

THE BRIDGE

2026

April

OUR CORE VALUES AND DEFINITION

1. Follow Jesus

To follow Jesus is to accept the gifts of salvation and grace and to demonstrate the love of God through service to our community and the world by witnessing to the abundant life shared by the children of God. (Reference scripture: Mark 12: 29-31)

2. Grow Spiritually

To grow spiritually is to be receptive to the Holy Spirit working in us and transforming the Body of Christ through the renewing gifts of prayer, study, and Christian fellowship (Reference scripture: Romans 12: 1-2)

OUR VISION STATEMENT

We are a community of believers welcoming all to worship, pray, grow spiritually and to passionately pursue God's work.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Spreading God's way of life through spiritual growth and passionate service.

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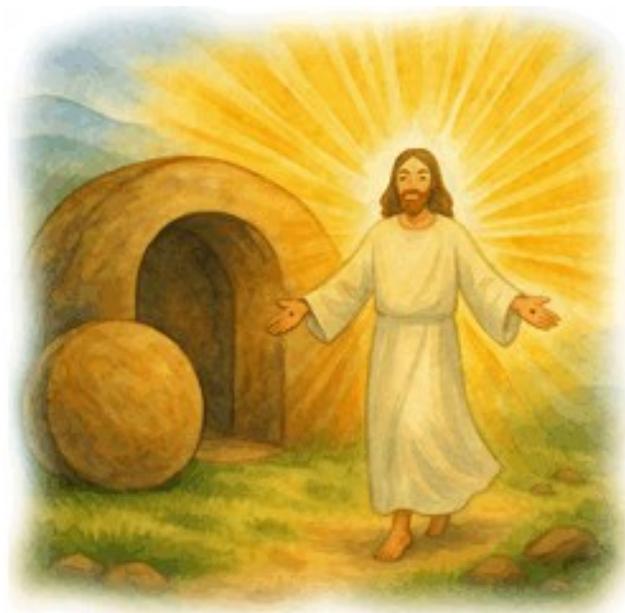
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The Joy of the Resurrection

We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ's way alone is God's answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ taught when he walked on earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out, for it is the eternal light of God's glory. Christ's life is the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. His way is the way that makes the most sense for our lives on this earth. The saints throughout history have shown that again and again.

The hope Christ offers is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our assurance that life can be good and joy-filled for all. Consider the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply them to your own life: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4-5, NRSV).

If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?





April Pantry Wishlist

- macaroni & cheese
- pancake mix & syrup
- spaghetti & sauce
- oatmeal/grits
- canned pasta
- canned veggies
- cleaning products

Fort Mill Care Center

You can send your Tithes through
PayPal or Mail

paypal.me/dbpchurch

Mail to:

Doby's Bridge Presbyterian Church
2500 S. Doby's Bridge Road
Fort Mill, SC 29715



If you would like to place flowers in
the Sanctuary

"in honor of" or "in memory of" a
loved one or to remember a special
occasion, you may reserve a Sunday
by emailing

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If you have a prayer request to be added to
the DBPC prayer chain, please contact Torie
828-234-8778 **If you have a prayer request that
you would like to have added to the bulletin,
please complete the "How can we pray for you?"
card and place the
offering plate.** You can also email prayer request to
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PRAYER list

Prayers for the People

At home/retirement community: Lady Margaret McGill (Harbor Chase), Martha Gail Bryant (Wellmore), Carolyn McMinn (home).

Healing: Kelly Harvell (recovery from lung transplant), Phyllis Deason (Nick Stegall's cousin), Ashley Sullin (Anne Adkins great-niece) procedures, Justin Tisdale (procedures), Lynn Bayne, Billy Gregory (Stroke), Bob Lanum (health issues), Paul Bauer (Phyllis Richardson's nephew, colon cancer surgery), Randy Gragg (Torie Combs grandfather, Heart valve surgery recovery), Archie Roddey (Tim Combs Stepfather, Heart issues)



3	CATHEY KERBER
4	ZACH MERRITT
6	KATHY KIRBY
6	MARCIE BAYNE
11	STACEY MONTGOMERY
12	REAGAN MONTGOMERY
17	COREY THREATT
19	JUDY GRAY
20	DALTON COOKE
28	LISE' WILLIAMS



