

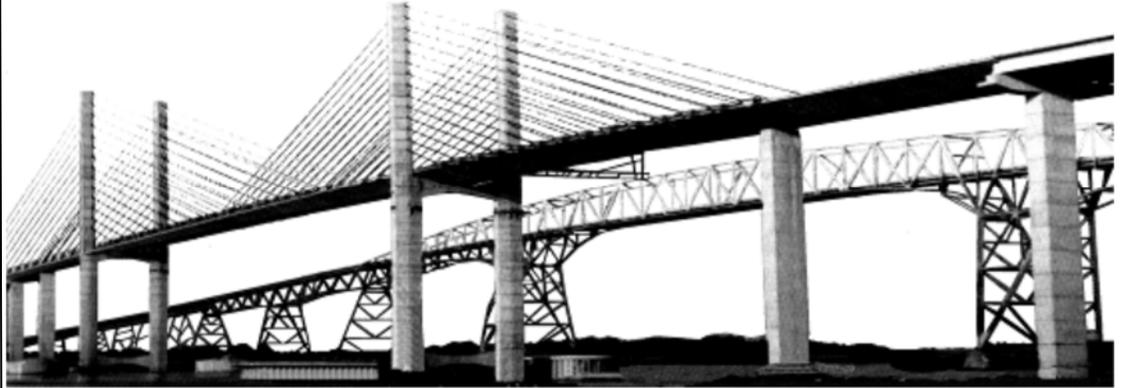
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# The Bridge Builder



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## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

We are well blessed at FBCBC with a gifted and committed team of people. I am so thankful for all of you who volunteer and serve in a variety of capacities. Your faithful and diligent efforts afford the church, that is us collectively, to minister and share the Gospel every Sunday and beyond. I am humbled by the sacrificial service of our staff and take comfort in their dedication and desire to minister. I want to thank Aaron for preaching God's Word in my absence and for all of you to know I eagerly await my return this Sunday. The classes have been edifying and challenging, but I miss being home with you all.

Sunday we will return to our sermon series in the Book of Psalms. In Psalm 34:8 the writer states, "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!" As humans we have five senses in which we can experience and analyze our world. The five senses we have are sight, hearing, touch, smell, and taste. Biblical text throughout encourage us to utilize every sense we have to experience, to test, the Lord. God is described in human terms interacting with us through the five senses, as well. We can see but are sometimes blind. We can hear, but sometimes fail to listen. We can touch, but sometimes resist His presence. We can smell, but sometimes find Him repugnant. We can taste, but . . . . We being born into sin and then actively rebelling seeking our own will and desire have scorched our taste buds. We like children demand our favorite treat, refusing to eat what is nutritious and good. Our palate has been damaged, hijacked, abused causing us to be unable to enjoy what is good. What is good, we spit out as if it is poison. But God gave us the ability to taste. He built our taste to only be satisfied by one flavor. We have been lied to and we have lied to ourselves. God is good. "Taste and see." Retrain your palate to enjoy what satisfies. Are you hungry? Tired of trying to satisfy yourself?

FBCBC is where the "impossible" is happening everyday through **Connecting Christ to People**. Let us continue to **Connect, Celebrate, Contribute, and Invite 3**.

For His Glory,

Douglas Shows  
Psalm 34:13

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

We had such a fun time in children's church wrapping up our "Team Work" unit with the game of baseball! We talked about throw down squeeze plays that catch the runner between bases, and they have to decide which way they will go. Natalie Rinehart got the best of us with her quick moves, as we played a game tossing a bean bag trying to get her "out". With quick thinking and serious twirling moves, she made her decision and was called "SAFE"! We learned about a squeeze play in the Bible in which Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego had to make a decision and trust God. Because of their trust in God, they came through their trial without even a singed hair!!! This has been a fun series to teach, and will be leading into next month's unit about workers in the church. . . . God's TEAM!

The children's department will be joining the church on September 9<sup>th</sup> at Bridge City Intermediate for the prayer walk. Those who would like to participate in this amazing community event need to meet at the school just before 5 p.m. For more information, you can call the church office.

Finally, Fall Festival is just around the corner! I hope you are thinking about the booths you will want to host this year! We are in the early planning stages and will be sending out sign up sheets to the Sunday School classes soon! Candy totes will be coming out in the next few weeks as well. Let's work together to make this an amazing outreach into our community!

