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*Glorify
Go
Gather
Grow*



The Bridge Builder



*Sunday
December 14*

*5:30 p.m.
in the Sanctuary*

Followed by:

A Taste of Christmas

*in the
Family Life Center*

*Join us after the musical for
snacks, treats and great fellowship!*

BK'S KORNER

Welcome to our new staff member Billy Pruitt. I know that you will grow to love him like I do. Please pray for he and Pam.

The Christmas Season is upon us. *Adore Him*. This is the name of our Christmas Musical. I am certain that you will be blessed by it. Our main goal is that we lead you to adore Him. Come on out and be inspired by the music.

Then we will all go to our Family Life Center for a *Taste of Christmas*. This is always a joyous time. There is always some really good food there and the fellowship is wonderful. You don't want to miss it I am sure.

Sunday we had a great time. Thank you, Adult 1 for the wonderful breakfast. We could have done without ugly sweaters! Haha!

Ruth is wonderful story to be read at Christmas. It is a love story that happens in Bethlehem and ends with a little baby born there. That is the story of Christmas.

The kids had a wonderful time Christmas Caroling. I know that the people they sung to really enjoyed the kids coming by their house. There will be time for anyone to go caroling on December 14. Come, it will bless your heart.

Merry Christmas from Me to all of you!

Merry Christmas

BK ><>

YOUTH MINISTER'S UPDATE

Church Family,

We are excited to announce that the sign-up sheet for Hot Hearts will be posted this week! Hot Hearts is always a powerful time of worship and renewal for our students, and we don't want anyone to miss out. The cost this year is \$60. You do not want to miss out on this amazing day!

We also want to invite everyone to our Youth Christmas Party on December 17. This will be a great night of food, games, and celebrating the joy of the Christmas season together. More details will be coming soon, but be sure to mark your calendars!

Pastor Keith's sermon has me reflecting on the story of Ruth and the surprising way God wove her into the lineage of Jesus. Ruth was an outsider, a Moabite, someone no one would have expected to play a part in God's redemption story. Yet through her faithfulness, humility, and trust in the Lord, she became the great-grandmother of King David—and eventually part of the genealogy that leads directly to Christ (Matthew 1:5).

Ruth's story reminds us that God delights in using ordinary and unexpected people to bring about extraordinary purposes. Her life is a testimony that no step of obedience is wasted, no act of faithfulness overlooked, and no person beyond the gracious reach of God's plans. As we guide our students, let's continue to model this truth: that God can use anyone who is willing to trust Him, and that He is always writing a story far greater than we can see.

Thank you, church family, for walking alongside our youth and helping them discover their place in God's unfolding story.

In Christ,
Cody Dowden

Sympathy

Bro. Keith & Cheryl Royal and the First Family wish to extend their sincere love and sympathy to the following:

Janice Todora and family in the home-going of her husband, Philip Todora.

Dave Bowman and family in the home-going of his mother.

BRIDGE CITY/ORANGEFIELD MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

This month we are collecting deodorant for the Bridge City/Orangefield Ministerial Alliance. We will have containers placed around the building for these donations.

MUSIC MOMENTS

Dear FBCBC Light Bearers,

Sunday Morning in BK's message, he asked us: What do we do when we find ourselves in a drought (dry spell, want, inadequacy, failure, destitute, emotionally done, lack of inspiration, depressed)? God's Word says: **"Wait on The LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."**
Psalm 27:14

In the past several weeks, there have been opportunities to get out-of-the-dumps and out of our comfort zones by serving others. Back in November, we went outside the church for "Sunday in the BC Park." We shared food, family, fellowship, fun, prayer and witnessing. Then there was "Movie Night" in the Family Life Center watching The Polar Express, drinking hot chocolate, and eating popcorn and s'mores. The kiddos from the community showed up in their PJs and were treated with lots of love and laughter.

This past Saturday, some of our FBCBC living stones set up a booth at "Christmas in The Park." What could have been just an ordinary night, turned into a spectacular night! Our members were encouraged by folks who came hungry for The Word of God and asked for Bibles. They handed out soul winning tracks and FBCBC church info. When they were done, they had nothing left. No Bibles, no tracks, no church info, no energy. Even a couple of our ladies had to find a ride home.

Sunday's "Pancakes with our Pastor" was a tremendous success. The breakfast buffet provided by Cheryl Royal's Sunday School class was phenomenal! For our Call to Worship our Wednesday night Children's Group sang "Born is The King. It's Christmas!" After church some of our children went Christmas caroling around town. What a blessing they are to those who cannot get out of their homes! Thanks Lynn and Candace Todora.

How can we serve? How can we help? Pray about it! There are lots of people at FBCBC who can get you plugged in!

Love y'all! Billy & PammieK



LOTTIE MOON

OUR GOAL: \$5,000.00
Receipts to Date: \$960.00

"King's Table" Youth Meals

Thank you to everyone who provided meals for the youth group's "King's Table" on Wednesday night. The meals were awesome and very much appreciated. The signup list for the first half of 2026 has been posted for anyone who wants to volunteer to bring a meal. Thank you for loving on and supporting our youth.



CANDLELIGHT LORD'S SUPPER

Wednesday, December 24
5:30 p.m.
in the Sanctuary



Wednesday
December 25

8:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary

2026 Focus on Evangelism

Wednesday, January 7, 2026
6:30 p.m.

at First Baptist Church
Bridge City

Concert by: *The Whisnants*
Preaching by: *Herb Reavis*

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

December 7, 2025

Projected Budget Need YTD:	549,377.22
Weekly Receipts:	7,473.50
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	508,377.53
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	485,556.40

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	124
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	148
Nursery	3
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	151

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DEACON OF THE WEEK

December 14 — 20, 2025

Larry Linder	Deacon
Dewey Stuart	Visiting Partner

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, December 14, 2025

9:15	Bible Study
10:30	Morning Worship Service
4:00	Deacon's Meeting
5:30	Christmas Musical followed by A Taste of Christmas

Monday, December 15, 2025

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

Wednesday, December 17, 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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Keith Royal	Pastor
Cody Dowden	Youth Minister
Billy Pruitt	Worship Minister

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

7:30 — 5:30

MONDAY — THURSDAY

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