

# LOVE. GROW. SERVE. GO.

# step**ONE**

# I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT TO THE FULLEST.

JOHN 10:10

# WELCOME TO FIRST STEPS!

We're glad you've chosen to find out more about The Breaux Bridge Pentecostals! Today is the basic introduction to what we value as a church family. Since we have members from many different church backgrounds, today was designed to clearly explain who we are and what we value.

FIRST STEPS guides you to discover your purpose and live the life God created for you. FIRST STEPS is made up of four steps that equip you to follow Jesus, connect to the church, discover your purpose, and serve others.

# *stepONE – WHO WE ARE*

Step One happens the first Sunday of every month in The Bridge Administrative Building Multipurpose Room. Today, you'll hear The Bridge's story and find out what we're all about. At the end, you'll get a chance to become a member of this amazing family!

# *stepTWO –* WHO YOU ARE

Discover your personality and gifts and see how they indicate your purpose in life and your best fit in ministry. We believe everyone was created with a Godgiven purpose, and one of the reasons we exist as a church is to help you discover that purpose and get plugged in to it. Step Two happens the second Sunday of every month in The Bridge Administrative Building Multi-purpose Room.

# *stepTHREE – WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT HERE*

Explore the ministry focus of The Bridge and find out what makes us unique. We use Step Three to answer some important questions that you're probably already asking! Step Three happens the third Sunday of every month in The Bridge Administrative Building Multipurpose Room.

# step**FOUR** – JOIN THE TEAM

We want to get you connected to a team as quickly as possible...because there's nothing as fulfilling as making a difference in someone else's life! Connect to the opportunities available at The Bridge to live out your purpose and serve others by using your gifts. Step Four happens the fourth Sunday of every month in The Bridge Administrative Building Multi-purpose Room.

# OUR PRAYER FOR YOU

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people."

Ephesians 1:17-18

# **OUR STORY**

The story of the Breaux Bridge Pentecostals has humble beginnings. In 1922, Rev. J. Lacour came to the Bayou Teche area preaching the Gospel, expounding upon the Oneness of God, the Acts 2:38 message, and the subsequent outpouring of the Holy Ghost.



It was in those revivals that two brothers, Raphal and George d'Augereau, along with their wives, Oscalie and Estellina Benoit d'Augereau, and their children, Israel and Lucille, received this truth-filled message. The Holy Ghost fire soon spread and when Lazaire Patin and Fernand Green, with their wives Isabelle d'Augereau Patin and Ida d'Augereau Green, joined with the d'Augereau family, a church was established. This small group of faithful believers met in fellowship and worship until a quaint church building was erected off Main Highway on land generously donated by Raphal.

Although many anointed men of God traveled to the area to minister to these precious saints, there was no official pastorate for nearly 20 years when God sent Rev. Cousin to lead the assembly. His ministry was followed by Rev. Luke Trosclair, Rev. Wilbert Lorman, Rev. C.C. Williams, Rev. Brown, and Rev. Norbert Benoit as the church continued on in His Holy Name. During the course of the 1960s, the church experienced steady growth from 25 members under the leadership of deacon Harry d'Augereau, Sr. Due to the tremendous work of God and increase in attendance, the growing congregation decided to construct a larger building to not only accommodate those faithful and dedicated saints who had already received the message, but also in anticipation of those whom God would lead. After the building project was completed, God continued to work through the ministries of Rev. C.E. Cooley, Rev. Wayne Hagan, Rev. T.C. Alexander, Rev. Roy Thompson, and Rev. E.O. Douglas.

In 1977, Rev. Tommy Parker and his wife Dorothy assumed pastorship of the church. During their leadership, the church elected to move the existing church structure to a new property on the same highway, which Emma Lou LaCombe, a great niece of the founding church members, generously provided. With the addition of a new sanctuary, the Sunday School department was able to use the original building for their teaching and programs. Despite the new building, revival continued and numbers grew so steadily that the congregation constructed a larger building accommodating 200 members in 1981. The two former sanctuary buildings are still in use today as multi-purpose space and houses our Bridge Kids ministry.

In 1988 the position of Pastor was transferred to Rev. Lindsay Long and his wife Nancy. Their capable leadership enabled the congregation to implement many improvements to the sanctuary and property, and welcomed even more growth during their 22 years of pastoral service. The remarkable example of dedicated servanthood and Apostolic authority the Longs followed helped usher the church into its present era, enabling for an easy pastoral transition upon their retirement, and setting the stage for God to do a great and unprecedented work in the area.

In 2010, current pastor Rev. Jonathan Haygood and his wife Julie began their tenure at the Breaux Bridge Pentecostals. Tremendous growth continued during their ministry, necessitating many renovations, which have created the church as seen today. The Haygood's drive for Apostolic and Biblical accuracy has generated many new programs that have increased the ability for the church to minister to the community and beyond!

