

THE BRIDGE



May

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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When the Spirit Turned Fear Into Courage

When Jesus was arrested, his apostles fled in fear. Peter, shaken and afraid, found himself denying that he even knew Christ. Christ's followers hid in confusion and grief, feeling brokenhearted and hopeless.

Then, on the Jewish Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came mightily upon them. Suddenly, they were empowered. Immediately they were galvanized. Right then and there, they were filled with enormous courage. Boldly, forthrightly, not far from the site of the crucifixion, they began to proclaim that Christ had been raised from the dead and that he was most certainly the long-awaited Messiah.

The fire of the Holy Spirit burned so vividly within them that people from all over came to see and hear what the apostles were claiming. Peter told them the story of Christ as best he could. Then Peter offered his hearers the opportunity of becoming Christ's followers. Amazingly, three thousand people responded to the offer at that very minute (Acts 2:41). We call that event the birthday of the Church.

Suzanne de Dietrich writes this about Pentecost in *Free Men*. "A great wave of faith and love swept through this newborn community. People gave their hearts to God and shared their possessions with their brothers and sisters in Christ. These believers could not keep silent. Their joyful freedom broke down every wall others tried to place around them, and no prison could silence their witness."

The power of God upon them and within them was truly astounding.



May Wish List
Fort Mill Care Center

- PANCAKE MIX
- BAKED BEANS
- CRACKERS
- CORNED BEEF (CANNED)
- SALMON (CANNED)
- BBQ SAUCE
- MAYONNAISE
- ALFREDO SAUCE
- WOMEN'S DEPENDS (M-XXL)

Any food, hygiene or cleaning items are welcome, but please note that we are overstocked on dry pasta and peanut butter.

Find our PayPal & Amazon list at fortmillcarecenter.org or scan here:



You can send your Tithes through
PayPal or Mail

paypal.me/dbpchurch

Mail to:

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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 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

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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), Stacey Bedilon (Colon Cancer), Kelly Pretzsch (Colon Cancer), Patricia Schruff (Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma), Rebecca Williamson (Peggy Lee's Granddaughter-lumps in breast), Larry Kallam (Judy Gray's Brother)



2	SHANE ADKINS
2	BOB LANUM
5	BETH HAYES
6	LADY MARGARET MCGILL
8	JED COCKERILL
9	HARLAN COOKE
9	CLARA STEGALL
12	ISABELLA BURANICH
12	TERESA MCGINNIS
13	MARTHA GAIL BRYANT
14	GEORGIA SILVERS
15	Matthew Combs
17	TRISTAN SILVERS
17	TYLER SMITH
18	SUSAN PLYLER
19	RODY STEGALL
20	CALEB MCMINN
23	RYAN DYE
26	EVELYN COOKE
27	WESLEY COMBS
29	MEGAN SILVERS

28	TIM & TORIE COMBS
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Special Dates

- National Day of Prayer, *May 7, 2026*
- Mother's Day, *May 10, 2026*
- Ascension of the Lord, *May 14, 2026*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 16, 2026*
- Victoria Day [Canada], *May 18, 2026*
- Day of Pentecost, *May 24, 2026*
- Memorial Day, *May 25, 2026*
- Trinity Sunday, *May 31, 2026*



Bella Jackson

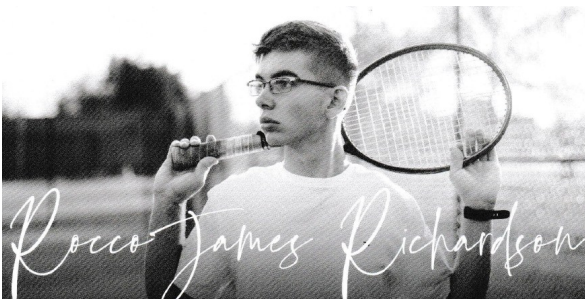


FURMAN UNIVERSITY
MAJORING THEATER & PSYCHOLOGY

Bella Jackson will be graduating from Catawba Ridge High School. She has made an incredible impact in the performing arts at Catawba Ridge High School. She is the first student to serve all four years on the Drama Club leadership team, including roles as President, Vice President, Events Coordinator, and Freshman Representative.

Bella wrote and directed her own play, *"A Mother's Stand,"* and performed in nine productions, including standout roles as Audrey in *Little Shop of Horrors* and Tanya in *Mamma Mia!*. She also served as stage manager for *The Arkansas Bear*. Her many honors include the Gold Award for Fine Arts, four Superior ratings at the Palmetto Dramatic Association Festival, and multiple Blumey Award nominations. She has received awards such as Best Actress, Best Supporting Actress, and Best Singing Voice.

