

Calendar of Events

- 11/01 CWS Season Begins
- 11/18 Family Dinner
- 11/22 Thanksgiving

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Bible Study

— 11am-12:15pm Saturday

Men's & Women's

Groups

— 9am Sunday

Worship Service

— 10:45am Sunday

A Word from Pastor

Greetings to our brothers and sisters in Christ,

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him." (Eph. 1:2-4)

We have been blessed to be chosen by God through Jesus Christ our Lord to be His holy representatives, His image bearers (Gen. 1:26-27; Rom. 8:29)

on the earth. We are supposed to be the conveyers of truth and holiness through obedience to His word and submissiveness to the Holy Spirit. This is how we are supposed to worship Him according to John 4:23-24, "But an hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; such people the Father seeks to be worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." However, can we really say that we are true worshipers of God? Jesus was upset with the Pharisees because their perspective (tradition) were superseding God's commands, "...and why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?" (Matt. 15:3) Are we as the church putting our perspective before the commandment of God as to how we are to operate as the body of Christ? Are we invalidating God's command for the sake of our traditions? "And thus, you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition." (Matt. 15:6b) Jesus makes this claim against the Pharisees, "this people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me. But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men." (Matt. 15:8-9)

When we look at the churches in our western society, do they reflect the church that Christ said that He will build? Jesus communicated to Peter and said, "upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not overcome it." (Matt. 16:18b) Christ is the designer of the church with Him as the foundation, the cornerstone. Are we allowing Him to build the church or are we allowing our perspective and/or the culture around us to design the church with us as the foundation, the cornerstone? James tells us that the word of God is like a mirror (James 1:23). Can we hold up our church and see the image of the Church reflected in the mirror?

This is what we are striving for at Bridge of Hope. We want to be the church that He builds, we want to declare the doctrine that He teaches (2 Tim. 4:1-4), we want to be true worshipers of God, we want to be advocates of His justice (Matt. 23:23), we want to be imitators of Him (Eph. 5:1-2; 1 John 3:16-18), and we want to love Him and love our neighbors. "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength... You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:30-31)

I pray that we all strive to be the church that He wants us to be and as always thank you for your continual love, compassion, and support for those we serve!

All for His Kingdom,

Pastor Luther C. Eatman Jr.





Ministry Update

This fall has brought a re-evaluation and reorganization of some of our ministries. As our church develops and grows, our ministries also evolve. Formerly the Food Network, our food outreach ministry is now an emergency food pantry. Individuals may schedule an appointment during allotted times and visit the pantry once a month. Once here, a volunteer from the church meets with them and discusses their situation as well as explain more about the ministries at Bridge of Hope. If individuals are interested in learning more or in need of additional assistance, then an appointment is set up to meet with Pastor Luther. This new model has been in place for about a month. While there has been many adjustments made, and most likely many more to come, we are excited by the changes and the opportunity to come in contact with more in the community.

Another ministry being re-vamped this fall is our Cold Weather Shelter. This will be our third winter running it, so each year brings some improvements. One of the changes is a more Gospel-centered focus.



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Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise:

- Positive Transition of Hospitality Ministry
- Safe travels for Eatmans
- Good Participation w Grant
- Luther Able to Visit Several Partnering Churches

Prayer Requests:

- Preparations for Cold Weather Shelter
- Wisdom in Dispersement of Raised Funds
- Developing Relationships in Area
- Growth, Development & Reorganization of Our Leaders & Programs
- Raising Support for Terry & Bev
- Raising Support for Church, Pastor & Sarah



Grant's Trunk or Treat

Over the past couple of years, we have been partnering with Grant Elementary, a nearby school, mainly through teacher appreciation meals. Also for the last couple of years, Bridge of Hope has hosted a 'Harvest Social' or some form of family friendly activity on Halloween. This year, we decided to join efforts and we combined our parties! Bridge of Hope volunteers (and some of our friends!) arrived that afternoon to decorate the lobby and set up games. For two hours, the volunteers guided children through games, awarded prizes, led crafts, and admired countless costumes. Some of our day camp kids were present! Everyone had a great time and we look forward to future partnerships with the school and for other opportunities to invest in our community.



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