Even with the congregation moving forward with the vision God has given, the church still has deeply connected roots to its past. Nearly a century after the original d'Augereau brothers received the gift of the Holy Ghost, approximately 20 of their decedents are still dedicated members. With its roots deep set in the days when the glory first fell, the Breaux Bridge Pentecostals are growing upward, serving the community and experiencing revival as God continues to move greatly along the bayou.

Today, over three hundred people attend the weekend services. God is at work at The Bridge. We invite you to see for yourself how exciting church can be when the focus is simple and people are free to go after God with passion!

# YOUR STORY

The focus of The Bridge is four-part:

- 1. <u>LOVE</u>God.
- 2. <u>GROW</u>in Faith.
- 3. <u>SERVE</u>others.
- 4. <u>GO</u> change the world.

# THIS IS THE DNA of THE BRIDGE: LOVE-GROW-SERVE-GO

# step**ONE**

# LOVE GOD: Attend Weekly Services

Our Love for God is not confined to any one day of the week, but we express it publicly at Sunday Services, Monday Prayer and Tuesday at Mid-Week as a family of believers! We set aside these days to emphasize our love for God through worship and community.

At these Services, we:

- 1. <u>WORSHIP</u>: We "praise God in the sanctuary." (Psalm 150:1)
- 2. <u>CONNECT</u> with the Body of Christ. Scripture says that only iron can sharpen iron. (Proverbs 27:17). So when we connect with one another, we grow stronger.

- 3. <u>HEAR</u> the preached Word of God. Faith comes by hearing, hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17).
- 4. <u>PRAY</u> together. It's important to pray in private, but there's something altogether different when we pray together. In Acts 4, when a group of believers gathered in a second floor room, the place was shaken by their prayers.

# step**TWO**

# GROW IN FAITH: Join a Bridge Group

There are two things we need as believers — First, we need to sense that we are a part of something bigger than ourselves. Second, we need to sense that we are impacting others in close relationships.

In Acts 2 when the first church was born and throughout the Book of Acts, we see the power of meeting in small groups:

- "So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." (Acts 2:46-47)
- "[They met] daily in the temple and in every house." (Acts 5:42)
- "I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house." (Acts 20:20)

# Reasons Bridge Groups Are Important

Bridge Groups provide opportunities for:

- 1. <u>Bible Study</u>: I need people to strengthen and balance the Word of God in my life.
- 2. <u>Fellowship:</u> I need people who know the real me.
- 3. <u>Prayer:</u> I need people to pray for me personally.
- 4. <u>Support</u>: I need people who will protect me.
- 5. <u>Outreach</u>: I need people with whom I can share my story.

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." John 13:34-35 (NLT)

# HOW BRIDGE GROUPS WORK

Our Bridge Groups meet regularly in places all around our city, parish and region and provide a place for you to connect, grow, and discuss the issues and challenges of life. Regardless of your age, interest, or location, we are sure there is a group out there for you. Bridge Groups are also where we pray, care for one another, and are missed if we don't show up! If you would like to join a Bridge Group, simply visit our website and check out the online directory of groups or visit with the Bridge Groups Directors or any of the First Steps staff. We would love for you to get connected.

There are three things you should know about Bridge Groups:

#### 1. They are "Free Market" groups.

Our groups are as varied as we are; group leaders use their gifts and passions to create a group that allows others to join with them in serving God. Whatever the age, interest, or location there is a group that is just right for you!

#### 2. We have up to three semesters every year.

New groups start and stop up to three times a year – thirteen weeks in the spring, six weeks in the summer, and another thirteen weeks in the fall depending on the small group. Each semester is kicked off with an on-site and online registration period accompanied by a new small group directory.

#### 3. You can host a group.

We believe that everyone has areas of strength and gifting that could benefit others. The first step in becoming a Bridge Group leader is to submit an application and attend the Bridge Group Leader Training. These classes are offered throughout the year to give you an overview of what it takes to start a group. You'll discover that it's easier than you think.

# stepTHREE

# **SERVE OTHERS:** Complete First Steps

"One Another" is found 59 times in the 27 books of the New Testament. Jesus wants us to know the responsibility we have one to another: that we should care for one another—serve one another.

But, how? How do I do this?

First Steps answers these questions. The First Steps journey is where you can discover the unique gifts God has given you — and how you can use those gifts to serve others.

# step**FOUR**

# GO CHANGE THE WORLD: Join the Dream Team.

The Bridge Dream Team is the core of our church! Every person who serves in any of the more than twenty-five Bridge ministry teams is part of ONE team: the Dream Team.

A well-known minister often says, "If you lean your ladder up against the wrong building, you can climb all you want but never arrive at the place you wish to be."

You have to lean the ladder in the right place. And what's the right place? Making a difference in the life of others. And we do that at The Bridge through the Dream Team.

Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. (Philippians 2:4)

This is the DNA of The Bridge. This is the four part spiritual journey of every believer. So allow us to welcome you to a journey to find the best you that you can be. Welcome to The Bridge family!

# tellme**MORE**

# THE BRIDGE MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Being in agreement with the values and ideas presented in First Steps, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the The Bridge family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I will protect the unity of my church:

By acting in love toward other members.

