

First Baptist Church

Volume LII

BRIDGE CITY, TX 77611

December 11, 2018

No. 49



The Bridge Builder



BRIDGE CITY Christmas Parade

December 15
6:00 P.M.

Adult helpers need to be in FLC by 5:00 P.M.
Children need to be in FLC by 5:30 P.M.

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

We had a wonderful Night of Worship and Taste of Christmas this past Sunday. So many people were involved to make each event be special, enjoyable, and God-honoring. We had groups from various churches participating and it was exciting to see the church full of people worshipping and fellowshiping together. Don't forget this Saturday we will have a float in the parade and there is still space for people to be a part of this event.

Bob Mann and I are leaving this morning to drive to Altha, Florida to deliver the monetary blessing and cards of encouragement to Pastor Charles Atkins of Hillcrest Baptist Church which has suffered devastation from Hurricane Michael. The church sustained extensive damage and Charles' personal home was severely damaged in the storm. The combined love offering of over \$7000.00 will be a tremendous help to them in their time of need. Thank you for being willing to bless others as many of you have suffered in similar fates.

Sunday we will continue our look at the question, "Why a Savior?" John 6:35-51 will be the main the text we will focus on. Jesus offers himself as the Bread of Life. The people reject him based on their perceived knowledge of who Jesus is believing they know enough about Jesus. Many of us today sense we know enough about Jesus. We have a list of facts we can recite and we can tell the story, but do we know Jesus as Jesus is? Jesus states those who are hungry and thirsty can come to him and never hunger or thirst again. It is our desperate need that must drive us to Jesus. When we fool ourselves into thinking we do not have a need for Jesus, we miss Jesus. Are you hungry enough?

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
John 6:51

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Thank you to all the kids who participated in the video, and to all the parents who patiently waited while their child was being interviewed! It was, I think, a wonderful success! I will be sending copies of the dvd home with the kids next Sunday. Additional copies will be available Sunday for \$5 each. The children will be given the DVD's will be given out during Sunday School and Children's Church, additional dvds can be picked up in the Children's Choir room Sunday.

We are prepped and ready for the parade this weekend. We still need individuals to walk beside the float, and some to hand out invitations to our upcoming events. We have to have a minimum of 4 walkers beside the float, and 4 or 5 to hand out invites. If you can are available, please let me know as soon as possible. Also, there is still time to get your child on the float! Liability waivers are available in the church office, and must be notarized before the parade. This is a city rule. If you have questions, please let me know.

Finally, I am looking for help with the upcoming Children's Christmas Party. This coming Sunday night at 5:00 p.m. we will be meeting in the FLC to take the kids caroling and to look at Christmas lights. We will return to the church and enjoy a Christmas pancake supper and play a few games. We will finish up around 7 or so. If you would like to help prepare the meal, or would like to help put up a few decorations, please let me know.

That the next generation may know,
Chris



Lottie Moon Goal:	\$6,500.00
Receipts to date:	\$1,943.36

YOUTH NEWS

Now that the Christmas season is officially upon us, I'd like to catch you up on just a few upcoming events within our student ministry. As usual, the highlight of the year is Winter Retreat! This year we will head to Crystal Beach, where we will be joined by Seventh Street Baptist Church in Nederland, Circle Drive Baptist Church in Bridge City, First Baptist Church in Winnie, and The Source in Vidor. It is always a true pleasure to join other churches in fulfilling the great commission. The relationships that we have built within our community churches and their student ministry program continues to blossom. The cost for the event will be a smooth and easy \$25.00 which will include everything from food, lodging, and of course their very own Winter Retreat T-Shirt! We will depart FBC around 9:00 A.M. on December 28th and arrive back in Bridge City at around 4:00 P.M. on December 30th. Please make sure and get your students signed up, as space is limited. Packing list, schedule, and more will be available beginning this Wednesday night!

In such a small space, I cannot begin to write about everything upcoming for our students, but below you can find a small glimpse of just the tip of the iceberg of what is upcoming. Please look for announcements in the future, and hopefully we can get these out to you in plenty of time to make arrangements to attend and be a part!

Dec 19th – Student Christmas Party @ FBCBC
6:30P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Dec. 28th-30th- Winter Retreat @ Crystal Beach, TX

Jan. 9th- SETBA Youth Camp Pre-Celebration @
FBCBC 6:30 P.M.

Jan. 25th-26th-Hot Hearts of SETX @ Ford Park,
Beaumont, TX

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.

Branden Bailey
Juana Matthews
Greg Quist

Dewey Stuart
Brenda Woodall

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

CHRISTMAS NIGHT OF WORSHIP 2018

We had a wonderful worship and praise service this past Sunday morning with the evening bringing our 2018 Christmas Night of Worship.

The Children's video started our night with a little laughter and thoughts from our children which were sometimes humorous, but most very thought provoking. There is nothing like the innocence of a child describing the Christ child. If you were at the manger when Christ was born what would you have said?

"This baby is going to change everything!"

The community-wide Christmas Choir was magnificent. The look of joy on all their faces was so evident through-out the performance. It was a privilege to be part of this group of brothers and sisters who came together to lead worship in celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Everyone who had a part in this night, from the choir, to the instrumentalists, to the ones who had a special presentation, brought their very best as an offering and we were blessed.

Our Taste of Christmas was an overwhelming success, again. We are thankful that Circle Drive Baptist and First Baptist Orangefield joined with us to provide delicious food and treats for our fellowship.

DALLAS HOLM CONCERT – On Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. we will host Dallas Holm in concert in our sanctuary. We will have much more information in the near future, but please put this date on your calendar.

Even though our musical is done, we look forward to singing and worshipping with some more of our beautiful Christmas songs in our services.

II Corinthians 9:15 "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

For His Glory,
Debbie

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:	\$515,515.77
Weekly Receipts:	\$ 5,808.96
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$432,378.23
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$479,239.37

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

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School Goal	225
Sunday School	126

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship Service Goal	300
Worship	135
Nursery	4
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	139

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, December 16, 2018

9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 Children's Church
 for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
 5:30 Children's Caroling

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

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

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

9:00 Quilting for Buckners
 6:30 Prayer Meeting
 Youth Christmas Party in Youth Room
 Children's Activities

Thursday, December 20, 2018

4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night

Sunday, December 23, 2018

9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 Lord's Supper

Monday, December 24, 2018

5:30 Candlelight Service



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

First Baptist Church

200 W. ROUND BUNCH RD.
 BRIDGE CITY, TX 77611
 (409)735-3581

Website: www.fbcbc.org

Doug Shows	Pastor
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

THE BRIDGE BUILDER (USPS 551-260) is published weekly except Christmas week. First Baptist Church, 200 W. Roundbunch Road, Bridge City, Texas 77611. Periodical Postage paid at Bridge City, Texas 77611. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the above.