

May 29, 2025

THE BRIDGE IS COMPLETE

On May 27, 1937, over 200,000 people gathered in San Francisco for “Pedestrian Day”. This day marked the grand opening of the Golden Gate Bridge. Stretching 4,200 feet across the Golden Gate Strait, this breathtaking structure connected San Francisco to Marin County and marked a stunning feat of engineering and foresight. Today, we may not fully appreciate the magnitude of the Golden Gate Bridge, especially with so many larger and longer bridges now in existence across America, but for more than 50 years before it became a reality, the idea of building such a bridge was considered impossible.

The concept of bridging the nearly mile-wide Golden Gate Strait was proposed as early as 1872, but it was not until 1921 when Cincinnati-born bridge engineer Joseph Strauss submitted a preliminary proposal and became the recognized leader of the effort to bridge the Golden Gate Strait. Today, the Golden Gate Bridge stands not merely a structure, but a symbol of vision, endurance, and unity. This bridge also offers us a powerful spiritual illustration of the gospel.

Just as for decades before, bridging the Golden Gate Strait seemed impossible, in much the same way, the divide between the sins of mankind and God also once appeared impossible to bridge. No amount of good deeds, religion, or moral effort could span the chasm our sin created. It didn’t matter what man did to try and cover up their sins or make payment for them, there was nothing that could be done to connect sinful man with a Just God.

Enter God’s perfect plan: not steel cables and towers, but a cross. As **Romans 5:6** declares, “For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.” The cross became the ultimate bridge, built not with human hands, but with divine mercy. Scripture tells us, “*For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus*” (**1 Timothy 2:5**). Jesus became the only way across the gap, and that way is now open to all.

But how do we cross this spiritual bridge? Through faith and obedience in Christ. Jesus says in **John 15:13-14**, “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.” So, what are the commands that Jesus tells us? In **John 5:24**, Jesus says, “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life.” The first step across that bridge is to believe in Jesus. In **Matthew 4:17**, we learned that when Jesus began preaching, He was saying “Repent, for

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” To cross that bridge, we must repent of our sins and follow Him.

Jesus also tells us that “everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven” (**Matthew 10:32**) We must confess Jesus as Lord and Master and share that knowledge with others. Then, before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He tells us, ““All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (**Matthew 28:18-20**) To cross that bridge, we must be baptized in Christ, leaving behind the old life of sin and entering a new life with God.

As **Romans 6:4** beautifully states, “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead... we too might walk in newness of life.” Baptism is not the end of the journey, it is the beginning of walking in fellowship with God, having crossed from death to life.“ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ” (**Ephesians 2:13**)

Like the first pedestrians in 1937, we’re invited to walk confidently across the bridge of grace—leaving the old behind and stepping into new life with God. And Jesus made it clear: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (**John 14:6**). He is the bridge. He is the only way. The bridge is complete. The way is open. Will you cross?

Andrew Spivey

UPCOMING EVENTS

* 4:15 Singing class every Sunday*

Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm

June 1 – First Sunday Singing – Bush’s Chapel

June 8 – Widows/Widowers Luncheon

June 10 – TNT – 6pm Ladies Bible Class – 6:30pm

June 12 – Elders/Deacons meeting @6:30pm


June 14 – Cleanup day/outside

June 15 – Father’s Day

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

Sandra Favor has placed her membership here at Nashville Rd. Sandra is a sister to Melanie McCreary. Please make sure to meet and welcome Sandra to our church family.

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – Joshua 10:28-12:24
Wednesday Read – Joshua 13-19

Questions for last week’s reading of; 
Joshua 9 & 10:1-27.

Questions:

1. How did the people of Gibeon trick the Israelites?
2. Why did Joshua not know the people of Gibeon were tricking him?
3. What did God do to the Amorites as they ran away from the battle with the Israelites?
4. What did Joshua ask God to do so his army could finish fighting the 5 Amorite kings?
5. What did Joshua tell the Israelites after the battle with the 5 kings?

