

DOBY'S BRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

2025

THE BRIDGE

August

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 from the Transitional Pastor"

I want to begin by thanking you for the very warm reception which I have received since I began this month as your Transitional Pastor. You have made me feel very welcome and I appreciate that so very much.

I have begun to get to know you a little bit. I have enjoyed the interactions and what you have shared. Please reach out to me if you want to meet for coffee (actually I'm more of a donut or milkshake person but I can adjust), lunch, a round of golf, or whatever is your comfort zone. I want to hear from you about your life, what excites you, and what perspectives you have about your life and about Doby's Bridge Presbyterian Church. I will also be reaching out to those of you who may not be able to get out of the house very easily or wherever you find yourself living. Please let me know of the pastoral care needs which you are aware of at Doby's Bridge.

In addition to spending time with the current membership I am also here to help you find ways to connect to your neighbors in Massey and up and down Doby's Bridge Rd. My background is as a bridge builder and I am here to assist you in doing that. Doby's was started in the 1940s as an outreach of Unity Presbyterian Church to the farming families in this area. This area has now changed and it's our responsibility to figure out ways to share the good news with our new neighbors and not horde the gospel for ourselves.

One way we are going to learn about our changing context is by reading the book *Canoeing The Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory* by Tod Bolsinger. The author uses the image of the Lewis and Clark expedition as a symbol of where the church is today. Lewis and Clark set out to discover a water route to the Pacific Ocean. But along the route they discovered a huge obstacle, the Rocky Mountains. They realized then that they were not prepared for the journey ahead and they needed to use different resources. You are invited to go ahead and purchase a copy of the book for yourself as we will soon be studying it together.

God Bless You as we continue this journey together!!

Peace, Sam

WELCOME TO DBPC



REV. DR. SAM MCGREGOR, JR

Hey Everyone!! My name is Sam McGregor, Jr. and I began on July 1, 2025 as the Transitional Pastor here at Doby's Bridge Presbyterian Church. My role is to assist the congregation through a process where we examine what has worked well in the past, what excites us about ministry now, while also making difficult decisions about what is no longer effective. We are seeking input from the community about what our neighbors see as local, national, and international needs so that we can together make a positive impact while we grow spiritually.

I am a native South Carolinian having grown up on a dairy farm just outside of Columbia. In fact, my degree from Clemson is actually in Dairy Science. My background as a bridge builder guides me in helping to connect people who may not know one another very well. I have served in ministry settings in both North and South Carolina. In addition to my role at Doby's I am also serving as the Interim Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Lancaster County.

I am married to Kathryn who serves as the Director of Christian Education at Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill. We have three young adult children living in Pennsylvania and South Carolina. I enjoy my early morning walks as well as getting out on the golf course as much as possible.



Thank you to all of our generous donors. Items that we need most for August are:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Meat, Canned Tuna, Canned Stew, Canned Chili, Grits, Oatmeal, Cereal, Canned Fruit, and Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes.



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 have a prayer request to be added to the DBPC prayer chain, please contact Heather Ford at bhford@comporium.net

Call/text Heather at 803-627-0352

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. Please make sure to include your name at the top so we know who to follow up with. You can also email prayer request to dbpcsecretary@gmail.com

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

Torie Combs

dbpcsecretary@gmail.com

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, 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.



<u>DAY</u>	<u>NAME</u>
3	MICHAEL MIDDLETON
3	AUTUMN FORD
4	KATIE O'BRIEN
5	JEFF HAYES
6	HEATHER MIDDLETON
10	DANIEL CHAVIS
16	CATHY PLYLER
26	CAROLYN MCMINN
31	JESSE JACOBS III



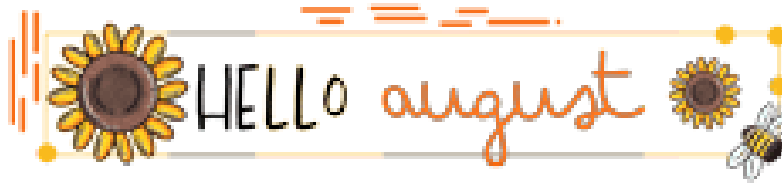
9	SAM & JOSIE CHAVIS
28	BEN & ELLEN HITCHENS

Special note on DBPC Prayer list

(Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless updates are received.)

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	2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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3 Communion 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship	4 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm BSA Troop 157 7:45 Handbell Practice	5	6	7	8	9	
10 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship Believers Quartet Potluck Lunch	11 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm COH BSA Troop 157 7:45 Handbell Practice	12 630pm Pack 157	13	14	15	16	
17 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship DFH Session meeting	18 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm BSA Troop 157 7:45 Handbell Practice	19	20	21	22	23	
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31 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship	<div> <u>Acolyte</u> 8/3-Josie Chavis 8/10-Wesley Combs 8/17-Andrew Blondo 8/24-Josie Chavis 8/31-Andrew Blondo </div> <div> <u>Reader/Usher</u> 8/3-Bob Ford 8/10-Tim Combs 8/17-Dale Richardson 8/24-Joshua Jacobs 8/31-Marcie Bayne </div> <div> <u>Elder of the Month</u> Torie Combs </div>						



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.



We need your help with our annual First Responder Lunch on 9/11. We need donations of drinks, desserts, salad and pasta dishes. We also need help the day of the event to set up, serve and clean.

If you are able to help please text Torie at 828-234-8778 or email dbpcsecretary@gmail.com



Congratulations

JACKSON

Jackson with Troop 157 completed his Eagle Scout project at DBPC. He built a free Library at the front right of the fellowship hall. His hope is that this will be a great outreach for the church & community around us.



