



# A View From The Bridge

November/December 2025



*We are thankful for your continued dedication,  
support, and partnership in the Gospel.*

## Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas

*Lynn Hardaway, Kim Jessie, Phyllis Wroton,  
Nichole Hensley, David Hensley, and Ken Potter*



...Give thanks in all  
circumstances; for this  
is the will of God in  
Christ Jesus for you.  
*1 Thessalonians 5:18*



## Staff and Spouse Birthdays

|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 4 Terri Combs          | Christ First         |
| 4 Dahlia Cunningham    | GO                   |
| 4 Lisa Hogan           | Journey              |
| 8 Mark Layne           | Parksley             |
| 10 Brenda Parks        | First New Church     |
| 10 Lauren Tremper      | CrossRoads           |
| 10 Jay McCoy           | Discovery            |
| 11 Jeff Conrow         | Lower Northampton    |
| 16 Jake Scott          | Coastal              |
| 17 Rodney Burns        | Christ Chosen        |
| 20 Jonathan Carpenter  | Exmore               |
| 21 Todd Woolston       | Real Life            |
| 22 Andre Chambers      | One Generation       |
| 23 Karen McGoldrick    | Thalia Lynn          |
| 27 Vicki Santos        | Great Bridge Comm.   |
| 28 Richard Castleberry | Great Bridge Baptist |
| 29 Cecelia Hall        | Manna                |
| 29 Randy Chivers       | New Heights          |

Mark  
Your  
Calendar!

### Executive Committee Meeting

January 22nd; 11am

If you are a Network pastor or Lay Representative, this meeting is for you. It will be via Zoom and in the office.

Spaces are limited at the office so please email [admin@thebridgenet.org](mailto:admin@thebridgenet.org) or call 757-938-9793 to reserve your spot.



## Staff and Spouse Birthdays

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Horacio Hall          | Faithway          |
| 3 Jessica Morelos       | Point Harbor      |
| 5 Aaron Dininny         | OV                |
| 5 Russell Fail          | Broadway          |
| 5 Matthew Johnson       | Holland           |
| 7 Renita Burns          | Christ Chosen     |
| 9 Tanya Vega            | Spurgeon          |
| 9 Cheryl Conrow         | Lower Northampton |
| 11 Steve Moses          | Woodland Hts      |
| 17 Caitlin Heffelfinger | Acts 2            |
| 18 Antonio Woolard      | St. Paul          |
| 21 Larry Soblotne       | Whitehead's Grove |
| 21 Doug DeLong          | Eastville         |
| 22 Gail Kohout          | Buford Road       |
| 26 David Pettaway       | Park Place        |

## Toughen Up

Dr. Lynn Hardaway

Mark Batterson, in his book, *Play the Man*, tells the story of how, in 1859, a man with the first name of August left Sweden and came to the United States and found work at a Minnesota sawmill. A horrifying accident (a whirring saw blade tore through his upper torso) left such a gaping hole that one eyewitness said they could see his beating heart!



Half-conscious, August was carried to his house and left clinging to life while he waited for a doctor to arrive. *Three days later* the doctor came, amputated his left arm and stitched up the hole in his chest. Amazingly, the patient didn't scream or cry or even say, "ouch!" He just toughed it out.

It may have been the knowledge of his grandfather's toughness that kept Charles Lindbergh awake through the dark, moonless night as he flew across the Atlantic Ocean sixty-eight years later, on his epic journey from New York to Paris. The world was amazed by his courage and fortitude; newspapers ran 250,000 stories totaling thirty-six million words recounting his flight, which one publication called, "the greatest event since the resurrection!"



Lindbergh had no radio or fuel gauge. He just aimed the plane toward Europe and kept going. Sometimes the plane flew as low as 10 feet above the water, other times as high as 10,000 feet; and, he had to fly through thousands of miles of fog over the ocean!



Serving Christ often asks so much of us, it would be easier to just give up and say, "I can't do it." Or, in exasperation we might say, "I won't do it." But it will be worth the sacrifices and occasional suffering season when we see Jesus face to face!

Highs, lows, fog-filled surroundings – these accompany the life of faith. Fix your eyes on Jesus, who will receive you with open arms, and **keep on flying!**





## November/December Church Events/News/Programs

**Black Creek: November 15th;** 9am-Noon, Brunch, *Prepare Him Room Virtual Event* with Kelly Minter. To Register call 757-562-7745.

