

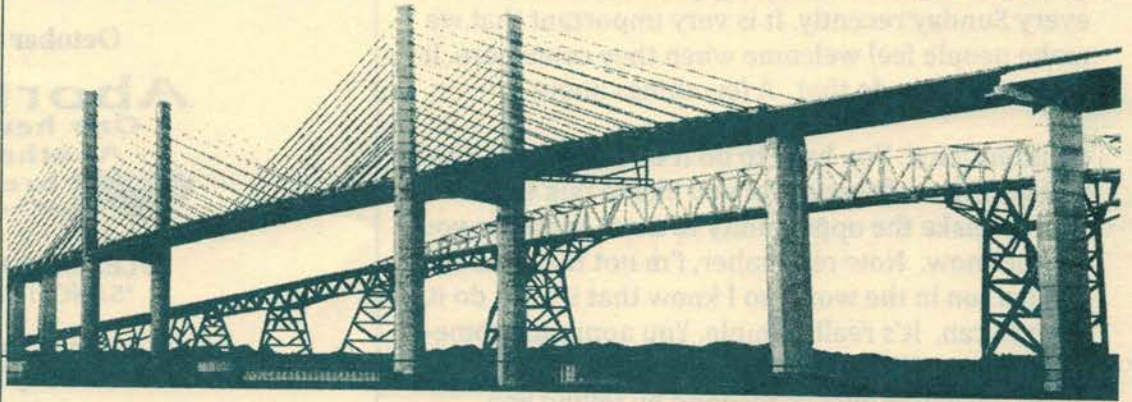
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## The Bridge Builder



### October is Pastor Appreciation Month

The Ladies Prayer Group is putting together a Memory Book for Bro Keith to honor his first year at FBC! We are asking that members write cards .... letters ... or notes with words of encouragement. Thank him for ...a special sermon that touched you...or some way he blessed you or your family or ministered to you this past year. Please allow your children or grand children to participate by helping them complete a sentence .

Example ...."I like it when Bro. Keith..."

It can be a card...a decorated sheet of paper...be creative, you might include pictures of events or your family.....

We want to put these together in a big spiral for him to keep. Therefore...we need them turned in by Sunday, Oct. 11. You can bring them to Sunday school....drop them in a box on the table next to the piano...or you can leave them at the church office. They can also be given to Patsy, Doris, Juana or Brenda.

A Fellowship is planned for Sunday, Oct. 25 to honor Bro K and Cheryl. Details to follow.

## BK'S KORNER

I'm giving you all a job on Sunday Mornings. All of you. Every Sunday Morning. The job? Greet our guests. We have been having guests in our church every Sunday recently. It is very important that we make people feel welcome when they come here. It is up to YOU to do that. A few things about it.

Be intentional. You have to do it on purpose. I know you have your friends that you like to talk to but be sure to make the opportunity to meet someone you do not know. Now remember, I'm not the most social person in the world so I know that if I can do it, anyone can. It's really simple. You approach someone and say, "How are you." Then tell them your name. They will always respond by telling you theirs. Then just simply say "Thank you for being here today." That's it. It's that simple. Don't worry about trying to have a conversation (they probably don't want to do that either) just make them feel welcomed.

Maybe you see someone who you've seen before but you've never met them. You feel like you should know who they are but you don't. So you just continue to ignore them. Here's a hint. If you don't know them, then they also don't know you. So just do the above. Go introduce yourself! That's it.

Here's where I find myself often. You see I'm kind of in a different "zone" on Sunday Mornings so I don't always remember everything that is told to me. Often I meet our guests and they give me their name but by the next time I see them I have forgotten it! It's terrible. It actually makes you want to avoid them. However we can't do that! So here's what I do. I go up to them and I say, "Hi, How are you today?" Then I just simply say, "Help me with your name again." They are happy to tell me again. They would rather do that than have me pretend I remember when I don't.

So please remember to be intentional about welcoming guests and people you may not know. It will go a long way in building and growing our church.

Pumpkin Patch update: we have sold just at \$8,000.00 worth of pumpkins in 9 days. We really haven't hit the busy season yet. We are off to a great start. Please help if/when you can.

Love you all.  
Stay safe

BK ><>

# LIFE CHAIN

~ Sponsored by Right To Life of Southeast Texas ~

October 25, 2020

**Abortion...**  
One heart stops  
Another heart  
breaks

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE  
'SANCTITY OF LIFE'

2:30 — 3:30 p.m.  
(arrive by 2:15 p.m.)

Location:

Bridge City / Orangefield  
@ First Baptist Church, Bridge City  
200 W. Roundbunch Road  
Contact: Darrell Segura @ 409.720.9999

Please join all those who care about LIFE in this ecumenical community event . . . **"a chain is only as strong as its weakest link."** Your commitment would be for one (1) hour. We will be a visible presence by standing/sitting together, holding our Pro-Life signs (furnished), to pray silently for the 'Sanctity Of Life', and end to abortion, euthanasia & assisted suicide.

