



Welcome to
The Bridge Community Fellowship
Sunday Worship Service

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Knowing You Know God: A Study in 1 John
Knowing How to Grow as a Christian (1 John 1:5-2:6)

Big Idea for This Week: Because our faith is rooted in the historical reality of Jesus Christ, we can have absolute assurance of God's love.

1. God is Holy (1:5)

- The message John heard from Jesus and proclaimed to the church is that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. The foundation of our reality starts with God, who is truth, goodness, love, generosity, and wisdom. The metaphor of light and dark is specific: intellectually, light is truth and darkness is error; morally, light is righteousness and darkness is evil.

2. We Are Sinners (1:6-10)

- We will never grow in Jesus unless we understand and deal with our sin, rather than modifying our language to avoid accountability. We must watch out for false teachings:
 - Cheap Grace: The false teaching that you can meet Jesus, receive forgiveness, and live however you want without changing the direction of your life or submitting to Him as Lord.
 - Naive Sentimentalism: Popularized by Pelagianism, this is the false, self-deceived teaching that people are born basically good and innocent, with no room for the reality of sin.
 - Comparative Perfectionism: The practice of redefining sin by culture's standards, modifying it as civic righteousness, and blame-shifting to excuse our own actions.
 - If we confess our sins, calling our sin what God calls it, He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

3. Jesus Is Savior (2:1-2)

- John writes these things so that we may not sin, but if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ the righteous. An advocate is a legal representative; Jesus pleads not for mercy, but for justice, because the punishment has already been taken. He is the propitiation for our sins, meaning He appeased or atoned for them by dying the death we deserve, and His sacrifice is for the sins of the whole world.

DNA Small Group Questions

- Welcome: Let's go around the room and share: What is one good thing that happened to you this week, and what is one challenging thing?
- Discipleship: Let's read 1 John 1:5-2:6. The sermon discussed how we often face false teachings about our sin, such as cheap grace, naive sentimentalism, and comparative perfectionism. How does understanding that "God is light" and "in him is no darkness at all" help us confront these ideas and deal with the reality of our sin?
- Nurture: The sermon asked us to do a self-audit on how often we modify our language to avoid taking responsibility for our sin. To help with this audit, reflect on these discipleship questions: *Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?*
- Accountability: We were challenged to normalize the confession of sin, remembering the recovery phrase that "we're only as sick as our secrets". Ask one another:
 - *Am I completely honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?*
 - *Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward, or disregard?*
 - *Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?*
 - Who is one person you can be fully honest and vulnerable with this week to practice walking in the light?
- Closing Prayer: How can we be praying for each other this week as we practice confessing our sins and trusting in Jesus as the propitiation for our sins?

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! – Updates and new content are regularly added to our website, jointhebridge.com.

We’re closing out our **Same Page Summer Bible Reading Challenge** this Sunday with king-sized candy bars for all who completed the readings.

DNA Group Sign-Up
Deepen Your Faith. Share Your Life. Join a DNA Group.

We were never meant to follow Jesus alone. Sunday mornings are incredible, but true spiritual growth happens when we bring the truth of God’s Word into the everyday, messy reality of our lives. That is why, as we launch our new 9-week sermon series Knowing You Know God (a study in 1 John), we are inviting everyone at The Bridge Community Fellowship to join a DNA Group. The group assignments have been made and you are encouraged to set your meeting schedule with your group.

Happy Birthday to The Bridge – Join us for cake and ice cream next Sunday after service to celebrate 7 years of The Bridge Community Fellowship.

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

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
 - Open, 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 2026

	July	YTD
Actual Income	\$ 6,973.00	\$90,767.10
Actual Expenses	<u>\$12,958.15</u>	<u>\$83,416.28</u>
Difference	(\$ 5,985.15)	\$ 7,350.82

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.