Welcome to

The Bridge Community Fellowship

Sunday Worship Service

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Happy Thanksgiving Hotdog Potluck 2026
"Give Thanks" – (Psalm 100:1-5)

Big Idea: Giving thanks is a spiritual fight to turn every blessing into praise before it turns into pride.

Icebreaker and Introduction

- Why is it incredibly easy to slide into sulking, complaining, and self-pity when facing everyday pressures like rising food prices, political tension, and seasonal depression?
- First Thessalonians 5:16-18 commands us to give thanks in all circumstances. How do we find real gratitude in the middle of the grind when our hearts feel heavy, and our budgets feel tight?

1. Thanksgiving Expressed in Joyful Celebration (Psalm 100:1–2) We are called to worship and serve the Lord with gladness, actively working to turn every blessing into praise so that it does not turn into pride.

- How can we choose to "serve with gladness" in mundane, daily tasks like cleaning or doing homework, rather than serving with a begrudging, complaining heart?
- What is one practical opportunity you can take to write a thank you note or encourage someone this week to acknowledge that you are not self-sufficient?

2. Thanksgiving Anchored in Covenant Convictions (Psalm 100:3) Knowledge fuels worship; we must remember that He is God our Creator, and we are doubly-owned as both His creation and the sheep of His pasture.

- Why is it vital that Christians be great thinkers who realize that we do not worship God with a full heart and an empty head?
- How does recognizing that the mind you use, the eyes you see out of, and your beating heart are all gifts from God change your daily perspective?

3. Thanksgiving Fulfilled in Sweet Communion (Psalm 100:4–5) We are invited to enter His gates with thanksgiving, avoiding the snare to compare ourselves with others, and trusting that his steadfast love endures forever.

- When we gather at church carrying heavy challenges like financial struggles or health problems, how can we still bring an offering of praise alongside our burdens?
- How can genuinely rejoicing for others and celebrating their wins help us kill jealousy in our own hearts and learn to admire without having to acquire?

Take It to Heart

- Are you focusing on riches and possessions, or are you prioritizing relationships and choosing people over possessions this holiday season?
- What is one specific way you can enjoy God's good gifts, like rich food, fresh air, or time with family as an act of worship this week, rather than as an end in themselves?

Family Thanksgiving Table Questions

- What is one simple, everyday pleasure, like a favorite food, a beautiful sunset, or a warm house, that you are incredibly thankful for today?
- It is easy to take people for granted; who is someone at this table or in your life you want to thank for their hard work, support, or care this year?
- What is one specific way you have felt God lead, protect, or care for you recently, even in unexpected ways?
- What is a "win" or blessing in someone else's life that you are genuinely celebrating this year?
- Think about your favorite sounds, smells, or tastes of this holiday. Which one brings you the most joy and reminds you of God's goodness?
- Life can be heavy, but in the middle of difficult moments, how have you seen God's faithfulness or love show up for you this year?

Announcements

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

The Bridge Website has been updated! – Updates and new content are regularly added to our website, jointhebridge.com. If you can't join us in person, the link to join remotely is available each week on the website.

Thanksgiving Hot Dog and Potluck – We hope you'll plan to join us for our Thanksgiving Hot Dog Potluck immediately following the service today.

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

- **Sunday, November 22:** Decorating for Christmas will take place following the service.
- **Friday, December 4:** We will host an in-person community outreach at the Lucas Country Christmas event from 6-9:00 pm. **If you have a 10 x 10 pop-up canopy that we can use for the event, please talk with Kay.**
- **Saturday, December 12:** The Ladies Holiday Brunch will take place from 10:00 am – Noon.
- **Thursday, December 24:** We will hold our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 4:00 pm. Bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share.



Connect Cards – Are you a visitor or new to The Bridge? We would welcome the opportunity to connect with you.

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
- Mail to The Bridge Community Fellowship, P.O. Box 1762, Wylie, Tx 75098
- Zelle through your financial institution to: **thebridgecommunityfellowship@gmail.com** or scan the QR code below.

General Operating Account
Monthly/YTD Income vs Expense 2026

	October	YTD
Actual Income	$ 10,250.77	$120,027.79
Actual Expenses	$ 12,622.24	$118,174.07
Difference	($ 2,371.47)	$ 1,853.72

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
- Open, Community Outreach Leader

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.

- With the recent closure of the Lucas Community Center, the Lucas 4H Club contacted us about using our facility for their monthly meetings. As a part of our community outreach, we are pleased to accommodate this request and to welcome the group to The Bridge. The Lucas Community Center is being transformed into the new Lucas Police Department.