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The Bridge Builder



Harvest Meal

Sunday, November 11
Following Morning Service

*Sign up in your Sunday School Class or
In the Church Office!*

Departments are asked to bring the following:

Adult 2/3	Desserts
Adult 4/5	Fruit Salad
Ladies' Class	Green Beans
Men's Class	Cranberry Sauce
Adult 6	Sweet Potatoes
Adult 7	Fruit Salad
Adult 8	Desserts
Adult 9	Green Beans
Children's & In-Service Workers	Desserts

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

We have finished our Sunday Night class looking over the state of the American evangelical church and how FBCBC reflects these aspects. The challenges ahead are monumental, but not insurmountable. We will need to “adapt, improvise, and overcome” to get back “on mission” and be a church which is built to impact the current culture and reach those yet “unborn.” God is prepping us to sail into the great “unknown” to share Christ with a people we have yet to even meet. Are you ready for the adventure?

Sunday morning we continue our sermon series through the Psalms, “Songs for the Soul.” In Psalm 117 we witness the writer avoid “beating around the bush” and just “cut to the chase.” Sometimes brevity is refreshing and helps one concentrate on what is most important. The whole psalm is composed of two lines. “Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the Lord.” (V. 1-2) Every verse in Scripture from “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1) to “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.” (Revelation 22:21) and every verse in between is meant to declare the truth of God’s steadfast love and faithfulness. Today is the perfect time to stop and join in with the writer of the psalm declaring this truth over the whole of your life. Got praise? Got gratitude? Give God the glory He richly deserves.

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 117:2



CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Hello all.... By the time you read this article, the Fall Festival will probably be packed up and for another year! For those of you who helped, donated, prayed, and attended, we thank you from the bottoms of our hearts. It could not have been accomplished without you! Though the festivities are over, we still have a job to do. Throughout the night, we made many contacts and shared God’s love and message with those who came, whether in a kind word, a smile, a hug or may through the cd’s we gave out. Our job now is to pray for the seeds that were planted to be watered, tended, and grow. My prayer is that God will send special individuals into the paths of these seed bearers, that will help nurture it to maturity. We may never see the harvest, but we pray for its abundance regardless.

This week, we finish up the “App Store” weekly Bible Study with the kids. It has been so much fun! November 4th is the last day the kids can submit their “Flat Jesus” pictures and videos. I will be creating something special to show the morning of the 11th, so that you all may see the amazing places Jesus goes with us! Please continue to pray for these kids as they boldly go out to share Jesus in our community.

In Children’s Church, we will be starting a fun 4 week unit called, “Diary of a Thankful Kid”. We will be remembering to give thanks for the things God has blessed us with, and for the love He shows us everyday!

Finally, we will be doing a special video with the kids for Christmas. We will be getting with you (parents and grandparents) to set up times to come and make your child’s part of the video! This is going to be so much fun, and hopefully pretty cute! Stay tuned for more information to come!

That the next generation may know,
Chris

Lord's Supper &

Baptism

Sunday, November 4
During the Morning Worship

YOUTH NEWS

The prophet Isaiah told the story of a man with a vineyard on a fertile hill. The man cultivated the ground and removed the stones so that nothing would hinder the vines' growth. He planted only the best quality vines. He built a tower in the middle of the vineyard, so he could watch for wild animals and intruders. He constructed a wine vat so that he would be ready for the ripe grapes. Then he waited. Rather than producing good grapes, however, the vineyard produced worthless ones. The story illustrates the relationship between God and His people. God has done everything necessary for us to produce an abundance of spiritual fruit in our lives. He saved us when we were without hope. He gave us His Holy Spirit to produce fruit in our lives. He removed our sin so that we are free to serve Him. We have the Bible in numerous translations. We have access to more Christian books, music, videos, conferences, schools, radio and television stations, magazines, and seminars than ever before. There are churches of every kind and size. We have teachers and pastors to instruct us and encourage us. Most of all, we have direct access to God through prayer. Jesus said that to whom much is given, much is expected. One day God will hold us accountable for all that He has done for us. He will ask us to show Him the fruit of all of His bountiful provision for our lives. What will He find?

Be Intentional,
Aaron



**Who belongs
in this chair?**

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

LIFE IS WORTH THE LIVING JUST BECAUSE HE LIVES....

We ended Pastor Appreciation Month this past Sunday with the singing of some of Bro. Doug's favorite songs. Some of the favorite hymns are Because He Lives, In the Garden and It Is Well. We saw hands raised and faces glowing as we sang these wonderful hymns along with some contemporary praise songs which rounded out an inspiring worship service all for the glory of God.

**COMMUNITY-WIDE CHRISTMAS
CHOIR** – We had another wonderful and fruitful choir practice this past Sunday evening. We have started working on the little things which is so important, so our presentation will be all that we want it to be to glorify our Lord and Savior.

We appreciate so much all of the hard work and dedication by all of the singers who show up each week and are looking forward to presenting this to the community to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

I hope you are planning to attend on Sunday, December 9, 2018. This is the perfect time to invite someone who may not attend church at all. Sometimes a heart will be touched by the music and maybe a seed will be planted that will eventually bloom which could lead to another soul being saved.

“Worship is our response to the overtures of love from the heart of the Father.” Richard J. Foster

For His Glory,
Debbie

NURSERY WORKERS
November 4, 2018



Thelma Wheelis
Connie Claus

Volunteers always needed. Please call
Thelma Wheelis at 409.293.6276.

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

October 28, 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	126

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship Service Goal	300
Worship	126
Nursery	5
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	131

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, November 4, 2018

9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 Lord's Supper & Baptism
 Children's Church
 for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
 4:30 Christmas Choir Practice
 5:15 Children's Activities
 5:30 NO PM Adult Classes

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

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

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

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



PLEASE REMEMBER, set your clocks back
 1 hour before retiring Saturday evening.

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Aaron Little	Minister to Students
	Minister to Senior Adults
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Debbie Anderson	Worship Director

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

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