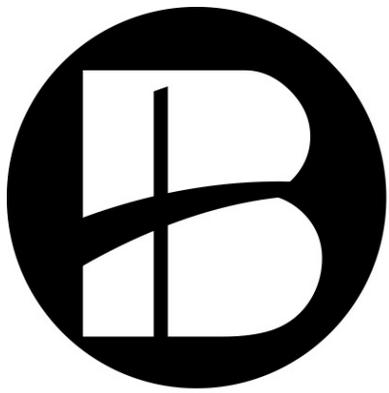


GOD'S *Christmas*  
PROMISES

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**THE BRIDGE CHURCH IN CORONA**



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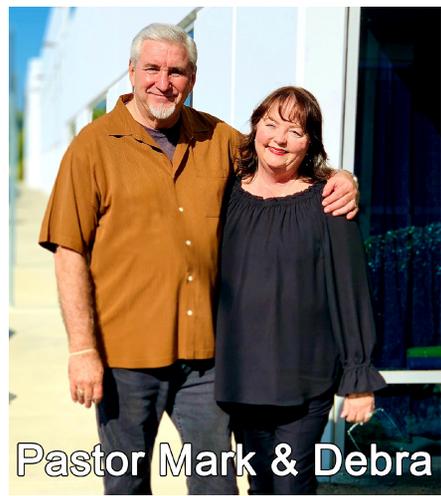
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# Welcome To The Bridge!



Pastor Mark & Debra

We invite you to sit back and enjoy the encouraging message, uplifting music and friendly atmosphere here at The Bridge Church.

If you have any questions, please come and see us after the service.

*We're glad you're here!*  
*You Matter to God and Us!*

## IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME AT THE BRIDGE?



**Please take your completed Connection Card** to the Information Table and receive a **FREE** guest packet and a **FREE** Bridge Church Coffee Mug.

**Thank you for not bringing infants, toddlers or preschoolers (under 5 years of age) into the worship service.** We have very qualified members of our church who will provide a clean, warm, nurturing, well supervised class and nursery for your child.



# Kidz Bridge Lessons



Because we are not having Kidz Bridge we have created a **Facebook group called, "Kidz Bridge Corona"** for those who have children or grandchildren and would

like to continue the Kidz Bridge study with them throughout the week.

Now you are able to watch the weekly Bible study video, print out coloring pages, do activities and have family Bible reading. To join this Facebook group just search for the group name in Facebook and then request to join the group.

Each week we are also adding custom made video content of object lessons, crafts, music and Bible studies to our Youtube Channel and Facebook page just for kids!

## This Week's Lesson

**Lazarus - John 11**



# Your Connection Card

Help us connect with you by filling out our **ONLINE Connection Card**. If you attend our in-person service there is a Connection Card in today's bulletin.



Let us know if you accepted Jesus today, would like to be baptized, join our church, get into a ministry, ask for prayer or tell us how you found out about The Bridge and what you thought about the service.

## Operation Christmas Child

**Thank you** to everyone who participated in the Operation Christmas Child. We collected 70 shoe boxes!

**Thank you** also to Jay Blakeborough for organizing this special outreach ministry and delivering the boxes.



**If you are interested in assisting in the warehouse as a helper on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 10 pm please see Jay Blakeborough.**



# Clothing Drive



This Fall and Winter Second Mile ministry is having a clothing drive for the homeless in our community called “The Gift of Warmth.”

If you’ve ever been outside in the cold you know how important it is to have warm clothes. Our homeless friends at City Park are in need of coats, gloves, scarves and beanies.



Please help by giving the following items in the “Gift of Warmth” drive. We encourage you to look in your closets and ask your neighbors, and co-workers for warm clothing that can be donated. It would be helpful to have the following items in the following sizes:

- Jackets
  - Men’s: Medium, large and extra large
  - Women’s: Small, medium and large
- Gloves
- Beanies
- Scarves
- Blankets

Please bring your items to church and give them to Melanie Blakeborough. You are also encouraged to post this information on your Facebook profile or Facebook groups to let others know about this need.

## Join Us This Advent!



Today is the first day of Advent. Advent is that time of year when we prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Christ’s birth. It takes place the four weeks prior to Christmas and ends on Christmas

Eve.

Advent means “coming.” The coming of Jesus to earth the first time was a history-changing and life-changing event. If he didn’t come on that night long ago, we would not have a Savior who died for our sins on the cross.

Each Sunday during Advent we will be lighting the Advent Candles leading up to the Sunday before Christmas. This is also a great opportunity for you to invite your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to come with you to church.

We have several different ways you can do this. You can **use a yard sign** or **an invite card** which are all available for **FREE** in the church lobby.



**SPREAD  
THE WORD**

## Give A Personal Invitation



This holiday season make a difference in the life of a friend, co-worker, family member or neighbor by giving them a personal invitation to our Sunday worship services this Christmas season.

We have plenty of **FREE** invite cards on the table in the church lobby.