7	BEN & TIFFANY SILVERS
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Special Dates

- Holy Week Continues, *March 29-April 5, 2026*
- Maundy Thursday, *April 2, 2026*
- Good Friday, *April 3, 2026*
- Easter Sunday, *April 5, 2026*
- Earth Day, *April 22, 2026*
- Administrative Professionals Day, *April 22, 2026*



2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:00pm Girl Scouts	2 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service	3	4 1pm Special Needs egg hunt
5 Easter 7am sunrise service 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship Communion	6 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Troop 157 7:45 Handbell Practice	7 6:30pm Pack 157	8 5:00pm Girl Scouts	9 10am Circle Meeting	10	11 9am Church workday
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Elder of the Month

Acolyte

4/5-Andrew Blondo
 4/12-Josie Chavis
 4/19-Andrew Blondo
 4/26-Josie Chavis

Reader/Usher

4/5-Bob Ford
 4/12-Joshua Jacobs
 4/19-Marcie Bayne
 4/26-Dale Richardson



Note from your Session:

Some of you might have noticed the Suggestion Box as you enter the Sanctuary side door. Its purpose is for establishing a communication channel for our congregation with the Session members. The Session would love to have your positive feedback/inquiries/suggestions as we work together to help our church grow and be successful.



If you would like to serve on Sunday mornings at DBPC we are looking for people to help in the following areas: Reader, Usher, and Acolyte. If you would like to help in these areas, please let Torie know by text 828-234-8778 or email dbpcsecretary@gmail.com



Prayer Chain needs:

If you would be interested in helping manage the DBPC prayer Chain please let Heather or Torie know. Heather has been having issues with her email and is not able to continue with this task.

For the last several years, Unity has hosted a Good Friday service at noon and invited pastors from all the Fort Mill Presbyterian Churches and retired pastors to participate. This year, we're doing something different and, if you are not holding your own Good Friday service, we invite your congregation members to join us for an evening worship service. Here's an announcement you can share:

Unity Presbyterian Church Good Friday Tenebrae Service

All are invited to join Unity Presbyterian Church on Good Friday, April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary for a Tenebrae service. This beautiful and meaningful Service of Shadows invites us to reflect on Christ's passion through scripture, prayer, and music. Unity's Chancel Choir, accompanied by string quartet, oboe, and organ, will lead us in moving choral music along with familiar hymns and congregational singing so that all may participate.

The word *Tenebrae* means "darkness." Rooted in the ancient Church and traditionally observed during Holy Week, the service tells of Christ's betrayal and crucifixion as candles are gradually extinguished, symbolizing the fading loyalty of Jesus' disciples. Yet even as the light fades, we trust in the promise of resurrection and the knowledge that Christ's light will never be overcome.

Come and share in this time of reflection as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

I hope we will continue to find ways to bring our congregations together for worship, fellowship, learning, and service throughout the year ahead. If you have any questions, please let me know.

God bless,

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EASTER EGG HUNT



for Children with Special Needs

Happy

Easter

SATURDAY
APRIL 4TH

1:00PM

Doby's Bridge Presbyterian Church
2500 S Doby's Bridge Road
Fort Mill, SC 29715

Click for google form to RSVP
<https://forms.gle/6UDvtKLSvpyapavh7>

RSVP :

dbpcsecretary@gmail.com

FREE ADMISSION FOR KIDS! BRING YOUR BASKET!

We are currently preparing for our 5th annual Egg Hunt for Special Needs Children, and we are looking for volunteers and donations to help make this event a success.

If you would like to help, please contact Tim Combs. We are specifically in need of the following donations:

- Prizes
- Nut-free, individually wrapped candy
- Juice boxes
- Individual fruit cups
- Bags of chips, cookies, and goldfish

Thank you for your support with this event.