By refusing to gossip.

By trusting and following the leaders.

"So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up." Romans 14:19 (NLT)

"May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus." Romans 15:5

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs." Ephesians 4:29 (NIV) "Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you." Hebrews 13:17

2. I will share the responsibility of my church:

By praying for its growth.

By inviting the unchurched to attend.

By warmly welcoming those who visit.

"To the church...we give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers." 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2

"Go out into the highways...and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." Luke 14:23

"Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us to the glory of God." Romans 15:7

3. I will fulfill the purpose of my church:

By discovering my gifts and talents.

By being equipped to serve by my pastor.

By developing a servant's heart.

By reaching out to others.

"As each one has received a gift, minister to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." 1 Peter 4:10 "He gave...some to be pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry." Ephesians 4:11-12

"Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: ...but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:" Philippians 2:4-5, 7 (KJV)

4. I will support the testimony of my church:

By attending church and small groups faithfully.

By living a godly life.

By giving regularly.

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:42

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...exhorting one another." Hebrews 10:25

"Let your conduct be worthy of the Gospel of Christ." Philippians 1:27

"On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper." 1 Corinthians 16:2 (LB)

"A tithe of all the land is the Lord's, and it is holy." Leviticus 27:30

# tellme**MORE**

# SEVEN WAYS THE FIRST CHURCH REVEALED THEIR LOVE FOR GOD

1. They experienced the new birth.

"Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." (John 3:5)

2. They shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Kingdom of God has come, and through Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection, we can be restored to relationship with Him!

"Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)

3. They anticipated the soon coming of Jesus Christ.

"Our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to himself." (Philippians 3:20-21)

4. They lived differently than unbelievers.

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Thessalonians 5:23).

5. They believed Jesus is God.

"Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory." (I Timothy 3:16)

6. They gathered in small groups during the week in houses.

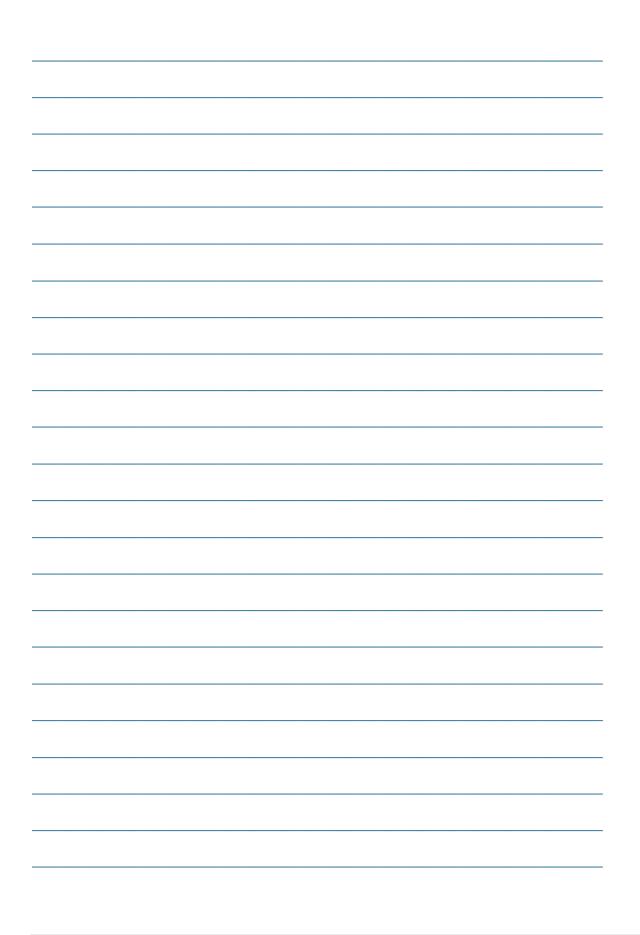
"I did not shrink back from declaring anything that was helpful to you as I taught you publicly and from house to house." (Acts 20:20)

