

# 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 to the Thessalonians

Stepping Stones: (Cary Daniels) studying *Knowing the Heart of Jesus*

New Beginnings: (Kristi Beverly/Mike Smith) studying the Holy Spirit

Children: “God Rested” & “Jesus and Peter”

#### Sermons:

September 27: *How Good is Your Word?* (1 Kings 18:1-16)

October 4: *How Long Will You Waver?* (1 Kings 18:16-40)

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

### Fellowship

#### Wednesday Evening Small Groups

**One small group resumes and one new one begins next Wednesday.**

Rita London will begin a 7 week study on *Heaven*, by Randy Alcorn.

This study will meet next door and have a short video prior to each week’s discussion.

Doug Messer resumes leading the men’s small group, which is studying having the Mind of Christ. They will move into the education annex next door where the Bridge Builders Sunday School class meets.

Birthdays Coming Soon: B.J. Walsh (Sept. 24); Jason Salyer (Sept. 29); Marshall Spears (Oct. 6); Barbara Pappas (Oct. 9); Logan Rogers (Oct. 9)

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**MUSIC:** BRETT HYDER  
**YOUTH:** KEVIN ARMSTRONG  
**CHILDREN:** BRANDI FRANKLIN

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## WORKING FOR GOD'S GLORY

	September 27	October 4	October 11
Refreshments	Sally Stallard	Shawna & Shirley Armstrong	Joyce Pierson
<u>Sunday School</u>			
Toddlers	Brandi Franklin	Renee Polson	Renee Polson
Elementary	Lisa Root	Sheryl Smith	Anita Carter
<u>Children's Worship</u>			
Nursery	Shirley Armstrong	Sue McCloud	Tammy Carter
Toddlers	Brandi Franklin	Renee Polson	Renee Polson
Elementary	Robin Daniels	Ginger Oden	Joyce Pierson
Communion Meditation	Dr. Sachdev Somiah & Joan D'Cruz	Sue McCloud	Scott & Kathy Hale

Served by Food Pantry  
 September 14<sup>th</sup> 58 families (10 first-time), 140 individuals  
 September 21<sup>st</sup> 25 families (3 first-time), 84 individuals

## GREAT COMMUNION SERVICE

The Great Communion Service is an event celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Thomas Campbell's written call for Christian unity in his "Declaration and Address," one of the founding documents of the Restoration Movement. The Restoration Movement was the birthing soil of the Christian Church, Churches of Christ and Disciples of Christ churches.

On October 4<sup>th</sup> congregations all across the world who share this history will meet together and commemorate this milestone. A Great Communion Service will be held in Seeger Chapel on the campus of Milligan College on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. You are invited to celebrate our heritage and attend this service, which will include worship, communion, and a message by Gary Holloway of David Lipscomb University.

## FLU PRECAUTIONS

A lot has been written about the H1N1 flu virus, commonly referred to as the "swine" flu. As we enter the flu season we do encourage everyone to take precautions to avoid getting the flu. We understand some may refrain from shaking hands in order to avoid contracting the virus. Your pastor will still shake your hand if you wish and will understand if you do not want to shake his hand. We do encourage everyone to wash hands often and thoroughly. We have also placed anti-bacterial hand sanitizers near the main door and at the welcome center and we encourage you to take advantage of using this resource.

And if you have contracted the flu, we encourage you to use wise judgment before returning to church. Some reports say an individual can spread the virus for about 8 days. We also encourage you to pray for God's mercy in the spread of this virus, especially among our young people, as they seem especially affected.

- **The Discount Christian Book Fair will continue in the Mall at Johnson City through Christmas. There are thousands of Christian books in all categories at deep discounts, usually up to 60%-80% off retail.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 26 "Rods for God" car show  
 September 28; 7 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting  
 October 11 Celebration Sunday  
 October 11; 4:30 p.m. Bible Bowl @ CHCC  
 October 18; 6:00 p.m. Melinda Doolittle concert  
 October 28 Trunk or Treat

## NOTES OF INTEREST

- **The Bible Bowl team will have their first tournament 4:30 in the afternoon on October 11<sup>th</sup> at Colonial Heights Christian Church. Angelica Somiah and James Root are participating on the team this year with several from Colonial Heights Christian Church.**
- **Celebration Sunday is fast approaching; only two weeks away. See Jim Kilgore if you're willing to help out putting together this special Sunday celebrating the blessings God has poured out on us over the past year!**
- **The Rods for God car show is this Saturday. A lot of activities are planned. Even if you're not interested in cars, come for a while and use this opportunity to share your testimony about what God is doing in your life. All proceeds will benefit our mission to Elkhorn City and the Food Pantry.**
- **A Rummage Sale, sponsored by our youth, will coincide with the car show. Items should be turned in by now. Youth need to be at the church by 7:30 a.m.**
- **Auditions begin this Sunday for selecting finalists to sing with Melinda Doolittle. These auditions will be held at LifeBridge on Sunday afternoons from 4 until 6 p.m. Finalists will have the opportunity to sing with Melinda during her concert at The Bridge Connection on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Melinda will be using our facility during the concert for dressing and getting ready.**
- **The Tennessee Christian Teen Convention will be January 8-10, 2010. This year's theme is "Illuminate." Guests include Danny Curry, Justin Mosteller, Scott Erickson, Taylor Brown, Lost and Found, Hawk Nelson, Franchesca Battistelli, Bean and Bailey, Amena Brown, BJ Harris, and the Skit Guys. See Kevin or Joyce if you want to go. Cost is \$55 if you pay by Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> as we need to make reservations and travel plans.**
- **The Leadership Team voted to increase our monthly support for the ministry of Tracy Pierson with Campus Crusade for Christ and our monthly support for the Kingsport Community Ministry Center. Both increases were within this year's budget and amounted to a total increase of \$50 per month in expenditures.**

## WHO NEEDS YOU?

Someone right now needs you. Who is it? They need you to tell them about Jesus and how he has changed your life and how he can change their life. God needs you to reach out to them. **You** are their hope. Will you keep it to yourself and watch them fail when the biggest moment in life occurs? Things change in an instant. Tomorrow may be too late. Take a moment to pray right now. Ask God who needs you right now. Open your eyes. Follow the Spirit's leading. Take the first step. Reach out.