

# 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/Worship Team Practice: 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 to the Thessalonians  
Stepping Stones: (Cary Daniels) studying *Knowing the Heart of Jesus*  
New Beginnings: (Kristi Beverly/Mike Smith) studying the Holy Spirit  
Children: studying The Five Friends; Priscilla & Aquila

#### Sermons:

July 19: *Worship* (Brett Hyder speaking)  
July 26: *The Golden Rule* (Matthew 7:12)

***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

July 22<sup>nd</sup> is the second of two six week studies:

Doug Messer is leading a small group on managing your finances and is open to anyone wanting to know more about what the Bible teaches about finances and want to avoid the pitfalls of debt.

Becky Tucker is leading a small group studying “Discerning the Voice of God” and will help with those wanting to learn how to better listen to God’s voice.

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**Birthdays Coming Soon:** Tim Cornett (July 18); Jim Kilgore (July 25); C.B. Carter (July 29); Bethany Toler (July 30); Nevaeh McClellan (August 2)

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

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 17; 9 p.m. Family Movie Night  
 July 16-18 Carnival in the Parking Lot  
 July 24; 9 p.m. Family Movie Night  
 July 31; 9 p.m. Family Movie Night

**WORKING FOR GOD'S GLORY**

	July 19	July 26	August 2
Refreshments	Anita Carter	B.J. Walsh	
<u>Sunday School</u>			
Toddlers	Renee Polson	Brandi Franklin	Brandi Franklin
Elementary	Anita Carter	Anita Carter	Sheryl Smith
<u>Children's Worship</u>			
Nursery	Tammy Carter	Nancy Leonard	Shirley Armstrong
Toddlers	Renee Polson	Brandi Franklin	Brandi Franklin
Elementary	Joyce Pierson	Robin Daniels	Ginger Oden
Communion Meditation	Tim & B.J.	C.B. & Anita	Rodney & Ginger
<u>Served by Food Pantry</u>			
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	20 families (5 first-time), 59 individuals		
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	33 families (4 first-time), 86 individuals		

**RIDES IN THE LOT!**

What's that carnival doing in our parking lot? Well, the Leadership Team had looked into the possibility of getting carnival rides for our Block Party or some other time this summer. We put the idea aside this summer when we realized the carnival outfits are scheduled well in advance of dates. However, we were contacted early Monday morning by a local carnival vendor who had heard of all the things we were doing here at LifeBridge and The Bridge Connection. He had an open date this week. We quickly made arrangements and we will have rides this Thursday through Saturday.

Again, the purpose is to attract children and their parents to our facility and start a conversation with them about who we are and our life in Christ. Please take every opportunity you have this weekend to stop by and visit with those riding the rides and those providing the rides. "Preach the Word! Be prepared in season and out of season!" *II Tim. 4:2*

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Leadership Team has asked Brett Hyder to continue on as Minister of Worship pending congregational approval. Also pending congregational approval, the Leadership Team has asked Kevin Armstrong to serve as our Youth Minister. Brett has served well as our interim worship leader the past four weeks and we are excited about his continued leadership with us. Brett will continue his studies at Johnson Bible College this fall and will only be available to us on weekends. Kevin has effectively been serving as our youth minister for the past year on a voluntary basis. Bringing Kevin on our staff formalizes what he is already doing.

In accordance with our by-laws, a congregational meeting will be held after the morning worship service on August 2<sup>nd</sup> to vote on hiring Brett and Kevin. Both of these positions are part-time and funded in the current budget without revision. The Leadership team is confident with our current level of giving we will be able to support these two positions. – *Cary Daniels, Leadership Team Chair*

**NOTES OF INTEREST**

- **Family Movie Night schedule:**  
**July 17 – GamePlan**  
**July 24 – Inkheart**  
**July 31 – Hook**  
**Come enjoy spending a Friday evening in the parking lot and getting to know people in the community and sharing with them about your faith and what's happening at LifeBridge.**
- **The Kingsport Mets grant admission to Sunday games free to those who bring a bulletin from that morning's worship service.**
- **We will have a couple of baptisms on July 26<sup>th</sup>. "AJ" Mullins and Jason Cramer will be baptized that Sunday afternoon. We are waiting on confirming the site.**
- **The Food Pantry is completely out of cereal and jelly!! Please consider a donation of these items this week.**
- **We received a thank you note from Barbara Rader, Brandi's mother. "Your care and concern are greatly appreciated and will always be remembered by the family of Keny Rader. Thank you for your expression of love during the time of our sorrow."**
- **The Missions Team that visited Elkhorn City will continue to give us updates each Sunday over the next several weeks as they plan their next trip. Please continue to pray for those we are seeking to help and lend your support to this valuable service.**

**BLESSING OTHERS**

I am reminded so often how God has blessed us in order for us to bless others. He gave gifts of leadership, planning, and organization to Joyce Pierson and Kristi Beverly as they used those gifts to put together a great block party. We are so grateful to these two ladies for their great passion and effort last week, but I know our gratefulness really belongs to God for blessing us through the willingness of Joyce and Kristi to use their gifts to bless others and glorify God. And we need to thank God for so many more servants who used their gifts in hospitality, preparation, clean-up, and service.

We also thank God that He blessed Ben Crabtree in his business so that he was able to give a blessing to Jessie Rogers, the young girl in this past Sunday's newspaper. Ben was moved by the story and followed up with a gift of a computer printer. Together we visited with Jessie and her mother, Brenda, who are facing difficult times now and ahead. Through God's blessing to us we were able to offer hope and assurance that God cares for His people.

Matthew 25:14-30 is the parable of the Talents. It is about how we use what has been given to us in turn to bless others. Do you want happiness and joy in your life? Use the gifts and blessings you've received to bless others. And you will be invited to share in the Master's joy!