



The *Bridge*

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Minister's Moment

This past weekend, I had the fun adventure of taking my daughter, Blaklee, to Camp 101 at Camp Wakon'Da-Ho. It was a fun experience for many reasons, but I was truly excited when I found out what the theme for camp is this year. The theme is "What's in a Name?" When our children go to camp this summer, they get to spend their week (or weekend) looking at how names are used in the Bible and how we use names today. Just one of the many stories they focus on during the week is the name of God, as given in the burning bush, "I AM."

All of this made me excited to be at camp and for this summer, because the summer sermon series we are going to do in July (and one Sunday in August) focuses on different names for God.

God goes by many different names in the Bible and in real life. One of my favorite stories that illustrates this is a children's book by Sandy Eisenburg Sasso called "In God's Name." In the story, everyone has a different name for God, based on who the person is. In the end, they all call out their name for God and eventually call God One. It is a beautiful example about how we can use different names for God, depending on who we are and what we do in life and where we are in life.

So, I am excited to be focusing on names for God in our worship services in July (and August). We will look at five different names for God and how those names describe a little of who God is and how we understand God. I look forward to seeing you all as we worship and explore together.

July 3 – Ancient One

July 10 – Healer

July 17 – VBS Sunday

July 24 – Mother

July 31 – Shepherd

August 7 – Maker of Peace

Love,
Pastor Ann

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Laura Foley was born and raised in Jessamine County. She holds a BA in Music Education from

Bethany College. She serves as Executive Assistant to the Commissioner of Health for Fayette County and serves on a variety of committees including the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Emergency Medical Advisory Board and the Kentucky Public Health Association Advocacy Committee. She is a writer and composer, and her musical, *The Generations*, was a finalist for the 2020 Kentucky Theatre Association *Roots of the Bluegrass New Play Festival*.

Laura has served as a volunteer and staff member in church since her high school days as organist, pianist, and music director. She strives to devote her life to serving God, family, friends, and community and likes to say that “life is about learning and helping.” Her favorite Bible verse is Romans 8:38-39. She is very excited to begin serving Bridgeport in mid-July and is looking forward to meeting everyone.

Missions:

If you haven't had a chance to mail your donations to the Franklin County Food Pantry, it's not too late to do so. It would be greatly appreciated. Let's help our brothers and sisters who are in need. Matthew 25:40, says “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

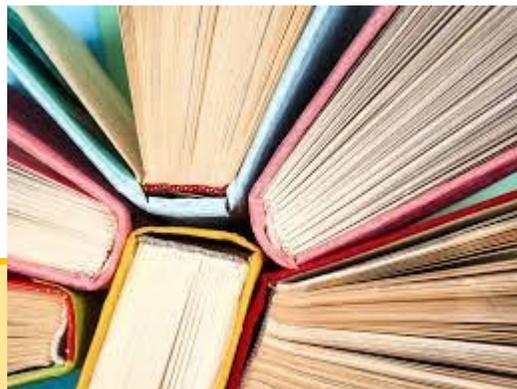
Worship Service Opportunities

Facebook - www.facebook.com/bridgeportchristian

YouTube - www.youtube.com/channel/UCsZ84Pu5U2KkzvKR26U_VTg

BCC Financial Snapshot

Giving in June	\$20,915
Giving to date	\$95,619.70
Budget to date	\$128,850

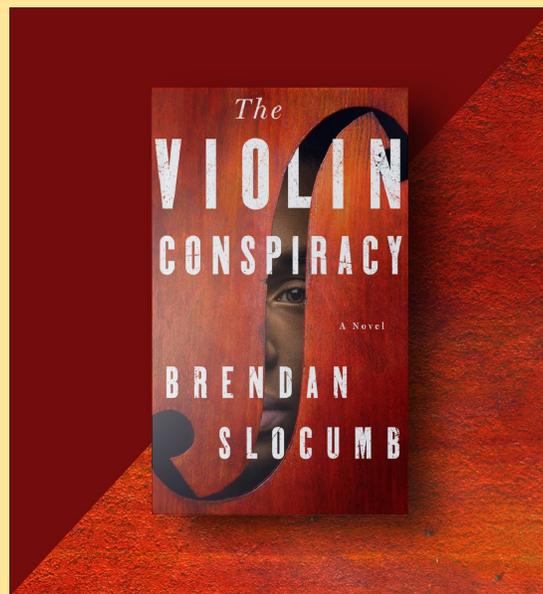


Musician/author's debut novel is BCC book club's July read

The BCC book club will read “The Violin Conspiracy” by Brendan Slocumb as its July book. The debut novel by Slocumb – a music teacher who has performed with orchestras throughout Maryland, northern Virginia, and Washington, D.C. – is the story of a Black musician whose priceless Stradivarius violin is stolen on the eve of the most prestigious classical music competition in the world.

