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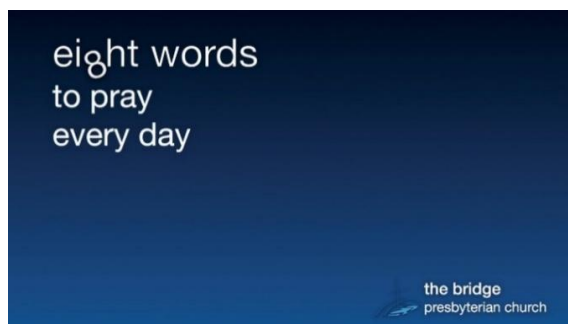
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Currents

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



Sunday, Sept. 17, 2026

Eight Words to Pray Every Day ***The Second Word: Yes***

I Samuel 17: 3 – 11; 19 – 23; 31 – 37; 41 – 50

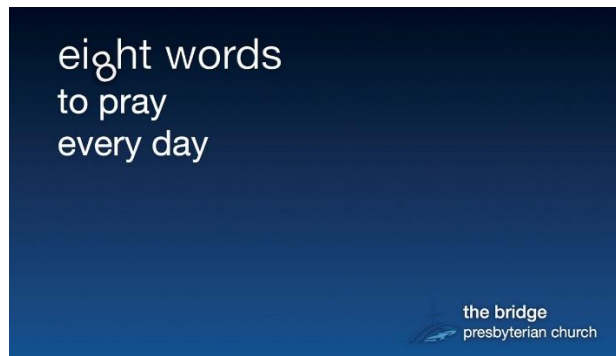
II Corinthians 1: 18 – 20

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:



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.



Wanda will be out of the office from Sept 2nd and back on Monday, Sept 21st.

Things to Note:

Currents will still be published but the financial graphs will be in the 9/24 Currents.

The church email will not be checked – if you need something before Wanda returns – reach out to Doug or an elder or call the church office at 910-769-4951

The office will be covered by volunteers Tues – Thursday 9:00 – 12:00

For Prayer Requests – email them to Susan at ssanewick@gmail.com

For questions regarding the Blessed Bargains event – contact Bruce Garris (910) 297-3551
To reserve a table – you can call the office.

Find Purpose through Service

Sunday, Sept 20, 2026

Coffee Servers

9:00 – Sandy S

10:30 – Charlynn C

Greeters/Ushers

9:00 – Halls

10:30 – Betty W and Lynne L

Liturgists

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

There will not be a giving chart for the next few weeks. In the September 24th Currents the chart will show the first three weeks of September

Pray Daily

PRAYER LIST Sept 17, 2026

Prayers for the following:

ADDITIONS

- John Gozzi, Kerrie Dunne's husband who will be having orthopedic surgery this Friday

ONGOING

- Wanda for a wonderful visit with her family and for safe travels.
- Taylor, Donna Maher's daughter and Donna who need God's guidance, strength and care.
- Matt, a good friend of the Christianos who is undergoing chemo treatment for leukemia.
- George Robertson in his care in rehab and for Peggy his wife.
- Tom Rodman as he continues to improve at home.
- Debbie Cote who has returned home following major surgery and will now begin immunotherapy and radiation treatment.
- Rich Haggerty, friend of Jim Bath's sister Sue who begins immunotherapy next week for his esophageal cancer.
- Manny Rosenfeld for healing and ultimate restored sight following his eye surgery.
- Kayne, continued prayers for successful treatment at Children's Hospital in DC.
- Robert (Bob), a relative of Donna Maher's family who has had an emergency liver transplant with critical complications.
- Marilyn Vernon for strength and God's plan in her uncharted journey ahead.
- Lynn Hale as she continues her cancer journey.

AROUND THE WORLD

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

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

Please send any prayer requests to Susan Stanewick at [ssstanewick@gmail.com](mailto:sstanewick@gmail.com) or call the church office at 910-769-4951

Find Purpose through Service

**Matthew's
Ministry**
Food Changes Lives



September Mission Partner
Matthew's Ministry

Matthew's Ministry motto is Matthew 25:40 which is a verse that many believe expresses the idea that serving the poor and needy is equivalent to serving Jesus. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew's Ministry (MM) is dedicated to helping reduce childhood hunger for Brunswick County school kids.