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the kindness you showed during my son’s sickness and passing. You were all such a comfort. Thank you for the flowers and food. We are so blessed to be a member of a church with such caring members. Thanks to Andrew for such a good job. **Betty Buttrey**

Dear sisters & brothers in Christ at Nashville Road, Rick & I would like to humbly thank you for the beautiful baby shower you gave for our daughter Olivia Nelsen. I was also thrilled to be able to spend that time with you. Please know how thankful and appreciative we are for the love you have shown Olivia, Corey & their little Isla. Thank you so very much for showering them with your gifts and cards. As grandparents, we are grateful they have such a caring, thoughtful and generous church family. We love you and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Much love in Christ,

Jeanne & Rick McCurdy

Nashville Road Church,
We want to thank you for the beautiful plant, the phone calls and mostly the prayers during our time of loss. We truly appreciate your love. Sincerely,

Carolyn Downey, Wayne & Carla Clifford

VBS 2025

July 16-19: Wed – Fri 6-8 pm
Sat 4pm

ORDER OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
June 1, 2025
9:00 AM
BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Allyn Hosman
Scripture Reading.....Josh Johnson
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown
Lord's Supper.....Bob Sever
Servers.....R. Buck; J. Cherry; D. Johnson
J. Crawford; G. Messer; R. Gallagher
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Tim Cummins

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Allyn Hosman
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....David Thompson
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Ken Veale
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

WEDNESDAY
June 4, 2025
7:00 PM

Welcome.....Allyn Hosman
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Tim Strickland
Ushers for May.....A. Williamson/Z. Tooley
Communion Care for June.....A/S Hosman
Door Greeters – West Door.....C/P Newby
East Door.....Z/A Tooley
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Sherry Perry

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

SICK LIST

Anita Cato is now at home. **Jean Knowles** is home. **Bobbie Stephens** is home and doing better. **Larry Hammock**, uncle of Andrew Spivey will be undergoing chemo & radiation treatments. **Wayne Hunt**, cousin of Tim Cummins, had a bone marrow transplant. **Chuck Tooley**, father of Zach Tooley, home with health issues. **Roscoe Smith**, father of Brent Smith has started his treatments for cancer. **Larry Bailey**, son of Tina Bailey a former member, had his last radiation treatment.



PRAYER LIST

Wanda Seals; Lena Baggett; Stella Messer; Hugh Fulford; Maddie Andrews; Mary Spivey; Ottis & Maxine Cothron; Shauna Lockett; Jean Knowles; Zach Tooley; Mary Ann Reinhart; Sandi Jones; Pat Watson; Frances Catron; Jackie Williams; Pat Crump; Ethan Huffard son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby; Heather Lemley daughter of Michael & Cathy Lemley; Jean McCurdy mother of Olivia Nelsen; Ariel Clift, niece of Tarina Brown; Elaine Reynolds, friend of Christie Coleman; Alan Greene, nephew of Carl & Pam Newby; Bethany Shoulders, granddaughter of Evelyn Harris; Vycki Puckett, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato; Ty Tyler son of Ann Tyler; Ida Lou Sherrill, mother of Alex Sherrill; Taylor Lackford, niece of Brenda Veale; Dustin Lackford, nephew of Brenda Veale; Larry Conley, friend of Wanda Proctor; Harold Cole, friend of Lena Baggett; Bobbie Carter, sister of Janice Johnson; Walter Wooten, brother of Wanda Sherrill; Aza Topik, grandson of Charlie & Wanda Seals.

SHUT-INS

Jean Deaton, Mary Spivey

We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes.

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	85
Morning Worship.....	128
Sunday Evening.....	60
Wednesday Evening.....	63
Contribution.....	\$5,324.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$7,901.00

Elders

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Deacons

Carl Newby	Jonathan Senn	Brent Smith
Eric Stephenson	Adam Williamson	



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