7. They gathered together for worship.

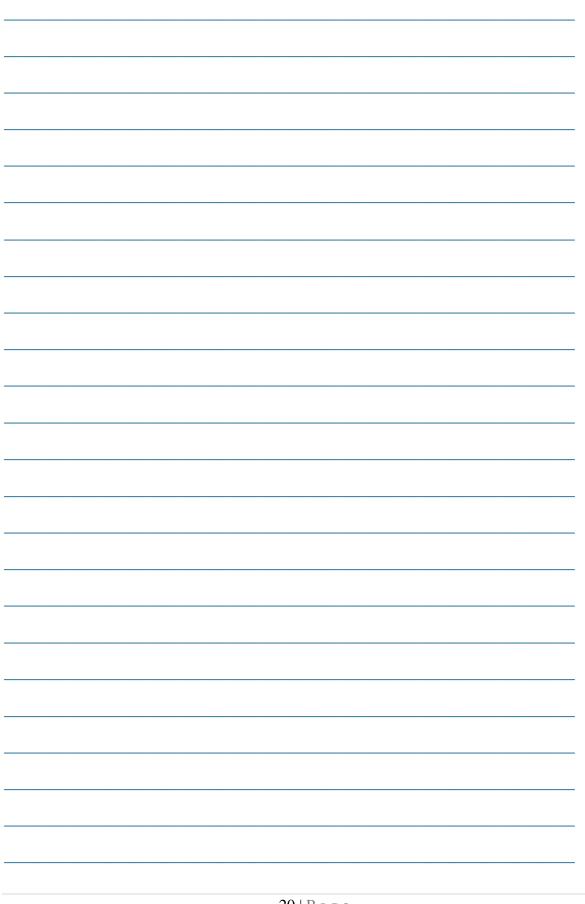
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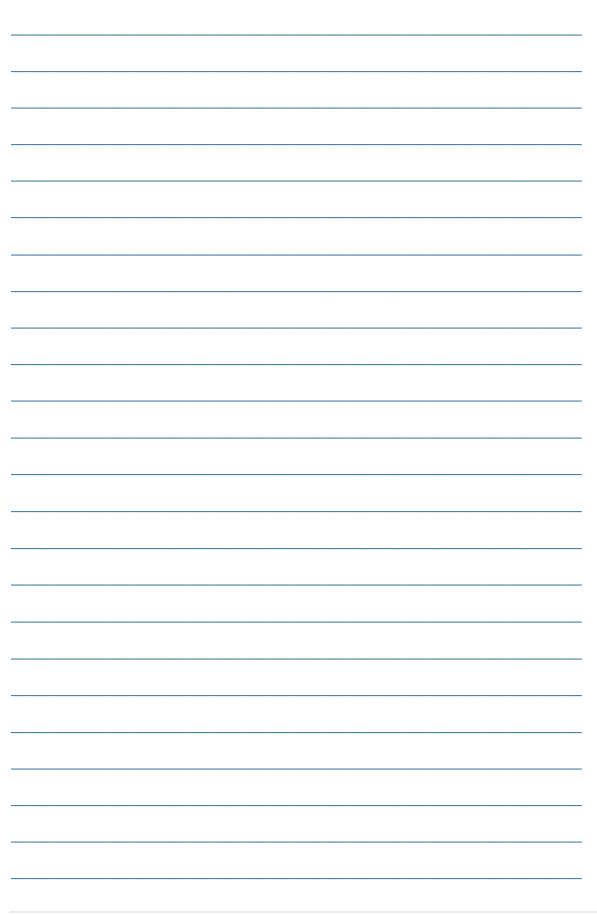
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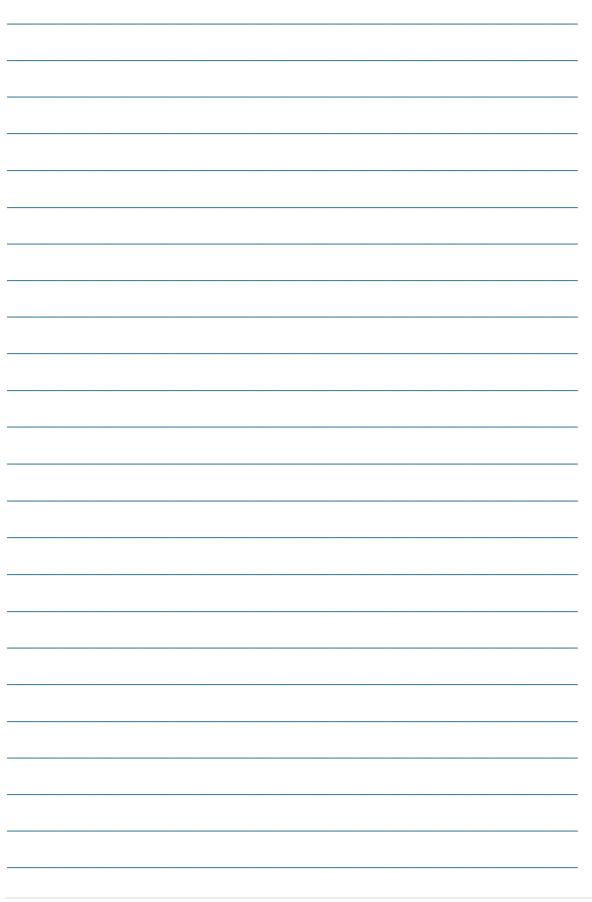












# APPENDICES

# APPENDIX 1:

## ANSWER KEY

Pg. 52: Spirit-Filled, Helper, Teacher Pg. 53: Bible-Based, Accept, Receive, Respond, Others-Focused Pg. 54: Vision-Driven, Giving, Time, Talent, Treasure Pg. 56: Joyful, Honor

Pg. 65: Family

Pg. 66: Lifeline, Foundation, Place

Pg. 67: Connection, Relationships, Honor, Celebration

# APPENDIX 2:

**Attendance Team:** Join this team if you have a passion for record keeping and help us keep accurate records of attendance and provide reports for service counts!

