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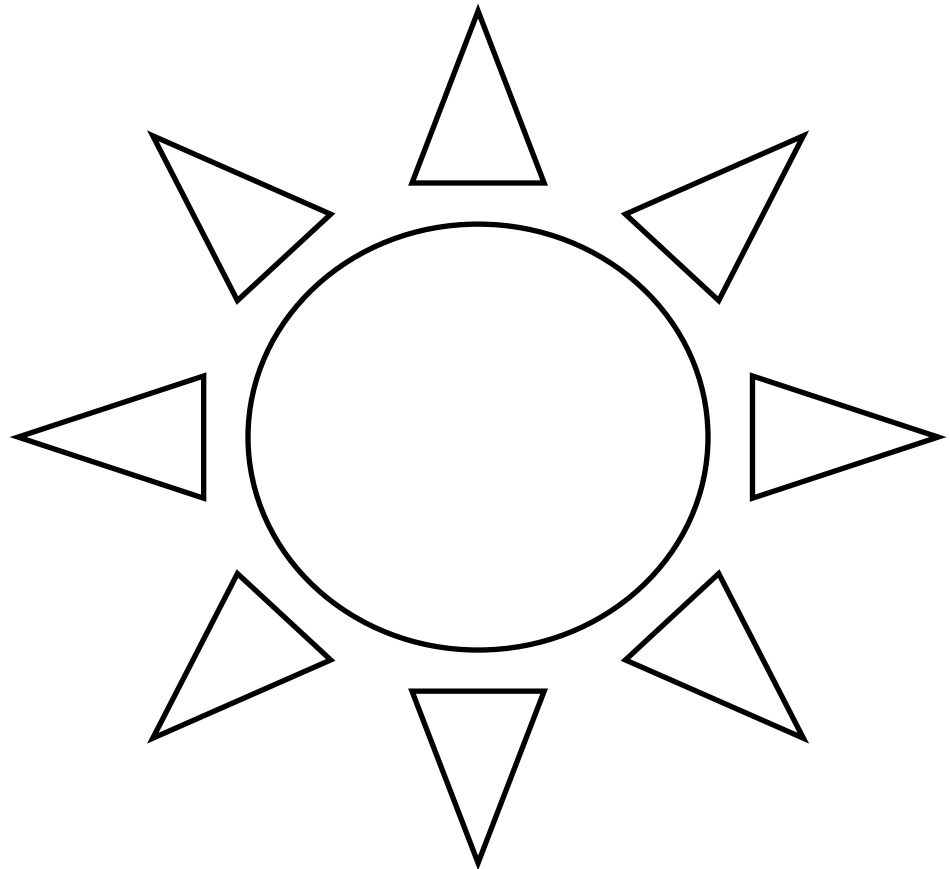
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# The Bridge Builder



*In everything give thanks; for this is the will fo God in Christ Jesus for you. I Thessalonians 5:18 NKIV*

## BK'S KORNER

Well believe it or not I'm really at a loss for knowing what to say right at the moment. We are all now in the process of cleaning our yards, praying for electricity, getting roof bids and fixing fences or whatever else may have happened to your home. Here's just a couple of random thoughts.

Don't you hate being away from home? I am getting so many texts asking me to go by people's houses to see if their electricity is back on. (don't misunderstand that statement, I am very happy to do that for you.) My point is that people want to be HOME! They have a strong desire to be at home. Of course you realize that this world is not our home. I wonder what our desire is for our heavenly home. If "Home is where the heart is" is a true statement then our level of desire for our heavenly home speaks a lot to where our heart is. I believe that Jesus said it this way, "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Honestly we need to start treasuring the things of God like we treasure our earthly possessions. We need to have as strong a desire for God and the things of God like we do for our things that are in this world. I know we still have a lot of things to "live" for on this earth, but somewhere in our Spirit's should be a longing for our heavenly home.

