Welcome to



The Bridge Community Fellowship

Sunday Worship Service

August 17, 2025

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Building Healthy Mission: Avoiding Distractions and Finishing Well (Titus 3:9-15)

Big Idea for This Week: God calls His church to stay focused on the mission, refuse distractions, and finish well.

Sermon Outline:

- **1. Avoid Pointless Disputes (v.9)** Don't get caught in arguments that distract from the mission.
- **2. Address Divisive People Wisely (vv.10–11)** Protect the unity of the church through loving but firm correction.
- **3. Live with Missional Intentionality (vv.12–14)** Support gospel partners and devote yourself to good works that meet urgent needs.
- **4. End with Grace (v.15)** Healthy mission finishes well in loving fellowship and gospel partnerships

Application Questions for Study and Discussion:

- What are some modern "pointless disputes" that can distract churches from gospel mission? What are some ways that you can get distracted from the tasks God has given you to accomplish?
- Why is it important to address divisive people, and how can we do it with wisdom and grace? What happens if we never address divisive people? How can addressing, while awkward, be loving?
- How can you personally live with greater missional intentionality this week? What is one "good work" you can pursue to meet an urgent need around you?
- Where do you need to let grace be the "last word" in a relationship, conversation, or ministry situation?

Recommended Resources for Further Study: The What Is the Mission of the Church? by Kevin DeYoung and Greg Gilbert, The Trellis and the Vine by Colin Marshall and Tony Payne, Center Church by Timothy Keller, Let the Nations Be Glad by John Piper, The Gospel Comes with a House Key by Rosaria Butterfield, Church Elders by Jeramie Rinne, Crazy Busy by Kevin DeYoung, The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry by John Mark Comer, Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life by Donald Whitney, Finishing Our Course with Joy by J.I. Packer.

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, <u>jointhebridge.com</u>? 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.

Building Two Has a Name – Fellowship Hall. A new sign will be put in place soon.

Prayer Warriors Transitioning to Monthly Meetings – The Prayer Warriors are transitioning to meeting monthly on the last Sunday of the month immediately following the Sunday Services. All are invited to bring lunch and join in the prayer time. Each month the team will adopt a specific 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.

Members' Directory – We have received requests from our members to create a Members' Directory. Lorrie Followwell has volunteered to take on this task and our plan is to have the Directory available in September. Lorrie will be available to take household/family pictures from about 9:15-10:00 am prior to Sunday Service on August 17 and August 24. Alternatively, if you already have a household/family picture you want to use, the picture can be given to Lorrie in hard copy to be scanned and returned or a .jpeg can be emailed to her at lorrie.followwell@verizon.net.

Discipleship Class – Plan to attend Pastor Kyle's 8-week Discipleship Class from 8:30 - 9:15 am each Sunday through September 21. This is an opportunity to grow deeper in your faith, understand your Bible, connect with others, and be equipped to follow Jesus in everyday life. The class will meet in the Fellowship Hall and is open to all.

Re-launching Bridge Kids – Today we begin the re-launching of Bridge Kids and we're thrilled to create a fun, engaging space for our kids to grow in their faith each Sunday morning! We still have openings for a few adult volunteers (ages 19+) and student helpers (ages 13-18) to serve once a month on a rotating schedule. The curriculum, through the Life Church, includes videos, so volunteers will mainly help plan a craft or activity and facilitate discussion. If you love encouraging kids and want to be part of something meaningful (and fun!), we'd love to have you on the team! Contact Pastor Kyle or Kay Gribbin for more information.

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, <u>jointhebridge.com/bridge-events</u>.

Volunteer Opportunity, Feed My Starving Children – On Wednesday, September 17, at 7:15 pm, The Bridge is scheduled to volunteer with Feed My Starving Children. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the welcome table.

Pumpkin Patch – Pumpkins are scheduled to arrive Saturday, October 4. We'll be sharing more information on the schedule and how you can help and participate very soon.

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.



Leadership at the Bridge

- Kyle Van Tine, Lead Pastor
- Mike Boese, Director
- Gregg Wooding, Director
- Robert Montgomery, Director Emeritus
- 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: <u>thebridgecommunityfellowship@gmail.com</u>
- Mail to The Bridge Community Fellowship, P.O. Box 1762, Wylie, Tx 75098

General Operating Account Monthly/YTD Income vs Expense 2025

| | July | YTD |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Actual Income | \$28,149.53 | \$82,088.20 |
| Actual Expenses | \$11,775.24 | \$64,032.83 |
| Difference | \$16,374.29 | \$18,055.37 |