

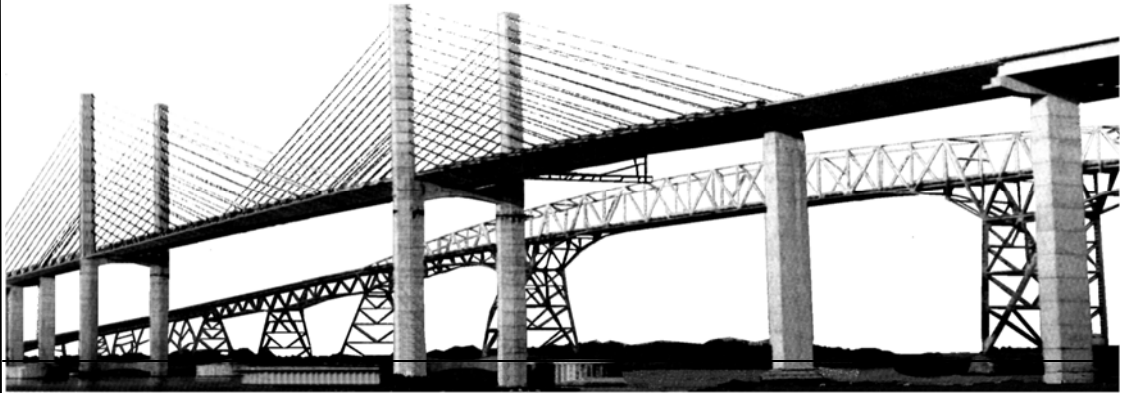
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# The Bridge Builder



...PROPHETS, THOUGH HUMAN,  
**SPOKE FROM GOD**

— *as they were* —

**CARRIED ALONG**

— *by the* —

**HOLY SPIRIT.**

2 P E T E R 1 : 2 1 , N I V

## BK'S KORNER . . .

Good Morning Church Family. I hope you all had a great Holiday season. We are now into the new year. It is time for us as a church body to focus and move forward in the calling that God has placed upon us.

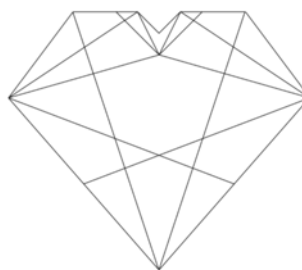
I hope that you will commit to do the 4 week devotional that I have written for us. Each week we will examine some different "transitions" in the Bible to see if we can find some principles that will guide us as we continue to make our transition. This week we look at the transition from Elijah to Elisha's ministry. I hope you enjoy.

If you need a devotional book please let me know. I will definitely get one to you. We can make as many as we need so be sure to get one. I wanted to do this so that we can all be on the same page in our daily devotion. We will all read the same scripture, hear the same truth and be praying for the same thing regarding our church and community. During the course of this devotional you will begin to see where I feel that God is leading us over this coming year. I am very encouraged by the excitement that so many of you expressed to me yesterday after the service! It is time to Pick Up The Mantle. Are you ready? Let's do it together!

Recently I have come to be aware that there are so many of you who are doing many things to minister to others that I (and probably many of us) are not even aware of. It really does my heart good to hear about our church family ministering to others without any fanfare. They do it without the desire for recognition. They just do it because God has led them to. That is the spirit that we need in our church.

I am very excited about where we are going in 2020. Excited to see what God wants to do and the path that He is going to lead us down to get there. Hold on because it could be a wild ride!

Love you all  
Picking Up The Mantle  
BK

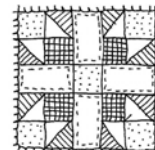


**HH**  
(Hot Hearts)  
**2020**

**JANUARY 24—25**

See Dewey Stuart for details!

**The Quilters** are back. Join them on January 8th at 9:00 am.



**Missions Committee** will begin collecting donations January 19th for the cancer center in Beaumont.

**Every Tuesday** at 10 a.m. Join the Ladies' in the Prayer Room to lift up those in our church and community in prayer!

At 7:00 p.m. the Men meet in the Church office for prayer.