Look for “The Violin Conspiracy” at the Paul Sawyer or Anderson Public Library, or pick up a copy wherever books are sold. As always, we urge you to support your local independent bookseller!

Book club will meet July 26 at 5:30 p.m. at church. We hope to see you there!





Arflack interns for U.S. Sen. McConnell

William Arflack of Frankfort served as an intern for U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky this summer in McConnell's Washington, D.C., office. Arflack is a senior at the University of Kentucky majoring in print journalism and minoring in political science. Arflack is a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and Bridgeport Christian Church.

Men's Group will meet at 6:00 pm on June 21 for a potluck dinner at the church.

Community Engagement June 2022

Bridgeport Christian Church was represented at the Juneteenth celebration sponsored by Focus on Race Relations. Governor Beshear stopped by our table and said he would have to look us up and join us one Sunday!

Focus on Race Relations (FORR) is a worthy organization that is working to educate and initiate conversations about race and race relations.

Our next focus will be the October Capital Pride festival. We plan to be a sponsor for this event.

If you know of any community events where Bridgeport could help out or take part in, contact any member of Community Engagement.

Angie Grasc
Annette Hayden
Larry Hayden
Suzy Rogers
Ronda Sloan
Ted Sloan
Mary A. Watts



Vacation Bible School!!!

July 10-14

5:30-8:00 pm

PreK-5th Grade

Snack Supper provided each night

Register by [Clicking Here](#)

Ways to Continue Your Giving to BCC

- Mail in your Tithes and Offerings! Mail is checked every day and deposits are made once a week. Our address is 175 Evergreen Rd., Frankfort, KY 40601.
- Use our new locked drop box, located by the side door of BCC! Our Administrative Assistant and our Treasurer are the only ones with keys to the box.
- Give using the [Givelify](#) app or website.



Green News!

How to offset carbon generated from vacations and daily living

By Annette Hayden

As we conclude our series on global warming and climate change, we will examine options to reduce our remaining carbon emissions after taking all possible steps presented in this series. But first, let's review.

In January, we provided an explanation of how greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide) warm our planet, resulting in an increased number and magnitude of natural disasters across the planet. In February, we addressed changes in weather patterns, natural disasters, property damage, and health-related issues. Reducing our carbon footprint was introduced as a means to help our earth recover before it's too late. *Your carbon footprint is a representation of the total amount of climate-changing greenhouse gases you produce as you make your way through your daily life. Visit www.coolcongregations.org to calculate your household carbon footprint.*

The focus in March was cutting back on gas and petroleum products in transportation. In April, regenerative agriculture and minimizing food waste were presented. Ways to reduce carbon emissions from daily living – appliances, laundry, lawn care, etc. – were outlined in May. Last month, we addressed the effects of our buying habits on carbon emissions.

If we follow the steps presented in this series, we can substantially reduce our carbon emissions. But to bring that number to zero emissions, we must consider these remaining options: 1) supporting clean energy such as wind and solar and/or 2) purchasing carbon offsets.

By installing a solar array at your home, you can generate electricity and reduce carbon emissions. If you have the money to invest, now is the time to take advantage of the current 26 percent tax incentive. Many electricians specialize in solar installation. Visit www.solar-estimate.org for information on solar power in Kentucky.

If you can't afford such an investment in your home or if you rent, here is another way to invest in clean energy: Join Arcadia Power, a nationwide service that connects churches, homeowners, and renters to clean energy at no cost. Anyone who pays a power bill, has an email address, and has an online utility account can become a member. Each month, your utility company will send Arcadia your bill. Arcadia will then email your bill to you. You will know what your utility charge is, how much you've saved, and how much clean energy you've helped generate.

Lastly, carbon offsets can bring your net emissions to zero. Carbon offsetting is the purchase of carbon credits, generally in an amount equivalent to the carbon emissions that your lifestyle or business has created. After making every effort to reduce your emissions as much as you can, purchasing carbon credits or carbon offsets empowers you to be accountable for your unavoidable climate impact by funding the certified reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through climate protection projects elsewhere in the world. This means that a ton of CO₂ reduced in a cookstove project in Kenya has the same environmental value as one reduced through a wind project in China or an improved agriculture project in the United States.

