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Go
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The Bridge Builder



CANDLELIGHT LORD'S SUPPER

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



Christmas Morning Worship

Tuesday
December 25

8:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary

BK'S KORNER

Last night was truly amazing. We had a wonderful musical then we had a great Taste Of Christmas. We had a good day all the way around. Even the Worship Service was incredible. The music and singing were fantastic! Yesterday was truly a great day in The Lord. You don't want to miss the happenings around here. More than that, you don't want to miss the chance the worship God! That is the most important thing that you don't want to miss.

Next week is an opportunity for you all to do just that. On December 24 we will have our Candlelight Lords Supper. This a great opportunity for you to worship our Savior. Then on Christmas Day at 8 am we will have our family gathering. Don't dress up for that one! However, do come for a very short time where you can worship the Lord.

Please note that there will be no Wednesday Evening service on December 31. We will come back to Dr. Herb Reavis and the Whisnants. If you've never heard them then you need to make it a point to be there. You will be blessed, I guarantee it.
January 7, 2026!

Trust in the Providence of God.
Live every day in Grace.
Pray.

Blessings
BK ><>

YOUTH MINISTER'S UPDATE

Church Family,
We have a couple of exciting things coming up for our youth! Hot Hearts is coming! It is always a meaningful time of worship, teaching, and fellowship for our students, and we're looking forward to what God will do through it again this year. The cost to attend is \$60, and we encourage students to sign up as soon as possible.

Also, be sure to mark your calendars for our Youth Christmas Party on December 17. This will be a fun and festive evening as we celebrate the joy of the season together with food, games, and fellowship. More details will be shared soon.

As we approach Christmas, Pastor Keith has been walking us through the story of Ruth. Boaz showed kindness and generosity to Ruth long before she had done anything to earn it. As a foreigner and a widow, Ruth had no claim on Boaz's favor, yet he protected her, provided for her, and ultimately redeemed her. His actions are a beautiful picture of unmerited grace.

In the same way, God extends grace to us not because of what we have done, but because of who He is. Like Ruth, we are recipients of a love we could never earn. And just as Boaz's grace changed Ruth's future, God's grace through Jesus Christ transforms our lives completely. As we lead our students, may we never lose sight of this truth, that we serve a gracious Redeemer, and we are called to reflect that same grace to others.

Thank you, church family, for continuing to support and pray for our youth as they grow in their understanding of God's love and grace.

In Christ,

Cody Dowden

Sympathy

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

Susan Smith and family in the home-going of her husband, Allen.

The family and friends of Media Brooks.

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

There are so many people to THANK for all the work which went into making this year's 2025 Christmas Musical: Adore Him project possible. What most of you saw was one hour of music. The polishing came little by little from dedicated Christian men, women and children who were willing to sacrifice.

Behind the scenes, there was lots of work for the singers to do. We listen to audio versions and learned our parts as best we could. Rehearsal practices, which started slowly where we painstakingly went through note by note, were held numerous times to get it right. There were those who assisted with photocopies of all the music sheets and producing the audio portions of the musical.

As if that was not enough, there was one person who pulled out all the stops to find just the right computer-generated photos to go with just the right words, then worked with another person to place them at just the right time to complete the video. Also, making the accompaniment music where it could be heard effectively and blended was time consuming, even when you have exceptional sound knowledge. Thank God for experienced friends!

Another Christmas reminder of "The Goodness of God."

Love y'all! PammieK and Billy,
The permanent, all-time Music Minister

"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.



THE WHISNANTS

SETRA

2026 FOCUS

On Evangelism



DR HERB REAVIS

Wednesday
January 7 | 6:30 pm
First Baptist Church
Bridge City
Sanctuary
200 West
Roundbunch
Bridge City, TX



LOTTIE MOON

OUR GOAL:	\$5,000.00
Receipts to Date:	\$1,877.00

DEACON'S MEETING

Rescheduled for
Sunday, December 21
At 4:00 p.m.
In the South Wing
Conference Room

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

December 14, 2025

Projected Budget Need YTD:	560,589.00
Weekly Receipts:	14,279.50
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	522,657.03
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	500,892.74

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	137
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	154
Nursery	3
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	157

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DEACON OF THE WEEK

December 21 — 27, 2025

Donnie Stanton	Deacon
Russell Allen	Visiting Partner

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, December 21, 2025

9:15	Bible Study
10:30	Morning Worship Service
2:00	Church-wide Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 22, 2025

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

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

5:30	Christmas Candlelight Service
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Thursday, December 25, 2025

8:00	Christmas Morning Worship
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"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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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

7:30 — 5:30

MONDAY — THURSDAY

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