Bella will be attending Furman University in the fall.



Rocco James Richardson, graduates from Punxsutawney Area High School (PA) on June 3. He will be attending Penn State University in their pre-engineering program.

He will be starting a paid internship with PennDot early June, as part of his engineering studies.

Rocco is a near straight A student. He is a member (and Letterman) of both the varsity golf and tennis teams. His younger brother, Anthony, and Rocco often play doubles during tennis matches against other area high schools.



Carson Silvers is graduating from Catawba Ridge High School. During his time in high school, he played baseball his freshman and sophomore years and wrestled during his junior year. Carson plans to attend York Technical College, where he will pursue a two-year degree in electrical engineering with the goal of becoming a licensed electrician.



Kaibre Silvers is graduating from Andrew Jackson High School. During her high school years, she was a member of Beta Club, National Honor Society, and National Art Honor Society, while also graduating in the top 10 of her class. After high school, Kaibre plans to pursue a degree in business.



Kegan Silvers is graduating from Andrew Jackson High School. During high school, Kegan participated in seven school plays and was a member of the Thespian Society for drama. In the future, Kegan plans to pursue a career as an engineer for the Army.



2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship Communion Dan Cockerill	4 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Troop 157 7:45 Handbell Practice	5 6:30pm Pack 157	6 5:00pm Girl Scouts	7	8	9
10 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship Mother's Day John Nettles	11 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Troop 157 7:45 Handbell Practice	12 6:30pm Pack 157	13 5:00pm Girl Scouts	14 10am Circle Meeting	15	16
17 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship-DFH Potluck Lunch Session Meeting Dan Cockerill	18 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Troop 157 7:45 Handbell Practice	19 6:30pm Pack 157	20 5:00pm Girl Scouts	21	22	23
24 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship Bob Ford	25 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Troop 157 7:45 Handbell Practice	26 6:30pm Pack 157	27 5:00pm Girl Scouts	28	29 Encore Music Church and fellowship Hall rental	30 Encore Music Church and fellowship Hall rental
31 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship James Platt	<u>Acolyte</u> 5/3-Andrew Blondo 5/10-Josie Chavis 5/17-Wesley Combs 5/24-Josie Chavis 5/31-Andrew Blondo			<u>Reader/Usher</u> 5/3-Joshua Jacobs 5/10-Heather Ford 5/17-Tim Combs 5/24-Dale Richardson 5/31-Bob Ford		<u>Elder of the Month</u> 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.

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



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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”



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<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

GROWING IN GOD'S word



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

What you need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



What you do:

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.



A LEGACY OF FAITH

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy learned about faith from his mother and grandmother.

Complete the verse below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowels.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

" m r m nd d f

y r s nc r f th, wh ch

f rst l v d n y r gr ndm th r

L s nd n y r m th r

 n c nd, m p rs d d,

n w l v s n y ls ."

2 Timothy 1:5, NIV

Answer: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

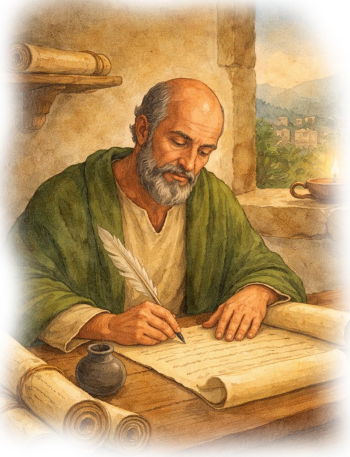
Christian Symbol



CEDAR TREE

A species of evergreen used to decorate for Christmas, the tall cedar tree symbolizes Christ's majesty year-round. Cedars of Lebanon, which have grown to 130 feet, were known to Old Testament people. "The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted" (Psalm 104:16, NIV). David's palace and both Solomon's palace and temple were built of cedar wood. The word cedar is found 75 times in the Bible. Due to its evergreen nature and longevity, this tree is associated with eternal life and thus sometimes used in cemetery landscaping.

Bible Quiz



Although the apostle Paul is credited with writing the letter to the Romans, he dictated the message while another believer served as the scribe. Near the end of the letter, that writer briefly identifies himself. Who was it?

- A. Tertius
- B. Timothy
- C. Lucius
- D. Aquila

Answer: A (Romans 16:22)



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