

A View From The Bridge

March 2024

BABY BOUTIQUE

The Baby Boutique is full of goodies just waiting for a good home! We offer a one time shopping spree to families who need help. We have clothing from newborn through size 2, disposable diapers and wipes as well as other newborn essentials. We also from time to time have larger items. If you know of anyone in your church or community who could use our help, please have them go online to www.thebridgenet.org. Under the Resource tab is the Baby Boutique application. When I receive the application I'll be in touch to set up an appointment. As always, donations are always accepted and appreciated!

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SPEAKER: BRENDA M. CROSTON, M ED
Croston Ministries International
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Register here!

THE BRIDGE NETWORK OF CHURCHES

**IGNITE HOPE:
RENEWED BY THE SPIRIT** Eph. 4:22-24

- Cast Off the Old Life
- Be Renewed by the Spirit
- Live a New Life of Hope & Righteousness

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

9 A.M. - NOON

Thalia Lynn Baptist Church

**CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE FROM
8:30 A.M. - NOON FOR CHILDREN AGES 2 - 5 YRS.
LIMITED SPACE, REGISTER EARLY.**

Thalia Lynn Baptist Church
4392 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23462



**There will be a bonus
Afterglow with a box lunch
from Chick-fil-a at 12:30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$10 per person
Registration is required.**

REGISTRATION:

\$25 early bird through February 14
\$30 February 15 - March 22 at noon
\$35 at the door

Special group rate offer for 10 or more, call 757-938-9793
or email admin@thebridgenet.org
for group special pricing information.

CONFERENCE HOTEL

Residence Inn
221 Bendix Rd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Call 757-648-8500 and use code
"BNC" for
conference pricing.



March Staff and Spouse Birthdays

1	Karen Soblotne	Whiteheads Grove
1	Stacey Carpenter	Exmore
5	Russell Goodrich	Cape Charles
6	Doyle Wells	Rivercrest
9	Donna Brooks	Coastal
9	Anitress Chambers	One Generation
9	Luann Kirk	Indian River
10	Wendy Foreman	Sedley
11	Eulogio Vazquez	Mappsville
11	Lisa Woolston	Real Life
13	Charles Peterson	Cheriton
14	Kim Jessie	BNoC
15	Maggie Harrington	Temple
19	Jim (Bubba) Pugh	Calvary
21	David Denny	Drummondtown
24	Chuck Moseley	Oak Grove
29	Barbara Eby	Southside

ANNUAL MISSION PROJECT



We will be collecting items for the Crisis Pregnancy Centers on both sides of the Bay. The **Centers on the Southside** would like NEW infant car seats. Due to State laws they can only distribute brand new car seats. Please purchase one in neutral colors so it may be used for

either baby boys or girls. If you prefer, you may send a donation to the BNoC office and we will have shoppers purchase the seats.

The **Centers on the Eastern Shore** need baby shampoo, baby wash, baby oil, baby lotion, diaper ointment, wipes, pacifiers, bottles, hooded towels, wash cloths, crib & bassinet sheets, baby socks, burp cloths, receiving blankets, fleece blankets, sleepers of all sizes, onesies of all sizes, and bibs. If you prefer, you may send a donation to the BNoC office and we will have shoppers purchase the items. The drop-off site is Exmore Baptist Church. The deadline for the collection is April 18th.



2024/2025 SCHOLARSHIP



The 2024/2025 educational scholarship application is now available on our website under the Resource tab: <https://www.thebridgenet.org/scholarship>. Student must be a member of a Network church. The deadline is April 10 at 3pm.

Pastors' Upcoming Events

Pastors' Prayer Breakfast: second Tuesday of each month, next one is March 12, 7am at Indian River Baptist Church.

Dr. Mark Croston meetings on the Eastern Shore: May 17-19

PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES BRUNCH

Thursday, March 7, 9:30 AM
Brickhouse Diner
941 Providence Square
Shopping Center
Virginia Beach, VA



The Bridge Network of Churches hosts Writing Bible Studies Workshop for Women

Led by Wendy Foreman and Rachel Piferi

What to Expect:

- A Workbook to Guide Your Writing Process
- Leave with an Outline for Your Bible Study
- Begin Writing Your Bible Study
- Learn about Publishing Options
- Find a Community of Fellow Writers

9:00-2:00
Saturday, May 4

Calvary Baptist Church
4832 Haygood Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

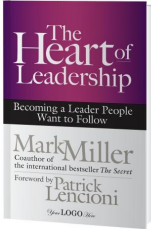
\$30 Includes Workshop, Workbook and Lunch.
Space is limited.
Registration required.

