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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 (call church office for num-
ber)
to use one of the church's.

Options

Pumpkin Toss (in buckets)

Bowling

Spin the Wheel

Ball to Target Toss

Rock Toss

Hula Hoops

Baseball Throw

BK'S KORNER

Years ago my family and friends used to make an annual trip to the Frio River for summer vacation. There were several families, and we would rent a house together and go relax. We would spend our days just sitting in a tube meandering down the river.

One year however it had been raining. The river was not crystal clear and slow moving. It was a raging torrent. The water was high, hiding dangerous rocks and small falls. It was now a swift and dangerous current. A friend of mine and I decided we were going to throw caution to the wind and tube down the river anyhow. This wasn't one of the smartest decisions I've ever made.

Sometimes we live for the thrill. The truth is that tubing that river at that time was extremely dangerous. However, we were willing to take that risk. I must say it was exhilarating.

You know, faith is like that. True faith must be willing to take a risk. However, keep in mind you are banking on God. Abraham had to pack up his family and move. Moses had to march into Pharaoh's palace and say, "Let my people go." Noah had to build a boat. Gideon had to send most of his army home before going to battle. David had to go out on the battlefield with just a sling shot. The blind man had to go wash his face in the water. Peter had to step out of the boat. In short, every great moment of faith required someone to take a risk! But the results were amazing! God did amazing things. One question, is it really a risk if you're dependent upon God? Think about it. Remember, faith is one of your super powers.

It is that time of year where things really seem to pick up speed. We have Pumpkins, Fall Festival, Thanksgiving and then Christmas. At the same time we are going to begin to emphasize inviting people to come and join us to grow and seek the Lord together.

Continue to pray for our church and its ministries. Pray for the community that God would make them hungry for Him. Pray for people to be saved.

Pray for your One.
Invite someone to come sit by you.
Use your Super Powers this week!

Love and Blessings to you all.
BK ><>

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Church Family,
Our youth ministry has some exciting things coming up! On **Friday, October 24**, we'll be hosting a **Fifth Quarter Fellowship** after the Cardinals football game. It's going to be a great evening filled with food, fun, and fellowship—a perfect opportunity for our students to unwind and connect in a Christ-centered environment.

Then, looking ahead, we have our **Purpose Weekend** retreat on **November 22–23**. This will be a time for our students to get away, seek God together, and discover what it truly means to live with purpose. We'll share more details soon, but it's shaping up to be a powerful weekend.

If you'd like to help with either of these events—by providing food, helping set up, or simply being present to support our students—please contact me. Your involvement makes a huge difference, and our ministry is stronger when the whole church family comes alongside our youth.

As we prepare for these opportunities, let's remember that the greatest way we can lead our students is through our example. 1 Timothy 4:12 reminds us, "*Set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.*" Our students are watching how we live out our faith, and every act of service, prayer, and encouragement helps point them to Christ.

Thank you for being such a faithful and loving church family. Together, we're helping raise up a generation of believers who will walk boldly in their faith.

In Christ,

Cody Dowden



MUSIC MOMENTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The past couple of weeks, Bro. Keith's messages have been easy to understand, but harder to implement. Last Sunday, he encouraged, us to "Just Pray." This week he said, "Turn Away." According to 2 Timothy 3:1-17, we might be in the Last Days.

Those scriptures perfectly describe characteristics of people living today. It gives us guidelines to follow and warns us about false teachers. WE should agree with Bro. Keith, "Love them, BUT do not follow them" for example.

BK also reminded us that Timothy's mentor example was Paul. Paul was wise to refresh Timothy's memory regarding the things that occurred in his life: his teachings, his faith and the persecutions he suffered. It is well-known that all who truly follow God will face persecution. Don't quit. Don't give up. Persevere. Follow the foundation laid from our childhood.

2 Timothy 3:17

"This preparation makes the man of God complete
And thoroughly equipped for every good work."

"JUST PRAY."

"TURN AWAY."

"THUS SAITH THE LORD." BKRoyal

We love y'all
Billy & PammieK

THE 5TH QUARTER FELLOWSHIP

Friday, October 24
after the BC — LCM Game
in the Family Life Center

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.

JOIN US AT THE PARK!



Sunday, November 2
3:00 — 6:00 p.m.

at the Park
(101 Parkside Drive, Bridge City, TX 77611)



FREE HOT DOGS
GAMES—MUSIC

Free Family-Friendly
Activities for everyone to enjoy!

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

THANK YOU

The Bridge City Life Chain was a success. It would always be better to have more people participate, but we'll take what we get.

St. Henry's had 28 participants and donations of \$119.00
FBC-BC had 18 participants and donations of \$40.00

The \$159 in total donations will be given to Birthright of Orange to help with their ministry to abortion minded clients. Thanks to our Pastor, Music Director, and Student Minister for standing for Life.

Darrell Segura

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

October 19, 2025

Projected Budget Need YTD:	470,894.76
Weekly Receipts:	6,189.50
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	431,066.94
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	401,066.38

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	128
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	100
Nursery	3
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	103

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DEACON OF THE WEEK

October 26 — November 1, 2025

Ronald Ellis	Deacon
Larry Linder	Visiting Partner

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, October 26, 2025

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

Monday, October 27, 2025

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

Wednesday, October 29, 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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Cody Dowden	Youth Minister
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

7:30 — 5:30

MONDAY — THURSDAY

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