

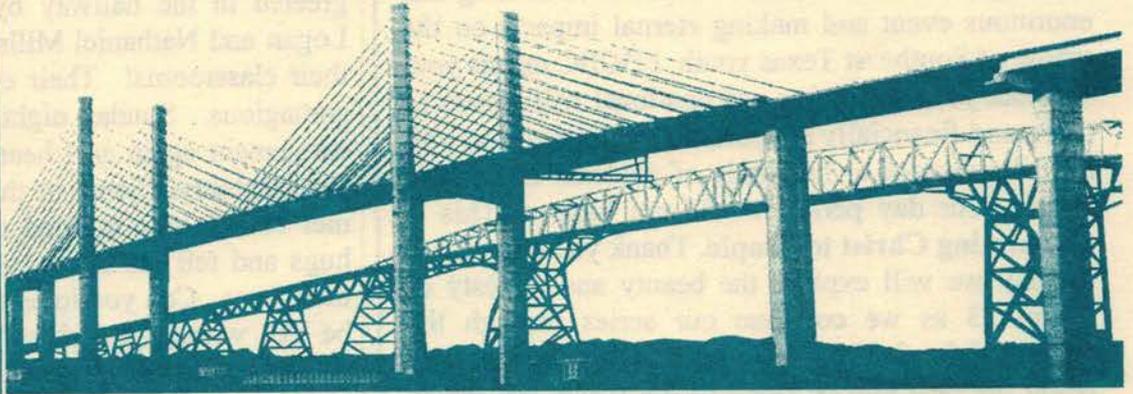
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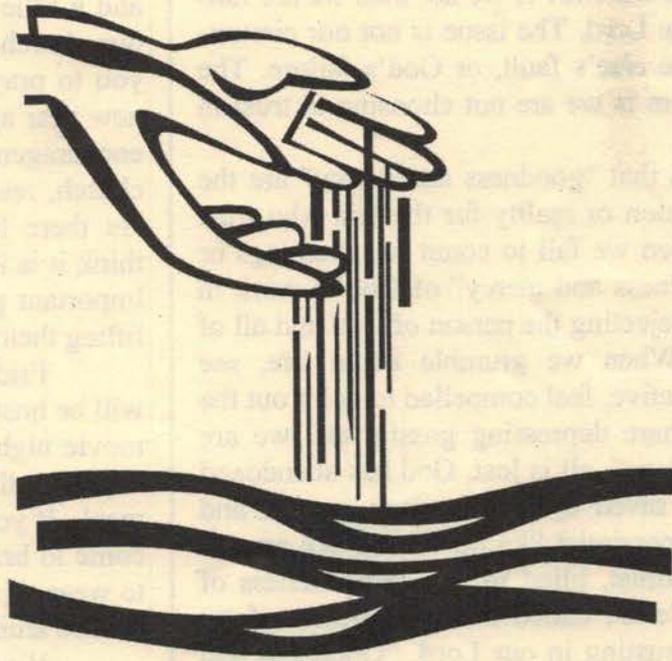
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The Bridge Builder

OBSERVING ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM AUGUST 12



**ON HEARING THIS, THEY WERE
BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF
THE LORD JESUS.**

ACTS 19:5, NRSV

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Real Life is presently underway. It is humbling and exciting to see how FBCBC responds to hosting this enormous event and making eternal impacts on the whole of Southeast Texas youth. FBCBC means you. Without your dedication and continual willingness to serve and financially support, the opportunity to present the Gospel to hundreds of students and adults over a four day period would not happen. This is **Connecting Christ to People**. Thank you church.

Sunday we will explore the beauty and majesty of Psalm 23 as we continue our series through the Psalms. John 3:16 is still the reigning champion as being the best known verse in the Bible, but Psalm 23 is, without a doubt, the champion of being the best known passage. We hear it often, we learn it early, and we use it to comfort in times of despair. David makes some bold declarations in this writing. He says that for one who trust in the Lord want, strife, and fear will not be a part of this one's life. The very first question we need to ask ourselves, and let the Holy Spirit direct, is whether we have want, strife, and fear in our life? If we do, then we are failing to trust in the Lord. The issue is not our circumstances, someone else's fault, or God's failure. The issue, the problem is we are not choosing to trust in the Lord.

David proclaims that "goodness and mercy" are the constant companion or reality for the one who trust in the Lord. When we fail to count our blessings or to see the "goodness and mercy" of God at work in our life, we are rejecting the person of God and all of His promises. When we grumble about life, see things in the negative, feel compelled to point out the disheartening, share depressing gossip, etc. we are declaring "No Hope", all is lost, God has abandoned us. We are not saved by God's grace, mercy, and love to become pessimist like the world. We are not called to be optimist, blind to the desperateness of our situation. We are called to be **God-ivist**, fully relying on and trusting in our Lord. "Goodness and mercy" follow us all the days of our life, because God is with us. Are you trusting in the Lord? Do you need to become a better **God-ivist**?

FBCBC is where the "impossible" is a living reality everyday and we are about **Connecting Christ to people**. Invite 3 to come **connect, celebrate** and **contribute** to what God is doing at FBCBC.