**Baptismal Team:** This team works behind the scenes to ensure the baptistery area is ready each service for baptisms and provides assistance for those wishing to be baptized.

**Beautification Team:** This team works diligently behind the scenes to maintain a spirit of excellence in every area of our church. If you like making sure the House of God is clean and neat inside and out then this team is for you!

**Bereavement & Benevolence Team:** This team ministers to our members when they welcome new babies, experience sickness, surgeries, loss of family members or other life events that may happen. If you like to assist in sending plants/gifts, funeral preparation, serving meals on site, providing hospitality or support on behalf of the church to those in need, then this ministry is for you!

**Bible Study Team:** This team offers Bible Studies by reaching out to new converts and other interested people and presenting the Gospel in comfortable spaces whether that be in homes, coffee shops or restaurants.

**Bridge Group Leadership:** We believe that real life change takes place in the context of relationships. As a Bridge Group Leader, you have the greatest opportunity to connect with others, fulfill your passions, develop your gifts and live out the Great Commission.

**Bridge Kids:** This team welcomes families as they arrive at our Kids areas and facilitates the check-in process that ensures children are cared for effectively and efficiently. They create an environment where children are consistently exposed to the real love of Jesus. They intentionally invest in the lives of our children through worship, action songs, puppet shows, Bible lessons, skits, games and more.

**Bridge Students:** Join the team that is building the next generation where you will encounter dynamic student worship services and experiences and life-changing activities!

**Chair Management Team:** Join the team that is responsible for ensuring our facilities are ready to go for the next service or event!

**Creative Content Team:** Join this team if you are interested in photography and/or social media! There are lots of opportunities to assist with social media posts, videography and other fun things to ensure that our social media presence reflects to the best of our ability the spirit of our services, as well as, the mission and calling of our church!

**Data Entry Team:** If you like inputting information into various software including Word, Excel, Planning Center, Basecamp, etc. you will love serving in this area!

**Décor & Event Planning Team:** If you have a knack for decorating then this team is for you! Not only will you have the opportunity to showcase your decorating skills, but you can put your organizational expertise to the test by managing any one of our many events and special occasions throughout the year!

**Facebook Live Team:** This is ministry through Facebook to members nearby and guests from afar. We love posts and respond with care to those who watch our services and events live online!

**First Steps Team:** This team greets guests and provides materials and assistance throughout our four First Steps classes which are held on Sunday morning in our Admin Building.

**Follow-up Team:** This team follows-up with all guests to The Bridge through bringing a gift to their home and sharing our appreciation for their visit; encouraging them to visit again.

**Greeter Team:** This friendly team loves people and makes them feel at home here at The Bridge. They welcome guests with a smile, encouragement, and personal touch so that hearts are open to the Gospel message.

**Instagram Team:** If you enjoy capturing great footage within each service that gets posted via stories on Instagram then this team is for you!

**Livestream Team:** If your comfort zone is behind the scenes then helping run our service livestream may be just the place for you! This position requires being tech savvy and having an aptitude for music.

**Lyrics Team:** If you enjoy ministering by way of posting lyrics to songs, scriptures for messages and multimedia items via projector screens through our Pro Presenter software in a timely fashion to the congregation then this is the right place for you!

**Meal Train Team:** This team ministers to church families in need by preparing a meal (to be delivered) for during hard times or happy times, such as an extensive surgery recovery or welcoming a new bundle of joy.

**Medic Team:** Do you have medical training and/or experience? Then this team may be a good fit! Our Medic Team helps in times of medical emergency during services and/or events.

**Mics & Packs Team:** This team helps ensure microphones and audio packs are ready to go for each service. If you like to assist behind the scenes, then this job is for you!

**Ministerial Care Team:** If you like preparing and delivering gift bags and baskets for visiting ministers and special guests then this team is for you!

**Parking Team:** This fun and enjoyable team is truly the first impression of The Bridge! If you relish the great outdoors, can rock a safety vest, and enjoy telling people where to go with a smile, this is the team for you! **Photography Team:** If you like capturing great moments, memories and fresh content for our church through the lens of a camera then this team is for you!

**Pop Sign Team:** This Team energetically welcomes members and guests as they arrive for our Sunday services.

**Sanitization Team:** This team keeps our facilities sanitized during and after services. Serving opportunities include regular services, conferences and special events!

**Security Team:** Do you have a desire to help keep our facilities safe and secure during worship services and special events? Then this team might be for you!

**Service Translation Team:** This team greets, answers questions, and assists with translation for guests who do not speak English. If you're fluent in Spanish, or another language along with English, consider serving here!

**Setup/Tear Down Team:** This team helps to setup and tear down tables, chairs and anything needing to be relocated, as needed, for overall layout of events. Prepare for a little heavy lifting before or after services and/or special events!

**Sound Team:** Bring your creativity and tech savvy to this team that reaches thousands by delivering the Word and worship through audio engineering.

**Transportation Ministry:** This team reaches the community by providing transportation to and from weekly services for families with transportation difficulties.

**Usher Team:** These mighty men and women prepare people for a positive worship experience by welcoming and assisting them to a seat, facilitating the offering and maintaining a distraction-free environment.

