

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)

No Wednesday service on December 23rd & 30th

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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: *Journey to Bethlehem; The Birth and the Shepherds*

Sermons:

December 20: *Songs of Christmas: Simeon* (Luke 2:25-35)

December 27: *The Real Battle* (Ephesians 6:10-13)

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

No Wednesday evening meal or small groups on December 23rd, and December 30th.

After the first of the year we will begin several new small groups on Wednesdays. A Women's Fellowship led by Lisa Root and friends; a Men's Study group led by Doug Messer; a six-week study on the Life of Jesus led by Beverly Cramer; and a four-week Beginnings study for new Christians and those who want the basics of what we believe led by Mike Smith. More about these groups in our next newsletter.

Birthdays Coming Soon: Tim Walsh (Dec. 20); Scott Hale (Dec. 30); Amanda Clevenger (Dec. 31); Tyler London (Jan. 4); Dr. Jerry London (Jan. 5)

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 19 Youth Progressive Dinner
 December 20; 4-7 p.m. Smith Open House
 December 24; 8 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

NOTES OF INTEREST

WORKING FOR GOD'S GLORY

	December 20	December 27	January 3
Refreshments	B.J. Walsh	Robin Daniels	Renee Polson
<u>Sunday School</u>			
Toddlers	Brandi Franklin	Renee Polson	Renee Polson
Elementary	Lisa Root	Lisa Root	Anita Carter
<u>Children's Worship</u>			
Nursery	Shirley Armstrong	Sue McCloud	Nancy Leonard
Toddlers	Brandi Franklin	Renee Polson	Renee Polson
Elementary	Robin Daniels	Ginger Oden	Joyce Pierson
Communion Meditation	C.B. & Anita Carter	Rodney Oden	Cary & Robin Daniels
<u>Served by Food Pantry</u>			
December 7 th	35 families (8 first-time), 93 individuals		
December 14 th	44 families (10 first-time), 136 individuals		

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Next Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. we will have a very special Christmas Eve service. A time of worship through music, a short devotion, and a candlelight celebration of the Lord's Supper will be climaxed with a special event. We will have at least one baptism in a feeding trough. Not too unlike the humble beginnings of our Savior's birth in a manger, which was a feeding trough for the animals, Ben Hale will begin his new life in Christ through baptism in a portable feeding trough at Life-Bridge. What more special way to celebrate Christmas than to witness another new life born in the Spirit!

Everyone from the Bridge Connection and Hope Community Church has been invited to come and share in a celebration of the birth of Christ. We hope you will come and share as well in this special event.

SEASON OF JOY!

There is much to be sad about in our world. The economy, health care debate, finances, death, terrorists, wars, lost jobs, etc. If we, as Christians, get caught up in this sadness then it's no wonder the rest of the world has lost hope and finds no joy in this season.

We have the best news of all! Our God lives and He came to live among us and now reigns supreme in heaven and has sent his Holy Spirit to live in us! What better news can we have?!! That news beats all the sad news we are bombarded with daily. Light shines in our darkness!

Make a special effort this Christmas season to smile and be joyful. Spread Christmas cheer wherever you are. *"I bring to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people!"* (Luke 2:10) Your Savior has been born!!!

- **New Year's Eve** – The Fire Escape will be hosting a New Year's Eve party on December 31st from 8 p.m. until midnight. There will be live bands and a comedy review team plus food and party favors. The New Year will be brought in with a traditional song and dropping of balloons. Cost is \$10.

Kathy Christian is also looking for adult volunteers and food donations. Please consider helping out with making a holiday treat for the teens attending.

- **No Wednesday evening services will be held on December 23rd or December 30th.** Kevin, Brandi, Brett, and Mike wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season.
- **Christmas Card Central** – This Sunday will be the last time the youth will hand out Christmas cards you bring to those attending LifeBridge.
- **TCTC** – There will be a short meeting after Sunday's worship service in the youth room for parents and teens attending the Tennessee Christian Teen Convention in January. If you haven't signed up for TCTC it's not too late. The cost is now \$75.
- **Children's Special Christmas Pageant** – Our children will begin our worship service Sunday with a special Christmas treat. Be sure to arrive on time and enjoy our kids' special effort in bringing us the message of Christmas.
- **Youth Progressive Dinner** – The youth will be traveling along the route of their progressive dinner this Saturday evening, Dec. 19th. Be at the church at 5 p.m. to leave. They should return to the church around 9:30 p.m.
- **Food Pantry** – The pantry could still use your help in replenishing our shelves from the holiday season. We could especially use some peanut butter and jelly.
- **Home Groups** – It's not too late to join up in a home church group. These will begin after the first of the year. Also, if you are interested in hosting a group in your home, just let Doug or Mike know.
- **Snow Schedule?** – As we enter the winter season we want to encourage everyone to use common sense and caution when the weather makes traveling treacherous and dangerous. We will hold Sunday and Wednesday services as normal as is possible with whoever shows up. If you have responsibilities and find yourself unable to make it, just give Mike or Brett a call. We know everyone's situation is unique and don't want anyone to take unreasonable risks.
- **Smith Family Open House** – Mike, Sheryl, and Amber invite you to our Christmas Open House this Sunday evening, December 20th. Come at your convenience anytime between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to enjoy a few holiday treats while visiting with friends. Our Christmas greeting to all our friends, neighbors, and church family: Have a very Merry Christmas and enjoy the holiday season sharing in the knowledge that God has come to live with us! Emmanuel has arrived!
- **Christmas Greetings** – We have received Christmas greetings from Tracy Pierson and Matt Hickman, along with a nice letter from Butch and Terry Thacker, who oversee Lighthouse Ministry Center in Elkhorn City. These greetings, along with a Thank You note from Temple Veil are posted on our bulletin board near the Welcome Center
- **Brandi's Schedule** – Brandi will be traveling north to spend time with family during Christmas. She will be gone December 22nd through January 3rd.