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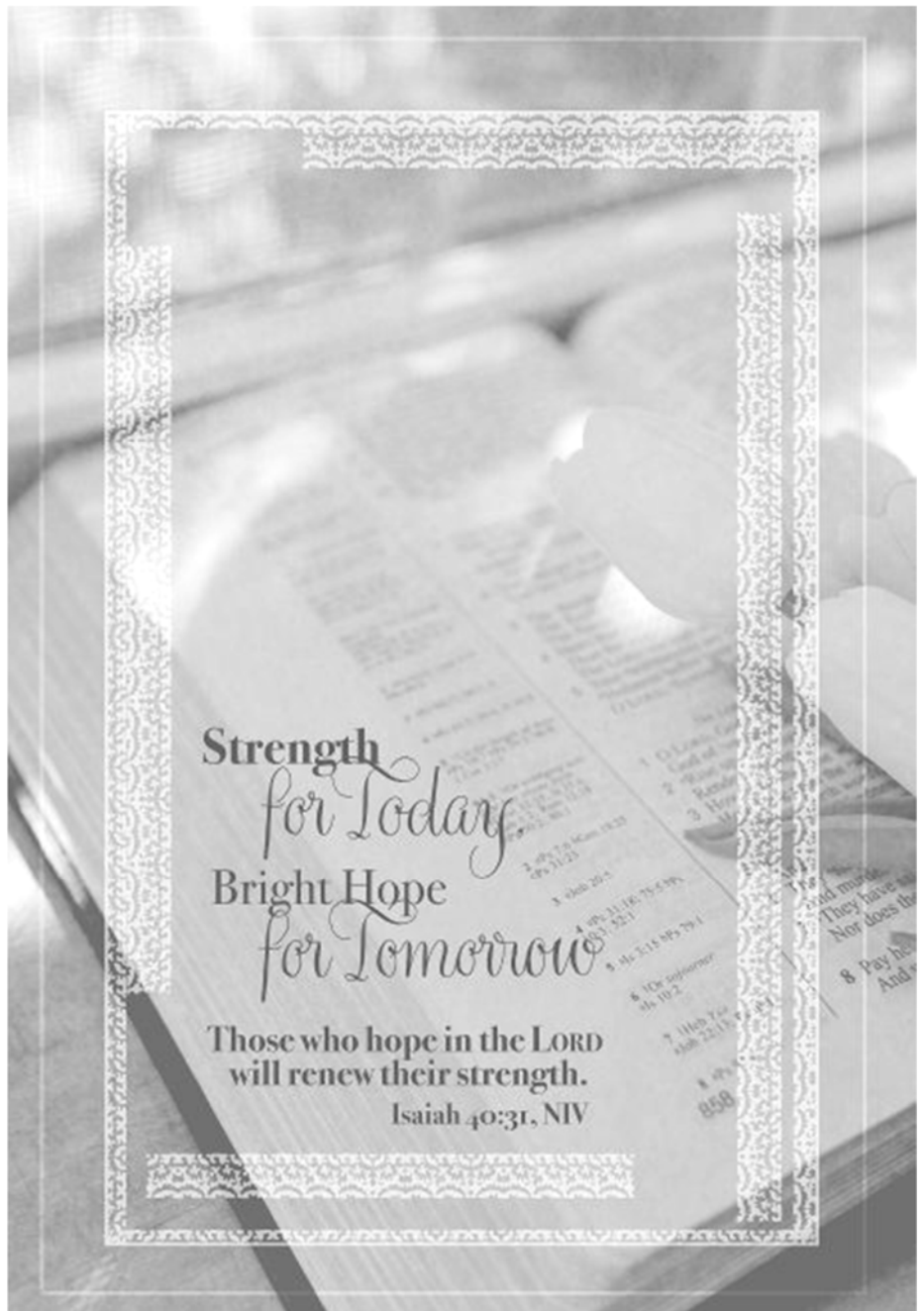
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*Glorify
Go
Gather
Grow*



The Bridge Builder



BK'S KORNER

Happy New Year! Let's get right to it. I hope that this year is a year of renewal in our Church. I hope we see Revival. I am praying that people will come to the Lord through the ministry of the church. I am praying for a full house. I am asking God for true worshippers. Worshippers who worship in spirit and truth!

You may ask, "Why then are you going to preach so hard?". The answer is simple. Because people need the truth! I believe people are hungry for it. They may reject it, but they want it.

I have a sister-in-law who was in a bad relationship. We all knew but said nothing. It's her business. She a grown woman. These are the types of excuses we made. When she finally ended the relationship, we all told her how glad we were. It wasn't a good relationship. She asked, "Why didn't anyone tell me?". Well, I'm going to tell everyone the truth of the gospel.

This is truth of the Bible. Not just as I see it. The Truth.

Be sure to check out Dr. Herb Reavis and the Whisnants on Wednesday. You'll be glad you did. You'll be motivated and inspired.