## Share On Social Media

Another way that you can spread the word and invite people to come to our church services during this Christmas season is by using Social Media. By using Facebook, Twitter or Instagram you can invite people by using the calendar event links from our website or by using our online ecard!



## Use Yard Signs



Pick-up a **FREE Christmas Yard Sign** in our lobby. Use one in your yard, window, or business. Ask your neighbor to put one in their yard!

Get the word out about The Bridge Church and invite people to come to

church this Christmas!

## Invite Someone To Church!

## Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest

**December 20<sup>st</sup>** is National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day. Here at The Bridge we're going to have an **UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER contest on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>!**



So wear your ugliest Christmas sweater to church that day. The winner will receive a gift card to one of our local restaurants.

## Send Someone An Ecard



We also have an **online Ecard** on our church website

(<http://bit.ly/bridgechurchchristmas>)

that you can use to send a friendly Christmas email invitation to those

you know or post the invitation on your Facebook, Twitter or Instagram feeds so your social media friends will see it.



# BAPTISM



Celebrate your commitment to Christ through **baptism on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>!**

If you want to be baptized please check the box on the back of your Connection Card that says, “I desire to be baptized” and someone from our staff will contact you.

## Why is it so important to be baptized?

### *Because...*

- it shows your willingness to follow the example of Jesus.
- it shows your willingness to obey the commands of Jesus.
- it shows your willingness to be identified as a believer in Jesus.
- it shows your willingness to fellowship in God’s family.

**1 John 2:3** We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. (NIV)

## Why Become A Member Of The Bridge

- Membership identifies you as a genuine believer. (Ephesians 2:19; Romans 12:5)
- Membership provides you with a spiritual family to support and encourage your walk with Christ. (Galatians 6:1-2; Hebrews 10:24-25)
- Membership provides a place to worship God, discover and use your gifts in ministry. (1 Corinthians 12:12-13; 1 Corinthians 12:4-27)
- Membership places you under the leadership of godly men and women. (Hebrews 13:17; Acts 20:28-29)
- Membership gives you the accountability you need to grow in your faith. (Ephesians 5:21)
- Membership gives you credibility to invite friends, relatives, acquaintances, and neighbors to Church. (Matthew 28:18-20)



The bottom line is God wants each one of us to find a church family and join it.

**Acts 2:41-42, 46** And those who **believed** Peter were **baptized**...<sup>42</sup> **They joined** with the other believers...<sup>46</sup> They **worshiped together** regularly at the Temple... met in **small groups** in homes for Communion... with great joy and thankfulness. (LB)

To find out more about what it means to be a member of The Bridge Church sign up for and attend our next **101 Connection Class!**

**The Promise Of God’s Hope**

**#SermonHope**  
**God's Christmas Promises - Part 1**  
**Dr. Mark Jackson & Pastor Scott Hayden**  
**November 29, 2020**

**Psalm 143:7** Please hurry, LORD, and answer my prayer. I feel hopeless. Don't turn away and leave me here to die. (CEV)

**Ephesians 2:12-13** Remember that in the past you were without Christ... You had no hope, and you did not know God. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus, you who were far away from God are brought near through the blood of Christ's death. (NCV)

**Five Reasons To Always Be Hopeful**  
**Because...**

**1. GOD'S PARDON** \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 130:7** ...put your hope in the LORD, because with the LORD there is mercy and with him there is unlimited forgiveness. (GW)

**Hebrews 7:19** ...But now we have a far better hope, for Christ makes us acceptable to God, and now we may draw near to him. (LB)

**2. GOD'S POWER** \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 8:2** For the power of the life-giving Spirit—and this power is mine through Christ Jesus—has freed me from the vicious circle of sin and death. (LB)

**Ephesians 3:20** Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—indefinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. (LB)

**3. GOD'S PURPOSE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hosea 2:15a** I will... transform the Valley of Trouble into a gateway of hope. (NLT)

**Romans 5:3-5** We can rejoice, too, when we run into

problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. <sup>4</sup> And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. <sup>5</sup> And this hope will not lead to disappointment... (NLT)

**Jeremiah 29:11** I know what I am planning for you," says the LORD. "I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future. (NCV)

**4. GOD'S PROVISION** \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Timothy 6:17** Instruct those who are rich in this world's goods that they should not be proud and should set their hopes not on money, which is untrustworthy, but on God who gives us richly all that we need for our happiness. (NJB)

**Philippians 4:19** God will use his wonderful riches in Christ Jesus to give you everything you need. (ICB)

**Lamentations 3:25** The Lord is good to those who put their hope in him. He is good to those who look to him for help. (ICB)

**5. GOD'S PROMISE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrews 6:19a** We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. (NIV)

**Jude 1:24** Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault. (NLT)

**Proverbs 23:18** There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off. (NIV)

**1 Peter 1:3** Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of his great mercy he gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope. (TEV)

**1 Timothy 4:10** We have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of everyone, but especially of those who have faith... (CEV)