

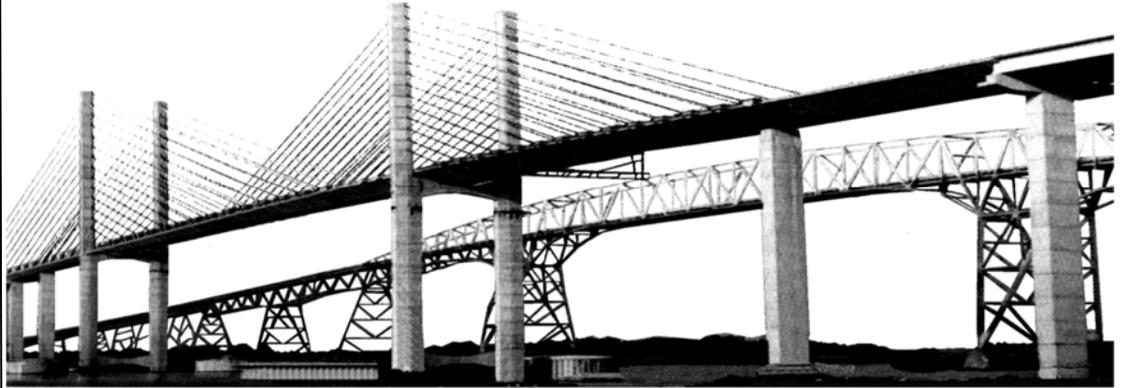
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The Bridge Builder



Connecting?

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,
Sunday we dive into Psalm 37 as we continue our sermon series "Songs for the Soul." Those who are followers of Christ and trust in the Lord have an abundance of promises from God to rely upon. The world we live in is full of voices competing for our attention. There are voices we face every day trying to convince of trusting in what they say. We have advertisements persuading us our lives will be better with the product they offer. We have people advocating for us to join them in protest over an issue. We have people telling us what they think is best for us and what we should give up. We have people clamoring for us to let our emotions be our guide to right and wrong. We have voices from the past declaring to us our failures and fears. What voice will we listen to and follow? These voices all beckon us to trust them and distrust God's promises.

The writer of the psalm, David, invites us to analyze the voices by testing the faithfulness of God. He attests, "I have not seen the righteous forsaken." (v. 25) The righteous is the one who trust in the Lord, the Righteous One. He encourages, "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him." (v. 7) God is ever faithful to his people and gladly gives them the desires of their hearts. But God loves us and wants our desires to be right, our desires to be for Him. "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart." (v. 4) What do you delight in today? Do you hear God calling you to delight in Him?

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 37:23

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

JUST AS I AM, I COME

We shared this awesome praise song this past Sunday...

I come broken, to be mended
I come wounded to be healed
I come desperate to be rescued
I come empty to be filled
I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ the Lamb
And I'm welcomed with open arms.....

John 6:37 "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me **I will never cast out**".

Praise God, just as I am.

Community-wide Christmas Choir – We had another record attendance for our choir practice this past Sunday. We have such a wonderful time together singing and the fellowship is sweet.

We have plenty of books and chairs, so if you have always thought about singing with the choir, now is the time.

Please continue to pray for the choir and instrumentalists who will be a part of this musical in December.

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

I Corinthians 4:25 "All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God."

For His glory,
Debbie

UNEXPECTED

By
Christine Cane

I have been heard to say: "I don't like surprises except on my birthday and at Christmas"; the unplanned -- the unexpected -- had no place in my life. But God has opened my eyes to see how He has used the unexpected to accomplish His purposes, throughout the Bible and in my own life. Beginning Sunday morning, September 16, during the regular Sunday School time, I will be leading a six-week Bible study named "*Unexpected: leave fear behind, move forward in faith. Embrace the adventure*" taken from the book of the same name by Christine Caine. In the study, Christine Caine uses examples from the Bible and her own experiences to illustrate God's use of the unexpected to lead us where He wants us to go. God does not want us to fear the unexpected, but to trust Him in all areas of our lives – through the unknown, the unplanned, and the unexpected.

