

## THE BRIDGE

### JULY

#### 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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### Perspectives on patriotism

While pondering differences between patriotism and nationalism, Ryan Hamm looks to Jesus' example in Luke 19:41-44. "Jesus, it seems, loved his people, his city, his nation — so much so that he cried over it," he writes in Christianity Today. "He didn't despise his country or wish ill upon it — instead, he wanted nothing but the best for it, and it grieved him to see how his people had rejected his teachings."

This example of "patriotism perfected" can serve as a guide for modern-day Christians, according to Hamm. "It's an example that's both pragmatic and romantic, shot through with justice, truth and love. It's not a nationalistic patriotism — it's a love for nation that doesn't pit it against other nations. Instead, it's a recognition of love followed by a mournful recognition of shortcomings."

Put another way, God doesn't love America more than any other nation. And he doesn't want us to worship our nation alongside him, because that is idolatry. Instead, we are to love and proclaim God above any earthly realm.





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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 Heather Ford at  
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# PRAYER list

Brenda Mason, Karen Costea, John Windle, Bill Thrower, Joan Gettys, Ashton Rogers, Jennie Fisher, Dana Ward, Mary Wilke, Petersen and Billie Metellas, Louise Blondo, Claude Phillips, Debbie James, Kimberly Godfrey, Kennedy Grace, Mary Anne Caputo, Dale Williams, Tom Merritt, Gayle Dean, Linda Kaylor, Edwin, Peggy Mills, David Guthrie, Doris and Richard Williamson, Michael Staley, John Raza, Martha Gail Bryant, Debi Lanum, Michael Anderson, Bob Lanum, Cathey Kerber, Lady Margaret McGill, James Kerber, Carolyn McMinn, Melissa Boxberger, Rodney Ashley, Rick Miller, Justin Miller, Amy Redden, Nick Stegall, Devin, Jessica Possinger, Bryan Landon, Kelly Harvell.



3	TIM COMBS
4	SARAH-ANNE ADKINS
4	RANDY BRYANT
6	NASH STEGALL
6	CAROLYN SUMNER
10	VIRGINIA EASTERLING
15	JOHN BROWN
15	MICHAEL WILLIAMS
16	HAYDEN HITCHENS
17	BRIAN SILVERS
17	BLAKE SILVERS
18	JOHN KIMBRELL
23	TYLER KIMBRELL
23	Linda Roche
25	SARAH DEASON



1	BOB & LIZ BURANICH
13	RYAN & KELLY STEGALL

## Special dates

- Canada Day, July 1, 2025
- U.S. Independence Day, July 4, 2025



2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 	5
6 <b>Communion</b> 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship	7 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:45 Handbell Practice	8	9	10	11	12
13 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship <b>Potluck Lunch</b> <b>Session meeting</b>	14 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:45 Handbell Practice	15	16	17	18	19
20 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship DFH	21 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm BSA Troop 157 7:45 Handbell Practice	22	23	24	25	26
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### Elder of the Month

**Chris Luther**

### Acolyte

7/6-Josie Chavis  
7/13-Andrew Blondo  
7/20-Josie Chavis  
7/27-Andrew Blondo

### Reader/Usher

7/6-Bob Ford  
7/13-Dale Richardson  
7/20-Chris Luther  
7/27-Marcie Bayne



### **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.



**Lady Margaret McGill can be contacted at Harbor Chase of Riverwalk 749 Dunkins Ferry Road Rock Hill 29730 Apt. 2130**

**Phone: 803-323-5567**

**She enjoys visits and calls very much. If you have questions, feel free to call or text me any time at 803-493-3616.**

**Thank you, John McGill**





**APPEARING SOON**

**DATE: 8/10/25**

**TIME: 11:00am**

**WHERE: Doby's Bridge**

**Presbyterian Church**

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# FUN for the WHOLE FAMILY



Make this candle to keep uninvited insects from your outdoor summer meals.

## What you need:

- Lime
- 10-20 whole cloves
- Birthday candle
- 4 toothpicks
- Adult help



## What you do:

1. Have an adult slice the lime in half. Cut off the rounded end of one half so it can stand without rolling.
2. Insert 10 cloves into the cut sides of each half.
3. Stand the bottom half on a plate. Insert the candle in the center.
4. Insert the 4 toothpicks in the cut side of the bottom half. Then place the other half atop the toothpicks.
5. Before dinner, have an adult light the candle that's between the two lime halves. The flame's heat will warm the lime and create a smell that insects don't like.
6. Supervise the flame. Blow it out when it reaches the bottom lime.



## TINY TEAMWORK

The focused teamwork of ants is astounding! How can we learn from them?

*Directions: Answer the clues. Then write the words in order below to complete Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV.*

This 6-legged arthropod can carry 20 times its own weight. \_\_\_\_\_

A sleepy, sloth-like and slow-moving person. \_\_\_\_\_

Having deep understanding and sound judgment. \_\_\_\_\_

A person in charge of military troops. \_\_\_\_\_

A person in authority. \_\_\_\_\_

The season when daylight hours are longest. \_\_\_\_\_

A substance you eat for nutrition. \_\_\_\_\_

When farmers reap the rewards of hard work. \_\_\_\_\_



**Go to the \_\_\_\_\_, you \_\_\_\_\_;**

**consider its ways and be \_\_\_\_\_!**

**It has no \_\_\_\_\_, no overseer or \_\_\_\_\_,**

**yet it stores its provisions in \_\_\_\_\_**

**and gathers its \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.**



**Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV**

Answers: ant, slug, ruler, summer, food, harvest, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. be wise! It has no commander, wise, commander, ruler, summer, food, harvest, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

# Christian Symbol




**PELICAN**

In the Middle Ages, the pelican came to represent Jesus' sacrifice of his blood for the world. According to legend, a mother pelican, in times of famine, would pluck open her chest and feed her young with her own blood. An alternate myth was that she fed her dying young with her blood to revive them, losing her own life in the process. The depiction of a pelican with a drop of blood on her chest is called "the pelican in her piety."

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

In a parable of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, someone named Lazarus features prominently while other characters go unnamed. Who is Lazarus in this story?

- A. a friend Jesus raised from the dead
- B. a rich man dressed in fine linen
- C. a poor beggar at the rich man's gate
- D. the brother of the poor man
- E. an angel who carried the poor man to heaven



Answer: C (See Luke 16:19-31.)



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