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The Bridge Builder

Southeast Texas Rally for Life.

Sunday, January 16, 2022

2:00pm

St. Anne Catholic Church
Beaumont (Calder & 11th St.)

Trophies and a donation will be presented to the
three largest youth groups in attendance.

Bring newborn baby items that will be donated
to our local pregnancy help-centers:
Hope Women's Resource Clinic & Birthright

For more information,
contact Darrell Segura

BK'S KORNER

My grandmother loved to fish. After my grandfather had passed I would sometimes take her and another widow friend of hers fishing. The man who owned the oil lease that my grandfather worked also owned other land. He had this one that was like a hunting and fishing camp. It had a little cabin that we could stay in and it had about 4 or 5 fishing tanks that we could fish.

I remember this one particular time that my grandmother, her friend and I went fishing. It had been an extremely dry season. While I do not remember if we were in a drought there in central Texas, we certainly must have been. All of the fishing tanks were very low. By low I mean that they didn't have much water in them. They were drying up. We fished anyhow.

We actually caught some fish. If my memory serves me correctly, everything we caught was catfish. That would actually make sense. An old catfish can survive very harsh environment. In that dry season he can get way down there and bury himself in the mud in order to survive. I remember my Uncle used to say that you can keep a catfish alive just by wrapping him in a wet burlap sack.

Anyhow, we caught some catfish. We cleaned them and ate them. There's nothing better than fish freshly caught. I do remember however when cleaning this one particular "yellow cat" that inside it's stomach was just old nasty grass that was probably found at the bottom of the tank. Oh well. We fried him up and ate!

Guess what? That fish was nasty! In fact, he tasted like mud! He tasted like the bottom of dried up water hole. Whenever I think about that I think about several verses from the Bible.

I'm reminded how Jesus stood up on one of the feast days and cried out that if anyone believes in Him "... out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." Catch that? Out of that persons heart will flow rivers of living water. Not putrid, stale, muddy water. Instead it would be fresh and refreshing.

You want your life to minister to others? You want it to bring refreshment to others. You want others to like the way your life "tastes" to them? Well, then you're going to have to get out of the mud!! You're

BK's Korner Continued

going to have to stop wallowing in stale pungent water and start living in the living water of the Holy Spirit of God. Let's make a difference in the lives of our community. Let's live in that living water so that it can flow out of us!!

Blessings you all. Have a good week. See you Sunday

BK ><>

MISSION REPORT

Baskets are placed in the Welcome Center for the items we are collecting for the Baptist Hospital Cancer Center. These items will be delivered at the end of each month. There is a list of items needed in the Welcome Center.



QUARTERLY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday
January 20
4:00 — 7:00 p.m.

Your precious gift is carefully provided to someone in need. Your blood donation could impact the life of someone you know, someone you'll meet.



Together We Reach the Nations!

Our Goal:	\$8,500.00
Receipts to date:	\$5,441.00

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

STEP INTO THE WATER.....

Wade out a little bit deeper
Wet your feet in the water of His love
Step into the water
Wade out a little bit deeper
Come join angels singin'
Praises to the Lamb of God

We raised the roof this past Sunday at FBCBC. I am so thankful for our church and the way we come together and open our hearts to worship.

We do know that just our coming together and raising our hands for worship is not pleasing to the Lord unless we are willing to live out that worship in our lives.

We have been given a challenge to live out our faith for all to see. A challenge to pray for our church and ourselves that we would be the light for all to see by our neighbors and our community.

"What you do says more about what you believe than what you say".

Let's be about the work of the Lord and show our families and friends just who this Jesus is. He lives in us!

MORE THAN JUST A MAN, EASTER MUSICAL ...

I want to take this opportunity to thank our choir for all of the dedication and hard work they have put in since August 2021.

There are several who have taken on the major drama parts and others who have stepped up to take other roles as needed. The entire choir has to be versatile, for this musical is different than the ones we've done in recent years, and they have stepped up to the challenge.

This choir is the heartbeat of the musical and there are many hours of hard work put in. Please remember them and all of us in your prayers. This work is being done to glorify our Father and we are all in one accord toward this endeavor.

For His glory,
Debbie

NATIVITY SCENE CHALLENGE

Bro. Keith challenged us to keep the true Spirit of Christmas alive by keeping Nativity Scenes up all year. That is how the **Nativity Game** came around. A church member has put a \$100 donation to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and it will be credited to the person who wins the game.

Here is how the Nativity Game works:

The Nativity Scene is the one outdoors in front of the Family Life Center. There are a number of figurines, people, animals, and an Angel. Each Saturday we will remove one category of the figurines. To compete in the game you have to let us know which one of the figurine categories is missing **each week** (submit your answers from Sunday through Friday). The categories will be Sheep, Camel, Cow, Donkey, Wisemen, Shepherds, Joseph, Mary, Jesus, and Angel

You can **email** Pat Rickenbrode your answer each week. At the end of the time when nothing is left a winner will be declared. The winner is the person who responds with the most correct answers through the weeks. **The game officially began, Sunday, January 9. It is not too late, let Pat know what is missing from the manger!**

Pat Rickenbrode email: patr@fbcbc.org



First Saturday at First Baptist

For our First Saturday event February 5 we are giving away diapers and baby wipes to our community. We are asking for any size other than newborn. As always, bring items to the church office or put them on the table in the sanctuary in the next four weeks. Thank you for helping and participating in this ministry! Also, we would love for you to come and help distribute these items if you are free on Saturday, February 5, in the church parking lot from 10 AM until 12 PM. It has been very rewarding helping those in need!

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

January 9, 2022

Projected Budget Need:	9,341.71
Weekly Receipts:	8,241.00
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	15,747.45
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	8,451.04

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	132
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	137
Nursery	6
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	143

DEACON OF THE WEEK

January 16 — January 22, 2022

Russell Allen	Deacon
Maxie Neely	Visiting Partner

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, January 16, 2022

9:15	Bible Study for all Ages
10:30	Morning Worship
4:00	Musical Rehearsal

Monday, January 17, 2022

10:00	Ladies Prayer Meeting
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Tuesday, January 18, 2022

6:30	Men's Prayer Meeting
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Wednesday, January 19, 2022

6:30	Prayer Meeting Youth Fellowship & Preteen Bible Study Children's Choir
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Dewey Stuart	Interim Youth Director
Debbie Anderson	Worship Director

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
7:30 — 5:30
MONDAY — THURSDAY

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