

# THE BRIDGE

April 6, 2025

First Simple Church Newsletter and Message Notes

**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*



## Weekly Schedule

**Sunday Worship**  
**9:30 AM** with  
Children's Church  
during the worship  
service

**Discipleship Class**  
**Sundays 8:30 AM**  
Pastor Sam leads this  
encounter with the  
Bible, what it teaches,  
and how the substance  
of Scripture is the basis  
for our Christian faith

**Application Study**  
**Wednesdays 6:30 PM**  
Grow deeper in God's  
word, ask questions  
and enjoy fellowship

**Men's Discipleship**  
**Study**  
**Tuesdays 7:30 AM**  
Elements of godly  
leadership

**Ladies Discipleship**  
**Study**  
**Tuesdays 9:30 AM**  
Book of James: A  
challenge to grow in  
genuine faith

## Grounds Work

*Wednesday April 9, 4:00 pm*

**Calling all men, women and children!**

Help spread mulch and clean up the  
church grounds in preparation for  
Easter.

Many hands make for light work.  
Bring rakes, gloves etc.

## Church Information and Membership

If you are interested in membership or  
would like to learn more about the  
ministry, you are invited to attend a  
class Wednesday, April 9 at 5:30 PM.

See Debbie Frye or RSVP to  
[info@firstsimplechurch.org](mailto:info@firstsimplechurch.org)

## Rapid Response Team

*Taking Christ and His Church to the community*

The RRT is responding to community needs this Monday April 7, 12:00 – 4:00 PM

The team is making two stops:

- 1) Removing a down tree from a yard
- 2) Dropping a tree and cutting it up

We need both labor workers and comfort givers. Laborers do the  
heavy lifting, and comforters offer cheer to the homeowner and may  
even bring a baked good. Everyone sharing God's love.

See Pastor Sam or Debbie to join the team and respond  
to this or future needs.



## Easter Weekend

### Good Friday, April 18

**Procession of the Cross 6:30 PM**  
Carry the cross over the bridge to  
First Simple Church

**Good Friday Service 7:00 PM**  
Prepare your heart for a  
remembrance of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice  
Includes the Lord's Supper

### Easter Morning, April 20

**Sunrise Service & Baptism 6:00 AM**  
Meet at the church pier

**Breakfast** following the Sunrise Service,  
bring a dish to share, Sign-up in kitchen

**Worship Service – 9:30 AM**  
Celebrate Christ's Resurrection!

# Why God— May Seem Inconsistent

## 1. Why God—Can't I \_\_\_\_\_ Your Ways

**Habakkuk 1:12:** *Are You not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O LORD, You have appointed them for judgment; O Rock, You have marked them for correction.*

**Jeremiah 31:33:** *But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*

## 2. Why God—Do You Tolerate \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**Habakkuk 1:13-17:** <sup>13</sup> *You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, And cannot look on wickedness. Why do You look on those who deal treacherously, And hold Your tongue when the wicked devours A person more righteous than he?* <sup>14</sup> *Why do You make men like fish of the sea, Like creeping things that have no ruler over them?* <sup>15</sup> *They take up all of them with a hook, They catch them in their net, And gather them in their dragnet. Therefore they rejoice and are glad.* <sup>16</sup> *Therefore they sacrifice to their net, And burn incense to their dragnet; Because by them their share is sumptuous And their food plentiful.* <sup>17</sup> *Shall they therefore empty their net, And continue to slay nations without pity?*

**Psalms 8:3-4:** <sup>3</sup> *When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,* <sup>4</sup> *What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?*

**Psalms 104:24:** *O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions--*

**Genesis 28:15:** *Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.*

**Ephesians 1:11:** *In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will*

## Prayer Requests

- Walt Major – *recovery surgery*
- Marie Major – *rest and recovery*
- Cathy Brown's mom – *salvation and health*
- Steve Philmore – *surgery recovery*
- Brenda Tiffany – *surgery recovery*
- Jackie Mullen's daughter Lori – *surgery recovery*
- Tammy Brown – *chronic neck pain*
- Brian Miller – *cancer*
- Doris Ann and Stack Wooten – *health /healing*
- Many unspoken requests

## Happy Birthday!

Stack Wooten  
April 8

## Happy Anniversary!

Shane and Valerie Miller  
April 8

### Ministry Staff

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sam Frye  
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