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# The Bridge Builder

Children's



August 19

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

FBCBC did what it was built to do, **Connecting Christ to People**, through Real Life this past week. Over the four nights, we witnessed 1,157 students pour through the doors to experience the opportunity to connect with Christ through the music, teaching, and preaching. All of the work put in by our church is an investment which paid dividends during Real Life and will carry forth producing fruit in the lives of these young men and women. There were 55 total visible responses from the youth and a variety of stories indicating other impacts made among them. Thank you church for your willingness to host and support this one of a kind event for youth in our area.

Sunday was a humbling and exciting worship together as we got to see several milestones take place. Julia Morris, after playing the organ for 36 years, has made the challenging decision to step away from the grind of playing the organ every Sunday. She has sacrificially spent hours upon hours each week preparing, as each person within our music program has done, over the years. Also, we had the privilege of witnessing the results of spiritual leadership and a committed Christian home with two young ladies being baptized. Tessa Bailey was baptized by her father, Brandon, and Chloe Milstead was baptized by her father, Derek. It is exciting to see God moving and calling out his people.

Sunday we will look at Psalm 22 as David writes a prophetic psalm speaking of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (v.1) We all have felt such an anguish though the reality for us is God never has forsaken us. The reason God has never forsaken us is because he has "forsaken" his Son, Jesus. We certainly suffer and experience affliction, but never to the degree of what Jesus has done. Affliction is good for the soul. Jesus' affliction is good for our soul. Without it, we have no hope. With it, nothing we suffer compares. For we deserve more than we receive and Jesus deserved none of what he received. When we act as if we deserve none, we demean what Jesus has suffered. Let us look to the cross and our Christ who bore our sin upon it. Do you see your sin? Do you see He had none?

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 22:1

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

It was such a blessing to see Tessa and Chloe baptized yesterday! Both girls were so excited, and maybe a little nervous, to stand before the church and show outwardly the change that Jesus has made on the inside! It is amazing to see how far these young ladies have come in their walk with Jesus! Both Chloe and Tessa are very strong bold girls, and I know that they will shine out for Jesus in each of their schools! Please continue to lift them up in prayer as they go out and stand shoulder to shoulder with other Christians who are spreading the gospel throughout the world.... Starting in their own community.

Thank you for being so excited about the prayer cards for the children! I think this is a wonderful way to encourage our students of all ages, and I hope you will continue to pray for them throughout the year! If you did not get a set of prayer cards, there are some available in the church office at the desk. If you would like to encourage the kids with a card, please contact the church office for mailing information.

This Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30 p.m. we will be hosting our final Summer Movie Night (Parent's Night Out). We will meet in the gym and eat then watch our movie. Children are welcome to wear pajamas, and bring a blanket, pillow, and stuffed animal.

It's almost time to start getting ready for the Fall Festival, so put your thinking caps on and start getting your ideas together for your booths!

That the next generation may know,  
Chris

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## Thank You

*Thank you all so much for all the calls, visits and the love you shown to our family over the past two weeks. Mom and dad loved their church family so much and we appreciate you all. Thanks also to Mr. Clark and Mr. Stanton for bringing out the Lord's Supper to daddy. Also Darrell Segura. We love you all.*

*The Norris Brandon Family*

## YOUTH NEWS

As you read this, I will be getting a bit of relaxation with my family on vacation. I would like to thank all of those who have stepped up in my absence! Real Life was once again great! For official numbers please see Bro. Doug's weekly column. Our attention will now begin to be placed upon school returning. I know many of our students will be very busy with getting accustomed to their new schools, teachers, activities, and schedules. I know I am always excited for this time of year, as it seems like new beginnings. For the very first time I will personally have both of my kids in school. Jonah will begin his first year in the intermediate and Callie will begin kindergarten. This is a bit scary, but at the same time very exciting.

With the return of school also means Breakfast of Champions! This year's event will be held on the morning of September the 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have an extra week of preparation due to the new football schedule. Go ahead and mark your calendars, as we will need early morning cooks, greeters, and servers. We will also need help is setting up and taking down before and after the event. If you are willing and available to assist in any of these, please let me know. We have been doing Breakfast of Champions for over 30 years now, and it is a great opportunity to pray for our school and students as they embark on a new school year!

Be intentional,  
Aaron

**CLASSES/  
EVENING ACTIVITIES  
RETURN  
SEPTEMBER 16**

## WORSHIP DIRECTOR

IT'S TIME TO SING!!

Psalm 100:2 "Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!"

**Fill the Choir Loft** – Next Sunday, August 19, 2018 the choir will fill the loft and help lead worship. I am inviting anyone who would like to sing to meet in the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. that morning to go over the songs below:

God Is Good All the Time  
At Calvary  
How Great Thou Art  
Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)  
The Wonderful Cross

**Christmas Choir** - Also, the afternoon of August 19<sup>th</sup>, we will begin Christmas Choir practice. We will spend our time that day listening to our musical, Good News From Home. All interested singers please meet in the choir room at 4:30 p.m. We will continue to practice each Sunday at the same time, unless otherwise notified.

I would like to say a very special thank you to Julia Morris for her years of service to First Baptist Church playing the organ. She has been such an encouragement to me during the short time I have been Music Director. It has been a joy and privilege serving with her.

For His glory,  
Debbie

## NURSERY WORKERS August 19, 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 12, 2018

Projected Budget Need:	\$336,663.36
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$293,280.42
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$330,432.89

Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$14,134.00

#### ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School Goal	225
Sunday School	146

#### WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship Service Goal	300
Worship	147
Nursery	6
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	153

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### Sunday, August 19, 2018

9:15 Sunday School  
SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION  
10:30 Worship Service  
Children's Church  
for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade  
4:30 Christmas Choir Practice

First Family Break  
No PM Activities

### Tuesday, August 21, 2018

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

### Wednesday, August 22, 2018

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

### Thursday, August 23, 2018

4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night

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Aaron Little	Minister to Students Minister to Senior Adults
Chris Bailey	Director of Children's Ministry
Debbie Anderson	Worship Director

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

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