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The Bridge Builder



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BK'S KORNER . . .

I'm really getting sick of talking about COVID 19, quarantines, social distancing and church service schedules! I just want things to be back to normal! That being said, I know you're curious about our path forward. Hopefully this situation will be very fluid. As of now, things will remain as they have been. We will live stream our morning worship services. You are welcome to attend as far as I'm concerned. The doors are not locked and we will not kick you out. We do have a few faithful attenders during this time.

If the State of Tx and/or our county officials follow the Federal CDC guidelines, then once we go into phase 2 of reopening you can have public gatherings of up to 50 people. Should we find ourselves under this guideline we will at that point begin to have 2 Sunday Morning services. You will be invited to come but maintain social distancing. Phase 3 is basically a life is back to normal. I'll certainly be glad when we get there.

While I may be tired of our current situation and may not agree with everyone else's thoughts on this issue, there is one thing I am sure of and it is this:

The Lord has established His throne in heaven,
And His kingdom rules over all.
Psalm 103:19

I know that God is the King of all things. He rules from His Kingdom in heaven. I know that no earthly kingdom can rule over His. I know that no worldwide pandemic can stop His rule. I know that nothing can stop Him from having His way and accomplishing His purposes. I take comfort in knowing and believing that. My faith is strengthened by understanding that. Knowing that nothing is happening apart from His purposes gives me peace as I face each day. As the hymn says,

“many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand
but I know Who holds tomorrow
And I know Who holds my hand”

Love and miss you all
BK><



Scholarship Announcement

The scholarship committee is requesting love offerings or memorials to fund scholarships for our deserving students. This offering or memorial may be placed in an envelope designated to the “Scholarship Fund.”

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.

www.fbcbc.org "Give Online" link, (select the Scholarship fund option) Scholarship applicants can be high school seniors or anyone entering or attending college or the military. Applications may be picked up in the church office and turned into/emailed to Hannah Landry at scholarship@fbcbc.org or back to the church office by Sunday, May 10th.



Celebration of First Baptist Church July 12, 2020

Did You Know?

Rev. Robert Holt became our seventh pastor, serving from October 1967 until July 1977.

We began a rotation system for deacons. Deacons ordained were Knox Clark, W.D. Earles, L.C. Garrison, Joe Kemble, Buddy Minter, Gerald Morris, Oscar Simmons, Bruce Wright, D.T. McNeil, Bob Pruitt, Howard Stanley, Bill Strange, Troy Woodall, Cal Emerson, L.D. Young, Russell Allen, and Glen Wallace.

Our church joined the State Missions River Ministry effort in the Rio Grande Valley and made a trip during the Spring Break holidays for many years. The church built a new parsonage on Crescent Drive. The Long-Range Planning Committee supervised the renovation of church properties, including landscaping and parking facilities.

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Hello all! I hope this week's Bridge Builder finds you all well! I know that the majority of you find yourselves with kids that are excited that school is out (except for home school of course) for the rest of the school year! I know Tessa is, though Tyler, not so much. I wanted to let you know that the Children's event we had scheduled for May, with Epic Entertainment, has been cancelled for now, but will be rescheduled as soon as we can. As we slowly begin to take the first few baby steps to getting back to normal, I want to let you know that we are looking at all we are doing in the children's ministry as well, and praying about what our next steps will be as well. For now, we will continue with lessons and fun posts online. I will keep you posted on what we are doing and how we are doing it as decisions are made in the future. The children's ministry team is working together to make sure that we keep your children safe as we look to future events.

I hope you enjoyed the videos that were posted last week! Did you make homemade playdough with Mrs. Pat? If you haven't watched the video, it is still on the FBC Bridge City Kids Facebook page, so go and have fun with it! Mrs. Pat ties in a great devotional with it as well! Take time this week to gather with the family and do this fun lesson together!

This week, I posted a new preteen lesson on the FBC Bridge City kids page, so be sure to have your 4th, 5th or 6th graders take a look. These are great lessons! Last week's lesson ended up with some technical issues, but we will catch up this week! We are currently looking at the lesson lineup, and rearranging the sequence, due to the virus. We want to be sure the kids can continue learning to build their relationship with God during this time.

Finally, this week, I will be posting a new lesson (maybe Sally will make another visit), and maybe even a sing along video with a quick lesson for the younger kiddos!

I know that during this time, there are lots of things that are keeping us busy, homeschooling being one of them, but please be sure to help your kids stay up with their Bible lessons and keep God fresh in their minds and hearts. School is VERY important, but so is their spiritual education. Just because we are not meeting every Sunday and Wednesday, doesn't mean that God is on hold. There are so many resources available to help with this, and I will continue to share these. I encourage you to find time each week to spend time in the Word with your children and watch them grow with God.

That the next generation may know,

Chris

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

A GREAT DAY IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD....

We were able to enjoy another live-streamed worship service this past Sunday at FBCBC. I hope you were able to watch and worship along with us. The Lord really blessed the music and we heard another powerful sermon from our Pastor.

Even though over the past few weeks, many have had to change the way they make it through each day, we are still able to pray every day to our God. He has not changed at all. Never will.

He is the one and only constant that we have had through all of this. He will always be there, he will always be the same and we can always go to Him with our needs and our thanksgiving.

When we come out on the other side of this attack of this "virus" on our country and the world, we will remember that God was there through it all. I hope, more than ever, we realize that the church is not that building, but it is us. I also hope, we appreciate each other more and love each other more.

Ephesians 4:2, "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

I Peter 4:8, "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."

I hope that it won't be long until we are all back together in our building worshipping together. But, I will always remember the way we adapted to the circumstances and worshipped together anyway. Because, even though we couldn't see each other, I knew you were there. It was a joy.

For His Glory,
Debbie



Know Your Bible

This week we are
learning verses 7, 8, 9 of Psalm
103.

- Verse 7 – He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.
- Verse 8 – The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
- Verse 9 – He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger forever.

NURSERY WORKERS
April 26, 2020



Thelma Wheelis
Connie Claus

Volunteers always needed. Please call
Thelma Wheelis at 409.293.6276.

LOOK AT THE RECORDS
April 19, 2020

Projected Budget Need: \$ 9,347.71
 Weekly Receipts: \$7,805.00
 Actual Budget Receipt to Date: \$144,283.21
 Actual Budget Spending to Date: \$135,650.27

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship

Nursery

TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

DEACON OF THE WEEK
April 26 — May 2, 2020

Dewey Stuart Deacon
 Richard Varela Visiting Partner

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Keith Royal Pastor
 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

Puzzle!

Use the code to find out what these biblical people may have taken on a picnic.



ABCDEF GHIJ KLMNOPQRSTU VWXYZ
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

(Genesis 3:6)

Adam and Eve 6 18 21 9 20

(Genesis 25:28)

Isaac 23 9 12 4 7 1 13 5

(Genesis 25:34)

Esau 19 20 5 23

(Numbers 11:5)

Israelites in Egypt 3 21 3 21 13 2 5 18 19

(Ruth 2:1-4)

Ruth 7 18 1 9 14

(1 Samuel 14:2)

Saul 16 15 13 5 7 18 1 14 1 20 5 19

(1 Samuel 14:29)

Jonathan 8 15 14 5 25

(Daniel 1:12-16)

Daniel and friends 22 5 7 5 20 1 2 12 5 19

(Matthew 3:4)

John the Baptist 12 15 3 21 19 20 19

(Matthew 14:17)

The 5,000 people 2 18 5 1 4 & 6 9 19 8

Answer: fruit, wild game, stew, cucumbers, grain, pomegranates, honey, vegetables, locusts, bread & fish

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