

THE BRIDGE

January 4, 2026

First Simple Church Newsletter and Sermon 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

Happy Birthday!

Peggy Brooks- 01/04
Cory Lopez- 01/04
Jackie Mullen- 01/07
Teri Hope- 01/07

Happy Anniversary!

Scot & Sandy Blades- 01/02

Angel Tree

Thank you to our church family for the incredible generosity shown through our Angel Tree Ministry. Because of your kindness and giving hearts, children and families in need receive care, encouragement, and practical support throughout the year. Each angel represented more than a gift. It was a reminder of God's love in action. We are deeply grateful for the way our church family continues to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus.

Sunday's Message Online

Stay connected during the week by revisiting Sunday's message. The full message is available on our First Simple Church Facebook page and our church website: firstsimplechurch.org (QR Code on back of the newsletter will take you directly to FSC Website). We invite you to watch, listen, and share.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Discipleship Class: 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

Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM

Sing praises to the Lord and hear a message based on biblical truth. Children's Church during the worship service.

Wednesday Application Study: 6:30 PM

Grow deeper in God's word, ask questions, and enjoy fellowship

What To Expect at Wednesday Night Application Study

Please join us January 7th at 6:30 PM for our Application Study restart!

Our Wednesday Night group includes discussion and life application from Sunday's message.

It's a great time to ask questions and hear discussion about the Bible and Christian living.

A midweek shot-in-the-arm to spur us on in our walk with the Lord.

Taking Christ and His Church to the Community

For a Community Outreach example check out this article:

<https://wydaily.com/latest/local/2025/12/26/husband-and-wife-serve-as-volunteer-chaplains-for-james-city-county-police-department/>



There's Power in God's Word

1.) For 2026- Allow God's Word to- Produce Spiritual _____

James 1:18: *Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of His creatures.*

1 Peter 1:23: *having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever*

Romans 10:17: *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

2.) For 2026- Allow God's Word to- Provide Spiritual _____

James 1:19-20: ¹⁹ *So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;* ²⁰ *for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

James 1:26: *If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.*

Galatians 4:16: *Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?*

3.) For 2026- Allow God's Word to- Promote Spiritual _____

James 1:21: *Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

2 Timothy 2:14-16: ¹⁴ *Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers.* ¹⁵ *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* ¹⁶ *But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17: ¹⁶ *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,* ¹⁷ *that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Prayer Requests

- Peggy Brooks - *macular degeneration*
- Amy Owens – *upcoming knee surgery*
- Debbie Harris' Sister – *cancer*
- Ben Byrum – *cancer*
- Jackie Randall – *knee replacement*
- Lisa Bruce's mother – *dementia*
- Alex Higgins - *deployment*
- Mark Rogers' cousin - *intestinal cancer*
- Sharon Brown – *breast cancer*
- Don French – *heart health*
- Many unspoken requests

Just a Friendly Reminder

There are offering boxes at the back of the church and there are also options to give online.
For online giving options please contact the church office. -Thank you

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