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# The Bridge Builder



## OCTOBER PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

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|------------|------------------------------------|
| October 7  | Special prayer<br>All Men          |
| October 14 | Breakfast Treats<br>Welcome Center |
| October 21 | Pictures<br>Worship Service        |
| October 28 | Pastor's Favorite Hymns            |

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Sunday night we identified where we are as a church, being off mission and needing to get back to the basics. Our church has been plateaued in attendance for 5 years following the pattern of churches in decline. Sunday night we will continue the analysis of the American evangelical church and apply it to understand where FBCBC is presently and where it is headed without an intentional intervention. We will look at Dickerson's book, *The Great Evangelic Recession*, unpacking the last three areas indicating the church decline: Bankrupt, Bleeding, and Sputtering. Recovery or rebound cannot happen, if we are not willing to deal with the reality of the causes and boldly endure the pain required to return to health. Psalm 102 is where we will continue our sermon series through the Psalms, "Songs for the Soul." Pain and suffering not only wear out our bodies, it afflicts our mental state, our emotions, and can drive down deep into our soul. When the hurts are temporal like a bout with the flu, we can endure them knowing it will pass soon. But, what about when the hurt and pain appears to have no end? We can feel abandoned by God and begin to lose hope of ever seeing a day without misery. The writer of the psalm is expressing just such a fear. He is pleading with God to pay attention to his crying out and bring forth a respite from the pain. He begs for God to "incline your ear to me, answer me speedily in the day when I call." (v.2) Confession is good for the soul. When we can and will express the depths of hearts, the good, the bad, and the ugly, before God, God is pleased. God does not want a superficial relationship with us. Jesus did not die so we could be just a passing acquaintance. When we confess, we can finally hear God and get our perspective right. "But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever." (v. 12) Our pain and suffering has not knocked God off his throne. He did more than incline his ear toward us, He sent his son Jesus to die for us. Is it enough for you today? Will you confess your struggles to claim Jesus is enough? Let us start today, because Jesus is enough. 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 102:27

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

We have finished up our Mr. Potato head (Body of Christ) series in Children's Church, and want to invite you to take a stroll down the Children's Choir hall. The amazing creations made by our children will be on display this coming Sunday only. We have enjoyed the time spent talking about how important we are to the body. We are each given special gifts and talents that we can use for God's glory. We talked about how we can use these gifts and talents, and wrapped up by finishing our amazing one-of-a-kind potato heads! Next month, we will be exploring weird (but not scary) stories of the Bible. Sunday night we talked about a new App.... Candy Crush. In the game, small changes can have big results. We read in the Bible the parable of the Talents. The kids discussed ways that we can do little things that can have HUGE results for God. Remember, little is much, when God is in it!

Finally, it is candy collection time for the upcoming fall festival! Containers will be located in the Welcome Center, Church office and foyer of the Sanctuary. Booths are still available to volunteer in, so if you haven't already, get your name in a.s.a.p!

That the next generation may know,  
Chris



Empty Chairs Tell  
A Story!

## YOUTH NEWS

On Sunday nights students have dove off into a very tough theological subject! The Theology of the Sola Scriptura is one of the hottest topics of debate between the church and the world that surrounds. Quite simply, the Sola Scriptura is the doctrine held by many Christian denominations that God's word is infallible and is sufficient for faith and practice. To put it more simply, is God's Word sufficient for our modern culture? The answer, from the church perspective, is very much so. However, there are increasingly more and more churches that do not agree. It is our goal through this course to introduce this subject and of course discuss why indeed the Word of God is sufficient. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 states "All scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." This past Sunday we asked the question, Is God's word trustworthy and sufficient to teach us how to, through Christ, give us eternal life? While we indeed know the answer to this question is YES! , have you ever asked why? Through this study, we will teach students to be able to not only support their faith with scripture, but to also understand the why's . It is far more profitable for one to not only know the answer, but to also know why the answer is true. How can we reach the lost of this world with a sufficient Gospel, if there are ones who do not believe the Bible is trustworthy or "good for modern living?" There has to be more of an answer to the worlds questions than "because the Bible says so." While such an answer is Good enough for believers, to the unbeliever its questionable at best. This week we will tackle "Is God's word sufficient for counsel?"

Be Intentional,  
Aaron

## WORSHIP DIRECTOR

### HOSANNA.....YOU ARE THE GOD WHO SAVES US, WORTHY OF ALL OUR PRAISES.....

Hosanna (noun), an expression of adoration, praise, or joy. This past Sunday we entered the sanctuary with thanksgiving in our hearts. We expressed our adoration for the Lord. We worshiped the Lord with gladness, no matter what our circumstances. We came before him with joyful songs. We sang hosanna, because the Lord is worthy. We heard an outstanding sermon from Bro. Doug who pointed out that the Lord is good, in the good times and the bad, he is good! What a great day for the glory of God!

**Call to Worship** – Thank you, thank you to all who gathered for the call to worship. The children are always a joy to watch and a special thanks to some of our students, who joined us to help lead out.

**Community-wide Christmas Choir** – We are at the place in our practice sessions where we have sung through every song in the musical and are now starting to fine tune our presentation. We have assigned some solos and are very excited about what we are hearing from these soloists. The Lord is truly blessing our efforts.

The Christmas musical is scheduled for Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. It's early I know, but please put this date on your calendar to attend. Your heart will be blessed. We will continue to practice each Sunday at 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., unless otherwise notified.

Psalms 100:2, "Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs."

For His Glory,  
Debbie

## UNEXPECTED

By  
Christine Cane

### "UNEXPECTED ASSIGNMENTS"

A young woman grew up expecting to be married, have children, and live an average, normal life in her home town — just like her mother, grandmother, and every other woman she knew. In fact, she was already engaged to be married. But one day, totally out of nowhere, she received the message of an "unexpected assignment" from God — an assignment that carried risk, heartache, and the unknown; but that also carried the promise of fulfillment and joy beyond what she could have ever imagined. Would she accept the assignment or turn away in fear? "Unexpected" meets in the media room next to the Prayer Room at 9:15 Sunday. Each session is independent, so you can jump in any time.

Suzonne

**NURSERY WORKERS**  
**October 7, 2018**



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

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

**LOOK AT THE RECORDS**

**September 30, 2018**

Projected Budget Need:	\$410,308.47
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$348,748.45
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$393,072.51

<b>Digital Sign Goal</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>Digital Sign Receipts to date</b>	<b>\$15,129.00</b>

**ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Sunday School Goal</b>	<b>225</b>
Sunday School	145

**WORSHIP SERVICE:**

<b>Worship Service Goal</b>	<b>300</b>
Worship	142
Nursery	8
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>150</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**Sunday, October 7, 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, October 9, 2018**

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

**Wednesday, October 10, 2018**

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

**Saturday, October 13, 2018**

2:00 Deacon/Widow Ice Cream Social

**DEACONS**  
**WIDOWS/WIDOWERS!!!**



Mark your Calendar  
 For  
 Saturday, October 13

Cake & Ice Cream Party

Widows/Widowers, come meet your deacon for the  
 new year at 2:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.  
 Watch your mail for more information.

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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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