



Welcome to
The Bridge Community Fellowship
Sunday Worship Service

November 16, 2025

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Living Hope in a Broken World: A Journey Through 1 Peter

Hope That Stands Firm (1 Peter 5:8–14)

Big Idea for This Week: Because our adversary is actively seeking to destroy us, God's people must be sober-minded and actively resist, knowing that the God of all grace will sustain us.

Sermon Outline

1. Stay Alert (5:8)

- Be **sober-minded** and **watchful** against your adversary, the devil, who is prowling like a roaring lion.
- **Action:** Don't numb out; stay vigilant.

2. Stay Resistant (5:9)

- **Resist him**, firm in your faith, knowing your suffering is **shared by believers** worldwide.
- **Action:** Stand strong on God's Word and draw courage from community.

3. Stay Humble (5:10)

- Admit your weakness and beg Jesus for help to be **humbled** before God's Word.
- **Promise:** After you suffer a little while, the **God of all grace** will **restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish** you.

4. Stay Encouraging (5:11–14)

- **Give God all the glory** and **stand firm** in His true grace.
- **Action:** **Greet one another** with love and share the **peace** of Christ with others.

Study Questions for Reflection

- In what specific ways is your adversary (the devil) trying to "devour" you today, and how can you set up better safeguards?
- What does it look like for you to practically "submit yourselves therefore to God" so that you can "resist the devil"?
- How can the knowledge that other Christians are suffering similarly around the world help you draw courage in your current trials?
- When you feel weak, how can you shift your focus from your own strength to trusting the God of all grace to **restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish** you?
- How can you demonstrate the "kiss of love" (warm welcome, grace) this week to someone new or someone who has failed?

Practical Challenges

- **Pray First.** Before reacting to a distraction or temptation, **beg Jesus for help** and humble yourself to His Word.
- **Know Your Defense.** Actively **memorize and use Bible verses** to repel temptations and set up barriers.
- **Wait and Trust.** Wait patiently on God, knowing that in being stretched by trials, you will **grow and surrender more to His will**.
- **Encourage Others.** **Share your testimony** of how God used brokenness and forgiveness in your life to call others to Himself.

Breakfast and Fellowship at 9:15 AM • Worship Service at 10:00 AM and streamed live every week

Find Faith. Build Friendships. Follow Jesus.

At The Bridge, our desire is to connect people to God and one another through the hope of the Gospel. Whether you are exploring faith, looking for a church home, or just checking things out, we want you to know you're welcome.

Announcements

(If you have announcements to add in the future, please notify Kay Gribbin)

The Bridge Website has been updated! – Have you seen the updates and new content that’s been added to our website, jointhebridge.com? The site includes the link to join our weekly live-stream worship services for those occasions when you’re not able to join us in person.

Prayer Warriors Monthly Meetings – Each month the team will adopt a specific prayer focus. The group is using the GroupMe mobile group messaging app as the hub for sharing prayer requests and updates. For more information on the GroupMe App, talk with Leanna Moore.

Monthly Events and Activities – For additional information on meetings, events and activities, please refer to the printed monthly calendar. For the most current information, visit the website, jointhebridge.com/bridge-events.

College Student Ministry

We’re looking at a new way to bless our college students as they prepare for their fall finals. For the next few weeks, we’ll be collecting \$5-\$10 gift cards for Uber Eats, Visa/Mastercard, Starbucks, Chipotle, Raising Canes, Chick-Fil-A, etc., to be shared among the 10 students. Our plan is to have these in the mail Thanksgiving week. A basket will be available in the Sanctuary where you can place your gift cards or, if you would rather drop cash in the basket, we’ll be happy to pick up the gift cards for you.

Bridge-Giving Soup and Chili Cook-Off

Join us in celebrating Thanksgiving together as a church family and enjoy (and vote on!) the very best soups and chilis brought to the potluck luncheon on Sunday, November 23, following the service. If you would like to be a part of the friendly competition, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church. Prizes will be awarded and desert will be provided.

Christmas Decorating and a Little Holiday Cheer

The Ladies’ Group has scheduled Saturday, November 29, at 9:00 am to decorate the Sanctuary and everyone is invited to join – we want to make this a Bridge Family activity! Come and enjoy hot chocolate, bring your favorite breakfast snacks to share, listen to a little Christmas music, and do a fun and easy craft that we think everyone will enjoy. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church so we know how many to plan for. Information on what to bring for the craft project is also available next to the sign-up sheet. We’re also working on a plan for outside decorations that includes a little woodworking and hanging lights. If you’re interested in helping, please reach out to Kay.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Please save the date and plan to join us for our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service Wednesday, December 24th at 4:00 pm. We hope you will invite your extended family and friends to join us and we’re looking into ways to share an invitation with the community.

Connect Cards – Are you a visitor or new to The Bridge? We would welcome the opportunity to connect with you. Please complete one of the Connect Cards and place it in the White Church in the Sanctuary.

LET’S CONNECT

Name

Home Address

How can we contact you?

Phone

Text

Email

DOB (DD/MM)

- Leadership at the Bridge

- Kyle Van Tine, Lead Pastor
 - Mike Boese, Director
 - Gregg Wooding, Director
 - Robert Montgomery, Director Emeritus
 - Kay Gribbin, Church Administration
 - Rita Montgomery, Finance Team Leader
 - Kerry Krueger, Worship Leader
 - Amie Smolka, Hospitality Leader
 - Kurt Sadowski, Community Outreach Leader

Ways to Give Your Tithes and Offerings

Thank you for your continued financial support of The Bridge Community Fellowship.

- Cash/check can be placed in the White Church in the Sanctuary
- Zelle through your financial institution to: thebridgecommunityfellowship@gmail.com
- Mail to The Bridge Community Fellowship, P.O. Box 1762, Wylie, Tx 75098

General Operating Account

Monthly/YTD Income vs Expense 2025

	October	YTD
Actual Income	\$ 7,479.18	\$113,813.92
Actual Expenses	<u>\$10,889.50</u>	<u>\$ 96,303.72</u>
Difference	<u>-\$ 3,410.32</u>	\$ 17,510.20