



BRIDGE CHURCH

**KNOW
GOD**

**FIND
FREEDOM**

**DISCOVER
PURPOSE**

**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

A LETTER FROM OUR PASTORS

Church Family,

As we head into August, we are reflecting on some truly amazing summer months here at the Bridge. Pastor Kristine and I have been encouraged to hear from so many of you about how God spoke to and moved in your hearts through the Firm Foundations series. We are believing for so many more beautiful testimonies of breakthrough, redemption, and grace flowing from the way we communicate with each other.

August brings so many exciting things for us as a church. We see the kids go back to school, parents get back into a routine, and new flows and rhythms of fall on the horizon. Please join us in praying for all of our students as they return to school, praying the prayer included in the newsletter.

August also brings the amazing opportunity for us as a church to step further into community with one another. Small Group Expo is this month, and we want to personally challenge each of you to say yes to community this fall by leading or attending a group. It is life changing when we, as a body, meet together. We will have men's, women's, marriage, activity groups, and so much more. We also have our Young Adults Ministry that will begin meeting on Mondays in the fall.

God is moving and shaking things up in our church, and we are grateful to witness the Spirit move in a mighty way each and every day. We pray that we will embrace August, and all that God will do and bring into our lives.

Colossians 4:2 - "Devote yourselves to prayer, with an alert mind and a thankful heart."

Blessings,

Pastor Luc and Pastor Kristine Ashley

AUGUST SCHEDULE

2nd Pray First Saturday (9:00 AM)

3rd Sunday Services (8:15, 10:00, 11:45 AM)
- Growth Track (10:00 AM in MVMT Room)

10th Sunday Services (8:15, 10:00, 11:45 AM)
- Growth Track (10:00 AM in MVMT Room)
- Move up Sunday

11th Back to School

17th Sunday Services (8:15, 10:00, 11:45 AM)
- Growth Track (10:00 AM in MVMT Room)

20th MVMT "KICKOFF" Night (6:30 PM)
- Move up night for incoming 6th graders

21st Child Dedication Class (6:30 PM)

24th Sunday Services (8:15, 10:00, 11:45 AM)
- Child Dedication Sunday

27th MVMT (6:30 PM)

31st Sunday Services (8:15, 10:00, 11:45 AM)
- Small Group Expo

WHATS GOING ON AT THE BRIDGE?

BRIDGE KIDS

Wow! The summer has flown by back in Bridge Kids! We spent our time at Camp Epic and in Sunday Classes learning how to live and love like Jesus. Now, we are starting a series that will take your kiddos through the Bible from the beginning, in the book of Genesis. We cannot wait to bring the Old Testament stories to life for your families. We will also be having our Move Up Sunday on August 10th. This will be our last Sunday for our outgoing sixth graders! Be sure to grab a photo by the playground before moving on to middle school! This will also be the day our Kinder, First, and Third graders will move into their next classrooms! We cannot wait to start another wonderful school year with your kids!

Pastor Holly

SMALL GROUPS

Preperations for the Fall Small Group Semester are officially underway, and we are excited for all that God has in store! As we step into August, we look ahead to August 31st, which marks the date of our Small Group Expo during all three services. At the Expo, you will be able to find the small group that best fits you, whether that is an activity group that helps you find community, or an in-depth study that helps you grow spiritually.

There is still time to sign up to lead a group! So, if God places it on your heart, stop by the CONNECT HUB to sign up!

Pastor Josh

MVMT

Dear Church Family,
I hope you have enjoyed your summer! We have loved getting to know so many of you while stepping into this role at The Bridge. As we turn the page toward August, I wanted to share a quick update on what's coming up for our student ministry. We'll be taking a short break at the start of the month to provide a time of rest —NO gatherings on Wednesday, August 6 or Wednesday, August 13. These two weeks will give our leaders and students a chance to recharge as we gear up for a fresh and exciting new school year. Our FIRST student night back will be Wednesday, August 20, and we couldn't be more excited to reconnect with everyone and for all that God has in store! Please join me in praying for all of our students as they begin this new school year. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We're looking forward to all that God will do in this next season!

Pastor Ridge

BACK TO SCHOOL

August 11th



**SMALL GROUP
EXPO
August 31st**

DREAM TEAM HIGHLIGHT



SAM SHAPIRO

Sam Shapiro is a bright light in this church and in our community. To know her is to love her! On a Sunday morning, you can usually find Sam back in Bridge Kids helping out with the 3rd-5th graders, teaching them about Jesus and loving them right where they are. She also serves as a small group leader and has a beautiful passion for others to see and experience the love of Jesus. Sam is a leader in the community and a leader in this church, and we are so grateful for this wonderful woman of God.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

The DREAM TEAM is our incredible volunteers! There are various areas within the church in which they serve and help out. They truly keep the church running beautifully for people to come in on Sundays and experience the hope and love of Jesus. If you'd like more information on how you can get involved,, meet us in the CONNECT HUB or visit bridgechurchfl.com for more information!



NEED PRAYER?

Our heart here at the Bridge Church is to be able to intercede and come alongside you in prayer. If you need prayer, you can visit the CONNECT HUB and talk with a DREAM TEAM member there, or you can text "PRAY" to 941-281-3344, and you will receive a link to a digital form you can fill out. Someone from our prayer team will then reach out to you.

A PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS

God,

We thank you that in Christ, the children we love are never alone. Thank you for watching over them, caring for them, and giving your angels charge over them. I pray they submit each step the take and decision they make to you, and that You'll empower them with the fruit of your Holy Spirit in every activity and interaction.

In the Mighty name of Jesus, we stand against all attacks of anxiety, disordered thinking, self-loathing, and discouragement towards the children of this community. We pray You will preserve their childlike faith, innocence, safety, and perserverance. God, You are good and You have created our children for good worls. Please give them enjoyment and satisfaction in their daily tasks. When they come against obstacles, we pray they will not give up, but instead cling to you, and trust you to see them through. Empower our children with truth, help them to learn, inspire them to be creative, and fill them with joy. We pray your light shine through them as a ray of hope to those around them.

In Jesus' name, amen.

WITH SYMPATHY

Psalm 143:7 "He heals the brokenhearted, and binds their wounds."

Karen Kennedy in the loss of her mother, Beverly Ruis in the loss of her mother-in-law.