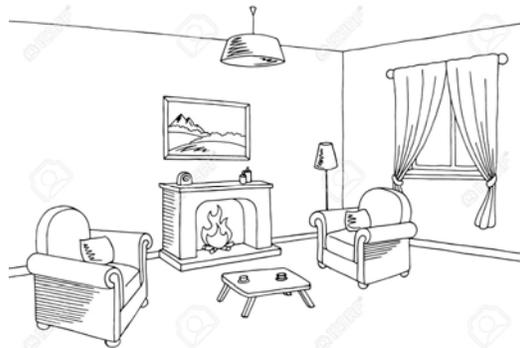




The Bridge Builder

GOOD NEWS FROM HOME



- December 8 6:00 P.M. BC Christmas Parade
Adult helpers need to be in FLC by 5:00 P.M.
Children need to be in FLC by 5:30 P.M.
- December 9 6:00 P.M. "Good News From Home"
Followed by A Taste of Christmas in the FLC

Join us for a great time of fun, fellowship and to worship our Lord.

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Sunday we were blessed to be able to witness the life within the church by seeing the kids fill the choir loft for our start of First Family Sunday. We are going to have a special kid's time on the first Sunday of each month, allowing the kids to remain with the family. It was precious to hear the interactions and see the fun the kids were having with it all. I am so thankful for the burgeoning Children's Ministry and the abundance of families we see being a part of our church.

Sunday we will continue our look at the question, "Why a Savior?" Romans 5:6-11 will be the main portion of the text we will focus on. Paul throughout his writing in Romans demonstrated the fullness of our sin and the just consequences we must face. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) "For the wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23) "For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight." (Romans 3:20) "those who are in the flesh cannot please God." (Romans 8:8) We find ourselves in an utterly hopeless state being unable to not sin, make recompense for our sin, and live the law in a way to justify ourselves before God. What will humanity do? What will you do? We have found ourselves exposed and caught in the trap of our cosmic treason we have launched against the Creator. We say we love him, but our actions demonstrate we despise him. He, God, should despise us, but We need a savior whether we want one or not. Why would God provide us a Savior?

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
Romans 8:31

LOTTIE MOON:

Supporting
International
Missions



Support International Missions
Through Southern Baptists' Annual
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Lottie Moon Goal: \$6,500.00
Receipts to date: \$1,373.36

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Sunday's First Family Service was so wonderful! It was such a pleasure to see the kids up on stage, and being able to sit with their parents during worship. Next month, we will have bags with fun things that relate to the sermon to help them understand and listen. These bags will be located near the bulletins at the front of the church and in the foyer. At the end of the sermon, they can be returned, to be refilled and reused each month.

The final details are being put in place on the float, to make it ready for this weekend's Christmas parade. The parade begins at 6 P.M. Adults participating in the parade are asked to arrive at 5 P.M. and children to follow at 5:30 P.M. We need people willing to walk along side the float, as well as individuals willing to hand out candy and invitations to those along the streets. These invites will let people know about all the upcoming events at our church this month. Youth are welcome to walk and help as well. If the participant is under 18, the city asks that they have a signed and notarized liability waiver. These are available in the church office, or you can call me to get one, as well. ***Each participant is asked to bring a new toy to be donated to the Ministerial Alliance to help with the Christmas Toy Drive.***

The video is almost complete that will kick off the Christmas Musical "Good News from Home" this Sunday. This is a wonderfully sweet video of the kid's thoughts about the Christmas story. It will be shown at the beginning of the night. Parents will receive a copy of the video on DVD, and then at a later date, they will receive a copy of their child's complete interview. Additional copies of the DVD can be obtained for \$5 in the church office. These will be available before Christmas.

Finally our Children's Christmas Party is Sunday, December 16th in the FLC. We will meet at 5:00 P.M., load up on the bus and go caroling to shut-ins, look at Christmas lights, then return for games and a meal. I am looking for individuals to prepare the pancake meal for when the kids return. If you would be interested in helping with any of these events, please contact me at the church office!

That the next generation may know,
Chris

YOUTH NEWS

Winter Retreat 2018 will be here very soon! Student have been signing up for about a month now. Sign ups will continue for two more weeks, as we are currently sitting at 66 participants. I am once again very grateful for the SETBA stepping up and providing another \$1,500.00 to help the cost. Right now, the cost per participant is at just \$25.00. If you or your Sunday school class would like to sponsor a student or donate to expenses such as food, fireworks, recreational items, or any other expense please feel free to do so! We will need all hands-on deck to make sure this trips cost to the participant and the church is minimum. We will be returning to Crystal Beach, as our students will not let me choose any other place. They absolutely love going on this trip. This year's trip will be Dec 28th through 30th, with our theme from Galatians 5:25 – "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

I would also like to take just a few moments and thank Bob Mann and his daughter, Rachel, for their hard work putting the new floor in the youth room. Students have been saving their own money for almost three years now can finally have something to show for their efforts! It was a very proud moment for them when they arrived last Wednesday night to see the results. It looks great, and all glory to God and that room is now something they can truly call their own!

Be Intentional,
Aaron

CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE

Forms can be obtained in the church office, welcome center or Sunday School classes so you can provide your input on revising the constitution of FBC,BC. 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

FIRST FAMILY SUNDAY.....

We had a wonderful service this past Sunday as we kicked off our first First Family Sunday, which is where all of the children will stay in the sanctuary for the entire service. We plan to do this the first Sunday of each month.

It was awesome to see just how many children we have attending. Most of the children, along with some adults and students gathered in the choir loft to sing I've Got the Joy, Down In My Heart for our call to worship. Bro. Doug even joined us leading out on this song with the congregation making a joyful noise.

GOOD NEWS FROM HOME.....

Our Christmas musical is just days away and the excitement is building. It is an honor for me to be able to be a part of this community-wide choir. I am so thankful for each one who is giving of their time to make this a night of worship to remember.

There will be a children's video shown at the beginning of the evening and you won't want to miss it. The choir will sing the musical, Good News From Home. You will get an opportunity to sing as the choir leads out on some Christmas carols. We have some special instrumentalists and singers who will bless us with their offering. We will end the night with everyone praising the Lord in song before we head over to the Family Life Center for our annual Taste of Christmas.

Please join us on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. and bring someone with you. I believe the Lord will bless the efforts of all involved and you will receive a blessing when you hear it.

For His Glory,
Debbie

Thank You

Thanks so much for the delicious meal. Also thanks to Donnie and Bethany Stanton for bringing it to us. Please keep remembering us in your prayers.

*Love,
John & Scarlett Woods*

NURSERY WORKERS
December 2, 2018



Thelma Wheelis
Connie Claus

Volunteers always needed. Please call
Thelma Wheelis at 409.293.6276.

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

November 25 2018

Projected Budget Need:	\$504,993.60
Weekly Receipts:	\$ 10,919.51
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$426,612.44
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$462,959.37

Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	<u>\$25,059.00</u>

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School Goal	225
Sunday School	139

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship Service Goal	300
Worship	146
Nursery	5
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	154

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, December 9, 2018

9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 Children's Church
 for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
 4:00 Deacon's Meeting
 6:00 Christmas Night of Worship
 A Taste of Christmas

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

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

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

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

ONLINE GIVING is available @
www.fbcbc.org or through the new
 EasyTithe app.

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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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