**Videography Team:** If you like using your creativity through videography then this team might be for you! Our Videography Team helps to capture video footage, edit footage and present it in a polished manner of our services, special services and events.

# APPENDIX 3:

# PRAYER GUIDE

...Your kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven... Matthew 6:10

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8

#### Leaders of Our Country

- President & Vice President
- o Supreme Court Justices
- o U.S. Senators (Louisiana)
- o U.S. Representatives (Louisiana)

#### Leaders of Our State

- o Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- o Secretary of State

#### Leaders of Our Church

- Organizational Leadership –General Superintendent, General Secretary-Treasurer
- District Leadership District Superintendent, District Secretary
- o Church Leadership
  - o Rev. Jonathan & Sis. Julie Haygood, Pastors
  - Rev. Hilton & Laura Richard, Assistant Pastors
  - o Rev. Justin W. Rice, Church Administrator

- o Rev. Chris & Marissa Broussard, Bridge Kids Pastors
- o Jermaine & Leeshia Chisem, Bridge Students Pastors
- Milton d'Augereau & Harold Green, Board Members
- o Staff Families
  - o James (Pastor's Assistant) & Katie Haygood
- First Steps & Dream Team Directors and Leaders

#### Our Vision

- **LOVE**. Pray that all of us could come to love God with all our hearts. Pray for the lost to be saved and feel the love of Jesus Christ in our Weekend Services.
- GROW. Pray for leaders, groups, and the four Hubs of bridge groups (Men, Women, Bridge Students, Bridge Kids)
- **SERVE**. Pray that through our Growth Track process, people would take their next steps into service.
- **GO.** Pray for all those who serve on the Dream Team in taking the Gospel into the world around us.

## The Bridge Ministries

- Education Ministries
  - o Bridge Kids
  - o Bridge Students
- Hospitality Ministries
  - Beautification
  - Parking & Ushers
  - o Greeters
  - o Baptismal Team
  - Follow-up Team
  - o Bereavement Team
  - o Ministerial Care
- Evangelism Ministries
  - Transportation Ministry
  - o Bible Studies

- o Ministerial Ministries
  - o Licensed Ministers
  - o Unlicensed Ministers
  - o Bridge Groups
- o Music Department
- o Ladies Department
- o Men's Department

# APPENDIX 4:

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT TITHING**

## What is tithing?

"Tithe" means "a tenth part."

## What is the difference between a tithe and an offering?

A "tithe" is giving the first tenth of my income. An "offering" is anything I give in addition to my tithe.

### Why should I tithe?

Because God commands it. "A tenth of all you produce is the Lord's." Leviticus 27:30

Because Jesus commanded it. "Yes, you should tithe, and you shouldn't leave the more important things undone either." Matthew 23:23

## Tithing demonstrates that God has first place in my life.

"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God in first place in your lives." Deuteronomy 14:23 (LB)

## Tithing reminds me that everything I have was given to me by God.

"Always remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you the ability to produce wealth." Deuteronomy 8:18

## Tithing expresses my love to the Lord.

"Each of you should bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you." Deuteronomy 16:17

# God says that refusing to tithe is stealing from Him.

"God says 'Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me!' But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' God says 'In tithes and offerings ... Bring your whole tithe to My house.' " Malachi 3:8-10

# Tithing gives God a chance to prove He exists and wants to bless you.

"Bring your whole tithe to My storehouse. Test me in this" says the Lord, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you won't have room enough for it!" Malachi 3:10

# What should I tithe?

The tithe should come from the first part of what I earn. *"Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income."* Proverbs 3:9-10

# Where should I give my Tithe?

The tithe should be given where I worship. *"Bring your whole tithe to My Storehouse (Temple)."* Malachi 3:10

# When should I Tithe?

The tithe should be given weekly. "On the first day of every week, set aside some of what you have earned and give it as an offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn."

1 Corinthians 16:2 (LB)

# APPENDIX 5:

## How to Start and Maintain Good Habits:

#### Step One: Desire

You must start with a strong desire. You must be internally motivated. External motivations don't last. If you start only half-heartedly, you will never make it to the success point.

### Step Two: Decide

Begin right now! Don't wait. Don't procrastinate. You don't slide into a new habit. "One of these days" never arrives. You must have a starting point. It's easier to break a bad habit today than it will be tomorrow!

### Step Three: Declaration

Announce your intentions publicly. Make a covenant or resolution. The power of a vow is awesome. It is particularly powerful if you put your commitment in writing.

## **Step Four: Determination**

Never allow an exception until the new habit is securely rooted in your life. Each lapse will be fatal. A single slip unwinds many turns at first. Continuity and success at the start is essential. Never be swayed by "just this once." The act of yielding weakens the will and reinforces your lack of self-control. It takes 3 weeks to become comfortable with a new habit and it takes another 3 to 4 weeks (doing it daily) for it to become a part of your life.

