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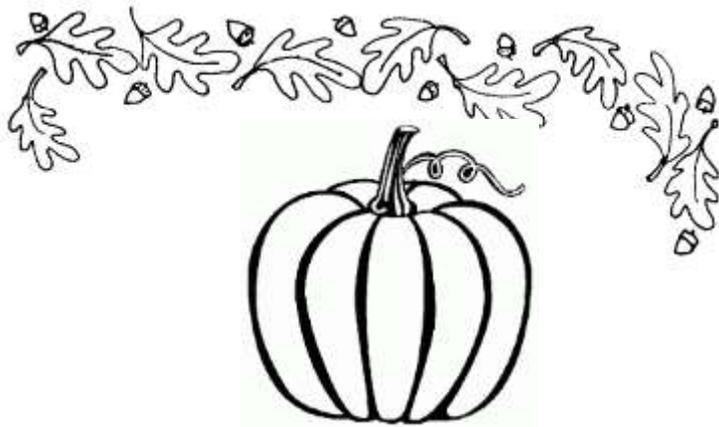
BRIDGE CITY, TX 77611

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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:

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

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Wednesday, October 31, we had a tremendously successful Fall Festival with 800 plus people in our community coming through our doors. We were able to make **connections**, sharing Christ through conversations, Bible stories while face painting, distributing Bibles, providing CD's with Christian songs for kids, etc. Thank you church for your faithfulness to make events such as this possible.

Sunday was a special day as we got to celebrate the public profession of faith in Christ by a young boy and his father baptizing him into the faith. We had the joy of celebrating God's steadfast love and faithfulness through the taking of the Lord's Supper transporting us back to the cross and Christ's great sacrifice made for us. Let us not forget who God is and how He loves us by keeping our focus on the cross.

Sunday morning our sermon series through the Psalms, "Songs for the Soul" continues by focusing on Psalm 118. We can "give thanks to the Lord, for he is good" (v.1) as the psalm writer declares. We have the tendency to forget this truth and can struggle to give thanks, to be a person of gratitude. God has promised and delivered a "steadfast love" to us through the death, burial, and resurrection of his son, Jesus Christ. This one fact, one truth, one reality, is and should be enough to have us sing and declare our thankfulness from now into all of eternity. But, life happens. Life tries to distract and shift our focus to the hurts and pains of the past, the hurts and pains of the present, and the fear of hurts and pains of the future. We need a place to find rest from the onslaught. We need a place where we can weather the storm. We need a stronghold which can endure the assault. We will often seek out our respite in the very things which assail us, the world. However, God has offered us something which can, will, and does provide the refuge we need. "It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust man." (v. 8) God has offered his son Jesus. Is Jesus enough? Is Jesus enough for you to know God's love? Is Jesus enough of a reason to be thankful? Is Jesus 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 118:22

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CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

I want to begin my article with a sincere thank you to those who helped in the Fall Festival. I know I wrote about it last week, but I want to say again how much I appreciate you all! I was so proud of our church. I saw several children who had never owned a Bible leave with one, showing it proudly to parents and friends, children getting their faces painted as they heard about Jesus, connections made with families that are searching for a church home where they and their children can feel at home, and a place that was so welcoming that eleven people felt comfortable enough to share prayer concerns with us. Over and over again, I heard people remark about how wonderful it was, and the welcome they received. Job well done. We love you all, and hope you know how much you are appreciated. Continue on, praying for the nurturing of the seeds planted, and abundance in the harvest!

There are two things I would like to bring to your attention that are coming up very quickly. This year, we will be entering a float in the Bridge City parade on December 8th. Our float will feature the story of two families on one starry night... one present day, and one over 2,000 years ago. If you would like to help with the decorations for the float, please get with me a.s.a.p. The trailer is parked in the bus garage, so we can work rain or shine, light or dark. I need builders (for a small project or two), lots of lights, some specific decorations and willing workers. If you would like to see the plans, or want to know more, please give me a call, or come by the church office.

Finally, we will begin making a special video featuring the kids in our children's ministry soon. We would like as many children to be involved as possible. This video will be shown the night of the Christmas Night of Worship. More information will be available shortly about this fun project.

Thanks again so much for supporting our children and families here at First Baptist, you are truly making a difference.

That the next generation may know,
Chris

YOUTH NEWS

Three years ago, my son came up to me and asked that one question that every child will ask a parent at some point. “Dad, will you take me to Disney World?” At the time he was just six years old and his sister just three. Of course, as a parent, you know that there will be the obligatory Disney trip at some point, but you really hope your children will be a bit older when they ask this question, or at least that was our hope. At the time, by no means were we ready to take such a venture. As any good parent would do, we simply made a promise that indeed we will go but he needed to wait until he was a bit older. Being himself, he followed up his question with another- “How old do I need to be?” By this time, we knew that this conversation would not be over until all of his questions got answered. So, we simply explained that we felt like we needed to wait until both he and his sister were old enough to remember the trip. With a funny glance we knew what was coming next, so we simply answered before he could ask “When you are nine and your sister is six.” Fast forward three plus years later and guess what gets brought up! How in the world they both remembered is far from me, but indeed he expected to be in Disney ON HIS BIRTHDAY! That’s right, November 1st Jonah turned nine and Callie was six! Guess who went to Disney this past week!!! It is important for parents to always back up their promises with their children. The Bible is clear that keeping a promise is highly important. Please, even if it cost you everything, even if you children are grown adults. Always keep your promises. The payoff is out of this world, as I have never seen two kids as happy as they were!

Be intentional
Aaron

WORSHIP DIRECTOR I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED....

We celebrated the ordinances of baptism and the Lord’s Supper this past Sunday at FBCBC. It was a joy-filled day as the baptism reminded us that another soul has been saved. The partaking of the Lord’s Supper is such a special time that we as believers can share. We share the reminder of what the Lord did for us on the cross and the fact that because of this, we will one day all spend eternity together with the Lord.

COMMUNITY-WIDE CHRISTMAS CHOIR – Our practices are going so well. Each Sunday the choir sounds better and better as we work to perfect our performance. My heart is always full as these wonderful singers gather with excitement and joy. Everyone there loves to sing and it shows. Again, I want to thank our wonderful FBCBC choir members who have been so faithful to come and practice. Thank you for welcoming in the singers from the other churches in our area.

Just a reminder that the musical will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. We will have our annual Taste of Christmas immediately following. It will be exciting to have members from the other churches attending the musical and sharing with us in our Taste of Christmas.

Psalm 46:8 “Come and see what the Lord has done, the amazing things he has done on the earth”.

For His Glory,

Debbie



**Who belongs
in this chair?**

NURSERY WORKERS
November 11, 2018



Thelma Wheelis
Connie Claus

Volunteers always needed. Please call
Thelma Wheelis at 409.293.6276.

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

November 4, 2018

Projected Budget Need:	\$462,912.12
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$392,991.80
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$434,585.40

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

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School Goal	225
Sunday School	117

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship Service Goal	300
Worship	127
Nursery	6
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	133

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, November 11, 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
 5:30 First Family Break
 NO PM Adult Classes

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

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

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

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

Thursday, November 15, 2018

4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night

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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
7:30 — 5:30
MONDAY — THURSDAY

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