

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: “Jesus & the Disciples” and “Jesus and the Children”

Sermons:

October 11: *Where’s the Promise?* (1 Kings 18:41-46)
October 18:

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

October 14th is the third week of a seven week study on *Heaven*, by Randy Alcorn, and led by Rita London. This study has a short video prior to each week’s discussion.

Doug Messer continues leading the men’s small group, which is studying having the Mind of Christ. They meet in the education annex next door.

Birthdays Coming Soon: Barbara Pappas (Oct. 9); Logan Rogers (Oct. 9); David Rogers (Oct. 20); Kathy Hale (Oct. 21)



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

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WORKING FOR GOD'S GLORY

	October 11	October 18	October 25
Refreshments	Joyce Pierson	Sue McCloud	Lisa Root
<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	Scott & Kathy Hale	Kevin & Shawna	Marty & Renee Polson
<u>Served by Food Pantry</u>			
September 28 th	49 families (4 first-time), 106 individuals		
Month of September	132 families (19 first-time), 336 individuals		
October 5 th	25 families (8 first-time), 83 individuals		

LET'S CELEBRATE!!

This Sunday we will celebrate God's abundant blessings upon us over the past year. Each year since the inception of LifeBridge Christian Church in October 2004 we have experienced growth from the previous year. And God deserves all the glory because He is the One that brings growth! Our responsibility is to plant (evangelize) and water (disciple) – I Corinthians 3:6-7.

During the past year our worship service attendance has grown almost 15% over the previous year, our Sunday School attendance 7%, and our giving 23%. Our food pantry has also provided families food in record numbers each month over the previous year. Over the past year we have:

- sent a team to Elkhorn City twice to complete projects and support the people in that area;
- expanded our small group studies on Wednesday evenings;
- seen our children participate in a joint Bible Bowl team with Colonial Heights Christian Church, making up one of the best teams in their league;
- co-hosted a record breaking Block Party in July and started a Family Movie Night on Friday evenings;
- started softball and volleyball teams;
- co-hosted our first "Rods for God" car show;
- co-hosted "Real Encounters" BMX show in our parking lot;
- expanded our missions support to include Tracy Pierson at Campus Crusade for Christ Student Venture and Matt Hickman at New Mission Systems International;
- and we added Brett Hyder and Kevin Armstrong to our staff.

We've helped people in need and we've comforted those in sorrow. And God continues to bless this place.

On top of that we made new friends with Bridge Connection as they moved in next door to us and are great neighbors as we reach out to reach our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ, showing that two churches can work together for the common good; not competing with each other but supporting and encouraging each other.

Our God is Good and He is GREAT! What an awesome God we have!!!

Don't Forget the Melinda Doolittle Event Sunday evening, October 18th at 6 p.m. at Bridge Connection!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
November 1	Annual Congregational Meeting

NOTES OF INTEREST

- Our joint Bible Bowl team with Colonial Heights Christian Church will compete in their first tournament of the year this Sunday afternoon starting at 4:30. This first tournament will be held at Colonial Heights Christian Church.
- Early registration for the Tennessee Christian Teen Convention will end next Wednesday. If you want to get the early bird cost of only \$55, pay Kevin or C.B. by October 14th. TCTC is January 8-10, 2010 and this year's theme is "Illuminate." If you want to go and cannot afford the cost, please see Kevin about a scholarship.
- If you are interested in attending this year's Biltmore Baptist Christmas play, please let Joyce or Mike know. It is a totally new production this year and is now called "It's Time for Christmas." The production is the first weekend in December, which means we would probably go on Saturday, December 5th. Tickets are \$15.
- Our annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, November 1st immediately after the morning worship service. During this brief meeting we will approve the 2010 budget and select a new member of the Leadership Team to replace Joyce Pierson, who has completed her three year term. Other current team members are Cary Daniels (chair), Dan Beverly, C.B. Carter, Nancy Leonard, Rita London, and Mike Smith.
- Our Christmas Child Box effort this year will be directed to the children of Elkhorn City. Crystal Haynes has already been told there are over 150 names of children in the area who have signed up to receive boxes. We will be providing details over the next couple weeks about this mission project. We will need everyone's help and support to put together this many boxes.
- Congratulations to Jason Haynes who qualified and competed last weekend in the 2009 NHRA motorcycle division bracket drag racing championship in Valdosta, Georgia.
- Also congratulations to Drew Daniels who was the Region 1 AAA golf tournament champion; the first athlete from DBHS to win both the district and region championships. He was one of four from our region to qualify to compete last week in the TSSAA AAA state golf tournament.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Another chance you have to impact our community is coming up. Halloween is a time when many parents are looking for a safe environment to let their kids trick or treat. That is just what we want to give to them. So buy some candy, decorate your trunk and come enjoy an evening of blessing our community. Gather up your decorations, get some candy put it in your trunk and come to the parking lot on October 28th at 5:30 p.m. There will be prizes for the best decorations and best theme. Can't wait to see you there. – Brandi