## Step Five: Just Do It!

Whenever you feel the slightest urge or prompting to practice this new habit - DO IT THEN! Don't wait. Seize every opportunity to reinforce your habit. Those feelings will not last, so whenever you feel inclined to perform your new habit, do so!

## Step Six: Double Up

Get a partner who will support you and encourage you. Find someone who is willing to hold you accountable and check up on you, especially in the early days before the habit is firmly rooted in your life.

# Step Seven: Depend on God

Rely on God's power to help you establish the habit. Remember, Satan does not want you to develop habits that help you grow spiritually and make you like Christ, so he will do all he can to tempt you, cause you to slip, or discourage you. Pray!

# APPENDIX 6:

# How to Apply Biblical Truth:

### 1. Explore the passage.

What did it mean to the original hearers?

What is the underlying timeless principle?

How could I practice that principle?

## 2. Proclaim His promises.

Battles – 1 John 4:4; Luke 10:19; Romans 8:37 Money – Philippians 4:19; Psalm 1:1-3 Fear – Psalm 27:1 Sickness – Psalm 103:3 Confidence – 2 Corinthians 3:6 Safety – Psalm 121:8

#### 3. Share it with others.

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" Romans 10:14

# **APPENDIX 7:**

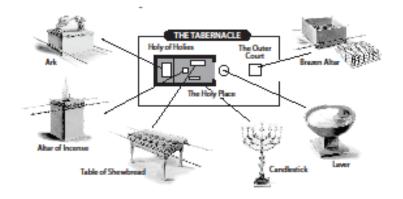
# TABERNACLE PRAYER

The Tabernacle was the dwelling place of God where He chose to meet His people. Each element of the Tabernacle is a guide that helps us to connect with God and symbolizes God's provision for us.

The diagram below shows the placement of the elements and how they serve to lead us into the presence of God.

"If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14



Below is a description of how these elements allow us to connect with God as we enter into His présence.

#### Brazen Altar - The Cross

- 1. Salvation
- 2. Healing 3. Redemption from the curse
- 4. A new nature
- 5. Provision

#### Laver - Washing/Cleansing/Preparing

- 1. Repentance from any known sin
- 2. Offering our body
- 3. Offering our mind
- 4. The fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22-23

# Candlestick - The Holy Spirit 1. The seven Spirits of the Lord - Isaiah 11:2

- a. Spirit of the Lord
- b. Wisdom
- Understanding
- d. Counsel
- e. Might f. Knowledge
- g. Fear of the Lord
- 2. The gifts of the Spirit 1 Corinthians 12:8-10

Table of Shewbread - The Word 1. Fresh revelation of the Word

Altar of Incense - Worship 1. Worship the names of God

#### Mercy Seat (Ark) - Intercession

#### Pray for:

- 1. My authority spiritual, civil, family, and workplace
- My family
  My church pastor, small group, members, and
- vision/mission
- My city, nation, and the world
  My needs

# **APPENDIX 8:**

# LORD'S PRAYER

"In this manner, therefore, pray: 'Our Father in heaven. Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV)

**OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN** HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME

Worship the name of God, corresponding with the benefits in the new covenant, and make your faith declarations:

Name	Meaning	Benefit
Jehovah Tsidkenu	Our Righteousness	I am forgiven of all sin
Jehovah M'Kaddesh	Our Sanctifier	I am set apart for ministry
Jehovah Rapha	Our Healer	I have health & healing
Jehovah Nissi	Our Banner of Victory	am secure & victorious
Jehovah Raah	Our Shepherd	I am led by the Holy Spirit
Jehovah Shalom	Our Peace	I have peace & sanctuary
Jehovah Shammah	The Lord is There	I have God's presence & power
Jehovah Jireh	Our Provider	I have success & provision

#### YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

A. Nation, State, County and City B. Church

- 1. Pastors
- 2. Group leaders
- 3. Members of Church of the Highlands
- 4. Vision of Church of the Highlands
- 5. The lost
- C. Your Family
- D. Yourself

GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD

A. Offer your requests to God.

B. Ask God to bless every area of your life.

#### FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS

- A. Ask God to forgive you.
- B. Forgive and release others.
- C. Set your will to forgive those who sin against you.

# BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

- A. Put on the whole armor of God.
  - 1. Heimet of Salvation
    - 2. Breastplate of Righteousness
    - 3. Belt of Truth
    - 4. Shoes of the Gospel of Peace
    - 5. Shield of Faith

6. Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God B. Pray for God's protection in all areas of your life.

#### FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY

A. Make your faith declarations. B. Return to praise and worship.

# ARMOR OF GOD

BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER

#### PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD

"Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Ephesians 6:11-18

#### THE ARMOR OF GOD PRAYERS

#### The Heimet of Salvation

Thank You, Lord, for my salvation. I receive it in a new and fresh way from You and I declare that nothing can separate me now from the love of Christ and the place I will have in Your kingdom.

#### The Belt of Truth

Lord, I put on the belt of truth. I choose a lifestyle of honesty and integrity. Expose the lies I have believed, and show me the truths I need today.

