th at 10:00, Wanda is going to be in the Warnock Building to advise and train on REALM.

Did you know that you can do the following on Realm:

- You can look up contact information.
- Register for upcoming Events.
 - Check your giving.
- Receive and send emails to groups you are in.
- Look up archived meeting agendas and minutes.

AND SO MUCH MORE!!

No need to sign up – just come!

If you cannot attend on Thursday – contact Wanda anytime with questions.

You can reach her at thebridgepres@gmail.com or at 910.769.4951

ATTN: Women of the Bridge

It's that time of year again, when the men in our lives honor the Mothers in their lives! Our Men's Prayer Group will be serving up a delightful Ladies Brunch to the Women of the Bridge on

**May 9th @10:00 AM
Warnock Hall**

Ladies, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the hall way or online through Realm



Fifth Sunday Brunch!
May 31st Between Services Warnock Hall
See the Sign-Up Sheet in the hall and plan to join your friends for some *good food and good fellowship!*

Share
Pin



HOW TO STAY OUT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

With Tyler Whiteside, DPT, CSCS

LEARN SIMPLE, PRACTICAL WAYS TO:

- Improve balance and prevent falls
- Reduce aches, pains, and stiffness
- Stay active and independent longer
- Build strength safely at any age



**May 13th from 12-2 PM
in Warnock Hall**





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

May	How Not to End Up in Physical Therapy with Dr Whiteside DPT, CSCS, of FYZICAL Therapy and Balance Center of Wilmington	May 13 Noon – 2:00
Jun	Line Dancing with Linda – so we can show off our stuff at July’s Beach Concert Linda teaches line dancing at several venues in/around Leland No Cost for participants	June 18 2:00- 3:00 PM
Jul	Beach Concert – Holden Beach We’ll carpool 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’ book, <i>Bravery – A Baby Sea Turtles First Adventure</i> , illustrated by our own Lisa T. Myers!)	
Sep	Ministry Fair – more to come on this!	
Oct	Christian Illusionist – an Alternative to a traditional Halloween!	
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>)	

Celebrate Life's Milestones

May

Birthdays

Thomas Hall	1
Karen Santone	8
Dana Erbe	11
Clyde Queen	11
Manny Rosenfeld	11
Marybeth Christiano	15
Peg Clark	16
Greer Broadwater	19
Kerrin Polaski	20
Marilyn Vernon	24
Patricia Shaffar	29
Mike Wilt	29

Anniversaries

Karen and Joe Santone	May 4th
Greer and Tom Broadwater	May 10th
Charlie and Pat Smith	May 12th
Marge and Tom Hall	May 20th
Kiza and Amani Masanga	May 20th
Mike and Sharon Wilt	May 26th
Brenda and James Bozeman	May 30th
Steve and Theresa Skerlick	May 31st

Here is a life milestone/celebration.

Our son, Justin graduated from Northeastern Law School this past week.

Tom and Marge Hall



Upcoming Happenings

April

30th - Bluefield Craft - 2:00

May

1st - New Hope Mobile Clinic

2nd - Founder's Day Festival

6th - Session - 3:00

7th - Bluefield Worship - 1:30

9th - Women of the bridge - 10:00 - Mother's Day Brunch

13th – How Not to end up in Rehab workshop – Noon – 2:00 pm

25th - *Office Closed for Memorial Day*

28th - Bluefield Craft - 2:00

31st - 5th Sunday - ONE SERVICE 10:30 - Invite a Friend Sunday – Potluck