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The Bridge Builder



DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

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| December 2 | First Family Worship Sunday |
| December 9 | Deacon's Meeting at 4:00 p.m. |
| December 9 | Christmas Night of Worship, 6:00 p.m.
Followed by A Taste of Christmas in the
Family Life Center |
| December 12 | Church conference at 6:30 p.m. |
| December 16 | Children's Christmas party & caroling at
5:00 p.m. |
| December 19 | Youth Christmas Party at 6:30 p.m. |
| December 23 | Lord's Supper |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service |

Church office closed December 21 — January 1

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

I again want to express my thankfulness for Billy Manning preaching in my absence. He has boldly proclaimed that God expects men to stand up and be counted as servants of Christ. The challenge is before us men. If we will not stand up now, when will we stand up? A church needs men who are faithful, courageous, and willing.

Sunday morning our sermon series through the Psalms, "Songs for the Soul" continues by focusing on Psalm 119. The writer of the psalm uses an acrostic utilizing each letter of the Hebrew alphabet for each eight verse section. An acrostic is a poetic device used to establish a pattern and aid memory. The subject of the psalm is God's law or word. The writer is attempting to convey the completeness of God's Word using the Hebrew alphabet. In our modern language we might state it as God's Word covers everything from A to Z. The question we may need to contend with is whether we actually consider God's Word sufficient for all things. What source do we use to determine truth? Where do we derive our sense of right and wrong? Do we allow God to speak to us through His Word?

The writer notes, "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." (v. 11) "I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways." (v. 15) "Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart." (v. 34) "It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes." (v. 71) "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (v. 105) "I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight." (v. 174) Each of these express how the writer delights in God's instructions and seeks to love God with his full heart. The writer does not consider God's Word as a burden or not worth his time. How do you view and interact with God's Word? 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 119:165

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Everything is on track for the parade float and the Christmas Video! I am so excited about the upcoming events in December!

We will begin decorating the parade float on Monday, December 8th at 6 p.m. in the Bus Garage. If you would like to help, please contact me a.s.a.p. We have a few individuals who have signed up to help in the parade, but we are still looking for Mary and Joseph, and Grandparent characters to ride on the float with the children. We will also be needing kids who would like to participate to dress up in pajamas for one side of the float, or as nativity animals on the other. Finally, we are looking for people to walk with the float to hold the barrier rope, and to hand out invites to our church events. Those walking in the parade will need to get an orange shirt from the office. Again, if you are interested in helping please contact me at the church or on my cell at 409-738-3837!

The Children's Christmas video will be shown at the beginning of the Night of Worship on Sunday, December 9th at 6 p.m. Be sure to invite family and friends to this special night of Christmas celebration for the whole community. The children's ministry will also be hosting a table at the annual Taste of Christmas that will follow the program. We will be making coffee punch and a fruit flavored Christmas punch, and the children are invited to bring their favorite candy for the table as well.

Finally, the Children's Christmas Party is Sunday, December 16th at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We will go caroling and then go look at Christmas lights, then return to the church to eat supper and party! We should be done around 7:00 p.m. For more information please feel free to give me a call or come by the church office!

That the next generation may know,
Chris

YOUTH NEWS

Martha loved Jesus dearly and would have done anything for Him. Her struggle came in being still! Martha spent so much time serving Jesus that she had no time to enjoy His company or to get to know Him better. The harder Martha worked, the more frustrated she became with her sister Mary. Mary was sitting at Jesus' feet while Martha ran around the house to make sure everything was in perfect order for Jesus. Martha's service, though it started out with gladness, deteriorated into resentment. It is good to want to serve Christ as an expression of love for what He has done. Yet when our activity consumes our time and energies so that we have no time for Him, we have become too busy! We may think, as Martha did, that if we do not do the work, it will not get done. That may be true, but Jesus taught that our highest priority must be our relationship with Him. If anything detracts us from that relationship, that activity is not from God. God will not ask us to do something that hinders our relationship with Christ. At times, serving God and carrying out His mission is the best way to know and experience God. At other times, it is more important to sit quietly at His feet and listen to what He is saying. We are not called to continually sit at the feet of Jesus, otherwise our service for Him would cease. Neither are we called to serve Him incessantly, without taking time to find restoration in His presence. This Thanksgiving, be sure to invite Christ to the table you have prepared, be grateful for His rich bounty, and sit in His presence!

Be Intentional,
Aaron

CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE

A committee has been formed to support revising the church constitution and we want your input. Forms can be obtained in the church office, welcome center or Sunday School classes so you can provide your input. Complete the form and return to the church office or to a committee member on or before January 27, 2019.

Brandon Bailey Dewey Stuart
Juana Matthews Brenda Woodall
Greg Quist

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

A WORSHIPPING HEART.....A GRATEFUL HEART

Psalm 103:2 “Praise the Lord, Oh my soul and forget not all His benefits”.

Worshipping is much more than singing for 30 minutes on Sunday at a church service. It has more to do with relationship than it does with music. When we worship God with music, we are using a tool to help us connect to the living God.

A worshipping heart – a heart that desires to live a life of worship through singing, serving and loving. Remembering God’s blessings and being grateful is the key to a worshipping heart. We can decide to do these things and let the overflow affect others. Our example can remind those around us that there is a God worth knowing and that we were created for His pleasure. He created us for specific purposes and we need to always keep our hearts and minds open to what His plans are for our lives.

GOOD NEWS FROM HOME – COMMUNITY-WIDE CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

We are just a few weeks away from our Christmas musical, Good News from Home. The choir has worked untiringly over the last few months to perfect our performance to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. We are excited and so looking forward to worshipping in song through this wonderful musical.

We will also lead the congregation in worship with some of our favorite Christmas carols and some praise and worship songs. We also have a few local singers who will provide us with some specials. We look forward to our children, who will be involved as always, with a special presentation.

TASTE OF CHRISTMAS – Remember that we will enjoy our annual Taste of Christmas after our musical on Sunday, December 9, 2018.

For His Glory,
Debbie

NURSERY WORKERS
November 25, 2018



Thelma Wheelis
Connie Claus

Volunteers always needed. Please call
Thelma Wheelis at 409.293.6276.

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

November 18, 2018

Projected Budget Need:	\$483,953.50
Weekly Receipts:	\$ 6,932.47
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$408,351.61
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$446,389.03

Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	<u>\$20,709.00</u>

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School Goal	225
Sunday School	125

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship Service Goal	300
Worship	140
Nursery	6
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	146

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, November 25, 2018

9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 Children's Church
 for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
 4:30 Christmas Choir Practice
 5:30 First Family Break
 NO PM Activities

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

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

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

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

Thursday, November 29, 2018

4:00 Quarterly Blood Drive

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON
NOVEMBER 21, WILL REOPEN
NOVEMBER 26.

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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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