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RISE AND SHINE FOR OUR 36TH ANNUAL

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

August 26
REDOUT FRIDAY



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BRIDGE CITY
200 W ROUNDBUNCH
FREE BREAKFAST SERVED: 7:10AM
WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT 7:30AM

BK'S KORNER

Well everyone, the fall season is just about upon us. Soon it will be time for pumpkins, fall festival, Thanksgiving and then Christmas. Clear your calendars for Saturday September 24. That is the day the Pumpkins are scheduled to arrive. They are scheduled to be here at 9 am. We will set up the patch and get ready on Saturday, September 17. Hope that you will plan to help in the Pumpkin Patch when you can. It is a great ministry to our community. Let's do it for them.

I hope you have enjoyed the Summer Sunday Nights at FBC. Thank you for attending them. For now, they are over. We will see what happens in the future. I'm sure we will do something again at some point.

Last night I was asked a question. It is actually the kind of question that I should be asked. I was asked, "What do we do now?" That is the perfect question. The perfect question that we each should ask ourselves. Our Sunday school classes should ask it of themselves. Our church needs to ask it of its self. It is truly the right question at the right time for FBC. Of course, when it comes to the church, I need to give vision, guidance and leadership in that regard. Pray for us as we seek the Lord to see exactly what the next step is for FBC. Your Sunday school class should discuss how you, as a group, will get out into our community with the gospel. How are you going to show the love of Christ to those outside of our church? You should also be asking this question of yourself as an individual. Ask God to give you someone or show you some way that He wants to use you in His Kingdom's work. We have some good days ahead for The First Baptist Church; of that I am sure. I am very pleased and excited with the current state of the church.

Continue to pray for our church and bless our community. Ask God to move in a way that He never has. Please pray for Cody. The teenagers in our community need a mighty move of God among them. They need to have a life changing experience with His grace. Pray as Cody seeks to minister among them.

Everyone have a good week. Hope you all are settling in to the new school year. Blessings to you all
BK ><>

YOUTH MINISTER

Dogs and Turkeys

What is the difference between a dog and a turkey? The differences between a dog and a turkey are obvious, of course. A dog is a four-legged mammal while a turkey is a two-legged bird. They are not the same. They have some similar qualities. A dog and a turkey both have lungs, a heart, and a digestive system. They both reproduce and care for their young. Yet, they are distinctly different. We do not expect a turkey to behave like a dog, nor do we expect a dog to behave like a turkey.

What then can we say about a Christian and a non-Christian? These two are far more similar than a turkey and a dog, yet they too are distinctly different. All mankind is made in the image of God and worthy of respect. However, there are some fundamental differences between those who follow Christ and those who do not. The difference is the New Birth. Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born again (John 3:3). The fundamental difference between the Christian and the non-Christian is a matter of spiritual life. Those who are true followers of Christ have been born again. They have been brought from spiritual death to life.

So, if we do not expect a dog and a turkey to behave the same, can we expect a Christian and a non-Christian to behave the same? The answer is a resounding no. We cannot and should not expect it. This should have an impact in how we interact and engage with those whom we seek to tell about Christ. We engage them with gentleness and kindness rather than a sledgehammer.

A helpful example could be how we might handle evangelizing people who are in same sex relationships. Is the right move to bring down the sledgehammer and explain why homosexuality is ungodly? Perhaps not. There may be a time and circumstance where that is needed, but more often than not this probably is not the case. The aim is to tell them of the good news of Jesus Christ. We want them to understand their need for a savior and that His name is Jesus. This does not mean that we never address sin during our conversations with unbelievers. We do address sin, and we do not shy away from answering questions about it. Even so, the goal is for the person we are talking with to leave with a proper understanding of the Gospel and our love for them in sharing it.

We must engage the world for the sake of Christ. We expect the world to behave like the world. Even so, we must go and meet people where they are in life with the goal of telling them the good news of Jesus Christ. And by God's grace souls will be saved and lives will be transformed.

MUSIC DIRECTOR

AT CALVARY . . .

*Mercy there was great and grace was free
Pardon there was multiplied to me
There my burdened soul found liberty
At Calvary.*

One of my favorite hymns because it's the story of my life. It's one of the hymns that touched me the most after I was saved. I sang it most of my life in church, but until my heart understood the meaning, I couldn't rejoice. It tells of great mercy and free grace. I always felt I was the neediest person that ever lived when it came to mercy and grace.

So what in the world could I have done that was so bad that I felt I was in need of grace and mercy so much more than others. When we think of Paul's words in I Timothy 1:15 ". . . Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." He felt he was the "worst of them all".

Paul murdered people, Christians. He killed them because they were Christians. I didn't kill people. I was always loving and likable and I was an influencer. I mourn the fact that my influence was not what it should have been to family and friends.

The Lord changed me from the inside out. I have a long way to go in this walk with Christ and it has nothing to do with where God has me in leadership today. It has to do with my heart and my love for others.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC . . .

What? I can hardly believe it myself but it is time to start up some choir practice for Christmas. More details and dates coming soon. We have so many wonderful singers and I can't wait!

For His glory,

Debbie



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If you haven't registered for your free RightNow Media account you can do so by scanning the QR Code.

History Room News

If you have an extra memorial folder of a loved one, we would like to add it to our collection in our History room. You may bring them to the church office.

Also, if you would like a tour of the History room, you can contact Brenda Woodall.

WE NEED YOUR NHELP

August 26, 2022 will be our annual Breakfast of Champions. If you are interested in helping serve our community and ministering to our students now is an opportunity to jump in! Those interested in serving can contact Cody Hamilton.

First Saturday – September 3, 2022

September 3rd is the date for First Saturday at First Baptist. Our church is asked to help with providing groceries for the community. The following list is what each Sunday school department is asked to bring:

Jr. High/Hi. School	Macaroni and Cheese (7.25 oz.)
Adult 1	Tuna (12 oz. can)
Adult 2/3	Jelly (30 oz.)
Adult 4/5	Peanut butter (18 oz.)
Adult 6	Pasta sauce (24 oz.) and Dried spaghetti (16 oz.)
Adult 7	Dried beans (16 oz.) and Rice (16 oz.)
Adult 9	Cereal (12 oz.) box

We will be filling bags on Monday, August 29th. Please have the groceries to the church no later than Sunday, August 28.

Thank you for your participation.

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

August 21, 2022

Projected Budget Need:	361,097.34
Weekly Receipts:	5,995.36
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	303,375.59
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	320,444.30

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	130
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	170
Nursery	3
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	173

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

August 28 — September 3, 2022

Darrell Segura	Deacon
Troy Woodall	Visiting Partner

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, August 28, 2022

9:15 Bible Study for all Ages
10:30 Morning Worship

Monday, August 29, 2022

Hope Home School Co-op
10:00 Ladies Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

6:30 Men's Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

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

Saturday, September 3, 2022

10:00 First Saturday at First Baptist

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Baptized:

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

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