



Currents

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What is happening at *the bridge*.

Connecting at the bridge



Sunday Dec. 7, 2025

*Insist On Hope :
When Hope is Running out
John the Baptist*

8:45 - 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>



Advent Services

- Sunday - Dec. 7 – Insisting on Hope: When Hope Is Running Out**
Sunday - Dec. 14 – Insisting On Hope? Finding Hope In Our Pauses.
Sunday - Dec. 14 – 4:30pm Grief Workshop
Sunday - Dec. 14 - 6:30pm Blue Christmas Service
Sunday - Dec. 21 – Insisting On Hope. Hope In the Palm of One’s Hand.
Wed. - Dec. 24 – 7:00 pm **Christmas Eve -**

Insisting On Hope. Good News Louder Than Fear

- Sunday - Dec 28 – Lessons & Carols Sunday

Other Events this month

- Monday Dec 8th – Red Cross Blood Drive from 11 – 4 in the Warnock Building.
Saturday Dec 13th – Belville Christmas Fair - 10-3 Volunteers needed at our table
Wed. Dec 17th – Holiday Meet & Greet at the home of Charlie and Pat Smith.
4:00 till 7:00pm .



Please take a note of
the following
announcements



New (Old) Worship Times

Starting Jan 4th --- Our Worship Services will go back to **9:00 and 10:30**

Planning for potential children in worship

There is a sign up sheet in the hall for anyone willing to be “on Call” if children show up in the 10:30 service. You will not need to plan lessons as we have them prepared already. Two people are needed each week.

There will be a “training” on Tuesday, Jan 13 at 10:00 to go over where lessons and materials are located and to answer any questions.

Out of Office

Wanda, the Church Administrator will be out of the office from Monday, Dec 7th and back in the office on Wednesday, Dec. 17.

During this time, the office hours will be 9-12 on Monday - Thursday. Volunteers will be in the office and answering phones .

Please note the volunteers will not be checking email, able to answer questions regarding your giving or questions about your pledge balances.

There will NOT be a Currents on Dec. 11th.

Connecting by Serving

Sunday, Dec 7, 2025

Coffee Servers

8:45 - Patricia

10:30 - Pat S

Greeters/Ushers

8:45 - Wingerts

10:30 - Louise R and Dixie 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

December 14th

Connecting by Serving

Sunday, Dec 14, 2025

Coffee Servers

8:45 - Susan

10:30 - Charlyne

Greeters/Ushers

8:45 - Wesenbergs

10:30 - Bruce and Lisa Garris

Are you ready to be Connected by Serving?

*Help with Coffee * Greet People * Usher*

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Connecting in Generosity

| | 11/30/25 | | |
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| Total Local Deposits | \$3,296 | 9:00 am Attendance | 32 |
| Online Donations | \$1,140 | 10:30 am Attendance | 64 |
| Total Weekly Offering | \$4,436 | Total Attendance | 96 |
| Pledge Fulfillment | | Attendance (4 wk avg) | 99 |
| Total Deposit | \$4,436 | Weekly Offering (4 wk avg) | \$4,624 |



**Are you coming to our Christmas Eve
Service at 7:00 pm?**

Do you have extra room in your car?

If you said YES - WE NEED YOU!!!

We have a couple people who would love to attend but need a ride.

If you can help - please email Mary Campbell
at carlislecampbell@gmail.com

Connecting In Prayer

PRAYER LIST Dec 4, 2025

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.**

- Prayers for Jim Bath. Jim is at home recovering from recent heart surgery. Prayers for the return of his strength and good health.
- Prayers for Ann Graham. Anne has recently transferred to a rehab facility. A huge step for her recovery from major surgery and its complications
- Constant prayers for Marilyn Vernon on her journey with cancer. Prayers for new treatments coming every day.
- Prayers for Mike Marchand's journey towards open heart surgery.
- Prayers for John Larkin having radiation. Peace and good news for John and Regina
- Prayers for Dennis and Barbara Anderson as they make life decisions.
- Prayers for Mary Ellen Cole who fell while visiting her daughter in Virginia. She is recovering in a rehab facility and is terribly homesick. Prayers for a speedy recovery and a return home.
- Healing prayers for Ken Campbell as he recovers from complications of abdominal surgery.
- Prayers for Terry Hickey's sister-in-law Sandy Copolla. Sandy had surgery 4 weeks ago, for a brain tumor and is still in the hospital. Prayers for strength for her family.
- Prayers for Steve Betz as he has radiation therapy for cancer.
- Prayers for the Wagner family as they mourn the loss of husband and father Stuart.
- Prayers for Bill Davenport whose wife Cheryl passed away on Friday.
- Prayers for Kathy Davanzo who has pneumonia after breaking her hip.
- Prayers for Carol Guilmette who is having problems with her liver.
- Prayers for Paul. He has a tumor on his kidney and is awaiting surgery. Prayers for good news.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for the success of Eric Peterson's back surgery. He is recovering at home feeling good and trying to do what the doctor said.
- Prayers for the Bridge as we go through growing pains.
Prayers for our Pledge campaign.