In northern Brunswick County, MM provides food bags for kids in 7 schools, which is about 1,200 food bags each month. Each food bag contains 11 food items. The Bridge works with Leland Rotary Club, Port City Community Church - Leland, and Reach Community Church to pack food bags and distribute food bags to schools. We have 3 storage units that hold food and food bags until bags are packed and delivered. Matthew's Ministry food program is a community service.

The Bridge church packs food bags monthly and delivers bags weekly to Town Creek Elementary, Town Creek Middle, and Classical Charter of Leland schools. At The Bridge, we pack about 400 food bags each month during the school year, and we deliver food bags to 100 kids each week.

As September's Mission Partner of the month, the church will collect monetary donations to purchase food. Write "Matthew's Ministry" on your donation check or donate via REALM to Fund "Matthew's Ministry".



Find Purpose through Service



THE BLUEFIELDS
MEMORY CARE



Our next Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, Sept 24 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, Oct 1st 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





**DO YOU LOVE TO SING?
COME JOIN THE CELEBRATION CHORUS!**

Do you love to sing? Do you want to lead others in our bridge church family to honor and worship God? Have you sung in choirs or choral groups before OR always wanted to do so?

Then we are looking for you! By now, you have probably heard the chorus sing and know what a great job they are doing under Rebecca's leadership. She has chosen a collection of worship songs that will be easy to learn so all levels of ability are welcome.

Practice begins again on Wednesday, September 9th at 4:30PM and the chorus will be singing about 5 or 6 times throughout the year.

Please consider coming and invite a friend!!
All are welcome from the Community as well as our church.

Just let Judy Bath know you are coming so that she can have some music ready.
Send a text to 412-289-5128 or email her at jannbath@hotmail.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.

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Angelic Artists

– Creations Donated by Women of the Bridge –

I'm hosting the **Angelic Artists Table - Crafts by Women of the Bridge.**

I know we have painters, quilters, crocheters, knitters, seamstresses, and many other talented women in our congregation and I'm asking each of you to make and donate at least 1 personally created item to the cause. All proceeds from the sale of your donated craft items will go to our Mission Partners.

For more information, call **Ruth Fitzsimmons** to arrange for craft item donations.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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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

September

Birthdays

Regina Larkin	8
Steve Dare	11
George Patterson	11
Pat Smith	12
Becky Dare	15
Charles Riddle	17
George Robertson	18
Bill Wesenberg	18
Linda Faulk	29

Anniversaries

Bill and Marcia Wesenberg	Sept 3rd
Stephanie and David Billingslea	Sept 25th

CONGRATULATIONS

Charlynnne Caillaud's granddaughter, Mackenzie married Ryan in August.



Upcoming Happenings

September

24th - Bluefield Craft - 2:00 pm

27th – Christ Cruise – 3:00 pm

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

Season 2 of The Chosen Begins September 28, 1PM

Bring your drinks and we will provide popcorn and other snacks. Come and join us for Season 2 of the popular TV series based on the Bible- The Chosen. We just recently completed 8 episodes of Season 1, and our sessions were well received. Season 2 also has 8 episodes, and our first gathering will be at the church on **Monday at 1PM on September 28th**. Like before, we will have a brief discussion followed by showing the episode on our sanctuary TV's. After that, we will have some “dig deeper” discussions. Each meeting will be about 90 minutes.

Cathy Boettcher and Steve Dare will again be the facilitators. Prior to each class you will receive some information on that week's episode via email. Please sign up at the table in the hallway so we can send an email to you. We hope you will print each email and bring it along to use for discussion – and bring your Bible. No other materials are necessary.

This study is a wonderful way to see unique portrayals of key figures who were living during the time of Jesus. Consider inviting a friend. Remember, if you miss a week or two, it is no problem because you can view these 8 episodes on YouTube, Prime or online.



The Lost Cheesehead

Back in early June, Dr. Doug asked the congregation to dress in their favorite team apparel to correspond with a sermon he was preaching. On that particular Sunday a certain pastor (who shall remain nameless) brought his favorite foam cheesehead to church as it was befitting the overall theme of that Sunday.

Somehow that cheesehead was misplaced and/or lost. If anyone knows the whereabouts of the lost cheesehead please contact the church office - no questions asked. All tips will be treated confidentially and the unnamed pastor is considering a reward for information that leads to the safe return of the foam cheesehead.

Thank you