**December 14th;** 4pm, *Glorious Light of Christmas* Cantata.

**Burrows Memorial:** Thanksgiving Baskets, 23518 area, **November 24th;** 12-2pm If you or you know of a family in need call the office.

**November 27th;** 12-2pm; Thanksgiving Dinner for the Homeless, First Responders, Military and Veterans. RSVP burrowsbaptist@hrcxmail.com or 757-853-2897.

Donations are accepted for the Christmas Baskets and gifts for homeless children.

**December 14th;** 11:30am; Christmas Cantata, *"Rejoice, With Great Joy"* presented by Burrows Choir. Christmas Baskets, 23518 area, **December 2nd;** 12-2pm. If you or you know of a family in need call the office.

**December 24th;** 6pm, Christmas Eve Service **Great Bridge Baptist:** *Community Christmas Celebration;* **December 12th—14th.**

**London Bridge:** **December 18,** 6:15pm; Matthew West: *Come Home for Christmas* Live on Tour. For tickets go to [www.TPRlive.com](http://www.TPRlive.com)

**New Song Fellowship:** **December 6th;** 10am, *Calling & Conviction* with Dr. Karen Swallow Prior. Register and purchase tickets online at [newsong.live/calling](https://newsong.live/calling).

**Thalia Lynn Baptist Church:** *A Big Band Christmas* with Charles Billingsley. **December 16th;** 7pm. To purchase tickets:

[https://charlesbillingsley.ticketspice.com/charles-billingsley-christmas-concert-virginia-beach?mc\\_cid=656515a863&mc\\_eid=8369f1202d](https://charlesbillingsley.ticketspice.com/charles-billingsley-christmas-concert-virginia-beach?mc_cid=656515a863&mc_eid=8369f1202d).



## PASTORS & WIVES

### *Christmas Dinner*

Eastern Shore  
December 4th; 6pm  
Market Street Grill  
151 Market St.  
Onancock, 23417

Southside  
December 12th; 6:30pm  
Calvary Virginia Beach Church  
4832 Haygood Rd.  
Virginia Beach, 23455  
Deadline December 10th

**No Cost:** Donations accepted for Pastors Mutual Care Fund  
**RSVP:** [admin@thebridgenet.org](mailto:admin@thebridgenet.org) or call 757-938-9793  
Space is limited!



**WOMEN'S  
CONFERENCE**

**FEBRUARY  
28  
2026**

*ReFueled*  
**BY JOY**

THALIA LYNN  
BAPTIST CHURCH



*Mary Margaret*  
**WEST**



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[www.thebridgenet.org/2026-ignite-hope](http://www.thebridgenet.org/2026-ignite-hope)

## Texas Flood Update



Thanks to the amazing generosity of churches in the Network, we raised \$ 30,954.54, to send to the Hill Country Baptist Association, Kerrville, Texas, to help the victims of the Texas floods.

Please continue to pray for those who have been affected by the floods.

MARCH 20 & 21  
2026

**PASTORS'  
WIVES'  
RETREAT**

**JOY**  
*through it*  
**ALL**



[www.thebridgenet.org/pastorswivesretreat2026](http://www.thebridgenet.org/pastorswivesretreat2026)

### **BABY BOUTIQUE**

Between cold weather and the holidays, Baby Boutique is ready to help out our baby population! We offer a "One Time Only" shopping trip for moms in need to get clothing and other available items for their little ones from newborn to age 2. Our clothing only goes up to size 2. Since we operate on donations only, our inventory varies. If you know of someone in your church or community who could use our help, have them go to [www.thebridgenet.org](http://www.thebridgenet.org) and fill out a Baby Boutique application found under our Resource tab. Once submitted we will contact them for an appointment.

We are always happy to receive donations since that's what keeps us up and running and able to help. We accept new and gently used items. There are a few items we do not accept such as cribs, car seats, talcum powder, meds, formula, etc. For more info or a list of what we do and do not accept please contact me directly! Our current needs are size 1 disposable diapers, baby lotions and shampoos, diaper rash cream, infant towels and crib sheets. We sincerely thank everyone who donates because we couldn't do it without you!

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