



Welcome to
The Bridge Community Fellowship
Sunday Worship Service

January 11, 2026

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Habits 2026

The Renewed Mind: Study the Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 1)

Big Idea for This Week: Practice the habit of Scripture by understanding its authority, submitting to its truth, and being transformed by its discipline.

Sermon Outline

1. **The Library We Hold: Understanding the Scriptures** The Bible is not just a book of rules or fables; it is a library of writings that are both divine and human, telling a unified story that leads to Jesus.
2. **The Breath We Need: Submitting to the Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:16-17)** Scripture is "God-breathed." It is not merely inspiring; it is inspired. Because it originates from God, it has the authority to Teach, Reprove, Correct, and Train us.
3. **The Fruit We Bear: Transformed by the Scriptures (Psalm 1)** We are shaped by what we study. Without the Word, we become like "chaff" that is weightless and blown by the cultural wind. Through meditation (*Hagah*), we become like strong, healthy, fruitful trees planted by streams of living water.

Study Questions for Reflection

- What has shaped your view of the Bible? When you hold your Bible, do you view it primarily as an intimidating list of rules, or as a library of God's voice or something else?
- 2 Timothy says Scripture is profitable for "reproof" and "correction." When was the last time you let the Bible change your mind or correct your behavior? How is the habit of allowing the Scriptures correct us so important for our spiritual growth in 2026? Do you trust your own thoughts and feelings ("Sola-Feels") more than the authority of God's Word?
- Psalm 1 describes the wicked as "chaff" that the wind drives away. How have you seen the wicked driven by the winds? What attributes does Psalm 1 say are true of someone who meditates on scripture and how have you experienced these attributes? (Stability, fruitfulness, perseverance, success, etc.)
- Are you currently "eating" the Word (meditating/filling your mind) or just "snacking" occasionally?

Practical Challenges: Practicing Sabbath in 2026

1. **Choose Your Plan (Tools Not Rules).** Don't just "try harder"; have a plan. We recommend visiting Ligonier.org/posts/bible-reading-plans to find a variety of PDF options. Here are three great ones to look for on that page:
 - **The 5-Day Reading Program:** Reads through the Bible in a year but creates margin by giving you weekends off to catch up or reflect. Great for busy schedules.
 - **The Chronological Plan:** Read the events of the Bible in the order they actually occurred historically.
 - **The Robert Murray M'Cheyne Plan:** A classic, immersive plan that takes you through the Old Testament once and the New Testament and Psalms twice in a year.
 - **My Plan:** I will commit to the _____ plan.
2. **Choose Your Format (Paper over Digital).** We live in a world of distraction. To truly "renew your mind," you need focus.
 - **The Challenge:** Try reading a physical paper Bible this week. The spatial awareness helps memory, and the lack of notifications helps your soul.
 - **My Commitment:** I will leave my phone in the other room while I read: (Yes / No)
3. **Choose Your People (Community).** Reading the Bible was never meant to be a solo sport. We need others to help us understand, apply, and stick with it.
 - **The Challenge:** Text one friend or family member this week and tell them what plan you picked.
 - **My Partner:** I will tell _____ about my plan.
4. **Grace, Not Guilt.** If you miss a day, don't quit. You don't stop eating food just because you missed one meal.
 - **The Mindset:** If you fall behind, don't try to "catch up" by speed-reading 20 chapters. Just jump back in where you are today. Any day you read your Bible is a win.

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.

Senior Adult Trip Planning—Immediately following the service this Sunday, Kurt Sadowski and Pastor Kyle will be meeting with anyone interested in planning for leisure trips for 2026.

Giving Statements – Plans are to have giving statements available for distribution on Sunday, January 18.

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 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.
 - Sign up and plan to join us for **Feed My Starving Children**, Wednesday, January 28, at 7:15 pm.
 - 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.