Chris Bailey

**CLASSES/  
EVENING ACTIVITIES  
RETURN  
SEPTEMBER 16**

## YOUTH NEWS

“What a wonderful Sunday!” Four words that begin most every pastor’s Monday morning conversations. Seems to be almost an automatic response, much like the “Good” after the question “How are you doing today?” This morning I can genuinely say that it was a good Sunday morning. I was honored with the opportunity to preach the Word, as our pastor is out of state working hard trying to finish up his Doctorate. It’s always an honor to fill in for a pastor, as many pastors are very particular on who they trust with the pulpit. Thank you, Pastor Doug, for trusting me and working tirelessly for FBC. I would also like to thank everyone who have given me such wonderful encouragement after the service Sunday morning! Believe it or not, it is such kind words that go a long way to the spiritual and mental health of a pastor. My family and I are truly blessed to have been a part of FBC for now almost 7 years, and for the provision of God’s training ground. Always remember that we can truly have joy when facing trials in both our individual lives and our lives together as the body of Christ. We can get much more accomplished when we stop fighting our limitations and allow God to work in us through our limitations. We must be intentional. Intentional learners, listeners, and doers.

Breakfast of Champions is just a few weeks away! I have placed a signup sheet within your Sunday School class, so if you would like to help cook a wonderful breakfast for High school fall athletes, sign up soon. We will need cooks to arrive by 4:00 a.m. to begin cooking, servers to arrive by 6:30 a.m. to begin serving the students, and prayer warriors to arrive no later than 6:50 a.m. to begin to encourage and pray for all of the students and faculty at BCISD. We typically serve about 300 meals! Meals that will consist of pancakes, bacon, sausage, cereal, fruit, milk and juice. The event will be Friday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> sign up today!

POD Groups are up and going again in student ministry. We will be adding a few twists and turns through this season. Only two POD Groups, guys vs the ladies, are in place. Nothing says good old competition like this! Once again attendance and bringing guest will earn the highest points. Look for next weeks article for information on the full program.

Be Intentional,  
Aaron

## WORSHIP DIRECTOR

### 10,000 REASONS – BLESS THE LORD, OH MY SOUL

When we think of all the reasons that we have to praise our Lord, you can’t put a number on it. 10,000 sounds like a large number of blessings, but truly, if we started trying to name them all, it would be 10,000’s upon 10,000’s. I think the best thing to do is just start in the morning when we wake up praising Him until the time we lay our heads down to sleep. Let praise to our Lord be on our lips each moment of the day.

**Community-wide Christmas Choir** – This past Sunday, we had our first community-wide Christmas choir practice. Every chair was filled, but we have plenty more chairs to bring in to welcome other singers we are expecting to come. I am so thankful for our choir members from FBCBC who are so faithful to come to practice and already sounded so wonderful. They welcomed in our brothers and sisters from First Baptist Orangefield. The addition of singers just enhanced the already beautiful singing.

Please pray about joining us. There is still plenty of time. But, if not, please pray for all of the singers who are a part of this choir. Anyone who loves to be part of a choir feels a sense of excitement when we start practicing for a musical. The excitement was there this past Sunday.

We will continue to practice each Sunday at 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., unless otherwise notified.

Psalm 103:1 “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name”.

For His glory,  
Debbie

# NURSERY WORKERS September , 2018

Sunday School Connie Claus

Worship Service Thelma Wheelis

Volunteers always needed. Please call Thelma Wheelis at 409.293.6276.

## LOOK AT THE RECORDS

### August 26, 2018

Projected Budget Need:	\$357,704.82
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$308,887.03
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$359,739.84

<b>Digital Sign Goal</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>Digital Sign Receipts to date</b>	<b>\$14,524.00</b>

#### ATTENDANCE:

<b>Sunday School Goal</b>	<b>225</b>
Sunday School	128

#### WORSHIP SERVICE:

<b>Worship Service Goal</b>	<b>300</b>
Worship	134
Nursery	7
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>141</b>

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

## Sunday, September 2, 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

## Monday, September 3, 2018

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

## Tuesday, September 4, 2018

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

## Wednesday, September 5, 2018

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

## GOLDEN HARVEST MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Due to Labor day Golden Harvest Monthly luncheon will be September 10, 2018. Entertainment will be a tribute to Buddy Holly.

Main dish: Fried Chicken  
Bring sides and desserts.

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	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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