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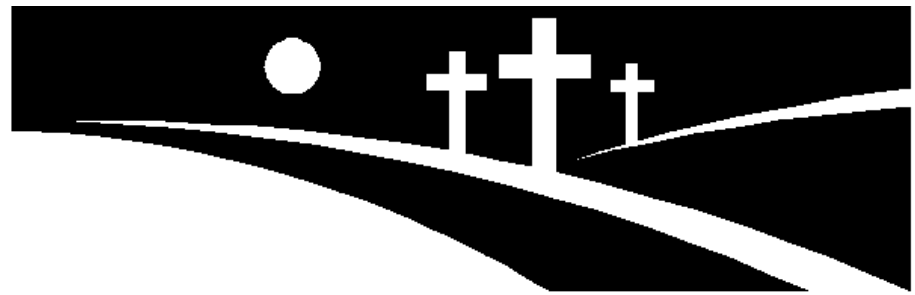
BRIDGE CITY, TX 77611

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# The Bridge Builder



THERE IS BUT ONE  
LORD  
*Jesus Christ...*

1 CORINTHIANS 8:6, NIV

## **BK'S KORNER**

We had a great 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. I am sure that you loved seeing people who have meant so much to this church in the past. It was great to see all the fellowship. Again, I want to say Thank You to everyone who worked to make this weekend a success. This church does have a rich history in this community and my prayer is that it will continue and even get richer.

This COVID19 virus still has our world, country, state and church in very uncertain times. Please continue to pray. Be smart. Take care of yourself. Do you know what the most important thing you can do to protect yourself from catching the virus? Seriously. Keep your hands clean and don't touch your face. Seriously. That is really it. Although, I must admit that not touching your face is one of the most difficult things to not do. Anyhow, do take care of yourself. However, don't stop living! Remember: "Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand. But I know Who holds tomorrow, and I know Who holds my hand."

Guess what? THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING! Yes they are. Mark your calendars for September 27. It is a Sunday. Truck is scheduled to arrive shortly after Church services. You cannot escape! We will need a lot of help unloading the truck. We will be getting a full load this year so that means we will have twice as many pumpkins! If you would like to work with me to help make sure we are organized in the Pumpkin Patch then please let me know. Want to put together a team to help with organization, decorating, unloading and ideas for how use the patch for our community. Please let me know.

Unusual times call for an unusual church. Unusual praying. Unusual sharing. Unusual relationship with God. Times are changing. The church is changing. Now, I'm not talking about programs or the way we do things.... I'm talking about the Church! The people of God and their relationship with Him and with the world. As the scripture says, we are a "peculiar people." Indeed we are and it is going to become more and more apparent and necessary as we move into the future.

Everyone have a Blessed week. Pray! Pray again. Don't touch your face and stay close to God! Oh and one more thing .... Jesus is Coming!

Love you all  
BK ><>

## **Thank You**

**Thank you to everyone that sent food to the Neely house during Betty's hospital stay. We also appreciate all the cards, calls and visits. We are very blessed and thankful. She is recovering well at home and we know it's because of the prayers from our wonderful church family.**

**The Neelys**

## **HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

Bound copies of the history of the church are available for \$5.00. Also, if you took pictures at the anniversary and will share them with us see Brenda Woodall.

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and burdened and I will give you rest."**

Matthew 11:28

## WORSHIP DIRECTOR

### 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION HUGE SUCCESS

Our 80<sup>th</sup> celebration has come and gone and the music is still ringing in my ears from the weekend. There was so much joy in the room and so many past and present church members gathered to worship and love each other.

A big thank you to the entire worship team, including the sound guys who have the hardest job of all. Everyone worked together and made this weekend a huge success.

### 2020 CHRISTMAS MUSICAL DRAMA

We plan to start Christmas choir practice in early August. I have checked with some of our other churches in the area to invite them to join us once again for our Annual Community Christmas Musical.

If you would like to join us this year, you are more than welcome. We will meet in the sanctuary, in the pews, so we can practice some distancing for everyone's protection. Be watching my upcoming articles for the date of our first practice.

### CHRISTMAS MUSICAL DRAMA TEAM

We are still looking for a few more actors to round out our drama team for the musical. If you are interested, please let me know.

### TO MINISTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Our purpose for the Christmas musical each year is to provide a place for our community to come into our church during the Christmas season and learn more about Jesus and how he came into this world for the sole purpose of saving our souls.

Sometimes you can get someone to come for an event such as this, when they are not as comfortable attending our regular worship services. You never know when someone's heart will be touched for the Lord.

For His Glory,  
Debbie

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR


Hello all! I am excited to begin preparations today for the Fall Festival! I know it is still a while away, but we have an idea for something new this year that will work even if the virus is still an issue! I will be publishing more in the coming weeks! I know so much has been planned and cancelled, and some is up in the air right now, as we wait to see what the start of school will bring, we must continue look ahead with hope and anticipation, and put our faith in God as to what is to come. Please continue to be in prayer as we plan and move forward!

This Sunday night, the children will be starting a 6-week unit called "Dive In"! They will be learning about the importance of reading your Bible, having wise people in our lives, memorizing scripture, prayer and Bible study, sharing God with others and surrounding themselves with Godly friends. This is a fun yet important unit for the kids and will end with a Water Fun day on August 30<sup>th</sup>! We will have a water slide and other fun water areas for the kids to play in! Be sure not to miss a Sunday night!

This Wednesday we will be finishing up the "Selfie" series in the Preteens. It has been amazing to see these kids learn about the gifts God has given them and see them figure out ways to begin using them more everyday, especially here at the church. Please continue to pray for these kids as they grow in their relationships with God.

That the next generation may know,

Chris



**REAL LIFE**  
JULY 26TH - 29TH 2020 • 6:00PM - 8:30PM  
*First Baptist Church*  
*Bridge City*

**REVOLUTIONARY**

It is with great sadness that we must cancel **Real Life 2020**. We feel that it is in the best interest of our students that we cancel for this year.

**NURSERY WORKERS**  
**July 19, 2020**



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

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

**LOOK AT THE RECORDS**  
**July 12, 2020**

Projected Budget Need:	\$ 9,347.71
Weekly Receipts:	\$10,400.61
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$254,734.76
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$249,675.81

**ATTENDANCE:**

Sunday School	80
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**WORSHIP SERVICE:**

Worship	152
Nursery	3
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>155</b>

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**  
 July 19 — July 25, 2020

Donnie Stanton	Deacon
Gregg Quist	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**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**Sunday, July 19, 2020**

9:15 Bible Study for all Ages  
 10:30 Morning Worship  
         Children's church  
         For 4 year old thru 2nd Grade  
         Lunch  
 4:00 Deacon's Meeting  
 5:30 Evening Activities  
         Adults meet in Sanctuary  
         Children & Youth in regular class rooms

**Tuesday, July 21, 2020**

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

**Wednesday, July 22, 2020**

9:00 Quilt Group  
 6:30 Prayer Meeting  
         Church Conference  
         Youth Activities  
         Children's activities

**Thursday, July 23, 2020**

**4:00 Blood Drive**



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