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The Bridge Builder

Candy & Snack Cakes Needed for



the Fall Festival
October 31st 6-8:30 p.m.

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Sunday night we walked through the problem of where the American evangelical church has gotten "off mission." We at FBCBC have followed the same pattern by failing to "go." The Great Commission requires the "go" to have the possibility of the results which are making, disciples, baptizing people, and having people to teach about Christ. Remove the "go" and a church is going nowhere. To get back "on mission" we looked at the concept of Commander's Intent utilized by the military. The Marines have a slogan which encompasses this idea: Improve, Adapt, and Overcome. We must know our primary objective, it is a nonnegotiable, while being flexible in how we reach it. Connecting Christ to people is our mission. How do we do it? We start with "GO."

Psalm 108 is the text we will turn to as we continue our sermon series, "Songs for the Soul." We are all susceptible to feeling defeated and hopeless. Having a relationship with Jesus Christ does not make us immune to this possibility. The issue we must contend with is not trying to avoid the dark and difficult times, but being certain we are responding to them appropriately. We live in a world which by its current nature is degenerative and destructive. We ourselves are preprogrammed by our sin nature to be self-centered and fatalistic. We cannot defeat the darkness by determining to be happy and strong arming our will to conquer our despair. The problem is there are bad days, bad months, bad years, and even bad lives. Life can be and is painful. But where do we look for our hope? Are we to manufacture our own solution? God calls us to trust him in our pain and hopelessness. "For vain is the salvation of man" (v.12) when we attempt our own tainted resolutions versus trusting in him. God does not save us from despair, God saves us through the despair. "With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes." (v.13) Will you trust God to do the work of salvation on your behalf?

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

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Candy and Treats and Little Debbies... OH MY! Fall festival is in a week and a half, and we are still needing these items, as well as volunteers to work booths. This year we are going to expand our outreach by giving out cd's from the prayer booth. These cd's are mostly geared to the kids, but our hope is that they will reach the parents as well. The cd's include scriptures such as Romans 3:23, James 1:22, Romans 8:28 and a few others, put to contemporary music. I am excited to share these with the families that come to the festival, and am looking to use them as a way to open doors for prayer and connections with those in our community. After all, who doesn't love free stuff, right?

The kids in children's church enjoyed a special appearance by Jenny the Donkey (well, it was actually Scout the horse in a donkey costume...lol). Mrs. Sandra Clark (a.k.a. Vanna Veterinarian) hosted our little Animal World show, and we learned about Balaam's Donkey and trusting God. The kids enjoyed our little puppet show, and even got to laugh a little as we learned! Next week, we will conclude our "Weird!" curriculum, with the final story that comes from the fish's mouth!

Finally, in our Sunday evening class, the kids explored the Instagram app. We take selfies everywhere we go. We LOVE to take selfies. In our lesson, we learned that Jesus is always with us... Everywhere we take selfies, He is there. We read Psalm 23 and talked about God being ever present in good times, and in bad times. To help kids understand this, we made something we call "Flat Jesus". Some of you may be familiar with Flat Stanley that travels the world and people take pictures with him. Well, to remind kids that Jesus is with us everywhere, I have challenged the kids (with the help of their families) to take pictures with their "Flat Jesus" to show that He is everywhere we are. Kids will be submitting their photos, and also having a fun competition to see who can do the most. They will also get extra points for creative places. The most points, however will come from videos where the kids are courageous and share a little Jesus with others in public. They have 2 weeks to turn in their photos and videos. On Sunday, November 11th we will present a slideshow of all these pictures and videos during which the winners will be announced. Please pray for these children as they go out to share a little Jesus with the world. When you see them on Sundays, encourage them to go out and be a light in the community.

That the next generation may know,
Chris

YOUTH NEWS

A “great” philosopher once said, “There’s a first time for everything!” I’m certain that almost every human, if not every human, has used to communicate that something indeed was a bit surprising. I can genuinely say that I had once of those experiences last Wednesday night. For just over two weeks, students worked to give me a surprise 38 th birthday party at church. Now I will admit that I’m usually pretty good at putting the pieces together in such a situation, but I literally had no clue. I, for the life of me, still cannot comprehend how a bunch of teenagers pulled the wool over my eyes for half a month. Usually there is at least one squealer in the midst, but not this time. Each student took time to write me a quick letter of encouragement and even took vacation time from their jobs to attend. I am still humbled by the experience, and a very grateful to have such a great group of kids! As I stated before, there certainly is a first time for everything, and in this case, it was truly a blessing. Just what the doctor ordered!

Winter Retreat sign ups are underway! Right now, we have a total of 5 churches joining us on or trip! Our students really like having these additional attendees! Each church that attends helps the expenses for each church drop. Students will only have to pay \$40.00 to attend this year, and with the potential for the SETBA, our local association, chipping in we may have little to no expense to the church! God is working FBC, have faith and keep following Him!

Be Intentional,
Aaron



**Who belongs
in this chair?**

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

LORD, I WANT TO BE IN THAT NUMBER....
We had an exciting time of praise and worship this past Sunday at FBCBC. When we shared When the Saints Go Marching In, everyone was blessed and there was lots of hand-clapping and singing. We enjoyed a wonderful time of praise and we welcomed each other with handshakes and hugs.

If you haven’t attended at First Baptist Bridge City in a while, we invite you to come and see what the Lord is doing through the worship and the Word.

COMMUNITY-WIDE CHRISTMAS CHOIR –
We moved our choir practice into the sanctuary. This gives us a feel for the atmosphere and sound that we will have on the night of the Christmas Musical. The chairs filled immediately and we brought in more. It was a beautiful sight to see and the choir sounded wonderful. We will be working to put the finishing touches on our presentation. Everyone is working so hard, so I truly hope you are planning to attend on Sunday, December 9, 2018. Please invite someone to come with you and not only enjoy this spirit-filled musical, but also the Taste of Christmas, which will be held immediately following the musical. We will continue to practice in the sanctuary each Sunday at 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., unless otherwise notified.

Psalm 29:2 “Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name, worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.”

For His Glory,
Debbie



If any of our new church members are veterans, we are making a veterans poster. Please turn in military pictures with your name on the back to the church office.

Shirley Lynd

NURSERY WORKERS
October 28, 2018



Thelma Wheelis
Connie Claus

Volunteers always needed. Please call
Thelma Wheelis at 409.293.6276.

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

October 21, 2018

Projected Budget Need:	\$441,870.66
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$375,174.19
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$426,725.04

Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	<u>\$20,649.00</u>

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School Goal	225
Sunday School	129

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship Service Goal	300
Worship	120
Nursery	5
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	125

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, October 28, 2018

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

Tuesday, October 27, 2018

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

Wednesday, October 28, 2018

9:00 Quilting for Buckners
 6:00 Fall Festival

Thursday, November 1, 2018

4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night

LINK UP WITH LIFE CHAIN

Remember, Life Chain is Sunday, October 28th, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Come prepared to add strength to the chain of life as we testify to the humanity of unborn children.



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
7:30 — 5:30
MONDAY — THURSDAY

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