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*Glorify  
Go  
Gather  
Grow*



# The Bridge Builder

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**

## BK'S KORNER

Once in a cafeteria, at Seminary during lunch there was a beautiful basket of apples. They were red and juicy. There was sign placed on them that read, "Please only take one ... God is watching." The students went thru the line and at the other end were some cookies. It was a large box of broken cookies. They had scrawled note on them that said, "Take as many as you want ... God is watching the apples."

You know why I love the book of Acts so much? Because it is so real. No one would make up the story about John Mark. I guess there are so many miracles in there that they had to put some other stuff in there. More appropriately God was watching over them. You can see His sovereignty in everything that they did. Going up to Jerusalem to ask the church if a person had to become a Jew first. Sharing what they knew, then just waiting. Waiting on Peter. Then waiting on James. Then Finally a decision.

Even Mark. He went from being of no use to Paul. To the point where Paul had to break ties with Barnabas. To being "useful in ministry." God was watching Mark. God was watching the Jerusalem Council. God is watching me and you. God cares about what is going on in our lives.

There is some comfort in the sovereignty of God. So next time you are feeling all alone, remember, God is watching the apples .... And the cookies... and you and me.

Pray.  
Pray for your One.  
Pray for your community.

Love and Blessings  
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

As I complete my first month as your youth minister, I want to take a moment to thank you—our congregation, and especially our parents—for your encouragement, prayers, and support. Ministry is never a solo effort, and I am deeply grateful to serve alongside a church family that is so invested in the next generation.

Proverbs 22:6 reminds us, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." This isn't just the responsibility of parents or church leaders. It requires a community—an entire family of God—working together to raise young men and women who know Christ, love His Word, and live out their faith. Every prayer, encouraging word, and act of service helps build the foundation of our students' spiritual lives.

I look forward to what God is going to do through our youth ministry, but even more, I am excited that we get to do this together as one body. Thank you for being an essential part of this work.

I also want to invite you to join us for the **Breakfast of Champions prayer breakfast on Friday, September 5**. This is a powerful opportunity to gather as a community, to lift up our schools, students, and leaders, and to show the next generation what it looks like when God's people come together in prayer.

Let's continue to walk this journey side by side, trusting God to do immeasurably more than we could ever ask or imagine.



**REACH TEXAS**  
2016-2017  
*Your SBTC State Missions Offering*

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| OUR GOAL:         | \$3,500.00 |
| RECEIPTS TO DATE: | \$ 0.00    |

## MUSIC MOMENTS

Dear FBCBC Family and Friends,

Yesterday, we celebrated Christ with those who like music. We met from 4:00 — 5:30 p.m. to begin preparations for the Christmas season. Our celebration included a joyful gathering with Christmas snacks. We focused on the Musical Celebration “Adore Him” which will be presented on December 14th at 5:30 p.m.

There were very important decisions to be made such as:

- ◆ What clothes are we wearing that night?
- ◆ What color(s) looks the best?
- ◆ What media devices are needed to listen to the music?
- ◆ Do we memorize the lyrics to the songs?
- ◆ Who gets the last sticky popcorn ball?
- ◆ And why is Hannah wearing a Christmas tree hat?

Those are all important decisions. Once we got those taken care of, we had time left over to listen and absorb the glorious truth”

### CHRIST IS BORN!

“On a silent, starlit night in Bethlehem, Heaven touched earth.

A cry broke the stillness — not one of sorrow, but of **HOPE**.

The Savior had come as was promised.

The Savior brought **JOY** to the world.

The Savior’s Presence changes everything.

We are not only here to remember that **JOY**,

But, to **JOIN** in with the celebration.”

We love y’all,  
Billy & PammieK



This year’s Christmas Musical, “Adore Him” is filled with music that touches your heart. There’s still time for those who

are interested in singing to join us on Sunday afternoons from now thru December 14 from 4-5 pm in the Sanctuary to practice. Don’t miss this opportunity to sing for Jesus!

## THANK YOU

To our Bridge City Family,

*Thank you so much for your continued snacks and care items for our cancer patients. Without the special help of people like you I would not be able to help so many. May God bless each of you!*

Love,  
Aimee Smith  
Baptist Cancer Network



### GOLDEN HARVEST GAMES

Thursday  
September 4

1:00 p.m.

In the East Wing  
Game Room



### PUMPKINS ARE COMING!!!!

September 27

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

## LOOK AT THE RECORDS

**August 24, 2025**

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Projected Budget Need YTD:      | 381,200.52 |
| Weekly Receipts:                | 5,906.50   |
| Actual Budget Receipt to Date:  | 348,964.30 |
| Actual Budget Spending to Date: | 329,053.05 |

### ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School 136

### WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship 144

Nursery 6

**TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 150**

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**1 ONE?**

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## DEACON OF THE WEEK

August 31 — September 6, 2025

Dewey Stuart

Deacon

Ronald Ellis

Visiting Partner

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### Sunday, August 31, 2025

|       |                             |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| 9:15  | Bible Study                 |
| 10:30 | Morning Worship Service     |
| 4:00  | Christmas Musical Rehearsal |

### Monday, September 1, 2025

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

### Wednesday, September 3, 2025

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

### Friday, September 5, 2025

|      |                        |
|------|------------------------|
| 6:45 | Breakfast of Champions |
|------|------------------------|

"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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|              |                        |
|--------------|------------------------|
| Keith Royal  | Pastor                 |
| Cody Dowden  | Youth Minister         |
| Billy Pruitt | Interim Worship Leader |

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

7:30 — 5:30

MONDAY — THURSDAY

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