



# BRIDGE CHURCH

## ANNUAL REPORT



Where barriers become bridges.

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTORS

For the first time in our church's history, we are excited and grateful to share what we're calling our Annual Report. Our goal is to celebrate what God is doing in our church, provide transparency and clarity on our church finances, and cast vision for the upcoming year.

This February will mark our 29<sup>th</sup> year as a church, and in March we'll arrive at our first full year with our new name, Bridge Church. We look back to honor the past and thank God for his faithfulness. We look forward with hope and renewed vision for what God has in store for each of us personally and together as a church family.

We want to express our deep gratitude to all who contribute to the life of our church:

Our Board of Directors (Elders) meet monthly to pray, review financial statements, and consider long-term ideas and projects.

We are grateful for our staff team—pastoral, administrative, and building staff—who faithfully serve and equip our community. Through their efforts, barriers are coming down and bridges are being built in our church family and our surrounding communities.

To our volunteer Team Leaders—worship team, media, livestream, coffee bar, safety, prayer, children's, welcome, ushers, financial, Celebrate Recovery, Youth Life Night, and Small Group Leaders—Thank you! Your consistent generosity and service help provide a safe community where life change can happen throughout the year.

We have so much to be grateful for. Our prayer is that we will each continue to take steps forward on our journey with Jesus, and that we will fulfill the mission of our church to Be with Jesus, Become like Him, and Build Bridges for others to do the same. Together, let's discover and walk in the purpose God has created for each of us.

Blessings,  
Kolbe and Rachel

*We look back with gratitude  
and forward with hope.*



# CHURCHWIDE SERVICES

Here's a numerical picture of our weekly Sunday reach!

## ◆ Attendance & Guests

- Average Sunday in person: 201
- Easter Sunday: 355
- Family Christmas: 260
- First time guest cards: 118
- Guest gift boxes sent: 48

## ◆ Volunteers & Breakfast

- Total volunteers: 136
- Average Sunday: 47
- Cups of coffee made: 3,768
- Pigs & Donuts: 3,744

## ◆ Sunday Topics

- Faith Forward
- Shaped to Serve
- Bridge Builders
- Our Mission
- I'm Mad & I Don't Know What to do About it
- Fruit of the Spirit
- Hosea
- Bridge Beginnings
- Ekklesia
- The Theology of Generosity
- The Line (Before & After Jesus)



## BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

- ▶▶▶ Media Booth remodel
- ▶▶▶ LED Wall
- ▶▶▶ Multi-purpose building update
- ▶▶▶ Pavilion lights updated to LED

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

Dear Bridge Church Family,

I am writing this note to you on behalf of the Elder Board. I am happy to be a part of our first ever Annual Report, a report that will be integral to our Christian experience here at Bridge. I believe the information provided will be a great way to stay informed about the business side of our church, as well as the vision of our pastors.

I am excited about where we are in God's plan for our church in La Grange and the surrounding communities. We live in a time when accountability and transparency are so important at every level, and our aim is to keep those attributes central in the journey God has laid out for us.

During the last year, we have renamed our church and refined some of our goals. I believe we do a great job interacting with guests, which is vitally important since we want to be known as a welcoming church. A positive personal conversation emphasizes our interest in those who enter our doors. Let's keep it up! In Psalm 133:1, David says, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity." What a great goal for each of us!

It's difficult to truly get to know someone in the few minutes we have after a Sunday service. Getting involved in church activities creates space for meaningful relationships to grow. Bridge is known for serving our community, and outreach has always been central to who we are. We also prioritize our youth and children's ministries, recognizing them as both our future and a vital part of our mission. Being involved in these areas helps members build deeper, more personal connections with one another.

Finances are probably our biggest focus in this report, and are what allows us to continue reaching out to both our members and those who don't yet know Christ. Operating income is derived from tithes and offerings, which are our "TREASURES," and one of our four "T's." The other three "T's" hold equal importance: giving our TIME, TALENTS, and TESTIMONY. There are plenty of opportunities for each of these. Volunteers at Bridge are vital to our continued success and are so appreciated. The importance of our volunteers cannot be overstated!

Finally, it is my pleasure to serve on our board with Don Maschmeyer, Thrina McCarty, and our pastors. Each brings something unique to the table, but the decisions reached are for the good of the church and in accordance with God's will. I will leave you with this word of encouragement from 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are already doing." And fitting right in with that is our mission: *Be with Jesus, Become like Him, and Build bridges for others to do the same!*

God bless you all,

Bruce Frenzel  
Bridge Elder Board

# FINANCIALS

We are careful to be honorable before the Lord, but we also want everyone else to see that we are honorable.

2 Corinthians 8:21

## ASSETS + DEBT

Checking & Savings:	\$131,990
Buildings & Property:	\$867, 801
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>\$999,792</b>
<b>Debt (Rent House):</b>	<b>\$138,080</b>

## INCOME + EXPENSES

Income:	\$610,718
Rent House Income:	\$18,000
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$628,718</b>
Expenses	
Personnel:	\$356,040
Missions & Outreach:	\$55,253
Facility:	\$39,205
Ministry Operations:	\$167,491
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$617,989</b>
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>\$10,729</b>

*Matthew 6:33*

*Seek the Kingdom of  
God above all else, and  
live righteously, and he  
will give you everything  
you need.*

# COMMUNITY + DISCIPLESHIP

In 2025, we celebrated baptisms, launched Bridge Beginnings and Bridge U, and walked together through spiritual formation opportunities like Emotional Healthy Spirituality.

