

# 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: *The Wise Men; Jesus in the Temple*

#### Sermons:

January 3: *The Real Battle* (Ephesians 6:10-13)

January 10: *The Belt of Truth* (Ephesians 6:14)

***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 beginning new study series

Women’s Fellowship led by Lisa Root and friends

Men’s Study group led by Doug Messer

Six-week study on the Life of Jesus led by Beverly Cramer

Four-week “Becoming” study for those who want to know the basics of what we believe and are interested in making a commitment to Christ and to the Church led by Mike Smith.

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Birthdays Coming Soon: Tyler London (Jan. 4); Dr. Jerry London (Jan. 5); Robin Daniels (Jan. 11); Dakota Parsons (Jan. 11); Chris Carter (Jan. 14); Jana Messer (Jan. 17)

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 4, 6:00 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting  
 January 8-10 Tennessee Christian Teen Convention  
 January 23 Kids' Sledding Trip  
 January 27 Children's Teacher Meeting

## WORKING FOR GOD'S GLORY

	January 3	January 10	January 17
Refreshments	Renee Polson	Kristi Beverly	Brandi Franklin
<u>Sunday School</u>			
Toddlers	Renee Polson	Kathy Hale	Kathy Hale
Elementary	Anita Carter	Anita Carter	Sheryl Smith
<u>Children's Worship</u>			
Nursery	Nancy Leonard	Shirley Armstrong	Tammy Carter
Toddlers	Renee Polson	Kathy Hale	Kathy Hale
Elementary	Joyce Pierson	Robin Daniels	Ginger Oden
Communion Meditation	Cary Daniels	Kathy Cornett	Brett Hyder
<u>Served by Food Pantry</u>			
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	46 families (10 first-time), 117 individuals		
December 28 <sup>th</sup>	25 families (3 first-time), 72 individuals		
Month of December	150 families (31 first-time), 418 individuals		

## NEW SMALL GROUPS BEGIN

Our Wednesday evening small groups are set to kick off the New year next week. We have a couple new groups starting off in 2010.

The Women's Fellowship will meet in the dining area after the meal. Each week there will be a short lesson and possibly a service project. This group is open to all women and will be led by Lisa Root.

Doug Messer will continue to lead a small group for men centering on the Mind of Christ. They will continue to meet in the front classroom in the Education annex.

Beverly Cramer will lead a six-week study on the book *Jesus of Nazareth* by Pope Benedict XVI in the second classroom down the Education Annex hallway.

Finally, Mike Smith will be leading a new small group starting the BEST series, which is intended to answer questions about who we are as a fellowship and our responsibilities in the Body of Christ. The first in the series is a four week study "*Becoming*," which is intended to answer questions about who we are and what we believe. The goal of this first study is to lead people to commit to Christ and to His Church. If you are not a Christian and want to learn more about becoming one or if you want to learn what we believe about becoming a Christian, then this class is for you. The series will cover what we believe about the Bible and Salvation, along with a little bit of Church history to provide a perspective and background of our spiritual roots. You will also learn about Life-Bridge Christian Church and our vision and leadership structure along with our denominational affiliation. More importantly, you will learn what it means to be a Christian and a member of LifeBridge. Notebooks are provided for class attendees and we will ask those who attend to commit to attending all four weeks of the study. Sign up with Mike this Sunday or by phoning the church office or by email to [msmith@lifebridgechristian.com](mailto:msmith@lifebridgechristian.com). This group will be meeting next door at the Bridge Connection.

The *Becoming* study will be followed up with studies on Engaging, Serving, and Telling.

## NOTES OF INTEREST

- **Food Pantry** – we need peanut butter and jelly.
- **The Children's Special Christmas Pageant** has been postponed until January 17<sup>th</sup> due to inclement weather on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Our children will begin the service that week with a special post-Christmas skit.
- **TCTC** – The Tennessee Christian Teen Convention is just around the corner. Kevin has all the details if you have any questions.
- **Home Groups** – Home groups will begin meeting next week. If you want to participate in one of these groups, let Mike or Doug know right away.
- **Census Jobs Available** – We have received notice from the US Census Bureau of jobs available for the 2010 census. These are temporary, part-time jobs with flexible hours paying \$12/hour. 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** – Let Mike know if you are interested in attending this two hour regional event to learn about what other mission teams in the area are doing that is effective in making a greater kingdom impact. The event is scheduled for Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 10 a.m. until noon at First Christian Church in Johnson City and is sponsored by Milligan College, Emmanuel School of Religion, and Johnson Bible College.
- **American Red Cross** – The American Red Cross is seeking donations to help offset expenses during the recent winter storm and in anticipation of future needs. Send your donations to the American Red Cross of Northeast Tennessee, 501 S. Wilcox Drive, Kingsport, TN 37660.
- The first **Leadership Team Meeting** of 2010 will take place Monday evening, January 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m.
- **Calling All Teachers!** – Brandi would like to meet with all teachers in the children's programs on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## STAYING FOCUSED

As we begin a New Year and decade, let us remain focused on our purpose and mission. It is so easy to become distracted with the happenings around us. I believe that is why Jesus sought time in quiet places and in solitude before facing the crowds. Prayer is an essential part of remaining focused.

As we ring in 2010, let us remember that our purpose is to love God first and foremost and then to love our neighbor. Our mission is "to be and to share the good news of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorstep to the ends of the earth." Let us not forget why we are here and our responsibilities in the Kingdom of God. *Read again the third chapter of Philippians.*