For His Glory,
Douglas Shows
Psalm 23:1

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

I can't help but get excited coming to church on Sunday mornings! There is nothing like being greeted in the hallway by the cheerful squeals of Logan and Nathaniel Millstead as I pass the door of their classrooms! Their energy and excitement are contagious. Sunday night, at Real Life, I saw that excitement again as I heard my name called across the sanctuary. Some of the kids I taught at my former church saw me and came running to give me hugs and tell me about what has been going on in their lives. Can you imagine what our church would be like without the cheerfulness and energy of the children? We as a church have been given the task of planting God's word into the hearts of the younger generation, and they give us something in return... a reminder of the JOY we have in the Lord. I want to challenge you this Sunday to be like the children... let the excitement and JOY that we have as a child of God shine out for others to see!

This Sunday I will be going to the classrooms and handing out sealed envelopes with a prayer card inside. Each of the prayer cards will contain a photo and a little information about one of the children in our church that is starting school. I am asking for you to pray for this child everyday as they begin a new year at school. I would also ask that you be an encouragement to this child! When you see them at church, reach out them and let them know that you are there for them and praying daily for them. I think it is important that today's children know how important prayer is and that the older generation is lifting them up.

Friday, August 17th from 6 p.m.- 8:30ish we will be hosting our finally Parents night out (summer movie night) in the family Life center. We will be watching the movie "Ratatouille" and eating a pasta meal. If your child does not like pasta, they are welcome to bring a sack lunch. They are also welcome to wear pajamas and bring a pillow, blanket, and one stuffed animal to watch the movie with.

If you would like to help with any of these events, or with food for the movie night, please let me know!

That the next generation may know,
Chris

YOUTH NEWS

Real Life is well underway with a wonderful opening night attendance of 329. This number does not include many of the volunteer workers who have graciously volunteered their time and efforts. I know that next weeks article, by Bro. Doug as I will be out on vacation, will have some amazing totals. However, this week I'd like to take just a few lines to thank a few of the outside sponsors, some of who have assisted in this annual event for many years now. A big thanks goes out to our local association, the SETBA, who have once again gone above and beyond in helping finance Real Life. As much as 30% of the entire expense has been picked up by the association! This is an amazing gift! I am very grateful to be a part of a local association who is willing to invest back into the local church. I'd also like to thank the following...

Circle Drive Baptist Church in Bridge City, who have generously provided 10 round tables to help with the feeding of our guest.

Serve Pro in Beaumont, who provided 2 indoor 1 Ton Artic Chill units to help keep us cool.

Ridley's Vacuum in Houston, who provided fans and dehumidifiers

Johnny Montagne and Economy Insulation- who provided dehumidifiers

With these generous donations, we have been able to provide a much cooler environment for our guest. Most of all I am very thankful for all of you! Many of you have prayed, taken vacation time, worked overtime, and served one crazy event! May God be glorified for your efforts!

Be Intentional,
Aaron

**FIRST FAMILY BREAK
NO PM ACTIVITIES
NOW UNTIL SEPTEMBER 9**

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES

We sang Bringing in the Sheaves on Sunday and it reminded me of when I was a child and we sang this hymn at church. I remember thinking sheaves must have something to do with sheep. A sheaf is a bundle of grain stalks tied together after reaping the harvest. As we go out and sow seeds of kindness and show Christ, who lives in us, to people, we may have the opportunity to gather people and bring them to Christ. Bringing in the Sheep.

Joyful Noise – The children's group did a wonderful job on Sunday. Thank you Jennifer Quist for the work you are doing with the little ones on their music getting them ready to sing praise.

Christmas Choir 2018 – I know it is much too hot outside to be thinking of Christmas, but believe it or not, it is close to time to start our Christmas Choir practices. We have chosen a musical, but will be doing a little something different this year. We are still working on the details and will share more when we meet for practice. I will be setting a date soon for our first practice and will let you know as soon as possible.

If you have thought about singing with the choir, this would be a great time to come join us. We have a wonderful time of fellowship and there is such a feeling of accomplishment when we come to our performance day and are able to deliver something wonderful for the Lord.

Thank you Justin and Ashley Pierce for sitting in with the worship team on Sunday and for providing a special song. They were in visiting from Oklahoma and were a true blessing in worship.

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe”.

Hebrews 12: 28

For His glory,
Debbie

NURSERY WORKERS August 12, 2018

Sunday School Brittany Ernst
Connie Claus

Worship Service Thelma Wheelis

Volunteers always needed. Please call
Brittany Ernst at 409.313.1215.

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

August 5, 2018

Projected Budget Need:	\$326,142.63
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$287,076.42
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$318,079.80

Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$13,964.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School Goal	225
Sunday School	121

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship Service Goal	300
Worship	131
Nursery	5
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	136

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Chris Bailey	Director of Children's Ministry
Debbie Anderson	Worship Director

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
8:00 — 4:30
MONDAY — FRIDAY

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, August 12, 2018

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
Children's Church
for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
4:00 Deacon's Meeting

First Family Break
No PM Activities

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

10:00 Ladies Prayer Meeting
7:00 Men's Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

9:00 Quilting for Buckners
6:30 Prayer Meeting
Church Conference
Youth Activities
Children's Activities

Thursday, August 16, 2018

4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night

Friday, August 17, 2018

6:00 End of Summer Night (Children)

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

*Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls,
and meals. Your love and support during this
difficult time is very much appreciated.*

Lillie Henderson

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