



# A View From The Bridge

November & December 2023

*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His faithful love endures forever.*

*Psalm 107: 1*

*We are Thankful for You and Your Partnership in the Gospel.*



*Lynn Hardaway*

*Kiddie Jessie*

*Phyllis Winters*

*Darlene*

*Nichole Husley*

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*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

*Luke 2: 14*



## *Merry Christmas!*

*Praying the love of God will fill your heart with joy, the peace of God will fill you with great hope, and the grace of God will go before all your steps this season and all year through.*

*We look forward to working with you, for His glory, in 2024!*

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### November Staff and Spouse Birthdays

4	Terri Combs	Christ First
4	Dahlia Cunningham	GO
4	Lisa Hogan	Journey
8	Andrew Juliot	Eastville
8	Mark Layne	Parksley
10	Brenda Parks	First New Church
10	Lauren Tremper	Crossroads
10	Jay McCoy	Discovery
11	Jeff Conrow	Northampton
17	Rodney Burns	Christ Chosen
20	Jonathan Carpenter	Exmore
21	Todd Woolston	Real Life
22	Andre Chambers	One Generation
23	Karen McGoldrick	Thalia Lynn
28	Richard Castleberry	Great Bridge
29	Cecelia Hall	Manna
29	Randy Chivers	New Heights



### December Staff and Spouse Birthdays

1	Horacio Hall	Faithway
3	Jessica Morelos	Point Harbor
5	Aaron Dininny	OV
5	Russell Fail	Broadway
5	Mathew Johnson	Holland
7	Renita Burns	Christ Chosen
9	Cheryl Conrow	Lower Northampton
16	Jane Clarke	Point Harbor
17	Caitlin Heffelfinger	Acts 2
18	Antonio Woolard	St. Paul
21	Larry Soblotne	Whitehead's Grove
22	Gail Kohout	Buford Road
26	David Pettaway	Park Place

Happy Birthday!

### **WHY OUR FAMILY TITHES (2)**

For our family, being thankful to the Lord for His provision is, by itself, a good enough reason to give a tenth of our income back to Him. But tithing is also a way of acknowledging His ownership of each of us and His Lordship over every aspect of reality.

#### **2. We Tithe in Acknowledgment**

A few months ago, I received a notice in the mail from the city of Chesapeake that one of their cameras had clocked my vehicle going over the speed limit in a school zone. A picture of me driving the vehicle and a close-up of my license plate, along with a photo of the speed, gave incontrovertible proof that I was guilty. The gist of the notice was that my transgression would not go on my driving record and I would not have to appear in court; just send them \$100 and be more careful in observing the speed limit. I could have protested the ticket (some have – and won), but instead, I paid the fine and, in so doing, acknowledged the right of the city to enforce its guidelines.

It is easy to get by without acknowledging God's ownership of the created universe; He does not send out tickets to those who fail to recognize His proprietorship. If He did, our mailboxes would be filled daily with infraction notices! He certainly has the right to fine us every time we say something is "ours," when, in fact, it is His.

Tithing is first mentioned in the story of Abraham's gift to Melchizedek following the recovery of the citizens and wealth of Sodom. The Lord God is acknowledged by both Melchizedek and Abraham as being, "**The Possessor of heaven and earth.**" The tithe was a tangible method of giving God the glory for the victorious battle and of honoring Him as the One to Whom everything belongs.

In today's terms, when we tithe, we are thanking Him for providing us with a job, income, a family, friends, a church while openly affirming that everything is His and not ours to own.

*Lynn Hardaway, Network Missionary*



#### **ISRAEL TRIP**

Due to the conflict in Israel, the trip 50 people from the Network were scheduled to take has been postponed. Please pray for Israel.



## THANK YOU!

Each year it takes multiple resources and individuals to bring Splash Camp to life, and did it ever come to life! The kids continued to show up day after day excited and wanting more. The mission teams were diverse and extremely creative to keep things fresh and alive week after week. We thank God for each of you and for your strategic partnership and amazing efforts to share God's love and His favor with the kids and families in our community.

*Pastor Russell Goodrich and Directors*  
Cape Charles Baptist Church

## THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS OUTREACH IDEAS

The holidays are just a few weeks away; so, now is the time to start planning what to do to reach out to individuals and families with the Gospel Message.

1. Baked goods (mini pumpkin pies, cookies, etc.) delivered to friends, neighbors, singles, widows, widowers, new families, etc.
2. Food baskets and toys for families identified by your local school/social services.
3. Christmas Manger builds for dads (or moms) and their children. <https://dadstools.org/> YouTube videos are also available.
4. Provide a community Thanksgiving/Christmas meal or families can invite military, singles, international students, widows/widowers, etc. to their homes and share Thanksgiving and/or Christmas.
5. Christmas Songs and the Nativity Story shared around a bonfire with smores and hot chocolate or inside with cookies and hot chocolate.
6. Family-friendly Christmas Eve service with the Christmas Story told using children to play the parts. The story is narrated, and the children



- are recruited as they arrive and given simple costumes and cues on when to come forward.
7. Provide a Live Nativity with handouts sharing the story of the first Christmas, provide each family with a nativity ornament or kit, and give out invitations to Christmas Eve services.
8. Provide Chrismon making classes to engage people of all ages with the message of Christmas.