To calculate your carbon footprint and to find carbon offset projects to fund, visit <https://www.coolcongregations.org/>, www.carbonfootprint.com, www.treehugger.com or www.terrapass.com. Projects located in the U.S. and throughout the world include reforestation, methane capture from landfills and farm animals, clean water, regenerative agriculture, renewable energy, and removal and replacement of coal/wood burning cookstoves from developing countries. Always look for projects that are third-party certified by companies such as Gold Star, Verra, and Natural Capital Partners. These companies and others monitor projects to ensure they maintain stringent standards throughout the process to protect your investment. The cost of projects varies depending on location and whether the offset is calculated by tons or pounds of carbon.

A good start to carbon offsetting is to begin with your summer vacation. Calculate your miles driven and/or flown to and from the destination, enter into an online calculator, and offset the carbon emissions by choosing a project from one of the above sites.

I encourage you to revisit this series of articles in the January through June newsletters to find ways to reduce your carbon footprint. It's up to each of us to do our part to care for our Earth home and preserve it for our children and grandchildren. LET'S DO IT!



Calendar of Events

July 3– 10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

July 4– office closed

July 10– 10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

July 10-14 5:30pm-8:00 pm Vacation Bible School

July 11– 5:30 pm Community Engagement Meeting

July 13– **NO** Administrative Board Meeting

July 14– 6:30 Stewardship & Finance on Zoom

July 17– 10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

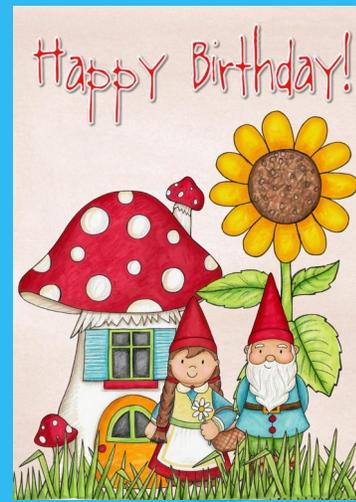
July 21– 6:00 pm Men’s Group Pot Luck

July 24– 10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

July 26– 5:30 pm Book Club

July 27– 11:00 am Elders Meeting



July Birthdays

July 3, Becky Ramsey

July 4, Sherry Lile

July 8, Donna Hedges

July 13, Deborah Wingate

July 18, Catherann Terry

July 19, Annette Coffey

July 22, Troy Bailey

July 22, Marilyn Hughes

July 27, Lee Ann Pope

July 30, Thomas Quisenberry

Date	Worship Leader	Elder	Greeters	Worship & Wonder	Following Jesus	AV Booth
July 3	Sissy O'Brien	Don Morse	Angie Grascch & Jackie Hensley	Karen Averill, Laura Begin (Story book: What is God's Name?)	Anita Bolen (The Good Shepherd and the Lord's Supper I)	Larry Hayden Tommy Smith
July 10	Annette Hayden	Ron Kelien	Donna Long & Debbie Rodgers	Lorrie Devers & Donna Long (Story book: God Finds Us)	Brian Devers (The Good Shepherd and the Lord's Supper II)	Wayne Begin Tommy Smith
July 17	Lorrie Devers	Anita Bolen	Angie Grascch & Diane Pratt	VBS Sunday	VBS Sunday	Kenney Dunavent Tommy Smith
July 24	Morgan Minter	Ronda Sloan	Kim & Morgan Minter	Lorrie Devers & Kirk Shepherd (Storybook: When God Made the World)	Anita Bolen (Storybook: In God's Name)	Larry Hayden Tommy Smith
July 31	Diane Dominick	Jeff Pratt	Charles Brown & Linda Wilson	Karen Averill & Denisha Summerour (Story book: Where Does God Live?)	Anita Bolen (Storybook: Miracle Man)	Wayne Begin Tommy Smith

Scriptures & Topics for July

Who is Bridgeport Christian ?

Founded in 1846, Bridgeport Christian strives to serve God and our community in the best way we know how. We are a certified Green Chalice Congregation and an Open & Affirming Congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

Date	Scriptures	Topic
7/3	Daniel 7:9-14; Revelation 22:12-14	God of Many Names: Ancient One
7/10	Exodus 15:22-27; Luke 5:17-26	God of Many Names: Healer
7/17		VBS Celebration Sunday
7/24	Deuteronomy 32:11-14; Matthew 23:37-39	God of Many Names: Mother
7/31	Psalms 23; John 10:11-16	God of Many Names: Shepherd

Worship Service

Opportunities

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YouTube - www.youtube.com/channel/UCsZ84Pu5U2KkzvKR26U_VTg

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