See you all Sunday.
Pray

Blessings and prayers to you all.
BK ><

YOUTH MINISTER'S UPDATE

Church Family,

I want to thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support of our youth ministry. It is a blessing to serve alongside a church that genuinely cares about investing in the next generation and walking with them as they grow in their faith.

A quick reminder that the **sign-up sheet for Hot Hearts** is available. This weekend continues to be an important opportunity for our students to step away from distractions, spend focused time in God's Word, and be encouraged in their walk with Christ. Please continue to pray for our students and leaders as we prepare.

Looking ahead to January, we are also excited to announce **upcoming evangelism training for our students**. This training will help equip them to confidently share their faith in everyday life—at school, with friends, and within their communities. We would love for **parents to be involved as well**, as modeling a lived-out faith at home is one of the most powerful ways students learn to share the Gospel. More details will be coming soon.

After BK's challenge to us this past Sunday, Jesus' words in **Matthew 5:14–16** are especially fitting: *"You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."* Evangelism is not only about what we say, but about how we live. When our students see adults walking faithfully, serving joyfully, and loving others well, they learn what it means to shine Christ's light in a dark world.

May we continue to be a church that doesn't hide the light God has given us, but boldly lives it out—so that our students, and those watching them, are drawn toward the hope found only in Christ.

In Christ,
Cody Dowden

BRIDGE CITY/ORANGEFIELD MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

This month we are collecting **deodorant** and shampoo (please, no conditioner) for the Bridge City/Orangefield Ministerial Alliance. We will have containers placed around the building for these donations.

MUSIC MOMENTS

A few weeks back, BK called us “Living Stones” and this week he called us “Flashlights.” Well, that’s what I thought he called us. Did anyone else hear that? Could be it was just me since I have a great fascination with flashlights. I love them! If someone shows me their new flashlight, I try to find out where they got it. Walmart, \$Tree, Amazon, Harbor Freight . . . You get the picture?

According to Ai, “a **flashlight** is primarily a portable handheld electric **lamp** powered by batteries, used for **illumination**.” Like the flashlight, we are to be a light for those around us to illuminate their way. Unlike the flashlight that depends on a battery or an electric charging source, our source is Christ. We are a reflection of Him.

“Shine on Us”

By Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith

Lord, let Your Light,
Light of Your Face shone on us.
Lord, let Your Light,
Light of Your Face shine on us
That we may be saved,
that we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night.
Let Your Light shine on us.

Shine for Jesus this week!

Love y’all,
Billy & Pammie K

PRAYER, PASTRIES & PAINTING

January 31 at 10:00 a.m.
In the Family Life Center

Patsy Dowden will lead the instruction. We will be painting churches. This is in preparation for the Galentine event in February. We want to display your works of art at this event. The cost will be \$10.00. This will cover painting supplies and canvases. Sign-up in Sunday School.

“King’s Table” Youth Meals

Thank you to everyone who provided meals for the youth group’s “King’s Table” on Wednesday night. The meals were awesome and very much appreciated. The signup list for the first half of 2026 has been posted for anyone who wants to volunteer to bring a meal. Thank you for loving on and supporting our youth.

Thank You

Thank you so much to the church deacons for the monetary gift for widows. Also thank you my church family for my bonus check. I have been a church nursery worker for almost nine years. I am so blessed to watch the babies grow up in church.

*Thankfully,
Connie Claus*

*Dear First Family,
You are always so generous. We appreciate the staff gift given to us this Christmas. Please continue to pray for us as we begin our ministry in 2026.*

*Love,
Pat Rickenbrode
Velma Theriot
Thelma Wheellis*



LOTTIE MOON

OUR GOAL:	\$5,000.00
Receipts to Date:	\$3,498.00

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

January 4, 2026

Projected Budget Need YTD:	11,657.20
Weekly Receipts:	7,162.50
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	7,162.50
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	-0-

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	127
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	151
Nursery	5
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	156

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DEACON OF THE WEEK

January 11 — 17, 2026

Hiram Clark	Deacon
Philip Clark	Visiting Partner

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, January 11, 2026

9:15	Bible Study
10:30	Morning Worship Service
4:00	Deacon's Meeting
5:30	Church-wide Prayer Meeting

Monday, January 12, 2026

5:30	Men's Priority Prayer
10:00	Ladies Prayer Group

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

NOON	Golden Harvest Monthly Meeting
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Wednesday, January 14, 2026

9:00	Buckner's Quilting
6:30	Prayer Meeting
	Youth, Preteen Bible Study & Children's Choir
	Mission Kids (3rd — 6th Graders)

"Come Sit By Me"



Is there an empty chair in
your class?

Is there unused space on
your pew?

We are beginning a campaign to fill those spaces.
Your department is being given a fresh class roster
that you might begin making
personal contacts.
Who have you been missing?

"Who is your one?"

Who do you know that needs a church home?

We will be excited to hear reports from each department
as we work together to reach our community.

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Cody Dowden	Youth Minister
Billy Pruitt	Worship Minister

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

7:30 — 5:30

MONDAY — THURSDAY

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