To Register:
Call 757-938-9793
Email admin@thebridgenet.org



Growing Means Adjusting

By Lynn Hardaway



In *The Heart of Leadership*, Mark Miller lists five character traits of “great” leaders: think of others first, expect the best, respond with courage, **hunger for wisdom** and accept responsibility. The desire to be wise in a culture that has become increasingly foolish is highly prized among leaders in God’s kingdom.

Keeping one’s mind open to new information, being willing to listen to opposing views and opinions and processing these in the presence of the Father is the path to growing as a leader. He gives us the “wisdom that is from above” which can filter through the false positives produced by the world system and teach us to hold on to the knowledge we need to lead well.



The wisdom that comes from the Father is not oblivious to the knowledge of the world around us; it just maintains its **purity**, its clarity, its certainty in the spiraling and ever-changing philosophical mayhem of the times. The Father’s wisdom is described by James as “**peaceful**,” meaning it produces a calm spirit to offset the anxiety of the people around us. It is a “**gentle**” wisdom, not crass or mean-spirited. It is not threatened by “**yielding**” in an argument, not because we are wrong, but because **we value the relationship more than being right**.



Our Father’s wisdom displays an abundance of **mercy** to those who offend us or oppose us; we are, after all, merely receivers of His mercy ourselves! It passes when given the opportunity to be **destructively judgmental** of people who are different than us, and it seeks to be **authentically genuine** in every setting.

Leadership in God’s kingdom means resourcing His wisdom when we are confronted with new information, conflicting opinions or corruptive ideas and adjusting our will to His Spirit’s instructions.

ANNUAL MEETING



Annual Spring meeting will be Thursday, April 18 at New Song Fellowship in Virginia Beach. Dinner will begin at 6pm and the meeting will begin at 7pm. More information to come. Mark

your calendars now to attend.

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2024 Pastors'
Wives' Retreat

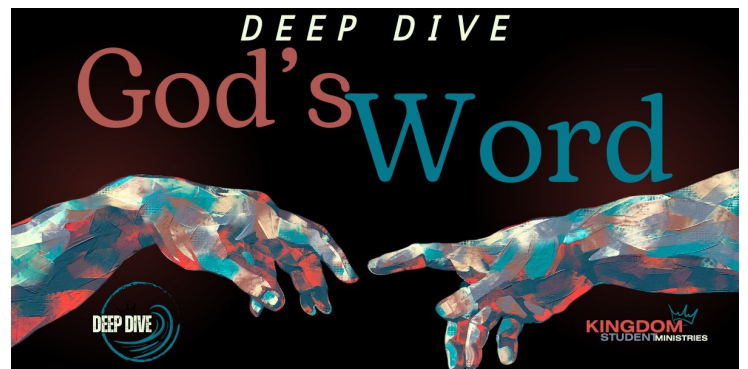
STRENGTHENED TO ENDURE
PHIL. 4:13
A TIME OF FUN, LAUGHTER, ENCOURAGEMENT,
PRAYER, AND SISTERHOOD

6:00 PM, FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

NEW LOCATION:
RESIDENCE INN VB TOWN CENTER
221 BENDIX RD, VIRGINIA BEACH

TO REGISTER FOR THE FREE BANQUET:
CALL 757-938-9793 OR
EMAIL ADMIN@THEBRIDGENET.ORG

TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM:
CALL 757-648-8500 CODE: BNC
ROOM SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
CALL/TEXT KIM 757-572-6134



Deep Dive-God’s Word

All Students are Invited, cost \$10, March 15

6pm-10pm, Great Bridge Baptist Church

Do you have *Questions* about *The Bible*? Questions like... Why only 66 books? Why that order? What about the history of the Bible? How do you read the Bible? For more information, call the church at 757-482-2111. To register a student group or an individual visit:

www.greatbridge.life/students.



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