Next, someone in our church texted me the other day saying that if we prepared for heaven as well as we prepared for a hurricane then this world would be a much better place. My response was simply, "Nailed it." We put so much time effort and energy of our lives focusing on and protecting the temporary. How much more important is the eternal? Yet we basically ignore the things that build us up for eternity. We are eternal beings with eternal souls. Eternity is a lot longer than 80, 90 or 100 years. So which one is really the most important to invest in?

If you need anything please let me know. If I cannot help you I will try to figure out who can. I do know this. It is time for the Church to stand tall! It is time for the Church to rise up! The days of a convenient, safe and comfortable Christianity are near their end. Let us unite together and stand tall together as the people of God in this community. Let us bear witness to the grace and power of the Mighty God that we serve!

To God be the Glory. All the Glory!  
Love you all

BK <>



## PRAYER *Changes Things*

Join our Ladies Prayer group in the Prayer room on Tuesdays at 10:00 am.

Men's Prayer group in the Office Meeting room on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.



**OUR GOAL: \$3,500.00**

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## CHURCH LIBRARY



**Open Sunday mornings  
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**

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## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**NEW DATE  
TO BE  
SCHEDULED!**

Join us in the Family Life Center to help plan the future of FBCBC.

## **CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR**

After the winds have died down and the sun is out, it is important to remind our children of the goodness of God. Even in the midst of the storm, is a time for rejoicing, though sometimes it's hard to do. I praise God for saving our family and home from the damages that could have come. I am constantly reminding my kids to pray for those that were affected and to see beyond our situation... to empathize with those affected, though we are ok, there are others who are not. Please remember to BE the love, patience and kindness that you want to receive.

We were unable to do promotion this past Sunday, so we will try again this coming Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. This Sunday, the children will also meet in their NEW Sunday School Classes with their new teachers and we will have a short presentation during the worship service.

Wednesday night, will be class as usual, and those who were going to promote will do so. This means that the new 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be meeting in the preteen class located near the Youth room. We can't wait to see you!

My prayer is that you find peace and joy in our situation and see evidence of God's love for you at every turn. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to contact the church, or give me a call.

That the next generation may know of His love, kindness, greatness, mercy and grace,  
Chris

## **WORSHIP DIRECTOR**

### **VICTORY IN JESUS**

We gathered together this past Sunday in the Family Life Center at FBCBC. We met at 9:00 a.m. with no electricity, but had wonderful praise and worship, prayer for our brothers and sisters and our church and a timely and comforting word from our Pastor.

The songs we sang, I Don't Know Who Holds Tomorrow, Come Into His Presence, Living Hope and Victory in Jesus were just the medicine we needed to enjoy a little peace and comfort during these times.

I know that most of us are dealing with no electricity and all of the inconvenience that brings with it, but we were spared devastation that our neighbors in some areas of Orange and over in Lake Charles and surrounding areas have suffered.

But, I do believe that had we suffered great loss and destruction, we still would have gathered, those of us who could, and sang these songs of praise and about the Victory we have in Jesus.

### **CHRISTMAS MUSICAL/DRAMA**

I don't know at this moment when we will start back up with choir/drama practice for our Christmas Musical, but I will contact everyone as soon as I know.

God is still in control and has a plan!!

For His Glory,  
Debbie

**NURSERY WORKERS**  
**September 6, 2020**



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

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

**LOOK AT THE RECORDS**  
**August 30, 2020**

Projected Budget Need: **HURRICANE**  
 Weekly Receipts: **LAURA!**  
 Actual Budget Receipt to Date:  
 Actual Budget Spending to Date:

**ATTENDANCE:**

Sunday School 0

**WORSHIP SERVICE:**

Worship  
 Nursery  
**TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 20**

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

September 6 — September 12, 2020

Russell Allen      Deacon  
 Maxie Neely      Visiting Partner

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**Sunday, September 6, 2020**

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

**Tuesday, September 8, 2020**

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

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020**

- 9:00 Quilt Group
- 5:30 Church Council
- 6:30 Prayer Meeting  
 Youth Activities  
 Children's activities



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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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