**DOBY'S BRIDGE
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**WORSHIP
WITH US THIS
*Easter***

April 5th
7am Sunrise Service- 11am Worship Service

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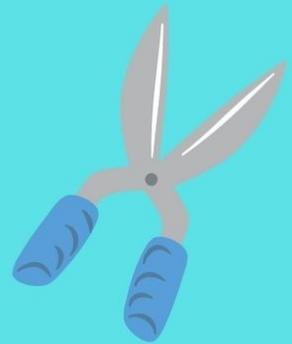
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WORK DAY

4/11/26

Saturday 8am until

**Come fellowship and help with
repairs around the church**



FALL VENDOR FAIR

**Doby's Bridge
Presbyterian Church**

**VENDORS
WANTED**

**Saturday October 10th
9am-1pm**

**Set up Friday October 9th
4pm-8pm**

SCAN QR CODE TO SIGNUP

\$30 6ft table indoor
\$20 6ft table outdoor



Contact Jennie (803) 517-4904



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Matthew Combs



“For many years, I prayed to find a mission where I could serve with my whole self—not just offering physical labor, but also using my education, skills, and creative passions to further the Kingdom of God.”

I am excited to share that on March 16, 2026, I will be returning to YWAM Oita, Japan!

This marks the beginning of my onboarding with Oita Base and my transition into serving there as a full-time missionary.

At Oita Base, I will continue assisting with the outreaches I was previously involved in, including:

- Teaching at Hinoki Academy
- Assisting with Glory Bubbles art outreach
- Partnering with local churches
- Building local outreach through blacksmithing and other art classes



“Did you know that Japan is the biggest 1st world country that’s considered an unreached people group?”” only .03% of Japan’s population is Christian”



Donate through EquipNet

<https://www.equipnet.org/missionaries/mcombs>



MY FUNDRAISING GOAL IS \$1,600 PER MONTH TO FULLY COVER LIVING EXPENSES.

I am asking that you would prayerfully consider partnering with me in giving a one-time donation or a monthly donation. I have partnered with EquipNet who is a 501c3 Religious Public Charity. All gifts are tax deductible.



FUN for the WHOLE FAMILY



The butterfly reminds us of new life and the Resurrection. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead and brings us the hope of new beginnings. This simple craft helps children celebrate that joyful truth.

What you need:

- Light-colored construction paper
- Card stock
- Glue
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Paper towel or baby wipe



What you do:

- Cut out a butterfly body from the construction paper.
- Glue the butterfly body onto the card stock.
- Use a paintbrush to coat the palm of one hand with paint.
- Press your painted hand beside the butterfly body to create a wing.
- Repeat with your other hand to make the second wing.
- Clean your hands with a paper towel or baby wipe.
- Optional: Add Luke 24:5-6 (NIV) around the butterfly or on its body:

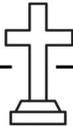
"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"



FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

		
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"... fixing our  1 on  1, the  3 and  5 of  7. For the  3 set before  6 he  3 the  5,  7 its  8, and sat down at the  5  8 of the  8 of  7. Consider  6 who  6 such  4 from  4, so that you will not  6 and  2  4."

Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV

Answers: "... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV

Christian Symbol



PEACOCK

The beautiful peacock is likely one of the lesser-known Christian symbols. Based on an ancient myth that its flesh doesn't decay after death, early Christians appropriated the bird as a symbol of immortality. The molting of its tail feathers each year to be replaced with supposedly more beautiful ones led to use of the peacock as a sign of resurrection and glorification.

Additionally, the eye-like pattern in the peacock's tail feathers made it a symbol of conscience and of God, who sees all. However, the peacock also represents arrogance as it struts to show off its plumage. During the Baroque period, the peacock was often part of artwork at the 10th Station of the Cross, depicting Jesus stripped of his clothing—atonement, according to some teachings, specifically for our sin of vanity.

Early Christians believed peacocks shriek when they catch sight of their feet, which they consider ugly. Christians took this as a reminder that we, too, should lament our spiritual imperfections that detract from the beauty of life lived in Christ.

Bible Quiz



According to Matthew's account, something remarkable happened to the earth on the day Jesus was crucified and again on the morning when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary visited the tomb. What occurred on both days?

- A. There was a flood on both days.
- B. There was an earthquake on both days.
- C. There was a huge fire on each day.
- D. There was complete darkness on both days.

Answer: B (Matthew 27:51; Matthew 28:2)





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