



Welcome to
The Bridge Community Fellowship
Sunday Worship Service

March 1, 2026

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Abide: Jesus' Parting Promises and Prayer
Week 5—Upward, Inward, Outward:
The Shape of a Fruitful Life (John 15:1-27)

Big Idea for This Week

These are Jesus' last words and final instructions before the cross. He knows His disciples are about to face the biggest shock of their lives. To prepare them, He gives them a powerful, defining image: the vine and the branches. Through this image, Jesus maps out the entire shape of a believer's life in three directions: Upward toward God, Inward toward the church, and Outward toward the world.

Sermon Outline

1. Upward: Fruitful in Our Relationship with God (John 15:1-11)
 - Jesus is the true vine, and we are called to abide in Him through a habitual posture of dependence. God the Father, the vinedresser, prunes the healthy branches through Scripture, trials, and discipline so that they may bear even more fruit.
2. Inward: Fruitful in Our Relationship with One Another (John 15:12-17)
 - Because we are united to Jesus, we are called to love His people and lay down our lives for one another, just as He loved us. Jesus elevates our status from mere servants to dear friends, choosing and appointing us to go and bear fruit together.
3. Outward: Fruitful in Our Relationship with the World (John 15:18-27)
 - We should not be surprised when the world opposes us, because the rebellious world hated Jesus first for exposing its sin. Even when facing illogical hostility, we do not stand alone; Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to help us bear witness to the truth.

Study Questions for Reflection

- **Abiding in the Vine:** Jesus commands us to abide in Him, stating that apart from Him we can do nothing. What does a habitual posture of dependence look like in your daily life?
- **The Gardener's Pruning:** God the Father prunes healthy branches so they become more fruitful. How have you experienced God cutting away immaturity, pride, or self-reliance in your own life recently?
- **Sacrificial Love:** Jesus sets the standard for love by laying down His life for His friends. How can you tangibly show this kind of sacrificial, self-giving devotion to other believers this week?
- **From Servants to Friends:** Jesus calls His obedient followers' friends instead of mere servants. How does knowing you are a friend of the King of Kings change your approach to obeying His commands?
- **Facing Opposition:** Jesus warns that the world will hate His followers just as it hated Him. How can you rely on the Spirit of truth to bear witness boldly when you face opposition or misunderstanding?

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.

Getting the House Ready for Easter – While we were thrown a few curve balls this week on the floor renovation project, we remain steadfast in our efforts to get things done and ready for Easter. We are so thankful for everyone who has stepped in to help in big and small ways. We have a waiting period for the moist concrete to fully dry before the area can be sealed. We will keep you updated on the progress and timing on moving the balance of the furniture back in.

A New Day for Game Night – Beginning in March, the monthly Game Night will move to the second Monday of the month at 6:00 PM.

Church-wide Garage Sale – Because of the challenges we’ve had with the flooring project, we’ve elected to delay the garage sale by a week. The new dates are **March 20-21**. Thank you to all who have already contributed items and time to get ready for the garage sale. Once we have everything moved back into the Sanctuary following the flooring project, we’ll be ready to use the POD for donations of furniture and larger items.

Palm Sunday Service, Lunch and Activities – Plan to join us for Palm Sunday Service, March 29, followed by lunch, activities and fellowship. Additional information will be provided soon.

Prayer Warriors Monthly Meetings – Each month the team adopts 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.

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 2026

	January	YTD
Actual Income	\$ 7,546.62	\$ 7,546.62
Actual Expenses	<u>\$10,386.54</u>	<u>\$10,386.54</u>
Difference	-\$ 2,839.92	-\$ 2,839.92

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.

- A new date for **Feed My Starving Children** will be announced soon.
- Save the Date – We’re planning a church-wide garage sale March 20-21, and we’ll be looking for donations and lots of help. Proceeds will benefit our Community and Missions Outreach efforts.