

THE BRIDGE

March 17, 2024

Newsletter and Sermon Notes



Easter Weekend Schedule

Good Friday, March 29

Procession of the Cross – 6:30 PM

Meet at Chickahominy River Front Park and walk with the cross over the bridge to the church

Good Friday Service – 7:00 PM

Prepare your heart for a remembrance of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice.

Includes Holy Communion

Easter Morning, March 31

Sunrise Service & Baptism – 6:45 AM

Meet at the church pier, breakfast to follow

Worship Service – 9:30 AM

Celebrate Christ's Resurrection!

River Baptism at Easter Sunrise

Have you recently come to know the Lord, or have your rededicated your life? Have you been *Biblically Baptized*? The Bible gives us the ordinance of baptism (Mark 16:16) sealing a believer's identification with the greatest act of history—the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ! If you have questions or feel called toward baptism, see Pastor Sam or Debbie

Breakfast Fellowship

8 AM after the Sunrise Service. Bring a dish to share (sign-up sheet in the kitchen, contact Kristy Day, 412-889-8743)



Thank you to those who wrote notes of encouragement to the Police Officers Pastor Sam ministered to in Israel. We will send those next week. If you would still like to contribute a letter or card, please hand them to Pastor Sam or Debbie by March 21. The more the better! We will send them directly to the Israeli Police Attaché. Thank you for joining the fight!

Prayer Requests

- David Tobler – *Health and Healing*
- Becky Reynolds – *brain surgery recovery*
- Amy Owen's – *knee surgery*
- Kristy Day's stepmom – *health and healing*
- Sarah White's mother – *cancer surgery recovery*
- Nancy Nolker – *cancer treatments*
- Many unspoken requests

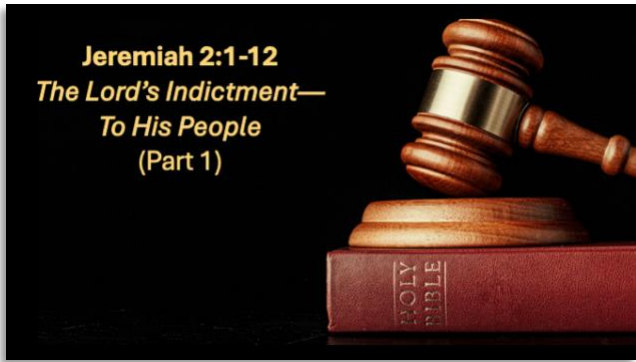
Simple Mission

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





Message Notes:

1. God's People _____ Their _____

Jeremiah 2:1-6: ¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² "Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem: "This is what the LORD says: " 'I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me through the wilderness, through a land not sown. ³ Israel was holy to the LORD, the first fruits of his harvest; all who devoured her were held guilty, and disaster overtook them,'" declares the LORD. ⁴ Hear the word of the LORD, you descendants of Jacob, all you clans of Israel. ⁵ This is what the LORD says: "What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they strayed so far from me? They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves. ⁶ They did not ask, 'Where is the LORD, who brought us up out of Egypt and led us through the barren wilderness, through a land of deserts and ravines, a land of drought and utter darkness, a land where no one travels and no one lives?'

2. God's People _____ About His _____

Jeremiah 2:7-12: ⁷ I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce. But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable. ⁸ The priests did not ask, 'Where is the LORD?' Those who deal with the law did not know me; the leaders rebelled against me. The prophets prophesied by Baal, following worthless idols. ⁹ "Therefore I bring charges against you again," declares the LORD. "And I will bring charges against your children's children. ¹⁰ Cross

over to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and observe closely; see if there has ever been anything like this: ¹¹ Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols. ¹² Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder with great horror," declares the LORD.

Matthew 15:8: *These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.*

Romans 1:28-32: ²⁸ Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; ³¹ they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. ³² Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

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