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# The Bridge Builder

## THE GREAT EVANGELICAL RECESSION

**6 Factors That Will  
Crash the American Church  
... And How to Prepare**

JOHN S. DICKERSON

## “Losing to Gain”

5:30 p.m.

Sundays

In the Media Room

No more delusions. Investigating the current state of the American evangelical church and what our response must be.

Suggested read. The book will be a resource used in our class and can be purchased online.

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Sunday night we kick off our fall evening activities and classes. I will be leading a class in the Media Room, next to the Prayer Room, which will investigate the cultural and church decline being experienced across America and how we at First Family must respond to it. Much of the material I will be sharing was a part of one my recent doctoral classes. If you want to learn, wrestle with the reality, and be a part of impacting future generations I invite you to attend.

Sunday morning we continue with Psalm 46. We are familiar with one portion of this psalm though it is often misapplied and taken out of its context. "Be still, and know that I am God." (v.10) We often hear this and find it comforting, but in context it is a harsh rebuke from God. In context this is God shouting for us to quit warring against Him and his will. We cannot win. Therefore, we need to just surrender. As we dealt with last Sunday, if we will delight in God, we will gladly surrender and follow Him. When we do not delight in God, we are actively and/or passively warring against Him.

The opening verse of the psalm declares the truth we need to secure in our heart and live out in our life. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (v.1) Trusting in God is the epitome of wisdom. We all know this fact, but we gravitate toward not trusting. Our recoil from lack of trust is to be busy trying to fix. We use our limited understanding and our limited strength trying to move mountains. We are fighting against God when we are fighting against trusting Him. Can you "be still?" Will you let God be your "refuge?"

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 46:8

## WORSHIP DIRECTOR

COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP.....

And worship we did this past Sunday at FBCBC. It was so wonderful to see the large number of our church family together again after summer vacations and holiday trips. There was joy on everyone's face as we raised our voices in song.

I was overjoyed to be able to go with many of our church family to the Bridge City Intermediate school Sunday evening and pray together for the administrators, teachers and students for this school year.

### COMMUNITY-WIDE CHRISTMAS CHOIR

– We had another record number of choir members show up Sunday for practice. Even though we moved practice back a little from our regular time, they still came ready to sing. There is so much excitement when we get together.

We had singers from Circle Drive Baptist Church join us this week and are expecting a few more from that church next week along with First Baptist Orangefield and our own FBCBC singers.

Thank you to our choir members and children who get up most every Sunday morning and lead out on our call to worship. You add so much to the excitement of our worship service.

[Isaiah 12:5](#)

Sing to the LORD, for He has done glorious things. Let this be known in all the earth.

For His glory,  
Debbie

## YOUTH NEWS

I was glad to see our students Sunday school number back up this past week, looks that we are starting to shake off a bit of that summer slump. I am very please to say that we have already surpassed our total attendance mark from last year. In just 36 weeks we have had more attend Sunday school in our students' class than all last year and it looks to be one of our best years in a good while. Please continue to pray for our students and their growth.

POD groups are back in full swing, with the boys facing off against the girls. Right now, the boys have really sped out to a good lead. I have a feeling that the young ladies will catch up soon. Our newly promoted students have really stepped in and adjusted nicely. We are all looking forward to seeing how God uses them in both the near future and throughout their time here at FBC.

Parents, we will be sending out our new medical and liability release forms this week. You can find the form on our church website under the student ministry forms section. You may print off the form and send them back signed and completed or have you student(s) pick them up at any regularly scheduled youth service.

You will all be in for a treat, as Sunday morning the 23<sup>rd</sup>, our students will be leading the music, just another way they have stepped up for fill in when needed! Make plans to be there that morning!

Don't forget that breakfast of Champions is this Friday! I am looking forward to giving you a great report in my next article.

Be Intentional  
Aaron

## UNEXPECTED

By  
Christine Cane

brace the adventure." If you would like to take a short leave from your regular Sunday School Class, you can join them in the Media Room located next to the Prayer Room.

Suzonne Vann will be leading a 6 week Bible study entitled: Unexpected :Leave fear behind, move forward in faith. Em-

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

I am so excited about the Evening classes beginning this Sunday night! The kids will be exploring the APP Store (like on your cell phone) and learning how much God is still "APP"licable in their lives. We will be exploring many topics and hopefully helping them to understand that God is still as amazing and powerful today as He was in the Bible Days, and that lessons taught then still "APP"ly to us today.

We need a few helpers to assist Lynn with the younger children on Sunday nights. We can set up a rotation, if there is enough interest. If this is something you would like to help with, please let me know, or contact Lynn Richard.

Finally, I just want to say how excited I am about seeing the kids up in the choir on Sunday mornings. They enjoy singing their praises and clapping their hands. I just love the freedom the kids have in their worship! I was also excited to see several visitors yesterday morning! Tristan, Silas, and Cambrie, we were so glad you were here! Our kids are inviting others to join them at church! Who have you invited lately? Let's come together and begin reaching out to our friends and neighbors and welcome them into our family!

That the next generation may know,  
Chris

**THIS FRIDAY, SEPT. 14TH  
AT 6:50 A.M.**



Those cooking need to be here at 4 a.m. Servers at 6:30 a.m. and Prayer Warriors are needed by 7 a.m. in the FLC. If you would like to have a part in this amazing High School Outreach, contact Aaron Little!

**NURSERY WORKERS**  
**September 16, 2018**



**Thelma Wheelis**  
**Connie Claus**

**Volunteers always needed. Please call Thelma Wheelis at 409.293.6276.**

**LOOK AT THE RECORDS**

**September 9, 2018**

Projected Budget Need:	\$378,746.28
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$326,928.88
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$371,388.40

<b>Digital Sign Goal</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>Digital Sign Receipts to date</b>	<b>\$14,689.00</b>

**ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Sunday School Goal</b>	<b>225</b>
Sunday School	147

**WORSHIP SERVICE:**

<b>Worship Service Goal</b>	<b>300</b>
Worship	154
Nursery	7
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>161</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

9:15 Sunday School  
 10:30 Worship Service  
     Children's Church  
     for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade  
 4:30 Christmas Choir Practice  
 5:15 Children's Activities  
 5:30 Adult Classes  
     Youth Activities

**Tuesday, September 18, 2018**

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

**Wednesday, September 19, 2018**

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



**Purpose?**

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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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