



# *Currents*

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What is happening at *the bridge*.

## **Connecting at the bridge**



Sunday June 22, 2025

### **A True First Responder**

**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>



## **First Responder Appreciation Sunday**

The bridge is once again hosting a First Responder Appreciation Sunday.

**June 22nd during both the 8:45 and 10:30 service**

Continental Breakfast will be served from 9:45 - 10:30 so plan to stay late or come early to eat and visit

We would like to purchase some gift cards again this year to give to First Responders who attend on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Any extra cards will be delivered to the stations in Leland.

We would ask that each card be \$20 - \$25 from a local restaurant.

Please drop off gift cards in the basket in the office.

**Sign up for the Breakfast is on the table in the hall**

Thank you in advance.



**The Church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, June 19th and 20th.**

Wanda will be out of town.

If you have an emergency you can call or text Elder Charlie Riddle at 908.675.1030 or email him at [pct917@aol.com](mailto:pct917@aol.com)

If it is not an emergency please leave Wanda a voicemail or email her and she will respond on Monday when she is back in the office

## **God Is Enough: Finding Grace in Our Limitations**

Last April, a month after my father passed away, I was able to get away to Oak Island for a reading week. While I did read two books on the Spirituality of Aging, I must confess that part of my week was spent taking long walks on the beach thinking about my father's passing, wishing for one last phone chat with him. But that phone call will never, ever happen again – at least not on this side of eternity.

You know, the hardest part about coming to grips with death is that it is so darn final. It's the ultimate reminder of our human limitations.

Author Donald McCullough observes: There are limitations in life but most of us spend most of our time either denying or trying to ignore those limits...and for good reason. The limitations we encounter in life, especially as we age, make us uncomfortable. But, might there be some undiscovered blessings that lie, hidden, within the limitations we encounter as we grow older?

The limitations we bump up against can, if we allow them, reveal God-given gifts that draw us closer to our Lord and make us more fully alive. Most importantly, as we encounter our limitations, we meet our risen Lord who, we learn, is always enough.

Beginning July 13, we will look at seven common limitations that we inevitably collide with as we grow older. I hope you not only join us in worship but you will also sign up for one of the new Sermon-based Small Groups that will meet throughout this series.

Here's a sneak preview:

The Limitation of our Bodies – As our bodies age, we learn to lean on God's strength: *"When I am weak, I am strong."*

The Limitations of Time – When we accept that time is running out on all of us, we discover how Jesus meets us every day: *"Seek first the kingdom of God...and all else will be given to us."*

The Limitation of Our Achievements – In the second half of life, when achievements no longer define us, we discover who we really are: God's beloved: *"You are my beloved in whom I am well pleased."*

The Limitation of Our Spirituality – As we age, we discover that the goal of spirituality isn't to be perfect but to know Christ. *"I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."*

The Limitation of Our Control – Buried within our loss of control lie holy invitations. *"Abraham and Sarah were visited by three visitors."*

The Limitation of Knowledge – Even when we forget where we parked, we can experience the blessing of being human and stumble into the grace of God. *"When you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God."*

The Limitation of Limitations – Not even death can separate us from the love of God.



## **New 7 week Sermon Based Small Groups**

### **Starting week of July 13th**

We realize the summer is busy so please know you can still be apart of a SBSG even if you may miss a week.

Sign up Sheets are on the table in the hall

### **Small Groups Available**

**Tuesdays at 1:00 pm** Facilitated by Karen Santone and Sheila Davis  
in the bridge Warnock Fellowship Hall

**Tuesdays at 3:00 pm** Facilitated by Pat and Charlie Smith  
At their home - 1005 Lismore Way (Waterford) **limited to 14**

**Thursdays at 3:00 pm** Facilitated by Becky and Steve Dare  
Westenberg's house - 1023 Westport Dr, (Westport)

# *Connecting by Serving*

**Sunday, June 22, 2025**

## **Coffee Servers**

9:00 - Marcia

10:30 - Theresa

## **Greeters/Ushers**

9:00 - Wesenbergs

10:30 - Harwells 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

# *Connecting in Generosity*

|                       | 6/15/25 |                            |         |
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| Total Local Deposits  | \$3,310 | 9:00 am Attendance         | 53      |
| Online Donations      | \$290   | 10:30 am Attendance        | 71      |
| Total Weekly Offering | \$3,600 | Total Attendance           | 124     |
| Pledge Fulfillment    | \$1,744 | Attendance (4 wk avg)      | 118     |
| Total Deposit         | \$5,344 | Weekly Offering (4 wk avg) | \$4,365 |

# *Connecting In Prayer*

## **PRAYER LIST June 19, 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.**

- Constant prayers for Marilyn Vernon on her journey with cancer.
- Prayers for Mary and Ken Campbell's friend Ken who's is experiencing heart problems
- Prayers for Joyce Rodman's brother-in-law, Greg, as he deals with health issues.
- Prayers for Natalie Dos Santos, Tony Dos Santos sister. Natalie was recently in the hospital undergoing tests.
- Prayers of gratitude for the success of Clyde Queens recent surgery. He is home and recovering nicely.
- Prayers for Cathy Purvis. She was recently diagnosed with lymphoma and will undergo 6 months of chemotherapy and possibly some radiation treatments. The prognosis is good, but the treatment regime will be demanding.
- Prayers for Robin, a friend of the Barretts, as she continues on a long term medical journey.
- Lanny, friend of Joyce Rodman who is recovering from surgery
- Prayers for Patricia Shaffar and her family. She and Del will be attending the funeral for her brother this Friday.
- Prayers for happiness and safety for our Angel Tree campers
- Prayers for our mission projects.
- Prayers for our Days for Girls project.
- Prayers for our Country and for the many suffering throughout the world, for the wars and natural disasters,
- Prayers for our blossoming Spanish speaking ministry

To make a prayer request, contact Elder Mary Campbell at [carlislecampbell@gmail.com](mailto: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



## Sharing Our Stories About Our Lord and His Church

Sharing stories with friends and family is always fun – Sharing stories about God and our church is life changing.

