

THE BRIDGE

February 11, 2024

Newsletter and Sermon Notes



El Salvador

Pastor Randy Garner travels to El Salvador February 15. His group includes three other District pastors. Their objectives include visiting and offering encouragement to sister churches. Please keep this team in your prayers for safety and traveling mercies.

Sister Act

Meet the Miller sisters. They are from western Pennsylvania (and Steeler fans) but have been living in Virginia for several years. They are thankful the Lord led them to the foot-of-the-bridge. Lisa has been part of First Simple Church since early 2020. During the week you'll find her in 18th-century costume sharing history with guests at Colonial Williamsburg. Nicole teaches history at Woodside High School in Newport News and has been attending First Simple since summer of 2023. Christina lives in Colonial Heights and enjoys attending when she can. She teaches math at Dinwiddie High School.

These ladies will be helping us meet others in the congregation so they may ask you for an interview. Look for profiles in future newsletters.



Nicole Lisa Christina

Prayer Requests

- Pastor Sam's upcoming mission trip to Israel
- Nancy Nolker – *cancer*
- Baby Brier – *Health and healing*
- Kristy Day's Step-mom – *health and healing*
- Maureen Carpenter – *health and healing*

Happy Birthday!

George Siebert – Feb 17

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mornings

- 8:30 Discipleship Class (adults and youth)
- 9:30 Worship Service and Children's Church

Ladies Discipleship Bible Study - *Book of Romans*

Tuesdays 9:30AM – Fellowship Hall

Sermon Application Study

- Wednesdays 6:30PM
- Adults – Sanctuary
- College and Career – Conference Room

Reminder: No Sermon Application Study this Week

Simple Mission Deliver and teach a consistent Gospel message for a complex world

Clear Vision Strengthen families and community with the love of Christ and accountability of the Word



Sermon Notes

1. Discard—_____ Teachings

Hebrews 13:9-11: ⁹ Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat. ¹¹ The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp



Guard Against—False Teachings
Hebrews 13:9-11

Romans 16:17-18: ¹⁷ I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. ¹⁸ For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.

2. Understand—_____ Teachings and Doctrine

Hebrews 13:12: And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood.

Ephesians 1:7: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

3. Follow—The _____ of Christ Followers

Hebrews 13:13-16: ¹³ Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. ¹⁴ For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Romans 3:23-25: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—

Hebrews 11:16: Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

John 14:6: Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

James 2:17-18: ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

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