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*Glorify  
Go  
Gather  
Grow*



# The Bridge Builder

I have set  
*my bow*  
*in the clouds,*  
and it shall be a  
*sign* of the  
*covenant*  
between me and the earth.

GENESIS 9:13, NRSV

## BK'S KORNER

I have to watch myself lest I fall into the trap. I know it is there, but I cannot help myself. What trap? That one about riches. Oh yeah that one! Proverbs 23:4-5 says, "Do not overwork to be rich; because of your own understanding, cease! Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches make themselves wings; they fly away like an eagle toward heaven."

You see riches are like an eagle. They grow a pair of wings and are gone just as fast as they came. If I love them too much, I will be disappointed because they will be gone. Besides who wants to give up time with their kids in order to obtain them? How about you're spouse? Remember, they grow a pair of wings like and eagle. So, learn to be content with what you have. Learn to be happy and live like it. Set your eyes on those things which ARE!

Yesterday was a great day in the House of the Lord. We had some incredible worship. It is always good to see a full house. People there to see Kate baptized, some were there just because. Any way you slice it they got to hear the Word of God.

Be sure to pray for our church.  
Pray for those you love.  
Pray for Your One.  
Invite your One.

Blessing to You All

BK ><>

**PRAY MORE**  
*worry less*

**PRAYER** *Changes Things*

*Men's Prayer group meets on Mondays in the Office Meeting room at 5:30 a.m.*

*Join our Ladies Prayer group. The Ladies meet on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the prayer room.*

## YOUTH MINISTER

### Building Wisely for the Next Generation

In *Luke 14:28–29*, Jesus asks, "Which of you, wanting to build a tower, doesn't first sit down and count the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, after he has laid the foundation and cannot finish, all the onlookers will begin to ridicule him." His point is clear—good intentions are not enough. To build something that lasts, we must plan carefully and use our resources wisely.

That's exactly our approach to youth ministry at FBC. God has blessed us with students who are eager to grow, leaders who are willing to serve, and a church family who is committed to the next generation. But if we want to see this ministry thrive, we can't just "hope for the best." We need to be intentional—structuring our time, energy, and resources in ways that create opportunities for growth, discipleship, and outreach.

This means making thoughtful choices: planning lessons that connect with students' lives, creating a welcoming environment where they feel they belong, recruiting and training volunteers, and setting a clear vision that inspires students to invite their friends. It also means being good stewards of our budget, our meeting spaces, and even our leaders' energy, so we can build for the long haul.

When we combine prayerful dependence on God with wise, strategic planning, we create a healthy foundation for growth. We believe that if we faithfully steward what God has given us now, He will multiply it—just as Jesus multiplied the loaves and fish to feed thousands.

The next chapter of our youth ministry will be written by all of us—leaders, parents, students, and the church body—working together, investing our time, our talents, and our prayers. Let's build wisely, expectantly, and with our eyes on the One who makes all growth possible.

Cody Dowden

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Baptized:

Kate Landry

## MUSIC MOMENTS

### “I Will Sing Praise”

By, Regi Stone and Michael Popham  
I will sing praise, I will lift my voice.  
I will sing praise, I've made my choice.  
I will sing praise in all I do.  
I will sing praise to you.  
No matter the storms that come my way,  
No matter the trials I may face,  
You promised that you would see me through.  
So I will trust in You.

Everyone of us has been given a voice. No matter what our voice sounds like, God gave it to us. So, why would He give it to us if He does not expect us to use it for His Glory.

**Testimony:** Recently, a gentleman in our church realized he was not using his singing voice for The Lord because he did not think he could or that it would not sound very well. In his own heart he decided to at least try it. He said he was uncomfortable at first, but the more he sang the better he felt. This morning as he sang, he smiled. It was a great big smile. What a man!

Keep a song in your heart!  
Love y'all, Billy & Pam

P.S. We will begin working on “**Adore Him**” a Christmas Musical. Please talk to us so we can count on you giving God the praise due His Holy Name. **Come be a part!**

### GOLDEN HARVEST GAMES

Thursday  
August 21

1:00 p.m.

In the East Wing  
Game Room



## SOUP KITCHEN



**TUESDAY,  
August 26**

**Van leaves the church  
at 8:45 a.m.**

If you are interested in participating in this opportunity to serve others please let Bro. Keith know.

**45TH ANNUAL**

**BREAKFAST OF  
CHAMPIONS**

**FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 5**



**BREAKFAST SERVICE BEGINNING 6:25AM  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BRIDGE CITY  
200 W ROUND BUNCH  
\*WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT 6:45AM\*  
AD/HEAD FOOTBALL COACH JOSH SMALLEY**

**PUMPKINS  
ARE  
COMING!!!!**

September 27

Please mark your calendar!  
We will need lots of help unloading  
the pumpkins.



## LOOK AT THE RECORDS

**August 10, 2025**

Projected Budget Need YTD:	358,776.96
Weekly Receipts:	8,509.50
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	331,148.24
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	312,763.45

### ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	148
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### WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	184
Nursery	7
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	191

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## DEACON OF THE WEEK

August 17 — 23, 2025

Ronald Ellis	Deacon
Larry Linder	Visiting Partner

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### Sunday, August 17, 2025

9:15	Bible Study
10:30	Morning Worship Service

### Monday, August 18, 2025

5:30	Men's Priority Prayer
10:00	Ladies Prayer Group

### Wednesday, August 20, 2025

9:00	Buckner's Quilting
6:30	Prayer Meeting
	Youth, Preteen Bible Study & Children's Choir
	Mission Kids (3rd — 6th Graders)

"Come Sit By Me"



Is there an empty chair in  
your class?

Is there unused space on  
your pew?

We are beginning a campaign to fill those spaces.  
Your department is being given a fresh class roster  
that you might begin making  
personal contacts.  
Who have you been missing?

"Who is your one?"

Who do you know that needs a church home?

We will be excited to hear reports from each department  
as we work together to reach our community.

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Billy Pruitt	Interim Worship Leader

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

7:30 — 5:30

MONDAY — THURSDAY

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