\*\*\*Bring your friends & family, lawn chairs, umbrellas & bottled water — please come!! \*\*\*

## HURRICANE LAURA DISASTER RELIEF

If you are interested in making donations to help those in need from Hurricane Laura make checks payable to First Baptist Bridge City and mark the envelope Hurricane Relief. We will see that a church in need receives it.



**GET YOUR  
PUMPKIN T-SHIRTS  
NOW!**

Call or come by  
the church office.

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

It is with a heavy heart that I submit my resignation as Children's Ministry Director. My final day, with your approval, will be Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

I have prayed over this decision and feel that it is truly how God is leading. He has led me to a new opportunity and has cleared an undeniable path before me.

My time at FBC Bridge City has been an unforgettable experience. I cannot begin to tell you the joy I have experienced seeing children come to accept Christ and make relational connections to Him in their life. Helping the children with their struggles and showing them how God is at work in their lives has been a true blessing. I am so thankful that the families of FBC Bridge City have let me be a part of their children's lives.

I have grown so much in my time here and am thankful that God put me in a place with so many that I could learn from. I am also grateful for the opportunities that I have been allowed while serving here. It has truly been a joy to work here and serve beside you all.

It has been a blessing to see my family flourish and grow here as well. Thank you for welcoming us with open arms and encouraging my children to grow in Christ. Your encouragement of Tyler to follow God's call to music, has also been such a blessing to me. One of the greatest moments was seeing Tessa come to know Christ here and follow through with baptism.

I intend to make this transition as easy as possible and am working to begin finish projects I have started. I have been working to place teachers to make things easier on the children and those working in the Children's department. Of course, I will be available to answer questions and will do what it takes to help make this transition smooth.

I love you all and ask for your prayers as I take this next step following God's lead. Again, I love you all dearly, thank you for all you have done for our family and we will continue to pray for you.

In Christ,  
Christine Bailey

## WORSHIP DIRECTOR

### HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS

On Wednesday nights we usually have a time of "pick your favorite hymn" where the congregation gets to call out songs they want to sing. We have our children in with us for this part of the service and they are the most excited about choosing a song. One child chose He's Got the Whole World in His Hands, not knowing that we already had that song on the line-up for Sunday morning.

This is evidence that everyone, from the very youngest to the oldest, needs to be reminded that God truly does have us in His hands.

No matter the problems, no matter the fears, the anxiety or confusion, if it weren't for the Lord's hand on our lives, we wouldn't make it. Or at least I know I wouldn't.

Psalm 95:4 "in his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him."

### CHRISTMAS CHOIR

We had a very fruitful practice this past Sunday evening and got a lot accomplished. We had a good number attend even with the storm and some still without electricity. As always, I am so thankful for each one who sacrifices their time to come and get ready for this wonderful musical.

### DRAMA PRACTICE

We continue our drama practice Monday evening. We are beginning to see the characters come alive as our actors practice each week and get really comfortable with their parts.

You will not want to miss this event on December 12 and 13, 2020 as we present the musical "A Baby Changes Everything".

For His Glory,  
Debbie

## MISSION REPORT

This Sunday we will take an offering for World Hungry. I hope you will come prepared to give to this cause.

It is not too late to give to our State Mission Offering. All this money will go to our mission work in our great state of Texas.

Pray for the Children and workers at Buckners. The campus is closed down except for those going to school. This is a hard time for all involved in that mission.

Remember our neighbors in Louisiana. If you have any spare time and want to help, Texas Baptist Men and Operation Blessing is needing People to help.

## NURSERY WORKERS

October 18, 2020



Thelma Wheelis  
Connie Claus

Volunteers always needed. Please call  
Thelma Wheelis at 409.293.6276.

### LOOK AT THE RECORDS

October 11, 2020

Projected Budget Need:	383,010.11
Weekly Receipts:	6,693.15
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	374,812.16
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	365,977.96

#### ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School 101

#### WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	135
Nursery	9
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	144

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

October 18 — October 24, 2020

Maxie Neely	Deacon
Troy Woodall	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, October 18, 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, October 20, 2020

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

### Wednesday, October 21, 2020

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

## BOOTHS AND CANDY NEEDED FOR FALL FESTIVAL!

OCTOBER 31ST 5-7 P.M.

Individuals and classes are asked to set up a Bible Adventure booth or decorate a vehicle for the Fall Festival! Decorate your car, truck, SUV or set up a booth and share your favorite Bible story! Vehicles and booths will be spaced out in the parking lot to allow room for social distancing. If you also decide to host a game at your booth, be sure it can be easily sanitized between players. This is a fun gospel twist on what we normally do every year. This is also a great way we can celebrate what God has brought us through as a community. If you would like help planning your booth or would like more information, please contact Chris Bailey by phone 409-738-3837 or in the Church office 409-735-3581.

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