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The Bridge Builder

The **LORD**
is my
strength
and my
might,
and he has become
my
salvation.

Exodus 15:2

BK'S KORNER . . .

Yesterday was a very unique Easter Sunday. I thoroughly enjoyed it. It was so good to see everyone. Just to see your faces and to see you all on the same property was such a blessing to me. I could tell by the smile on your faces that it was a blessing to you as well. If you tried to watch by Facebook live I do apologize. Since we were outdoors it was very difficult to capture the sound. I am sure it was very difficult to hear.

You know, in the gospel of John after the resurrection, we have the account of Jesus restoring Peter into fellowship with Him and ministry. Really this is what the Resurrection is about for us. It restores us. It restores our relationship with God through Jesus. It also restores us into usefulness in His kingdom. In short, the resurrection is life changing for us. It changes everything. It was so good to celebrate it with my church family yesterday the way it should be.

We will be back to our "new 'temporary' normal" next Sunday. You can catch us on Facebook live at 10:30 am. As before we will be in the sanctuary to worship. Officially we are not gathering, however, if you would like to join us the doors will be open and we will not turn you away. Just keep your distance in the pews and if you have had a fever of greater than 100 in the last 3 days then please do not come.

I want to thank the church family for your giving during this time. Your faithfulness to give your tithes and offerings proves that our giving is an act of faith and an expression of thankfulness and worship. You are to be commended and it is a blessing to me.

Thank you to everyone who helped in yesterday's service. Men who parked cars and distributed the Lord's Supper sacraments.

I do also want to give a special Thank You to all the people who make worship happen in our church: Our Director, praise team, band, pianist, audio/visual people. They worked very hard to make every aspect of the Easter service possible. Even more than that they continue to do it every week so that everyone can worship from their homes. Be sure to thank them when you see them. They have been a Blessing to me.

Again, I just want to say that I love y'all and miss y'all. Continue your diligence to flatten that curve.

BK'S KORNER . . . (Continued)

Wash your hands, don't touch your face and keep your distance. We will come through this very soon. It is all in God's hands, and so are we. Therefore we can be confident it will work out for the good. See you very soon

BK><

A Message from 2 Committees

We as a body at FBCBC await anxiously to physically gather together again. Until that happens, we need to hold onto the reins and be found faithful to give our tithes and offerings normally, so our church will be able to minister to others and keep bills paid. The Bible is specific about "first fruits" and that they are to be given back to the Lord through the local church. Let's pray for those whose health or income have been adversely affected by this crisis. Pray also for those who are still healthy and able. Let's commit to do our parts in being found faithful and obedient.

Ways to give...

Mail to 200 W. Roundbunch, 77611

Drop off at the office Mon. - Thurs. (7:30-5:30)

Drop in the office mail slot.

Call a member to pick up and deliver it.

"Bill pay" through your bank

www.fbcbc.org ("giving online" button)

Better together,

The Budget and Personnel Committees



Know Your Bible

**Come to Adult 7 Sunday mornings
to recite memorized verses.**

**This week we are learning verses 4, 5, & 6 of Psalm
103.**

**Verse 4 – Who redeems my life from destruction, who
crowns me with lovingkindness and tender mercies;**

**Verse 5 – Who satisfies my mouth with good things,
so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

**Verse 6 – The Lord executes righteousness and judgment
for all that are oppressed.**

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter, even though it wasn't a traditional one. I posted a video on the Children's Ministry Facebook page to go along with the egg hunt kits. I hope you had fun hiding and hunting the eggs, but more importantly, I hoped they and some of the stuff they contained helped to remind you of the events of the Easter season, and the true meaning of Easter.

Several of our sweet Sunday School and Wednesday night teachers have posted videos on the children's Facebook page! If you haven't had a chance to, go by and watch them with the kids! We have a few more teacher videos to come this week, so be sure to keep checking in!

Also, this week, I will be posting a new video for the Preteens. We will be talking about Isaiah 41:10. "Studio 41:10" is a series about trusting God, and not giving into fear. I know this is not the original lesson series we were supposed to be covering in April, but I truly feel the "Designed by God" series is much better done in person. As soon as we are able to gather again, we will jump right back on course.

We are praying for you all, and miss you, and can't wait until we can all meet together again.

That the next generation may know,
Chris



WORSHIP DIRECTOR

HE IS RISEN!!

So very thankful for the turn-out we had at our drive-in Easter celebration at FBCBC this past Sunday. It was reported there were about 200 in attendance. Even though we couldn't really see you in your cars during the worship, I could feel you and your hearts.

I am so thankful to Brother Keith and the worship team, which includes the sound team, who worked so hard behind the scenes to make all of this possible. This was not an easy task, but they really pulled it off.

We put the work in and then we prayed that the Lord would bless these endeavors and we got His answer in big ways, not the least was the fact that He held the rain off until minutes after we completed our service.

It was so good to get to see and wave to some of you as you drove out of the parking lot. We miss you and miss gathering with you.

My prayer is that it won't be long until we are together again, but in the meantime please watch for us as our services continue to be live-streamed on Facebook.

Let's not ever forget who is in control.

Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Psalms 27:13-14 "I remain confident of this; I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."

As always,
For His Glory,
Debbie

NURSERY WORKERS
April 19, 2020



Thelma Wheelis
Connie Claus

Volunteers always needed. Please call
Thelma Wheelis at 409.293.6276.

LOOK AT THE RECORDS
April 12, 2020

Projected Budget Need:	\$ 9,347.71
Weekly Receipts:	\$15,048.24
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$136,178.21
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$130,154.43

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship

Nursery

TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 19 — 25, 2020

Donnie Stanton

Deacon

Gregg Quist

Visiting Partner



Celebration of
First Baptist Church
July 12, 2020

Did You Know?

Bullard Jones served

here from September 1961 until March 1967.

Bro. Jones implemented and taught a New Member Orientation class. Sign language classes were offered, and Teacher Training classes were offered to train prospective Sunday School teachers.

This was a boom period for church growth. The church received a total of 783 members during Bro. Jones' ministry here. A "paving fund" was begun to improve the parking lot. We also celebrated our 25th Anniversary as a church.

A second secretary was employed for two days a week @ \$10 a day.

Bro. & Mrs. Jones went to Okinawa as missionaries for one week during a Japanese Crusade in the mid 1960's.

GOLDEN HARVEST

There will be no Golden Harvest Monthly meetings or Golden Harvest game night until further notice.

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7:30 — 5:30
MONDAY — THURSDAY

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