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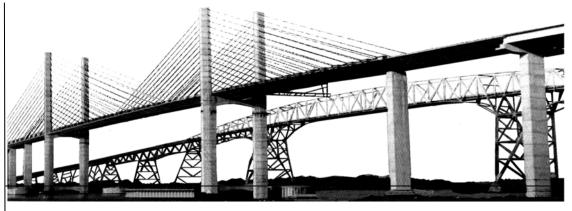
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SOth Anniversary Celebration

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Lots of members and former members sharing their talents.

Worship

with us Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

After the morning worship We will join together In the Family Life Center For a catered meal.

Join us as we visit with former members and share lots of good memories and have a great time of fellowship

BK'S KORNER

This may sound a little bit strange but, I like driving down gravel roads. Seriously. I like to drive them slowly. I like to have the window down. I like hearing the crunch of the rock under the tires. I like avoiding (or not) the pot holes. To me driving down gravel roads is like lazily meandering down a river in an inner tube.

I spent childhood years riding with grandpa all over the oil lease on gravel roads. I've walked them to fishing holes and while exploring with BB guns. I learned to drive on them. I've driven on them deep into the pastures and woods to find the perfect fishing and hunting spots. I had to take one to get to grandma and grandpas house. You had to cross the cattle guard and follow the gravel road. I don't know. Maybe that is why they feel like home. They feel safe, peaceful, secure and relaxing. I know it sounds strange but I like them.

You know the early church was called "The Way" in the book of Acts. See Acts 9:2; 19:9; 22:4; 24:14; 24:22. The word means "well worn wagon tracks". Kind of like a gravel road through the pasture or fields. Jesus said that He was the Way in John 14:6. In Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus calls the weary to come to Him. He tells them that they will find an easy way. A way where the burden is lifted. A way to find rest in their souls.

That is what gravel roads remind me of. A way to a simpler life. A peaceful life. A place where my soul feels safe and secure. Jesus is my way, my gravel road, and it feels like home.

Love you all. Happy 80th Birthday FBC! Blessings. See you this weekend



Celebration of First Baptist Church July 12, 2020 Did You Know?

Keith Royal became our 12th Pastor in August 2019. We began anticipating the Pumpkin Patch in October and when the pumpkins arrived, members and friends showed up to unload and set up. BK began making plans for a mission trip to Honduras. Cheryl Royal began a new Sunday School class for "The Under 30 Crowd." BK began building an email data base for church members to communicate. He wrote a 4-week devotional for the church family entitled Picking up the Mantle. The revised church constitution was approved by the church. BK revived the Church Council and they began meeting. In March 2020 Brother Keith encouraged church members to participate in a 24-hour Prayer Vigil for our church. We have had to make some adjustments in the last few months because of the Coronavirus but BK has been at the church every week preaching the Word of God. We will celebrate our 80th Church Anniversary this Sunday, July 12.

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"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

80TH ANNIVERSARY NIGHT OF WORSHIP

We are looking forward to this Night of Worship on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Along with the groups, The Songs of Praise and Footprints,

the following singers will be sharing:

Hannah Landry and Haley McDonald
Dedra Phillips
Cody Morris
Robert Parker
Tyler Bailey
Madison Juneau
Darrell Segura
Rusty McRight
Suzonne Vann
Trinity (trio from FBCBC)

We hope you have made your plans to attend this great night of worship and that you will bring someone with you.

2020 CHRISTMAS MUSICAL DRAMA

Please let me know if you are interested in acting in our Christmas Musical Drama for this year. Also I need singers for the choir, people to help with props and staging. I appreciate everyone who has been so encouraging to the music ministry at FBCBC.

We will also begin choir practice pretty soon, so be looking or information on our first practice coming up before you know it.

For His Glory, Debbie

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

I am so glad that I serve a God who is bigger than anything crazy and foolish that we come up with! Sunday in Children's Church, the kids learned about a time that man thought he was greater than God. The lesson was about "The Tower of Babel" and came from Genesis 11:1-9. In the lesson, the kids saw that no matter how hard we try, no one is as big and great as God. I am so thankful for this fact! I know in my own life there have been times when my "big thinking" got me in trouble. I forget sometimes that God is in control of everything and always knows what is best.

On Sunday nights, we are starting a new series called "Dive In". In this two month series, we will learn why it is important to study our Bibles, how to do it, and will help us to hopefully create simple study habits we can use the rest of our lives. Join us on Sunday nights at 5:30 p.m. for this fun and important series.

Finally, I want to take a moment to say thank you to all of you who have been praying for our family over the past few months. It has been a hard journey but feeling the love and support of our church family has made it easier. My grandmother went to be with the Lord last Thursday, July 2nd. I again wanted to say thank you for your prayers and love.

That the next generation may know,

Chris

NURSERY WORKERS July 12, 2020



Thelma Wheelis Connie Claus

Volunteers always needed. Please call Thelma Wheelis at 409.293.6276.

LOOK AT THE RECORDS July 5, 2020

Projected Budget Need: \$ 9,347.71 Weekly Receipts: \$10,218.45 Actual Budget Receipt to Date: \$241,480.13 Actual Budget Spending to Date: \$237,289.05

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School 62

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship 79 Nursery 2 TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 81

DEACON OF THE WEEK

July 12 — July 18, 2020

Robert Simonton Deacon

Hiram Clark Visiting Partner

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, July 12, 2020

9:15 Bible Study for all Ages

10:30 Morning Worship

Celebration of 80th Anniversary

Children's church

For 4 year old thru 2nd Grade

Lunch

5:30 NO Evening Activities

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

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

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

9:00 Quilt Group

6:30 Prayer Meeting — Study of Daniel

Youth Activities Children's activities

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