**Sunday, January 12th**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**DEACONS  
MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 15th**  
**at 6:30 p.m.**

**CHURCH  
BUSINESS  
MEETING**

**Golden Harvest Game Night**  
**Thursday, January 16th**  
**at 4:30 p.m.**

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Happy New Year! It seems so strange to type or write 2020 now! I hope your New Year has started well! I just want to take a moment to share with you my vision for the new year. This year, the children's ministry will be focusing on helping the kids to share the gospel. I believe giving them the tools (and a little training) will give them the confidence to share Jesus with others. I am beginning to plan this year's calendar, and each event will be geared to helping the children to learn more about sharing and helping others to know more about Jesus.

Kicking it off, is SuperStart in February. If you have not signed your 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grader up, there is still time. This is an amazing event that will empower PreTeens to take ownership of their faith and help them to understand the importance of sharing Christ with others. There will be amazing games, breakout sessions, and much, much more! This is a two-day event in Houston, February 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. I will be ordering tickets on January 15<sup>th</sup>, so there is still time to sign up!

If they can't make it this time, don't worry, later this year, we will also be hosting a PreTeen event here at the church that will be open to the entire community! It promises to be an exciting time! We will also be having a Parent/PreTeen Ice Cream Social later in the year to let parents know about changes coming up in the PreTeen class and much more!

Also, in the planning stages are a few other events, some we have done before, and some new! I am wanting to bring back the cooking class this year! Two years ago, when we did it, we had 40 kids sign up and participate! This was such a fun event, and so many children from the community attended and heard the gospel! It was a lot of fun too! I am also planning a Princess for a day camp (1 Day Girls camp to teach how to be and act like a child of the king!) A Warrior Camp (1 day Boys camp to learn about a few men in the Bible and how to be more like Christ.) And a few outings such as skating, bowling and possibly an Astros game (with the Youth possibly).

2020 is going to be an amazing year for our Children's ministry as well as our church! Please feel welcome to join us for any of these events, and if you would like to help out or help organize any of them, please feel free to let me know!

That the next generation may know,  
Chris

## WORSHIP DIRECTOR

### THE HEART OF WORSHIP

We had a great start to our new year this past Sunday at FBCBC. It was our first Sunday of 2020 and together with it being our First Family Sunday made it especially exciting. It is always wonderful to have our children lead out in our call to worship.

We start out a new year in many ways, but one question we should all ask ourselves, I believe, is what is central in our lives? Sometimes its people or family. It can be money or power. For some it may be serving others like feeding the hungry, etc.

What it all boils down to is what makes us get up each day, Jesus. He is the heart of worship.

In Luke 24: 45-53 Jesus is at the end of his earthly journey and ready to return to the Father. He reminds his disciples of their mission, which is our mission and that is to be His witnesses.

Luke 24:50 "He lifted up his hands and blessed them"

Well, I can only imagine the joy which the disciples felt as they watched Jesus being taken into heaven and this unforgettable experience they had with Him. They knew that the heart of worship was the ascended Christ.

May we know the heart of worship (Christ) and may He be the center of our joy.

For His Glory,  
Debbie

**NURSERY WORKERS**  
**January 12, 2020**



**Thelma Wheelis**  
**Connie Claus**

**Volunteers always needed. Please call**  
**Thelma Wheelis at 409.293.6276.**

**LOOK AT THE RECORDS**  
**January 5, 2020**

Projected Budget Need:	\$ 9,322.72
Weekly Receipts:	\$ 10,938.16
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$ 10,938.16
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$ 565.09

**ATTENDANCE:**

Sunday School	139
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**WORSHIP SERVICE:**

Worship	145
Nursery	7
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>152</b>

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

January 12 — January 18, 2020

Donnie Stanton	Deacon
Richard Varela	Visiting Partner

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**Sunday, January 12, 2020**

9:15 Sunday School  
 10:30 Worship Service  
 Children's Church  
 for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade  
 5:30 PM Activities for all ages  
 Adults meet in Sanctuary  
 Children & Youth in regular class rooms

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

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

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

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

**Thursday, January 16, 2020**

4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night



**LOTTIE MOON GOAL:**

Our Goal:	\$6,000.00
Receipts to Date:	<b>\$7,231.00</b>

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Dewey Stuart	Interim Youth Director
Chris Bailey	Director of Children's Ministry
Debbie Anderson	Worship Director

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

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