## SMALL GROUPS

- Number of groups (Fall 2025): **7**
- Group Leaders: **11**
- Group Members: **98**

## TOPICS EXPLORED

- Understanding Revelation
- It is Finished: The power and necessity of the cross throughout the Bible
- Peacemakers: A Biblical guide to resolving personal conflict
- Letting go of fear and anxiety
- Prayer

## WINTER/SPRING GROUP

- Two Roads and Crazy Making Studies from True Face
- We learned how to live as our authentic self in Christ.

## SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

- Making Your Case for Christ
- We learned to articulate the evidence for the biblical record of Christ as well as the facts pointing to the reality of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

## BECOMING LIKE JESUS

- Salvation Packets Mailed: **15**
- Completed Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Course: **10**
- Filled out a Connect Card: **51**
- Water Baptisms: **13**
- Celebrate Recovery Attendees: **23**
- New Volunteers: **14**

# MISSIONS + LOCAL OUTREACH

Total Amount Given: \$55,253

We believe the Church is called to reach beyond its walls. We partner with local and global ministries and missions that bring hope, healing, and connection, helping people grow closer to God and each other.



## LOCAL OUTREACH

- Movie Nights on the Square
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party
- Back to School Teacher's Event
- Fayette Co. Fair Parade
- LG Football Team Meal
- Trick or Treat on the Square
- The Well Homeschool Group
- AMEN Food Drive
- Country Way Village Easter
- Faith Based Newspaper Articles
- City Council Meeting Prayer
- La Grange Area Ministerial Alliance
- Weekly Fayette County Jail Meeting

## GLOBAL OUTREACH

- Operation Christmas Child
- Convoy of Hope
- Revive Israel
- The Voice of the Martyrs
- Phillip Baker Ministries
- ELIC
- Carla Mansee (Mexico)

# CHILDREN + YOUTH

We believe children and youth are not just the next generation, they are the *now* generation, and we take very seriously the task of teaching young people about Jesus. Bible lessons are presented in a way that is relevant to each age group, so they can learn and be strengthened in their journey with Jesus.

## ◆ Sunday Morning Classes

- Nursery (0-2)
- 2-3 year olds
- 4 years old - Kindergarten
- 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Average weekly number of children: **23**

## ◆ Youth Life Night

- 1<sup>st</sup> grade through high school
- Wednesdays 6:30 - 8 PM
- Provided food each week
- Total students reached: **143**
- Volunteers: **13**
- Average weekly student attendance: **50**

## ◆ Special Events

- Youth Summer Camp
- Children's Summer Camp
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Christmas Parties
- Youth Girls Summer Bible Study
- Christmas Children's Choir



# JOIN THE TEAM



We believe every person is called to make a difference. One way to discover how you can use your gifts at Bridge is to try different teams until you find out what's right for you. When you join a team, you put your gifts into action and become part of something bigger than yourself.



For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

Our church is better with you! The following teams are accepting new volunteers to help build bridges to the people God is bringing to our church.

**Worship:** Musicians and vocalists who want to point others to Jesus through meaningful music.

**Livestream:** Help create our online "front door" by engaging and welcoming people watching from anywhere.

**Media (sound, lights, lyrics):** Serve behind the scenes to help create an excellent worship experience through sound, lighting, and lyrics.

**Coffee Bar:** Create a warm first impression with friendly smiles and great coffee.

**Safety:** Help provide a safe, calm environment so everyone can worship with peace of mind.

**Children's:** Invest in young people by helping them build a strong foundation of faith.

**Welcome:** Be a friendly face that helps everyone feel seen and valued.

**Cleaning:** Make our space sparkle for Sundays, providing an excellent environment.

# FUTURE VISION

As we celebrate all that God has done over this past year, we step into 2026 with expectation for all that He is still going to do. We believe this will be a year of more—more salvations, more healing, more growth, more engagement, more steps of faith, and more generosity.

But we also sense that this is a year of preparation. God is preparing us for what He has already prepared for us. So our focus this year is not simply on getting bigger, but on getting better—becoming the kind of church that is ready to steward what God brings.

That means intentionally looking at every area of our church and asking honest questions: What barriers are holding us back? What needs to grow, strengthen, or change? From our leadership to our teams, from our systems to our spaces, we want to be a church marked by health, excellence, and faithfulness.



Our heart is to make our church the best possible environment for people to encounter God and take their next step of faith. And as we commit ourselves to getting better, we trust that God will take care of the bigger—bringing the increase in His time and His way.

# FUTURE VISION + GOALS

*Isaiah 40:3-5, A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together..."*

**"Prepare the way for the Lord"**: God reveals His glory where His people prepare a path.

**"Every valley shall be raised up"**: Low standards are made excellent.

**"Every mountain and hill made low"**: Barriers are made into bridges.

**"The rough ground will become level"**: Difficult made easy, friction replaced with flow.

**"The rugged places a plain"**: Confusing made simple, complicated made clear.

**"And the glory of the Lord will be revealed"**: When we prepare what we *can*, God reveals what we *can't*. Our responsibility is readiness - His response is glory.

**"And all people will see it together"**: This isn't about *one* of us; it's about all of us being prepared to carry what God is doing.

## Tech Updates

- Sound Upgrade
- Lighting Upgrade
- Livestream Upgrade
- Children's computers

## Facility Maintenance

- Playground Shade
- Landscaping & Tree Trimming
- Repair Cedar Creek Sign

## Advertising

- Billboards
- Social Media Ads

## Personnel

- Youth Leader
- Sound/Tech
- Social Media