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*Glorify
Go
Gather
Grow*



The Bridge Builder



**Saturday
October 25
3:30-5:30 p.m.**

We are still in need of individually wrapped candy.
(no chocolate please) If you are bringing your
vehicle and need a small carnival type game for kids
to play, please text or call Lynn Richard (409-920-5508)
to use one of the church's.

Options

Pumpkin Toss (in buckets)

Bowling

Spin the Wheel

Ball to Target Toss

Rock Toss

Hoola Hoops

Baseball Throw

BK'S KORNER

There was this one gravel road that led from my grandparent's house out onto the 100 acres of oil lease that we would roam. Whenever we kids would head out on one of our adventures this was the road that we always took as we left the house. Keep in mind a gravel road has two parts that are hard packed from the tires of the vehicles rolling on it. In the middles of those tracks however is looser gravel that piles up just slightly. There was one spot on this road in the middle where the loose gravel was that something happened every year. A killdeer would scratch out a nest and lay her eggs in that gravel.

If you didn't know, you can certainly surmise by the context that a killdeer is a bird. We pronounced it "killdee" instead of the proper "killdeer". Every year. She showed up. When we walked down the road and she was running around screaming at us, we knew to look for a nest because it would be there. We never touched the eggs. We believed that if we touched the eggs she wouldn't come back to them. I have no idea if this is true or not, or where we heard that, but we believed it.

It seems like we would see her and the eggs only for a short while and then she and they would be gone. I always wondered about her and those eggs? Why would she build a nest on the ground in the middle of the road? Why would she and the eggs disappear just as suddenly as she appeared? What happened to the eggs? We never saw any chicks. It was always a great mystery to me. One that I didn't understand.

I googled it and did find some satisfaction. Killdeers seem to be comfortable around people. Laying eggs in gravel is very common for a killdeer. Her eggs only lay for about a month. As soon as the chicks hatch, they get up and mom leads them off to teach them to forage for food.

This mystery reminds me of the Parable of the Growing Seed taught by Jesus in Mark 4:26-29. The parable teaches us that God's working is like a farmer planting a seed. He goes to sleep and seed begins to grow. Yet the gardener really doesn't see what is happening to the seed underground. He really doesn't how it begins to grow. All he knows is that eventually he can see the sprout. Soon he sees the full plant with its full head of grain.

God's Kingdom and God's work are really a great mystery. There is so much that he does that we do not even see. We only see the results. This is why must live by faith. We cannot see everything that is happening. The life of a "killdee" still represents a mystery to me to this very day. So do the works and ways of God. I just have to trust Him. Pray to Him. Believe in Him. He knows what He's doing and why He's doing it.

Pray for our church. Our community. Your One.
Love and Blessings.

BK ><>

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Church Family,

We have two exciting events coming up for our students! On **Friday, October 24**, we'll be hosting a **Fifth Quarter Fellowship** after the Cardinals football game. This will be a fun, Christ-centered evening with games, food, and fellowship—an opportunity for students to connect, build relationships, and enjoy time together in a safe and encouraging environment.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for **Purpose Weekend**, happening **November 22–23**. This retreat will be a special time for students to step away from the daily routine, seek God together, and explore what it means to live with purpose and intentionality as followers of Christ. More details will be shared soon, but this is an event you won't want to miss!

As we plan these events and pour into our students' lives, we are reminded of the hope we have in Christ. *1 Peter 1:3–13 tells us that God has given us a new birth into a living hope, an inheritance that is imperishable, and a faith that is being tested for refinement. Our goal in youth ministry is not just to keep students busy, but to guide them toward that living hope—to help them understand that their faith is secure, precious, and active, even in a world full of challenges.*

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support as we lead our students to grow in their faith and discover the joy of living as God's children.

In Christ,
Cody Dowden



MUSIC MOMENTS

Yesterday, Bro. Keith said: "God does not want His children to be covered by the Spirit of Fear." "Don't be surprised by the trials." "Live above and beyond our circumstances." "God tests us by faith to the praise and glory of God." "God is right there in the fire with us."

"He's keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all, healed and whole."

1 Peter 1:5 The Message Bible

"So, roll up your sleeves, get your head in the game, Be totally ready to receive the gift that's coming when Jesus arrives."

1 Peter 1:13 The Message Bible

All of us have struggles. It could be years of struggles that we persevere through, and those struggles we give to God, then take back. That is why it is important for us to pray for each other and people we come across who need a kind word of encouragement. God wants us to live the way He wants us to and prepare for action.

BE YE HOLD FOR I AM HOLY!

Love one another fervently (enthusiastically) with a pure heart ... through The Word of God which lives and abides forever,

**"... The grass withers, and flowers fades,
Bud the Word of The Lord will stand forever."**
Isaiah 40:8

Love y'all, Billy & Pam

FIRST SATURDAY AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

First Saturday will be November 1 from 10:00 a.m. until noon under the metal drive-thru across from the Pumpkin Patch display.

We will be giving a bag containing canned staples to help with a Thanksgiving meal for those in need.

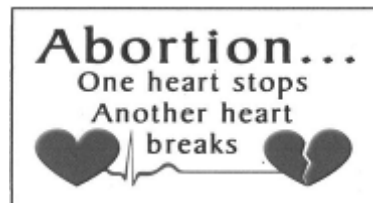
First Saturday give-away cost will be covered by our Prayer Group. We do however covet prayers from our supportive Sunday School Classes for a successful day of Christian witness from First Baptist Church to our community.

Ladies Prayer Group

LIFE CHAIN

Sponsored by Right To Life of Southeast Texas

OCTOBER 19, 2025



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE
SANCTITY OF LIFE'**

**2:30 — 3:30 p.m.
(arrive by 2:15 p.m.)**

LOCATION:

**BRIDGE CITY / ORANGEFIELD
Hwy 1442**

@ First Baptist Church

200 W. Roundbunch Road

Contact: Darrell Segura @ 409.720.9999

Please join all those who care about
LIFE in this ecumenical community event ...
"a chain is only as strong as its weakest link."
Your commitment would be for one (1) hour. We
will be a visible presence by standing/sitting together,
holding our Pro-Life signs (furnished),
to pray silently for the
'Sanctity of Life', an end to abortion,
euthanasia & assisted suicide.

**Bring your friends & family, lawn chairs,
umbrellas & bottled water — please come !!**



PUMPKINS ARE HERE!!!

**Please do not forget to
sign up to work the
Pumpkin patch.**

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

October 12, 2025

Projected Budget Need YTD:	459,682.98
Weekly Receipts:	5431.50
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	424,877.44
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	401,066.38

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	129
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	149
Nursery	2
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	151

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DEACON OF THE WEEK

October 19 — October 25, 2025

Hiram Clark	Deacon
Philip Clark	Visiting Partner

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, October 19, 2025

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

Monday, October 20, 2025

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

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

9:00	Buckner's Quilting
6:30	Prayer Meeting
	Church Conference
	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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Cody Dowden	Youth Minister
Billy Pruitt	Interim Worship Leader

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

7:30 — 5:30

MONDAY — THURSDAY

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