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The Bridge Builder



QUARTERLY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, April 28
4:00 — 7:00 p.m.
in the Family Life Center

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, or your closest loved one.

Contact Pat Stanton — to sign up.

BK'S KORNER

I wonder what God wants to do in our church? Some of you hear me say that every now and then. Actually it is a serious question. I often ask this of myself and others. I sincerely have an expectation that God is about to do something big in our community and our church will get to be a part of it. There have been several Sundays recently where I felt as though we were on the verge of God breaking through in us. It is going to happen. Just wait and watch!

As of now, my plan is to have a pretty active summer here in our church. You will want to be involved. I hope to give attention to several different areas that contribute to the health of our church. Specifically, teaching of the Word, Worship, prayer, fellowship, and ministry. I think these are areas that will determine whether or not a church is healthy.

Do you sense that God is at work somewhere? Do you sense that He is showing you something in regard to our church? Do you see Him working somewhere? Is there something burning in your heart? Be sure to let us know whenever you sense something. Don't worry if it is from God or not. If you see it, sense it or feel it then we need to check it out. If you have no idea what this paragraph is about then you need to do the Experiencing God study!

Speaking of which, Next Sunday will be our last Experiencing God group session. So this week you should be finishing the workbook. We will gather for one last session. I hope that you have learned and been challenged to know when and how God is speaking to you and our church. I also hope that you have started a habit of setting aside time for God each day.

We will be going next Tuesday to work in the soup kitchen in Orange. If you want to go and haven't already, then please let me know. I plan to take the van or you can meet us there. Whichever is best for you.

The tomb was empty! Our salvation is sure and complete. Death has no sting. We are victorious. "Therefore,... be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." 1Corinthians 15:58

Blessing to you all
Get out there and Faith this Week

BK ><>

PS something may be coming

YOUTH MINISTER

Gospel Partners

Every Christian has a need for gospel partners. I do not mean some type of organization that you cooperate with. What I am talking about is deep, intimate friendship with brothers or sisters in Christ whom you love. You can't have this relationship with everyone, but you should have this relationship with at least one. We see this exemplified in the life of our Lord. Jesus had the crowds that would follow Him, yet He still had only 12 hand selected disciples. Even within the 12 He had an "inner circle." Peter, James, and John were the three disciples who saw Jesus transfigured on the mountain and were taken in closer to pray at Gethsemane. We can even look at the Apostle Paul and his relationship with Timothy and Titus. Paul talks of the joy he receives when Titus comes to him in 2 Corinthians 7. He also tells the Philippians that he has no one like Timothy when he sends him to them (Phil. 2: 19-20).

There is a need for deep, intimate fellowship among brothers and sisters in Christ. Obviously, this cannot be had with every single Christian in your life because we are limited by the hours in a day. However, we all need one or two people who we can sit down with and bear our soul to. We need someone who will look us in the eye and tell us we are wrong when we err. We need a brother who will lift us from despair and point us to Jesus in time of trial. We need a partner to stand alongside us in defense of the gospel. We need close gospel saturated friendships.

Do you have this type of relationship? Hopefully, if you and your spouse are both Christians then you at least have one. Praise the Lord even if this is your only one. However, if you don't have one let me encourage you to find one. Find a brother or sister in Christ that you can do life with and in time will be able to say as the Apostle Paul, "I have no one like him." For it is in these relationships that discipleship takes place. It is here that iron sharpens iron. It is here that someone can apply the balm of the gospel to a wounded and aching heart.

SYMPATHY

Bro. Keith & Cheryl Royal extend their sincere love and sympathy to the following:

Kevin & Dana Bourque in the home-going of his father, Charles Jim Huckabay.

Wayne Matthews, Lynn Richard and Ann Borque and their families in the home-going of their mother, Juana Matthews.

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE . . .

What a glorious celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior this past Sunday at FBCBC. All of us who have been blood-bought and born again understand completely the sacrifice God made when He sent His Son to the cross. We know we don't deserve what the Lord did for us, but our faith tells us that is the way that the Lord made for us to live eternally with Him when we die.

Our Pastor preached the gospel message boldly and plainly. If you were there, you did not leave ignorant of the truth.

We all love to quote Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose". One of God's great promises. But, if you have not accepted Jesus as Your Savior and Lord, you have not been born again, you cannot receive this promise.

This was truly a sermon for us all to look at ourselves and evaluate our spiritual situation. We can go to church every time the doors are open and we can do all the things, but unless we have been born again, all of our works and church attendance are of no value. They will not save us!

I pray this message will resonate through all of our lives each day. I pray that we have been renewed and once again realize that we have been bought with a great price! Our freedom was not free!

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me".

For His glory,
Debbie



SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The scholarship committee is requesting love offerings or memorials to fund scholarships for our deserving students. This offering or memorial may be placed in an envelope designated to the "Scholarship Fund."

Ways to give...

Offering Plate

Mail to: 200 W. Roundbunch, 77611

Drop off at the office Mon. - Thurs. (7:30-5:30)

Drop in the office mail slot.

www.fbcbc.org ("giving online" button, select the Scholarship fund option)

Scholarship applicants can be high school seniors or anyone entering or attending college or the military. Applications may be picked up in the church office and turned into/emailed to Hannah Landry (scholarship@fbcbc.org) or back to the church office by Sunday, May 8th.

First Saturday at First Baptist

We are looking forward to giving baby food to lots of people May 7 at our First Saturday event. Come out to the parking lot by the bus barn from 10 – 12 and help us meet our community!

You, Your Family, Your Neighbors are invited!

 **PICNIC IN THE PARK** 

Sunday, May 15

Gathering 4:00 Grubbin' 5:30

Claiborne West Park

Pavilion #3 by the Softball Field

BRING YOUR FISHING POLES, BIKES, OUTDOOR GAMES, BOARD GAMES, BATS, GLOVES AND CHAIRS AND LET'S ENJOY A GREAT TIME OF FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!



LOOK AT THE RECORDS

April 17, 2022

Projected Budget Need:	169,928.16
Weekly Receipts:	5,824.00
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	153,051.70
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	143,753.76

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	131
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	226
Nursery	7
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	233



PRAYER REQUEST OR UPDATES

If you would like special prayer scan the QR code and enter the information.

If you have an addition or deletion to the prayer list it can also be made by scanning the QR Code and entering the information.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 24 — April 30, 2022

Greg Quist	Deacon
Philip Clark	Visiting Partner

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, April 24, 2022

- 9:15 Bible Study for all Ages
- 10:30 Morning Worship
- 5:30 Experiencing God led by Keith Royal
- Children's Activities
- Youth Activities

Monday, April 25, 2022

- 10:00 Ladies Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

- 11:00 Golden Harvest Monthly Meeting
- 6:30 Men's Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

- 6:30 Prayer Meeting
- Youth Bible Study
- Preteen Bible Study
- Children's Choir

SOUP KITCHEN

April 26 from 9 am til 1 pm

Let Bro. Keith know if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

SUMMER SUNDAYS

coming this
Summer!

SENIOR SUNDAY — MAY 5, 2022

If you are a senior or know one you want involved please contact Cody Hamilton
students@fbcabc.org
DEADLINE: May 4th

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

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