#### The Shield of Faith

I believe that You are powerful against every lie and assault of the enemy. You have good in store for me. Nothing is coming today that can overcome me because You are with me.

#### The Breastplate of Righteousness

And yes, Lord, I wear Your righteousness today against all condemnation and corruption. Fit me with Your holiness and purity—defend me from all assaults against my heart.

#### The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace

I choose to live for the Gospel in every moment. Show me where You are working and lead me to it. Give me strength to walk daily with You.

#### The Sword of the Spirit

Holy Spirit, show me the truths of the Word of God that I will need to counter the traps of the enemy. Bring those Scriptures to mind today.

Finally, Holy Spirit, I agree to waik in step with You in everything as my spirit communes with You in prayer throughout the day.

# **APPENDIX 10:**

# DREAM TEAM HONOR COVENANT

As an essential part of The Bridge Leadership family, you have a responsibility to develop and exhibit mature Christian behavior. This should be the basic premise of your desire to participate in a servant-leader position here at The Bridge.

While serving the Body of Christ as a servant-leader at The Bridge, you pledge to present a good appearance at all times. In both attire and behavior, you should strive to demonstrate Biblical standards in all situations.

As Christians, the way we present ourselves to others is of vital importance to the way others perceive Christ. Our conduct should never be an embarrassment to Christ, but should exemplify the best qualities of a mature believer and servantleader.

Exemplifying the highest moral commitment, The Bridge's leaders are to maintain a disciplined life of Bible reading, prayer, and fasting. We seek to walk humbly before God and refrain from such things as:

- profanity
- smoking or chewing tobacco
- gambling
- alcoholic beverages
- dishonest gain
- illegal drugs
- pornography
- sexual immorality
- immodest dress
- all behaviors which might cause Christ to grieve and others to stumble

By providing an example in speech and action, we encourage others to grow in Christ and become servant-leaders themselves. This is a way of life measured by the heart and commitment of each leader in The Bridge family. We should regard it as an essential part of our development, not as an imposition or restriction.

Printed Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# APPENDIX 11:

### Steps for PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT:

#### How to take the simpleDISCovery Personality Assessment:

**Step 1:** Answer each question in boxes 1-4 honestly by circling the number that best describes you. Allow yourself 2-1/2 minutes to complete this step.

**Step 2:** Add the total of circled numbers in box 1 and write the number on the total line. Do the same in box 2, 3, and 4.

**Step 3:** Identify the box with the highest totaled number and the second highest totaled number, which will specify your dominant personality traits. Box 1= the "D" personality. Box 2= the "I" personality. Box 3= the "S" personality. Box 4= the "C" personality. Write your dominant personality traits sequence in the top right hand corner (DI, ID, SC, CD and so on).

**Step 4:** Read the description of your dominant personality trait (D, I, S, C) and the description of your two highest personality traits together (DI, ID, SC, CD and so on).

#### How to take the simpleGIFTS assessment:

**Step 1:** Answer the Spiritual gifts questions honestly with the corresponding number: 1 almost never – 2 seldom – 3 sometimes – 4 frequently – 5 almost always.

Allow yourself six minutes to answer all questions.

**Step 2:** Add each line left to right and place the totaled number in the total column.

**Step 3:** Identify your highest totaled number with the corresponding letter and the spiritual gift it represents.

Step 4: Read about your gifts.

# APPENDIX 12:

# STEP FOUR INTEREST FORM

Name:	Date:	
Address:	City:	_Zip:
Home Phone:C	ell Phone:	
E-mail:	Age:	
Sex:Male Female B	irth Date:	
Marital Status:SingleEngaged	_MarriedWidowedC	Divorced

### IN-SERVICE DREAM TEAM INTEREST FORM

What Dream Team areas interest you? (Please select <u>no more than three</u> in-service teams.)

- □ Attendance Team
- □ Bridge Kids
- □ Facebook Live
- 🗆 First Steps Team
- 🗆 Greeter Team
- 🗆 Instagram Team
- 🗆 Livestream Team
- $\Box$  Lyrics Team
- Parking Team
- □ Photography Team
- 🗆 Sanitization Team
- □ Security Team
- □ Service Translation
- □ Sound Team
- 🗆 Usher Team
- $\Box$  Videography Team

## NON-SERVICE DREAM TEAM INTEREST FORM

What Dream Team areas interest you? (You may select as many teams from this list as you'd like.)

- 🗆 Baptismal Team
- □ Beautification Team
- □ Benevolence Team
- □ Bereavement Team
- □ Bible Study Team
- □ Bridge Group Leadership
- □ Bridge Students
- 🗆 Chair Management Team
- $\Box$  Creative Content Team
- 🗆 Data Entry Team
- 🗆 Décor & Event Planning Team
- 🗆 Events Team
- □ Follow-Up Team
- 🗆 Meal Train Team
- □ Medic Team
- □ Mics & Packs Team
- 🗆 Ministerial Care Team
- 🗆 Pop Sign Team
- □ Set-up/Tear Down Team
- □ Transportation Ministry