

The Bridge Church in Corona

THE POWER
OF
ADVENT

Dr. Mark Jackson



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Welcome To The Bridge!



Pastor Mark and 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?



WELCOME
CENTER

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



For centuries, God had promised to send a deliverer to rescue his people Israel. Then on Christmas he arrived. Not as a mighty king, living in a mansion but as a baby, born in a manger. His name was Jesus! In this series, your children will learn about Elizabeth, the wise men, and the birth of Jesus.

Many years before Jesus was born, God sent Israel another deliverer. He grew up in the palace of the King of Egypt. His name was Moses. In this series you're children will learn about his birth, the burning bush, the escape from Egypt, the ten plagues and the exodus.



Today's Teacher Schedule (Kidz Bridge Age 4-11)

Teacher	Helper
Regis Riley	Melissa Riley
(Baby Bridge Age 0-3)	
Madison Popplewell	Mackenzie Popplewell

Attention Parents:

Upon arriving, please go to the Kidz Bridge room and sign in your children. When services conclude, please pick up your children from the Kidz Bridge room – **for security reasons, you must sign them out.**

Your Connection Card

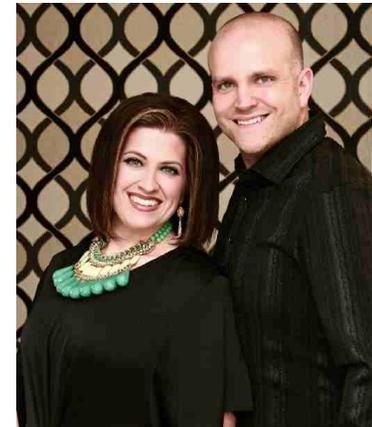


Help us connect with you by filling out your Connection Card and dropping it in the offering basket at the end of the service.

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

Welcome The Beenes

This morning we are greatly blessed to have Brandon & Chrysta Beene performing for us during our worship service!



Brandon & Chrysta sing and minister as a duo in churches and conference settings around the country. They offer their audiences more than just entertainment... they offer hope from the Bible that is found in Jesus.

If you are interested in purchasing one of the CDs, they are out in the church lobby.

Clothing Drive



The Gift Of Warmth

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.



Celebrate Advent



The Advent season is a time of preparation 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, life-changing event. Had He not come on that night long ago as a baby in the manger, we would not have a Savior who died for our sins on the cross.

There are many ways to celebrate Advent. One way is by using an Advent Calendar. The origin of the Advent Calendar can be traced back to the 19th Century. Today, Advent Calendars include Bible verses to read each day for the days leading up to Christmas Eve. We have put together an advent calendar with Scripture readings that you can access on our website or in today’s bulletin.

Advent is also celebrated using candles included with an evergreen wreath. The wreath symbolizes eternity and life. Typically there are four advent candles to symbolize each Sunday of Advent. Three of the candles are purple symbolizing royalty. There is also one pink candle symbolic of how Jesus took upon Himself the penalty for our sins. Then there is also a white center candle called the Christ candle, symbolic of the purity of Jesus. This is lit on Christmas Eve.



Invite Someone To Church

This Christmas make a difference in the life of a friend, co-worker, family member or neighbor by inviting them to come with you each Sunday during Advent.

We have plenty of **FREE Invite Cards** on the table in the church lobby for you to give to someone.

We also have **FREE Advent booklets** with the name of our church on the back that you can use to give to people.



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!

Ecard

We also have an **online Ecard** on our church website (<http://bit.ly/bridgechristmasinvite>) that you can use to send a friendly email invitation to those you know or post the invitation on your Facebook and Twitter feeds so your social media friends will see it.



Vision Sunday



It's hard to believe that 2018 is almost over and the New Year of 2019 is almost here!

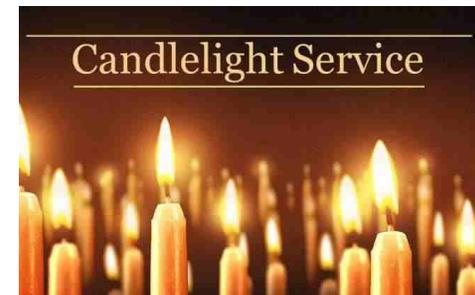
We've made plans for the New Year and we'd like to invite you to be a part of what

we're doing! So, join us on the last Sunday of this year on **December 30th** for our **Vision Sunday service** and hear Pastor Mark share what it means to live a life of purpose.

No matter if you are a member, regular attender or a new guest at The Bridge Church, **DON'T BE LEFT BEHIND!** Come and learn why it's so important to know and live your life according to God's purpose in 2019!

Candlelight Service

On Sunday morning **December 23rd** we will be having a special **candlelight service** beginning at **10 am.**



During this service we will continue with the lighting of the Advent candles and conclude with everyone lighting their own candle.

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the birth of Jesus and bring someone to church with you!

The Power of Joy
#SermonJoy
The Power of Advent - Part 4
Dr. Mark Jackson, December 16, 2018

Matthew 2:10 When the wise men saw the star, they were **filled with joy**. (ICB)

What Is Joy?

- Joy isn't _____ - 2 Cor 7:4
- Joy is a _____ - 1 Thess 5:16
- Joy is a _____ - Ps 118:24
- Joy _____

Nehemiah 8:10c ...Do not be grieved, for **the joy of the LORD is your strength**. (NASB)

How The Power Of Joy Strengthens Me

1. Joy strengthens me _____

Proverbs 17:22 A **joyful heart** is **good medicine**, but **depression drains one's strength**. (GW)

2. Joy strengthens me _____

Matthew 3:17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who **brings me great joy**." (NLT)

3. Joy strengthens me _____

Proverbs 15:13 **A joyful heart** makes a **cheerful face**, but with a heartache comes **depression**. (GW)

4. Joy strengthens me _____

1 Samuel 2:1 Hannah said: "**The Lord has filled my heart with joy. I feel very strong in the Lord...**" (ICB)

How I Experience The Power of Joy

1. Live in _____

Psalm 16:11 You have made known to me the path of life; you will **fill me with joy in your presence**, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. (NIV)

Psalm 21:6 You have endowed him with eternal blessings and given him **the joy of your presence**. (NLT)

James 4:8; Psalm 100:2; Psalm 27:8

2. Obey _____

Jeremiah 15:16 Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the **joy and rejoicing of my heart**... (NKJV)

Psalm 19:8 The **precepts of the LORD** are right, **giving joy to the heart**. (NIV)

3. Yield to _____

Galatians 5:22 But **when the Holy Spirit controls our lives he will produce** this kind of fruit in us: love, **joy**, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness... (LB)

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and **joy in the Holy Spirit**. (NIV)

4. Trust in _____

Luke 2:8-11 Shepherds were in the fields near Bethlehem. They were taking turns watching their flock during the night. ⁹ An angel from the Lord suddenly appeared to them. The glory of the Lord filled the area with light, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I have good news for you, **a message that will fill everyone with joy**. ¹¹ Today your **Savior, Christ the Lord**, was born in the city of David. (GW)

1 Peter 1:8 Although you have not seen Jesus, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and **rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy**. (NRSV)

Romans 15:13a May the God of hope **fill you with all joy** and peace as you **trust in him**. (NIV)