

First Baptist Church

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BRIDGE CITY, TX 77611

November 17, 2025

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*Glorify
Go
Gather
Grow*



meet & greet

Billy & Pam Pruitt

Saturday, November 30
3:00 p.m.
in the Family Life Center

This is your opportunity to
visit and ask questions with Billy & Pam Pruitt.

We will vote to hire Billy Pruitt as
Part-Time Music Director on
December 7 after the morning worship.

The Bridge Builder

BK'S KORNER

Everyone I've talked to so far thought the Service yesterday was really inspiring. I know that I thought it was encouraging as well. Christ is the One True God, Creator, Redeemer, and Shepherd. Shout it all the earth! Tell everyone you know. Our witness strategy should be one that incorporates worship into it. Remember to think of something to be thankful for before you come to church on Sunday.

Then the meal was really good. Like the gentleman said we have a church full of good cooks. Thank You to everyone who had a part in yesterday. Some you were behind the scenes. It doesn't matter. Your contribution didn't go unnoticed. Thank you very much.

We have a lot of things coming up. One of them is our Outdoor Movie Night. On November 29 we will be showing "The Polar Express" on the west parking lot. They could use some men to be there. It will start around 6 pm. If you can, Please help out.

Make sure to attend our question/answer session with Billy & Pam Pruitt. Our Music Search Committee feels like Billy is the man for the job. You will want to come have some desserts and get to know them. We will vote following the morning Worship Service on December 7.

Make note of our Christmas Musical, Taste of Christmas, Christmas Eve, and our Christmas Day Service. You will want to attend those. We will see you there.

Above all
Pray.

Blessings and Prayers.
BK ><>

THANK YOU

Another wonderful day of food and fellowship at our Thanksgiving meal yesterday. Thank you to all the hard working ladies on the Fellowship and Flower Committees. They do a beautiful job pulling it all together. We sure have some wonderful cooks in our church. Thank you for your delicious contributions. Our men are always willing to pitch in. And finally to the hands and feet of Jesus for delivering meals to our shut-ins, thank you so much. I love my church family at FBCBC. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.
Ramona Hargrave

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Church Family,

For the past couple of weeks, I've been challenged to develop a clearer identity for our youth ministry—one that draws students deeper into the mission of our church. As I've prayed and reflected, I've spent a lot of time looking at the purpose statement on our website: "Glorifying, Going, Gathering." Pastor Keith's sermon this week captured that perfectly—reminding us not only how we glorify God, but also why it matters so deeply and how glorifying Him naturally flows into our service.

Thinking about this brought to mind a friend from my college days. God bless him—he couldn't carry a tune in a bucket—but that never stopped him from worshipping at the top of his lungs every chance he got. His joy wasn't about talent; it was about whole-hearted devotion. Too often, we limit our service to God because of what we think we can't do. Yet Scripture shows us again and again that God desires our willingness far more than our skill. I've seen this in my own life. As a shy kid whom God called into ministry, anything good that has come from my efforts has been Christ working through my weakness. The essence of a church mirrors the essence of a family. Individually, God has entrusted each of us with unique gifts and abilities for His purpose. But when we come together—when we link arms, share the load, and combine our strengths—God multiplies what we can accomplish. In that unity, the light of Christ shines even brighter. Sara and I are truly grateful that God has led us to this family of faith, where we can invest our gifts alongside yours as we pursue His mission together.

And it's that shared mission that brings us into this coming week. As we look ahead, please be in prayer as we prepare for Purpose Weekend. Pray that this weekend will bring real transformation in the lives of our students as they learn what it means to rest in Jesus. Ask God to move in a mighty way—that hearts would be stirred, faith deepened, and lives changed.

In Christ,
Cody Dowden

NOTE:

The Church office will close at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26.

There will be no evening services
Wednesday, November 26.

MUSIC MOMENTS

FBCBC Living Stones,

Assembling ourselves together yesterday was an encouraging day of worship. We felt God's Presence. We saw the results of "Sunday in The BC Park." The Thanksgiving Meal and the decorations were incredible and were matched only by our sweet fellowship.

BK's sermon from Psalm 100 challenged us in several different ways but for us, it was extremely hard to get away from the first verse.

Psalm 100:1
"Shout to the Lord with joy,
Everyone on the earth."

What is the definition of "shout?" uncontained exclamation **Why "shout?"** Because The Bible says to and God deserves it. **What gets in the way of our "Shouting" for joy to The Lord?**

The next thing that BK said which struck my heart was: "Every single thing in my life has to pass through God's Hands, whether good or bad." No matter what my conditions or circumstances, God is worthy of receiving my "Triumphant Shout." Yes, **He is worthy!** He is with us through the good & bad, ups and downs and in-betweens of life **"to fight for us against our enemies to give us victory."** Deuteronomy 20:4

When we focus more on God than what we need, it might be easier to "Shout Triumphantly" because of the joy He has given us. Try practicing this week, see if it strengthens your faith. We have reasons to praise The Lord when we remember His goodness and mercy.

What did Joshua tell the Israelites to do?
He said: Shout! "For The Lord has given you the city?"

Let's take Bridge City for Jesus . . . Love Billy & Pam

AMEN! HALLELUJAH!
PRAISE THE LORD!

ANGEL TREE

Angel tree tags are available in the sanctuary foyer. Please choose a tag from the Christmas tree and sign your name and phone number beside the matching angel # on the sign-up sheet. Gifts should be returned to the church **NO LATER THAN December 7.** Gift bags are preferred over wrapping gifts. ****Don't forget to attach your angel tag to your gift bag so we can give you gift to the correct child.**

First Sunday Sippin' Station
December 7
will be held in the Family Life Center



PANCAKES
with the
PREACHER

Adult 1 invites you for Breakfast and
The Christmas Story
in the Family Life Center

Pancakes served 8:30
Christmas Story 9:00
Sunday School 9:15

Wear your ugly Christmas sweaters:)



OUTDOOR
MOVIE NIGHT
"Polar Express"

Saturday, November 29
6:00 p.m.

In the West Parking Lot Area

Bring lawn chairs and blankets
for your comfort.

Children are allowed to wear their PJ's

Special Snacks:
Popcorn, S'mores & Hot Chocolate

Adult 4 & 5
Christmas Party

Thursday, December 4
6:00 p.m.
in the Family Life Center

Join us for Gumbo provided by Ron & Missy Harbert. Please bring potato salad or dessert.

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

November 16, 2025

Projected Budget Need YTD:	515,741.88
Weekly Receipts:	5,266.50
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	472,867.35
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	453,617.07

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	133
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	165
Nursery	7
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	172

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DEACON OF THE WEEK

November 23 — 29, 2025

Dewey Stuart	Deacon
Ronald Ellis	Visiting Partner

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, November 23, 2025

9:15	Bible Study
10:30	Morning Worship Service

Monday, November 24, 2025

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

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

9:00	Buckner's Quilting
6:30	NO Prayer Meeting



"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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