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# The Bridge Builder

I will  
fear no  
evil: for  
**THOU**  
art  
with  
me

Psalm 23:4



## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

I will be out this coming Sunday, August 26, and following week due to being in Atlanta to attend my doctoral classes. I am finishing my last slate of courses with Luther Rice this semester before entering my project phase. The continued educational pursuit is a joy and tremendous challenge. I have found that each course has providentially lined up with an area where I needed personal growth and understanding which directly benefited FBCBC at the same moment. After this semester, I will begin in the Spring 2019 embarking on my doctoral ministry project design, implementation, and writing. My goal is to complete this work so as to graduate in May 2020. I covet your prayers during the whole of this process and along with my present travels and studies.

Aaron Little will be preaching in my absence. We are blessed having him and I enjoy knowing I am leaving the preaching in faithful and gifted hands. Be certain to come and be an encouragement to him as he shares God's Word.

I wanted to publicly thank Brittany Ernst for her seven years of serving as FBCBC Nursery Coordinator. She has done a wonderful job and juggled the demands in her life. If you get a chance, express your gratitude for her faithful service and let her know you are praying for her in her new endeavors. In our past Business Meeting the church voted to hire Thelma Wheelis to take the position of Nursery Coordinator. Though she is a familiar face, stop by and encourage her in her new role.

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  
Colossians 3:17

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

We had such a great Promotion Celebration Sunday! It was so wonderful to see so many young people moving up to new classes to gain more knowledge and further their relationship with Christ! I had so much fun surprising the youngsters (as well as the congregation) and embarrassing them one last time before they "Move on up" to the youth! Please join me in prayer for these amazing young people as they take the next step in their spiritual walk!

We have had such a tremendous response with the back to school prayer cards, and I just want to take a moment to say thank you! Seeing the adults stopping kids in the hallway to talk or give a small gift has truly blessed my heart. I know these kids are feeling the power of the prayers being prayed over them. I have even heard stories of wonderful first days of school or and lessened anxiety because they knew someone was praying for both students AND parents! Thank you again for being so willing to take on this task, and for being so bold in your love of God.

Fall festival preparations will be beginning soon! Be thinking about your booths and how you would like to represent Christ at the fall festival!

That the next generation may know,  
Chris

**CLASSES/  
EVENING ACTIVITIES  
RETURN  
SEPTEMBER 16**

## YOUTH NEWS

Summer 2018 has come and gone. Students have started back to school; extracurricular activities have exploded, and time has yet again become a precious commodity. I ask that families take a few moments early on, once schedules get established, and work out time to spend with each other unplugged from distractions. This is one area that my family tends to really struggle with, and hopefully we can begin to make time for one another, quality time. Students will be back to normal schedule at church as well starting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights in the youth room. POD groups will once again be in full motion, however with a few new wrinkles. We will have only 2 POD groups for the next few months as we will have a POD Group for the guys and a POD group for the ladies. Nothing says competition like having the ladies show the guys exactly who's the best. It never fails that the ladies tend to win such battles is student ministry. This will also help ensure a much more comfortable promotion for our newly promoted students. I am truly excited, as this is the largest and most complete promotion group I have ever had over the now almost 7 years of ministry at FBC. Parents, we will be sending out new medical release forms as well as a new expectations form. Both will be required to be signed and returned for your student to be eligible to travel with the church. These forms should be headed your way in the next few weeks, as well as posted online for you to download and return.

A big thanks for my good buddy Dewey for taking over a few of my responsibilities while I was on vacation. I continue to hear nothing but good from our students about his ability to connect and teach. You, and many others who step in tirelessly to help when needed, are truly a blessing.

Be Intentional,  
Aaron

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## Thank You

*Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for the beautiful set of chimes given me for my retirement. I have enjoyed every year and feel privileged and blessed to have helped lead worship services by playing the organ. I will be around and occasionally will play with Lynn. Thank you for your love and support.*

*Julia Morris*

## WORSHIP DIRECTOR

GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME!

What a great day of worship in the house of the Lord this past Sunday at FBCBC!! I think we have found our favorite call to worship, God is Good, All the Time. Thank you to our choir for doing such a wonderful job of helping lead out and the children joining in. The Holy Spirit was surely in this place and it showed on the faces of the congregation.

**Christmas Choir** – We had our first Christmas Choir practice on Sunday. We spent our time listening to Good News from Home, our Christmas musical for 2018. Everyone was in agreement that it is wonderful and we are all excited about digging down into practice next Sunday.

The Choir met in our beautiful, updated choir room. If you haven't seen the changes, be sure and come to practice next Sunday at 4:30 p.m. We want to thank Doris Conner and Paty Dowden for the beautiful re-model.

We are also looking forward to other churches joining us this year as we are opening it up to have a community-wide Christmas Musical. We are in the process of communicating with a couple of the churches and there has been an interest shown, so we are very excited about the prospect. If you remember our Night of Worship a few weeks ago, the talent in our area is phenomenal. So along with the great talent we have at FBCBC, this has the potential of being another glorious night to lift up the name of Jesus.

So, please pray about coming and joining with us to bring the story of the birth of our Lord to our community.

For His glory,  
Debbie

## NURSERY WORKERS August 26, 2018

Sunday School Connie Claus

Worship Service Thelma Wheelis

Volunteers always needed. Please contact Thelma Wheelis

### LOOK AT THE RECORDS

August 19, 2018

Projected Budget Need:	\$347,184.09
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$302,067.41
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$338,398.57

Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$14,184.00

#### ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School Goal	225
Sunday School	143

#### WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship Service Goal	300
Worship	130
Nursery	6
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	136

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### Sunday, August 26, 2018

9:15 Sunday School  
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 28, 2018

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

### Wednesday, August 29, 2018

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



### Quarterly Blood Drive Thursday, August 23, from

4-7pm in the Family Life  
Center. Please pass this  
along to friends and fami-  
ly. You never know who's

life a donation will be saving.

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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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