We all have stories of God is moving in our lives through our involvement with the bridge, whether a social event, a small group experience or an encounter with God while on mission or worship.

Stories are the BEST way to hear about how our Lord is at work in our lives and our church. Starting Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>, Doug and Wanda will begin identifying where these wonderful stories will emerge from within the bridge and who might be perfect to share their story. They will be responsible for creating short (think 90 seconds) videos of stories each week.

Here's your part. Doug/ Wanda may call upon you to prepare a short story based on our participation in a small group, mission outreach, special worship service or fellowship event. You'll be asked to come to the bridge and simply share your 90 story of that event while its being recorded. Then, we will share our stories with each other and on social media.

Here's how else you can help. Pay attention to the still small voice, to special comments at a gathering, a nudge by the Holy Spirit - those are all stories to share.

Take out your phone and do a short video and tell the story or stop by the church and Wanda will do a short video for you. Email it to [thebridgepres@gmail.com](mailto:thebridgepres@gmail.com) or if you aren't sure how, reach out to Wanda and she will help.

God is moving every minute of every day. It is time for us to start sharing our Stories.



# Connecting Through Missions



June Mission Partners

Brunswick Family Assistance

Christmas in July



Eligible children in Kindergarten - 8th grade will receive  
a bookbag with the necessary school supplies for their grade,  
an outfit, and a new pair of shoes.

If you would like to sponsor a child or children, either individually  
or with a small group, please pick up a form on the table in the hall.

Please return the completed form to Wanda in the office or to Greer  
Broadwater by **Sunday, June 29th**. You will receive the information  
about the child or children you are sponsoring via email. You can shop  
during July and **all supplies need to be turned in to the church by  
Sunday, July 27th**

If you would like to make a cash donation, please put BFA in the menu  
or go online to BFA

Thank you for your participation!



# Connecting Through Missions



THE BLUEFIELDS  
MEMORY CARE

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



Our next Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, June 26th, 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.

For more information contact Patti at [ppirher@gmail.com](mailto:ppirher@gmail.com).

Our next Worship Service at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, July 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 Patti, [ppirher@gmail.com](mailto:ppirher@gmail.com).





**God's Work  
Our Hands**

## **From the Building and Grounds Team**

### **Plant and/ or flower care:**

Irrigation of plants and flowers is only done in front of the main building and at the front sign. All other areas must be watered manually or by nature.

At present no one is regularly watering outside plants and flowers in non-irrigated areas.

If you like to garden, please volunteer to take care of plants and flowers in areas not irrigated. If the B&G team does not get volunteers to help maintain plants/flowers, the person who puts plants or flowers in areas not irrigated must also be responsible for watering, pruning, and nurturing the plants.

### **Small shed spring cleaning:**

If there are any items in the small shed that are not needed, please let any B&G team member know and we will dispose of the items.

# MEET & GREET

## Meet and Greet:

Did you recently attend a Meet and Greet gathering with Bridge friends?

Maybe you're thinking you'd like to attend such an event to get to know your fellow covenant partners a little better.

We are looking for someone, either a single person or a couple, who would like to host the next Meet and Greet in their home.

Here is what is expected of the host: You provide access to your home for usually about 30 to 40 people (no need for that many chairs!). In addition, you provide napkins, paper plates, forks, spoons, ice and a table or counter big enough for all the food.

Guests will bring an appetizer or dessert to share and their beverage of choice. This is typically sodas or wine. The host chooses the date, sometime this summer or fall. We may have one each season this year. This time is usually 4 to 7, and it can be any day of the week that you prefer.

Any questions or concerns? Call or text, Linda Wells, 919-616-4214 or contact elder Peg Clark.



Groundbreaking was held today, June 16, for three houses that our mission partner, Habitat for Humanity, is building for families in need.

Pictured are the Price, Rowe, and Wilson families.

If you haven't already, please contact Habitat at [Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity](#) to follow up on the necessary paperwork to be a volunteer. If you want to see tangible evidence of God's work in our community, what better way to provide it?





The North Brunswick Kiwanis Club will be hosting a Comedy Show FUNdraiser on Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7PM, at the Gio Fund Event Center in Leland.

It promises to be a night of friends and laughter! Use the link below to find out more information and to buy tickets.

All proceeds will be used to develop literacy programs in the Leland schools.

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/84gne5d>



Thanks to our generous congregation and community, 40 Campers have been sponsored to attend Angel Tree Camp this summer! And they were well equipped with beach towels, flip flops, underwear, socks, etc.

Angel Tree Camp is only one of the missions at Street Reach that support the underserved, homeless and incarcerated people of Brunswick County. If you are interested in more information, please contact me.

Mary Ellen Cole  
703-618-6196

# Upcoming Happenings

## June

19th & 20th - Church office Closed  
21st - 8:30 - New Hope Clinic Mobile Unit  
22nd - 9:45 - 1st Responders Brunch  
26th - 2:00 Bluefield Crafts

## July

3rd - 1:30 - Bluefield Worship  
4th - Office Closed  
4th - 8:30 - New Hope Clinic Mobile Unit  
19th - 8:30 - New Hope Clinic Mobile Unit  
24th - 2:00 - Bluefield Crafts

## June Birthdays

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|---------------|----|
| Peggy Fulton  | 13 |
| Bettye Weihs  | 16 |
| Laurie Benton | 21 |
| Joyce Rodman  | 21 |
| Romie Holmes  | 23 |
| Mary Campbell | 28 |