

# LIFEBRIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## “*BUILDING BRIDGES TO GOD*”

LifeBridge Christian Church is located in University Square just past Allandale on Highway 11W. Turn right on University Boulevard at traffic light and then second left into University Square. We are in Suite F.

*To be and to share the good news of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorstep to the ends of the earth*

### Sunday Services:

Welcome and Fellowship: 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

### Wednesday Service:

Meal: 5:30 p.m.; Small Groups: 6:30 p.m.

(for all ages including kids and youth)

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### Discipleship

#### Sunday School

Bridge Builders: (Carl Fandl) studying the letters written by Peter

Stepping Stones: (Cary Daniels) studying *Case for Christ*

New Beginnings: (Kristi Beverly) studying the Holy Spirit

Children: *Jesus is Baptized; Jesus Makes a Choice*

#### Sermons:

January 17: *The Breastplate of Righteousness* (Ephesians 6:14)

January 24: *Feet Ready with the Gospel of Peace* (Ephesians 6:15)

***Remember... You are Light and Salt to the world. The world will walk in darkness and will rot without you.***

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### Fellowship

#### Wednesday Evening Small Groups

Kids beginning “Super U I” series next door at Bridge Connection

Youth in youth room

Women’s Fellowship led by Lisa Root and friends

Men’s Study group led by Doug Messer

Life of Jesus led by Beverly Cramer (January 20<sup>th</sup> is 3<sup>rd</sup> of 6 weeks)

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Birthdays Coming Soon: Jana Messer (Jan. 17); Jason Haynes (Jan. 25); Kathy Christian (Jan. 28)



**PASTOR:** MIKE SMITH  
**MUSIC:** BRETT HYDER  
**YOUTH:** KEVIN ARMSTRONG  
**CHILDREN:** BRANDI FRANKLIN

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 16, 9:00 a.m. Leadership Team Meeting  
 January 23, 9:30-4:00 Kids' Sledding Trip  
 January 27, 5:45 p.m. Children's Teacher Meeting

## NOTES OF INTEREST

- **Food Pantry** – we need jelly.
- **The Children's Special Christmas Pageant** is this Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Our children will begin the service with a special Christmas skit, which had been postponed from December.
- **TCTC** – We had 11 youth and 8 sponsors attend this year's Tennessee Christian Teen Convention in Gatlinburg. This year's conference set a record attendance with 4,828 and packed 101,736 meals for people in Nairobi, Kenya.
- **Census Jobs** For more information or to apply call 866-861-2010 or go to [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov).
- **Best Practices for Mission Teams** – Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 10 a.m. until noon at First Christian Church in Johnson City. Let Mike know if you are interested in attending this conference sponsored by Milligan College, Emmanuel School of Religion, and Johnson Bible College.
- A special **Leadership Team Meeting** will be held this Saturday morning starting at 9 a.m. at the Smith's. This meeting will be a time of prayer and open discussion about the vision of LifeBridge.
- **Worship Team Schedule** – Brett has passed out to everyone on the worship team a rotation schedule through February. Please be sure to let Brett know if you cannot make your turn.
- **Renee Polson** suggests a web site for reading stories of faith – [www.faithwriters.com](http://www.faithwriters.com). You may want to check it out. Renee has been writing about her mission experiences in Elk Horn City. Check out her Facebook page.
- **The Family Readiness Group** for the 278<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment is ready to proceed with the Adopt-a-Family program discussed last fall. A meeting to assign military families to the various churches will be held next week. We'll keep you informed.

## WORKING FOR GOD'S GLORY

	January 17	January 24	January 31
Refreshments	Brandi Franklin	Nancy Leonard	Becky Speers
<u>Sunday School</u>			
Toddlers	Kathy Hale	Brandi Franklin	Brandi Franklin
Elementary	Anita Carter	Sheryl Smith	Lisa Root
<u>Children's Worship</u>			
Nursery	Tammy Carter	Sue McCloud	Nancy Leonard
Toddlers	Kathy Hale	Brandi Franklin	Brandi Franklin
Elementary	Ginger Oden	Joyce Pierson	Robin Daniels
Communion Meditation	Brett Hyder	Jason Haynes	Kristi Beverly

### Served by Food Pantry

January 4<sup>th</sup> 30 families (4 first-time), 62 individuals  
 January 11<sup>th</sup> 27 families (5 first-time), 65 individuals

## KID'S NEW WEDNESDAY PROGRAM

Starting next Wednesday, the Elementary kids will be going next door to hold their class at "Z Street" in the Bridge Connection. Brandi will be using a new video based curriculum called Kid Mo. To avoid kids running around unsupervised, Brandi will open up Z Street starting at 6:15 and we ask parents to bring their kids over between 6:15 and 6:30. She will walk all the kids back when she finishes at 7:30.

Next Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Kid's will be leaving the church at 9:30 a.m. for a sledding trip to Wolf Laurel. The cost is \$20 and lunch will be provided.

Finally, all teachers and sponsors involved in the children's programs are asked to attend a meeting during the dinner hour Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Pick up your meal and come back to the Children's classroom. The meeting will start at 5:45. You are encouraged to attend even if you are not a teacher but are interested in serving in some capacity in the children's program.

## CONFERENCES FOR THE LADIES

There are three upcoming women's conferences in our area. Please let Sheryl know if you would like to attend any of the following:

Women's Weekend Getaway – Held in Pigeon Forge March 26-28. Featured guests are Selah, Liz Curtis Higgs, Angela Thomas, and Lyn Westafer.

Women of Joy Conference – The Sevierville session is April 9-11. Featured guests are Lori Salierno, Anita Renfro, Kay Arthur, Karen Kingsbury, Charles Billingsley, and Steven Curtis Chapman & Michael W. Smith. The early bird deadline is January 20<sup>th</sup> and we are encouraged to register early because the event is already near capacity.

Extraordinary Women Conference – Held at Freedom Hall in Johnson City April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>. Featured guests are Julie Clinton, Sheri Rose Shepherd, Chonda Pierce, Lysa Terkeurst, Anita Renfro, Angela Thomas, Karen Kingsbury, Charles Billingsley, Matthew West, Mark Schultz, Mandisa, Mark Harris, and Jeremy Camp & Adie. The super early bird deadline is March 5<sup>th</sup>.

## ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

The Fire Department Inspector came by today to inspect our building to ensure we are in compliance with regulations. Overall we did well, although we have a few minor changes to make. Sometimes we have to be reminded of areas where we need to improve.

As I walked through our facility with the inspector, I was reminded that we have the same goal – saving lives. And one way we accomplish that goal is to encourage one another to improve. That is one of the purposes of our meeting together. The writer of Hebrews was concerned that if we did not encourage each other *daily* our hearts would be "hardened by sin's deceitfulness" (**Hebrews 3:13**). In the prior verse he warns that we need to be sure we don't develop a "sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from God." That can happen if we neglect meeting together with other followers of Christ in church, Sunday School, or in small groups (**Hebrews 10:24-25**).