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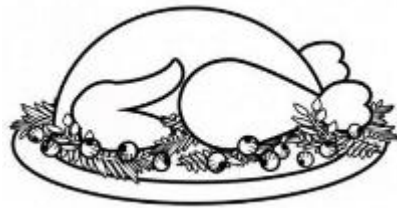
BRIDGE CITY, TX 77611

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# The Bridge Builder



## Thanksgiving Meal Sunday, Nov. 13 following morning worship

Menu: Ham, dressing and all the trimmings.

Departments are asked to bring the following...

Adult 1 Hawaiian rolls (2 pkgs each)

Adult 2-3 Seasoned cut green beans (not casserole)

Adult 4-5 Fruit Salad

Adult 6 Sweet potatoes

Adult 7-8 Buttered whole kernel corn (not casserole)

Children's Workers same as Adult 7-8

Youth Workers same as Adult 2-3

Adult 9 Desserts

Please **double** your recipe. We are expecting guests.  
Disposable pans are encouraged.

Sign up in Sunday School or  
by calling the church office - 735-3581  
Nursery will not be provided,  
so the whole family can fellowship together.

## BK'S KORNER

First I really want to thank everyone for making our third Pumpkin Patch a huge success. Today is the last day. As of this morning we have sold over \$27,000 worth of Pumpkins. Thirty percent of that is ours plus 100% of all the donations. When it is all said and done we will likely have raised over \$10,000 to spend on missions. This will ensure that whatever we desire to do for missions over the next year will not be hindered by a lack of money. So, thank God and let us now be good stewards of this blessing.

This morning I put on my "work hat" to come to the office. I am anticipating having to work a little as we will be setting up for our Fall Festival. I didn't want to sweat and work in one of my newer hats. There's something about an old broken in work hat. It just feels comfortable. Its soft and fits perfectly on your head. Of course, the reason is because it is well worn. It has been worn a lot in a lot of different situations. At one time it was a new hat. Stiff and hard and tight on my head. Now, after use, it is soft and fits perfectly.

I have been thinking a lot lately about corporate prayer. What I mean by that is us praying together as a church body. I have not been good at leading us to do that. Corporate prayer is tough. It often feels forced and not so comfortable. People are intimidated by it. There is not great participation. I felt like God showed me this morning that prayer is like a hat. In the beginning it may feel stiff and a little uncomfortable. It becomes soft and comfortable through use. By making sure that we pray together, over time it will become more natural and comfortable for us. It is something I must lead out in. Please pray for me along those lines.

Please use this fall season of the year to pray for your church staff. Pray for our walk with the Lord. Pray for our vision to lead The First Baptist Church to follow Christ. I have a lot of different things rolling around in my mind for the new year. I just need God to put it all together the way He wants it done.

I hope you all have a wonderful fall season. Move into the holiday season remembering that the reason we can celebrate is because of Him!

God glorify Your Name in our church and in our community.

Love and Blessings

BK ><>

## YOUTH MINISTER

### The Protestant Reformation and Us

On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five theses to the Wittenburg church door. This would, in short time, set ablaze what had already begun to smolder all around the known world. The Protestant Reformation would come into full swing and certain men would be mighty tools in the hand of God. Men like Martin Luther, John Knox, John Calvin, and Ulrich Zwingli. These men would, quite literally, risk their lives for the sake of recovering the gospel that had been veiled for so long.

One of the things that we can all take from the Reformation is the role Martin Luther played. Luther was gloriously converted when he read through Paul's letter to the Romans. In this he began to compare the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church to the Scripture that he was reading and saw that much was out of order. So, he wrote his ninety-five theses, or complaints, and posted them publicly so that the church might correct its errors.

We ought to be of the same mind as Luther in this matter. Too often we simply carry on the traditions that have been passed down to us because that is all we know. We should always be ready to compare what we do and why we do it to the text of Sacred Scripture and conform to it. Scripture is that which norms us. We conform to it.

May God be pleased to do a work in His church during our day. May we always be ready to conform ourselves to the Word of the Lord and not to the traditions that we have grown fond of. "Wilt Thou not revive us again, that Thy people may rejoice in Thee" (Psalm 85:6).

## GOLDEN HARVEST MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, November 8  
11:00 a.m.

Fried Chicken provided.  
Please bring sides and desserts.

Entertainment: Paul Jackson

## MUSIC DIRECTOR

### EVERYTHING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD . . .

The sermon this past Sunday resonated with me. How do we pray when we don't know what to say? Do we beg God? I know I do sometimes. Do we try to make deals with Him? I used to, but since He saved me and I belong to Him, what could I possibly have to offer Him in exchange for what I am asking Him for?

I do run out of words in my prayers. I will say, "Lord, I just don't know how to pray for this, please give me some words". "Lord, you already know my heart and you know my worries, please give me some peace and some answers." "Lord, please!"

I think I get to this point, because I am failing to trust God. I forget to remember that God has a master plan. I have to remember that He created each of us for a purpose. There are no accidents or mistakes in His creation. It is all part of His plan.

So my prayers need to be "Lord, thank you for giving me another day to trust you and do everything I do for your glory. Thank you for giving me another day to hopefully be a light for someone who needs that light".

"Lord, in all things, thy will be done, only for your glory."

If Jesus could pray that way, I should also!

### CHRISTMAS MUSIC . . VINTAGE TASTE OF CHRISTMAS

Our Taste of Christmas is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 18, 2022. I hope you are making plans to attend. There are so many who work hard on choir practice, decorations, preparing food, etc.

I would like to thank everyone who has been joining with us on Sundays to practice these Christmas carols. You sound wonderful and I know it will be a delightful evening.

For His glory,  
Debbie

## First Saturday at First Baptist

Come join us giving out coats, jackets, etc. to our community this Saturday, November 5th from 10 am until noon. You will receive a blessing you won't forget. We will be located in the church parking lot by the bus barn. Look for balloons, smell the gumbo, hope to see you there!

### BLOOD DRIVE



First Baptist Church  
Bridge City  
Family Life Center

Thursday, November 17  
4:00—7:00 pm

Contact Pat Stanton



### RightNow Media

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

### LADIES PRAYER GROUP



*Invitation from the Ladies Prayer Group. We meet each Monday morning in the Prayer Room at 10:00 AM. and you are invited to join us. We would love to have you.*

## CANCER CENTER IN BEAUMONT

We are collecting items for the cancer center in Beaumont. A list can be found in the Welcome Center. Please bring your donations to the boxes by the Welcome Center.

## LOOK AT THE RECORDS

### October 30, 2022

Projected Budget Need:	467,302.44
Weekly Receipts:	4,160.00
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	395,547.59
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	411,044.59

### ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	128
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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

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

November 6 — November 12, 2022

Dewey Stuart     Deacon  
Philip Clark     Visiting Partner

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### Sunday, November 6, 2022

9:15	Bible Study for all Ages
10:30	Morning Worship
4:00	Choir Practice

### Monday, November 7, 2022

10:00	Ladies Prayer Meeting
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### Tuesday, November 8, 2022

6:30	Men's Prayer Meeting
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### Wednesday, November 9, 2022

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



The History room is open Sunday mornings before Sunday School for viewing. If you would like a tour of the room during the week, contact Brenda Woodall. I am working on our custodians through the years - if anyone has info, contact us. If you have a Memorial Folder of a loved one, we would like to add it to our display. You may bring them to the church office. Also, we are still accepting wedding photos for a display if you were married at FBC. Come see your History Room!

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Cody Hamilton     Youth Minister  
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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
**7:30 — 5:30**  
**MONDAY — THURSDAY**

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