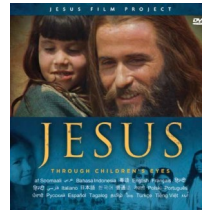


Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas,

*Kim Jessie*

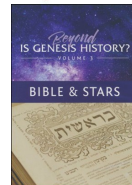
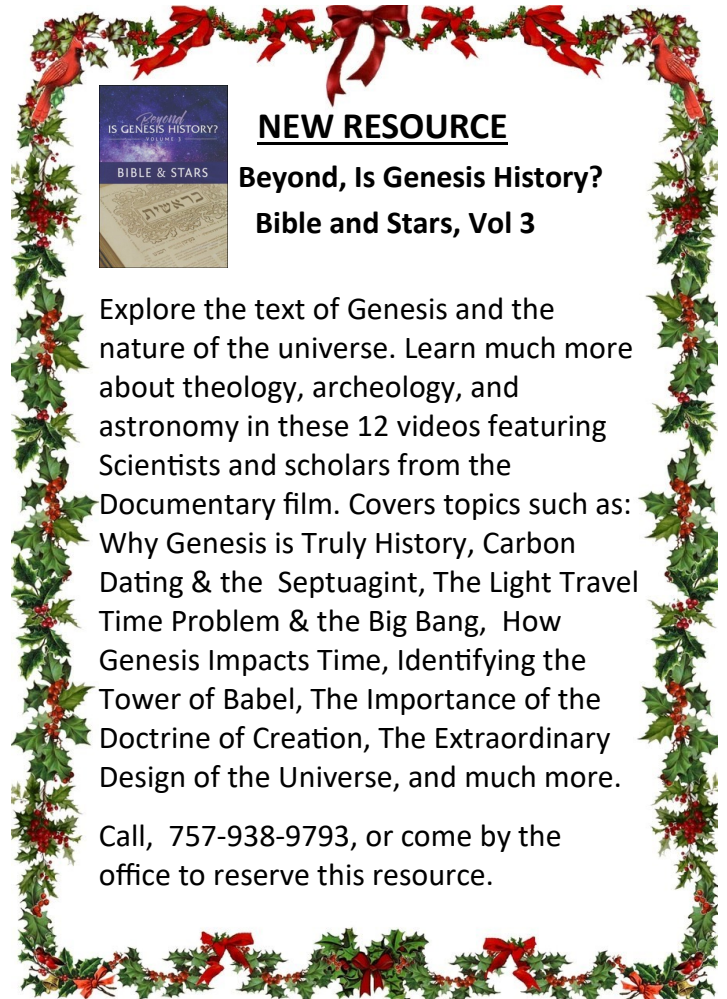
## Hawaii Fires Fund Update

We have received additional donations for the Hawaii wildfires. We have collected and sent \$25,722.46 to the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention to assist the victims of the wildfires. Thank you for your generosity! What a blessing you are to those affected by the fires.



## CHRISTMAS WILL BE HERE SOON!

We have the DVD "Jesus Through Children's Eyes". This one hour movie on the life of Christ, from the book of Luke, is shown in 24 languages. What a great outreach tool for you and your church. It also makes a great Christmas gift for children or include it in a Thanksgiving/Christmas food basket. The cost is \$1. We have limited quantities in the office. You may email [admin@thebridgenet.org](mailto:admin@thebridgenet.org), come by the office, or call 757-938-9793 to purchase a copy.



## NEW RESOURCE

### Beyond, Is Genesis History? Bible and Stars, Vol 3

Explore the text of Genesis and the nature of the universe. Learn much more about theology, archeology, and astronomy in these 12 videos featuring Scientists and scholars from the Documentary film. Covers topics such as: Why Genesis is Truly History, Carbon Dating & the Septuagint, The Light Travel Time Problem & the Big Bang, How Genesis Impacts Time, Identifying the Tower of Babel, The Importance of the Doctrine of Creation, The Extraordinary Design of the Universe, and much more.

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### **BABY BOUTIQUE**



Our blessings at Baby Boutique are bountiful! Our applications have increased and we have been able to help several more families in the last few weeks! And we have been blessed with donations to help fill some of our current needs. God is good, indeed! If you know of someone in your church or neighborhood who could benefit from Baby Boutique, please have them go online to [www.thebridgenet.org](http://www.thebridgenet.org), under the Resource tab fill out the Baby Boutique application or call the office at (757)938-9793 for help. Once we receive the application we will set up an appointment for the visit. We offer a one time visit to help with children from newborn thru about age 2. Our clothing goes up to a size 2.

Thank you again to all who have donated! We rely on donations to keep us going! We are currently in need of items such as pack and plays, high chairs, strollers, small tubs, and bouncy seats, etc. as well as the usual disposable diapers (size newborn-size 6), toiletries, clothes, etc. We accept gently used as well as new items. We do not accept cribs or car seats and a few other items. If you have questions about donations or donation drop off, please feel free to call me directly. Thank you for your continued support!

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