



Welcome to
The Bridge Community Fellowship
Sunday Worship Service

January 18, 2026

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Habits 2026

The Refreshed Heart: Worshiping Together (Eph 5:18-21; 1 Cor 11:17-34)

Big Idea: By building the habit of weekly corporate worship through song and communion, we find the strength we need and the community we were made for.

Sermon Outline

1. Worship through Singing Together. Christianity is a singing religion; the Bible commands us to sing 50 times and mentions it over 400 times. Singing serves multiple purposes:

- **Vertical:** We sing to honor, praise, and make melody to the Lord.
- **Horizontal:** We sing to address, encourage, and strengthen one another.
- **Transformational:** Songs shape us deeply, convicting our hearts, reminding us of truth, and bringing comfort in seasons of suffering.

2. Worship through Communion Together. The Lord's Supper is the "edible Gospel" where we are transformed by partaking in the reality of Christ's sacrifice. It requires us to:

- **Look Outward:** Celebrate our unity as a family, regardless of social standing.
- **Look Backward:** Remember the sacrifice of Jesus' body and blood.
- **Look Forward:** Anticipate the return of Christ and the great Messianic banquet.
- **Look Inward:** Examine our lives and relationships to ensure we are in alignment with Him.

Study Questions for Reflection

1. We often think we can be "spiritual but not religious" in isolation. Why does the heart require **interaction** with the family of God to be truly refreshed?
2. Ephesians 5:18 is a command to "be filled with the Spirit". How does singing together help "stir up" the Spirit within the local church?
3. The sermon mentions singing for the person next to you who is struggling with cancer or addiction. How does this **horizontal** purpose change the way you view your participation in worship?
4. Communion is described as a "weekly examination". Is there a relationship or a "grudge" in your life that you need to resolve before coming to the table this week?

Practical Challenges: Worshiping Together in 2026

1. Come with Expectation. Don't view worship as a transitional moment or a spectator sport.
 - The Challenge: Arrive early and pray for God to use your voice to encourage someone else.
 - My Commitment: I will pray for a heart of expectancy before I enter the building: (Yes / No)
2. Sing Out Loud. God looks at the heart, not the quality of the voice.
 - The Challenge: Even if you "can't sing," lift your voice so the broken and hurting around you can see someone worshiping in their own brokenness.
 - My Goal: I will focus on the lyrics to "let the Word of Christ dwell in me richly".
3. Practice Reconciled Communion. The table forces us to get real with Jesus and each other.
 - The Challenge: If your life is "out of alignment," don't just "play church". Use the time of examination to renounce bitterness or seek forgiveness.
 - My Action: I will contact _____ this week to seek reconciliation.

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.

Giving Statements – Giving statements are available for in-person distribution on Sunday, January 18 and January 25. Statements that are not distributed in-person by January 25 will be mailed before the end of the month.

Quarterly Business Meeting – Save the date and plan to attend the Quarterly Business Meeting Sunday, January 25, immediately following the service.

Prayer Warriors Monthly Meetings – Each month the team adopts a specific prayer focus. The next meeting will be held following the Business Meeting on January 25. 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.

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
- Dirk van der Woude, Director
- Gregg Wooding, Director
- 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

| | December | YTD |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Actual Income | \$12,824.71 | \$135,693.63 |
| Actual Expenses | <u>\$13,304.15</u> | <u>\$121,288.34</u> |
| Difference | -\$ 479.44 | \$ 14,405.29 |

Jesus Showed Up

The Bridge Community Fellowship Community and Missions Outreach Plan for 2026

We are excited about new partnering opportunities this year and a renewed focus with several of the organizations we’ve supported in the past. Going forward, we’ll be using this space in our weekly announcements to highlight information, opportunities and successes.

- Our Community and Missions Outreach partners who we blessed with Christmas contributions have expressed their sincere appreciation for the gifts that, in-turn, blessed many others.
- 27 blankets have been completed and provided to Grace for the VITAS Healthcare program, “We Honor Veterans.”
- Sign up and plan to join us for **Feed My Starving Children**, Wednesday, January 28, at 7:15 pm.
- The Bridge will host a Kairos roundtable meeting on Saturday, January 31.
- Later this month, we will begin a clothing drive to benefit City Missions. More detail will be provided soon.
- Save the Date – We’re planning a church-wide garage sale March 13-14 and we’ll be looking for donations and lots of help. Proceeds will benefit our Community and Missions Outreach efforts.