**WELCOMES YOU TO TAKE
A BOOK AND ENJOY!**

**FREE
LIBRARY**

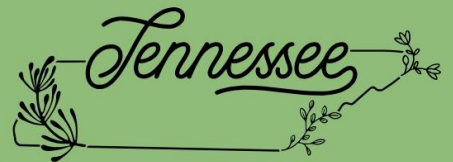


Lady Margaret McGill can be contacted at Harbor Chase of Riverwalk 749 Dunkins Ferry Road Rock Hill 29730 Apt. 2130

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



Just letting you know

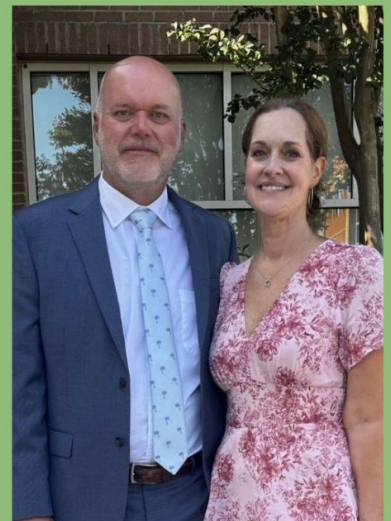
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miss
you

THE
LUTHERS
ARE
MOVING!

Our new address:

1229 N Main St

Sweetwater TN 37874





Believers Quartet



APPEARING SOON

DATE: 8/10/25

TIME: 11:00am

WHERE: Doby's Bridge

Presbyterian Church

2500 S. Doby's Bridge Road

Fort Mill, SC 29715

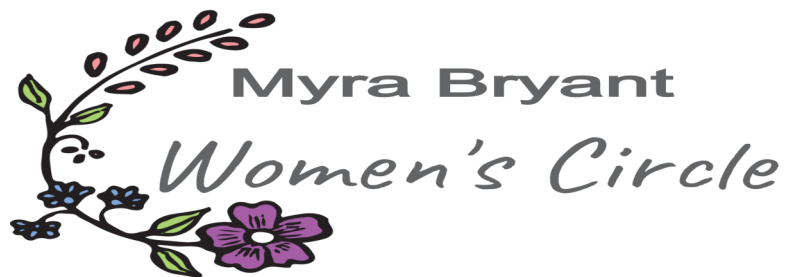
www.believersquartet.com

Tuesday

DBPC Myra Bryant Circle

NEW MEETING DAY

2nd Tuesday of each Month
at 10am in the
Fellowship Hall



The Myra Bryant Women's Circle

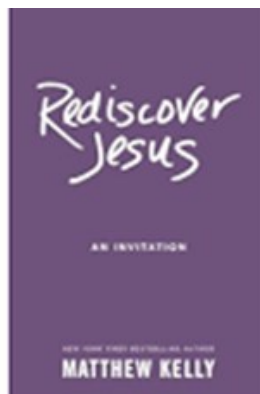
will resume meeting on **Tuesday , September 9th at 10:00am**

in the Fellowship Hall.

We will continue our study of Matthew Kelly's book, Rediscover Jesus. These books are available from Amazon if you would like to order your own. Please bring a snack to share.

God bless,

Judy Stegall



FUN for the WHOLE FAMILY



This easy and colorful craft helps kids remember that Jesus is their light—no matter where they go!

What you need:

- Clear plastic cup
- Battery tea lights
- Tissue paper squares (pre-cut)
- Glue stick
- Markers (optional)
- Stickers (optional)



What you do:

1. Use the glue stick to press colorful tissue paper squares around the outside of the cup.
2. Add a simple phrase like "Jesus is my Light" or use fun stickers to decorate.
3. Turn on the tea light and place it inside the cup.
4. Turn off the lights and let your lantern glow!

The Lord is my light
and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

— Psalm 27:1, NIV



Puzzle!

The biblical calendar had many feasts and festivals. They were connected with the changing of the seasons or special events.

Use the code to find the name of the special days the Israelites observed.

CODE:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N	M	L	K	J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A

SEASON

HOLIDAY

1. End of Summer

New Year

I L H S S Z H S Z M Z S

2. Fall

Day of Atonement

B L N P R K K F I

3. Fall

Festival of Booths

H F P P L G S

4. Winter

Festival of Rededication

S Z M F P P Z S

5. Winter

Festival of Lots

K F I R N

6. Spring

Festival of Unleavened Bread

K Z H H L E V I

7. Spring

Feast of Weeks/Pentecost

H S Z E F L G

Answers: 1. Rosh Hashanah, 2. Yom Kippur, 3. Sukkot, 4. Hanukkah, 5. Purim, 6. Passover, 7. Shavuot

Christian Symbol




Communion Table

"The Lord's Supper is one of two sacraments in the Presbyterian Church (Baptism being the other). It is the sign and seal of our communion with the crucified and risen Lord. Jesus spoke of the bread and wine as his body and blood, signs of the new covenant. On the day of his resurrection, Jesus made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread. Through the Lord's Supper, Jesus Christ nourishes us in righteousness, faithfulness, and discipleship while the Holy Spirit renews the church in its identity and sends the Church to mission in the world. In our understanding of this sacrament all are welcomed to receive the elements at the Table."

Bible Quiz

For years, King David showed special kindness to the son of King Saul's son Jonathan, because David and Jonathan had been dear friends. Which of the following statements is not accurate?

- A. The name of King Saul's grandson was Mephibosheth.
- B. He was lame in both feet.
- C. His feet had been injured when he was 5.
- D. He was injured while playing with his brothers.

An illustration of King David, wearing a crown and a red robe, sitting and holding the hand of a young boy, Mephibosheth, who is wearing a white robe. They are both looking at each other with a sense of connection.

Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-7; 21:7.)





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