"IF YOU RE DISTRESSED BY ANYTHING EXTERNAL, THE PAIN IS NOT DUE TO THE THING ITSELF, BUT TO YOUR ESTIMATE OF IT; AND THIS YOU HAVE THE POWER TO REVOKE AT ANY MOMENT." marcus arelius

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

Connecting Through Missions



December Mission Partner

Hope Harbor Homes

Christmas Stockings and Food Drive

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

As we have done at *the bridge* in the past, we will be filling stockings for the children of Hope Harbor Home, a Brunswick County shelter for domestic abuse victims. .

If you can - please return the filled stocking on Sunday Dec 14th.

**We know it is a short turnaround, but we just got the information
If you need to make other arraignments, please call Bettye**

We will also have a food pantry collection for Hope Harbor Home's pantry.

During the Christmas Eve service, we will be collecting canned foods. We encourage you to bring your canned food then but if you will not be here on Christmas Eve, we will have a place in the hall for you to bring canned food all month long.



For questions call Bettye Weihs at 443-831-2256



Connecting Through Missions



THE BLUEFIELDS
MEMORY CARE

The Bluefields is located at 1935 Lincoln Rd. NE in Leland.

Our next Worship Service at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, Dec 4th 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



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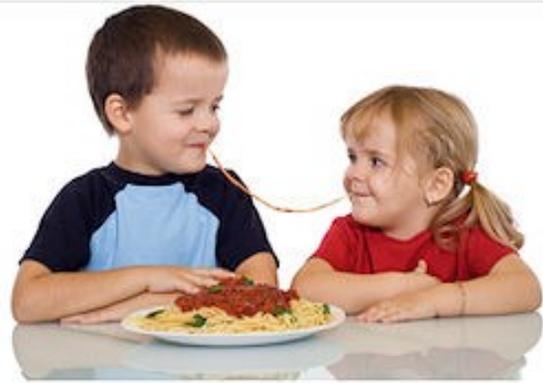
Our next Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, Dec 18, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Activities Room.

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

Matthew's Ministry

Food Changes Lives



Change of Packing Day

We will be packing on

SATURDAY, December 6, at 10AM.

Corrected Date - December 13th

***Join us at the
Belville Christmas Fair!
December 13th, 10am-3pm
Belville Riverfront Park!***

Come and join us for a couple of hours at our booth and support the bridge as we meet kids and families attending this fun annual event!



We will offer prizes and fun snacks for everyone!
Signup sheets for two-hour slots are in the lobby,
and remember to bring your chair!

Come Volunteer!



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Blood Drive

The Bridge Presbyterian Church

American Red Cross Bus- Warnock Building
1444 Lanvale Rd
Leland, NC 28451

Monday, December 8th, 2025
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For an Appointment please visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code:
Bridge or call 1-800-RedCross.

Snack will be provided before and after drive in the Warnock building, behind
the church. Please be sure to bring your identification to register.



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Christmas

★ AT ★

First Baptist

★ CONCERT ★

Friday, December 12 @ 7:30PM
Saturday, December 13 @ 7:30PM
Sunday, December 14 @ 3:00PM

Free for everyone
First Baptist Church Sanctuary
411 Market Street, Wilmington NC



We wanted to share this for the Music and Christmas lovers in our congregation.
Several from our church have attended this in past years and are going again.

GRIEF...

“Let’s Talk About It”

Sunday December 14th at 4:30pm,
the bridge will host a 1-hour **“Managing
Grief”** workshop. *ALL ARE WELCOME!*

And... Bring a small Hors-d’oeuvres to share
afterwards, as we will spend time together
in conversation and fellowship before the
Blue Christmas service at 6:30pm



Signup sheet in the hall is helpful, but not needed



**Community-wide
Blue Christmas
evening worship service at
6:30pm
at the bridge Presbyterian
Church**

Working in conjunction with the Town of
Leland, we will invite families from the
greater Leland community who have lost
a loved, to join us for an evening candle-
light service of remembrance.

Meet & Greet

Dec. 17th
4:00 - 7:00pm

The meet and greet will be held at the home of **Charlie and Pat Smith**.
Their address is 1005 Lismore in Waterford, Leland.

There will be a sign up in the hall

Guests should bring an appetizer to share and their choice of beverage. Typically, this is wine, beer, or soft drinks. The host and hostess will provide paper plates, napkins and utensils. They will also provide name tags.

This is an informal get together so that we may get to know each other a little better.

Sign up Sheet on table in Hall

Are you interested in leading in worship as a Liturgist?

We are looking for more people will to lead in worship reading the liturgy.

There will be a class in January, lead by Doug, for anyone wanting to become a liturgist.

If you are interested, please sign up in the hall
Wanda will contact you when the class time is determined.



Sending a heart felt thank you to all who helped adorn
our sanctuary and the exterior of our church!

It was greatly appreciated and looks wonderful.

"Many hands make light work indeed"

Patricia Shaffar and the Worship Team

Upcoming Happenings

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|-----------------------|----|
| Gary Westphal | 12 |
| Virginia Hight | 14 |
| Judy Hogg | 14 |
| Tom Broadwater | 19 |
| Doug Cushing | 20 |
| Stephanie Billingslea | 22 |
| Gary Lewis | 23 |
| Mary Early | 28 |
| Lisa Myers | 29 |

December Birthdays