

# THE BRIDGE

March 15, 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*

## Kids' Corner

**March 15<sup>th</sup>**- We are going to be coloring Easter bags in preparation for Easter Sunday!

Children's Ministry parent/grandparent meeting after service. Miss Theresa will give updates on the children's program and invites your questions or comments. Meet in Fellowship Hall.

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**- We will be doing an egg hunt for the kids. If any youthful adults would enjoy hiding some eggs, please see Theresa.

=> *Seeking hands to serve in the Children's Ministry. If you would like to serve, please see Debbie Frye for this ministry opportunity.*

## Happy Anniversary!

Richard & Pamela Brumfield – 03/16

## 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

### Tuesday Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 AM

Studying Philipians

## Community Announcement from Old Dominion Barn Dance

*Beacon Theater, Hopewell*

The Barn Dance is offering First Simple Church BOGO tickets for the March 21<sup>st</sup> shows at 2PM and 7PM. The show features relatives of Tammy Wynette and George Jones, Roger Miller, and Waylon Jennings.

Thank you, Cindy Mihalcoe and Barn Dance Manager Lynn Colacone, for this wonderful offer. If you are interested, contact Lynne directly at 804-896-2511 and let her know you are with First Simple Church.

## Easter Week Schedule

### Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

**7:00 PM - Good Friday Service**  
**Funeral for Jesus**  
*Prepare your heart for a remembrance of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice.*

### Easter Morning, April 5<sup>th</sup>

**6:30AM - Sunrise Service & Baptism**  
*Meet at the church pier. If you are interested in being Baptized, see Pastor Sam and Debbie.*

**Breakfast** *(following the Sunrise Service)*  
*Please take advantage of the breakfast sign-up sheet in foyer).*

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

# God's Design vs. The World's False Narrative

## 1. Biblical Christianity- Our \_\_\_\_\_ Matter

**Psalm 139:13-14:** <sup>13</sup> For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

## 2. Biblical Christianity- Our Bodies Are a \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 100:3:** Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

## 3. Biblical Christianity- God \_\_\_\_\_ Us- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**Genesis 1:27:** So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**1 Corinthians 11:11-12:** ...<sup>11</sup> Nevertheless, neither is man independent of woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord. <sup>12</sup> For as woman came from man, even so man also comes through woman; but all things are from God.

**Genesis 1:28:** Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply..."

**1 Timothy 2:13-15:** <sup>13</sup> For Adam was formed first, then Eve. <sup>14</sup> And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. <sup>15</sup> Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

**Matthew 19:12:** For there are eunuchs who were born thus from their Mother's womb

## 4. Biblical Christianity- God is Opposed to \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 11:8-9:** <sup>8</sup> For man is not from woman, but woman from man. <sup>9</sup> Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man.

**Mark 10:6-9:** ... God 'made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup> 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

**Genesis 1:31:** Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.



### Attention!!

Pardon the mess while we renovate the church kitchen.

Church kitchen will be closed for the next two Sundays.

### Prayer Requests

- Pastor Sam – neck surgery recovery
- Mark Rogers – hip replacement recovery
- Peggy Brooks - macular degeneration
- Rudy Boroughs – rare skin cancer
- David Ellis – stage four cancer
- Lisa Bruce's mother – dementia
- Pray for all deployed military and their families
- Many unspoken requests

#### Ministry Staff

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