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Go  
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# The Bridge Builder



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## BK'S KORNER

What a good day to be in God's House yesterday. The worship was great, the message contained God's Word, and we had two young families join. Pray for them to find a place to plug in. Pray for their beautiful children to grow up in the Lord. God might be up to something.

In addition to that we want to pray that we would see people come to know the Lord through our church's ministry. That is our purpose. May we let our light shine before people that they will want to know where we get our peace from. May we bring those close to us to church where to gospel can be shared with them. Let us pray for our Sunday School teachers as they attempt to do that very thing.

On another note, we have received \$3,867 toward our Lottie Moon goal of \$5,000. Maybe it just slipped your mind, Christmas was more expensive than you planned, or possibly you never got around to it. However, you can still give. It's not too late.

Please pray for us.

Our mission.

Our purpose.

Our people.

BK ><

## YOUTH MINISTER'S UPDATE

Church Family,

We have some very exciting things coming up for our students, and I want to begin by thanking you for your continued prayers and support. From those who have helped cover event costs, to those who have provided fundraising opportunities, to those who faithfully lift our students up in prayer—you are making a real difference. I am deeply grateful for the many ways you have come alongside this ministry.

**Hot Hearts** is coming up quickly! This one-day conference will give our students an opportunity to step away from distractions and focus intentionally on God, His Word, and what He is doing in the world around them. My prayer is that this time will encourage them, strengthen their faith, and remind them that following Christ is worth pursuing wholeheartedly. Thank you for continuing to pray for our students and leaders as we prepare.

This week, our students will also begin a **seven-week series on evangelism**, designed specifically to speak to their generation. *Emoji-vangelism* is a tool that will help students learn how to share Christ in a way that is both clear and approachable. We would love for parents to be involved as well—encouraging conversations at home and helping students live out their faith beyond the walls of our church.

As we begin this focus on evangelism, it's important to remember that sharing our faith must be grounded in a genuine walk with Christ. In Matthew 7:24–27, Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish builders. The wise builder builds his house on the rock, and when storms come, it stands firm. Evangelism flows naturally from that kind of foundation. When our lives are rooted in Christ—when we trust Him, obey Him, and build on His Word—we are prepared to withstand challenges and point others to the same solid hope.

My prayer is that our students learn not only how to share their faith, but why—because their lives are firmly built on the Rock. Thank you for being a church that invests in building strong foundations for the next generation.

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

Yesterday our Call to Worship was an older hymn which has been sung since at least 1787. (Side note: Art Ferris, one of our trumpeteers, said it has been around since the 1800's.) According to hymn-charts.com Albert Bailey, a hymn scholar, says "How Firm a Foundation" came to the United States from England via one of the editions of John Rippon's "A Selection of Hymns from the Best Authors, 1787."

### **"How Firm a Foundation"**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of The Lord,  
Is Laid for your faith in His excellent Words!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaved for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, thought all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

This hymn is a song that previously touched the hearts of Andrew Jackson, Robert E. Lee and Theodore Roosevelt as they recalled it. Mr. Bailey recounted that both the North and South sang it during the United States Civil War.

On Christmas Eve in 1898, Lieutenant-Colonel Curtis Guild, Jr. is said to have heard it during the Spanish-American War when his men had bedded down for the night near Havana, Cuba. What started out as one lone American soldier singing "How Firm a Foundation" turned into a whole regiment joining together and finishing the song. Once again, God used "How Firm a Foundation" to remind soldiers of His Faithfulness.

Maybe . . . Just maybe, it is time for us to remember: "Fear not." Isaiah 41:10 "It is He Who goes before us; He who is with us; He who will not fail us or forsake us." Deuteronomy 31:6, 8 "Fear Not!"

Love y'all,  
Billy & Pam

## **"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.

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

### **By Letter:**

Terrell, Ashley & Lawrence Steiner

Grant & Olivia Freeman



**LOTTIE MOON**

<b>OUR GOAL:</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Receipts to Date:</b>	<b>\$3,867.00</b>

## LOOK AT THE RECORDS

**January 11, 2026**

Projected Budget Need YTD:	23,314.40
Weekly Receipts:	6,973.50
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	14,136.00
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	10,436.01

### ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	130
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### WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	158
Nursery	6
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>164</b>

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## DEACON OF THE WEEK

January 18 — 24, 2026

Philip Clark	Deacon
Darrell Segura	Visiting Partner

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### Sunday, January 18, 2026

9:15	Bible Study
10:30	Morning Worship Service

### Monday, January 19, 2026

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

### Wednesday, January 21, 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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Keith Royal	Pastor
Cody Dowden	Youth Minister
Billy Pruitt	Worship Minister

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

7:30 — 5:30

MONDAY — THURSDAY

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