If this Bible study appeals to you, take a short leave from your regular Sunday School class, invite a friend, and join me in the "Unexpected" Bible study.
Suzonne Vann

YOUTH NEWS

As most of you know, Breakfast of Champions is quickly approaching! We are still in need of several people to fill a few roles! We need cooks, servers, and prayer warriors. Breakfast of Champions has been going on for well over 30 years, as I am not sure of the exactly number of years, with last year being one of the few years that FBC hasn't hosted this tradition due to Hurricane Harvey. We need to really come out strong this year! Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, cereal, fruit, milk, juice, and of course a few extra little goodies. Cooking will begin around 4:00 a.m. on Sept. the 14th with food being ready to serve around 6:50 a.m. If you plan to be a server please plan to arrive by 6:30 a.m. and our mighty prayer warriors by 7:00 a.m. This will last up until about 7:40 a.m. as students will need to make class on time. Please make arrangements to be a part, even if you can only cook an hour or so due to your work schedule! Drop on by, visit with our BC Champions as you will make a huge difference!

We will also be leading a community prayer event at the flag pole at Bridge City Intermediate this next Sunday evening! I realize that there has been a bit of confusion regarding this event due to a few internet publications. While each school campus will have a prayer team, our church has been selected to lead just the BCI location. Of course, you are welcome to attend any school campus! The prayer event will last no more than about thirty minutes and begins about 5:00 p.m. that evening. I am incredibly grateful, that of all the churches in our school district, ours was one of the few that was selected to lead. Keep your prayers up FBC!

Parents, please be aware that we will be sending home new medical and liability release forms soon. We will make them available online as well as send them home to be filled out and signed. This is customary and is just part of student ministry. You student(s) will not be able to travel to events, until this form has been signed and returned! We will also announce Winter Retreat dates and location next week and our theme will follow soon after. I am pleased to announce that Circle Drive Baptist Church will also be joining us for Winter Retreat this year. It is my goal to have at least two churches join us for this trip, Circle Drive being one of those two!

Be Intentional,
Aaron

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Every Sunday is a new and exciting adventure with the children of our church! It is so surprising to hear the funny or touching things they share with me! This past Friday, however, I ran into a young man that was one of my kiddos in the children's ministry at FBC Orangefield with me for almost 5 years. When he saw Branden and I, his eyes just lit up and he ran over and gave us both great big hugs. He told us how much he had missed us, and that he had enjoyed our classes so much. He thanked us for everything we had done, and told us that we were his church Mom and Dad. He had been going through a rough patch during that time, and we were his listening ear, his shoulder to lean on, and his pat on the back to say good job, keep going! This young man has grown up to have such a sweet spirit about him, and I pray that God is using him even now. Running into this young man reminded me of how important what we do is. The kids that God has placed in our church are looking to us to be the example of how they are to live their lives. Let us not forget to do our part in the spiritual journey these kids are on.

This Sunday we will be meeting at Bridge City Intermediate at 5:00 p.m. to participate in a prayer walk around the school. This is such a wonderful opportunity to show our community how much we care for the students, teachers and administrators of our schools. If your child attends a different Bridge City school, you are welcome to join the groups meeting there. For more information about this wonderful community event, see Aaron Little or myself.

Fall is right around the corner! We have begun preparing for the Fall Festival! In just a few weeks, I will be sending out the booth sign up sheets. I hope you have been thinking about how you can help at this year's Fall Festival! Be looking for more information coming soon to a Sunday School class near you!

Finally, September 16th, we will be kicking off our Sunday evening classes. We will be using the App Store on our phones to teach kids about what God has to say about how we should live. This is going to be a fun interactive 8 week series of lessons that will help set the kids on a path through God's Word.

That the next generation may know,
Chris

NURSERY WORKERS September 9, 2018

Sunday School Connie Claus

Worship Service Thelma Wheelis

Volunteers always needed. Please call
Thelma Wheelis at 409.293.6276.

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

September 2, 2018

Projected Budget Need:	\$368,225.55
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$315,836.77
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$360,962.56

Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$14,524.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School Goal	225
Sunday School	116

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship Service Goal	300
Worship	130
Nursery	4
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	134

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, September 9, 2018

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

First Family Break
No PM Activities

Monday, September 9, 2018

11:00 Golden Harvest Monthly Meeting

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
Church Conference
Youth Activities
Children's Activities

Friday, September 14, 2018

6:50 Breakfast of Champions

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

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

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