

# First Baptist Church

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*Glorify  
Go  
Gather  
Grow*



# The Bridge Builder



## CANDLELIGHT LORD'S SUPPER

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



## Christmas Morning Worship

Thursday  
December 25

8:00 a.m.  
in the Sanctuary

## BK'S KORNER

I just want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! May Christmas have a special meaning for you this year. May Christ be very meaningful with you this year. In short Merry Christmas!

Christ is our Near kin who also has the right to redeem. He has the right, and He did it. He redeemed us! All we have to do is ask Him to take us under His wing. He will do it.

Please join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This will make sure that our focus is on Christ during this season. Bring the family, you'll be glad you did. That will be on December 24 at 5:30. See you then!

You can also join us for our family gathering on Christmas morning. A very informal and relaxed atmosphere. Christmas morning at 8 am. Come let us worship together.

Be sure and Love too much during this season. Hug your parents and the kids if you have them. If you don't hug someone. Tell them you love them. Come and worship our Lord together.

Be sure to eat a lot and watch plenty of football. Come back rested and relaxed.

Believe God's Word.  
Pray.

Blessings to everyone.  
Merry Christmas  
BK ><

## YOUTH MINISTER'S UPDATE

Church Family,

I want to remind you that the **sign-up sheet for Hot Hearts** is available, and we're looking forward to another meaningful weekend of worship, teaching, and spiritual growth for our students. Hot Hearts continues to be a powerful opportunity for students to hear the gospel clearly, deepen their faith, and see that they are not walking this journey alone.

Looking ahead to January, we are also excited to announce **evangelism training for our students using the Evangelism Explosion program**. This training will equip our youth to confidently and clearly share the Gospel, not just with words, but through everyday conversations and relationships. We would love for **parents to be involved as well**, as sharing our faith is something best learned—and lived—together as families. More details will be coming soon.

BK brought a beautiful lesson from Ruth 3, drawing out the Gospel message for all to hear. Before Ruth went to Boaz, she was instructed to wash, anoint herself, and prepare. That moment often gets misunderstood—but the heart of the passage isn't about Ruth making herself worthy. It's about approaching the redeemer in humility, trust, and obedience. Boaz's response wasn't based on Ruth's preparation; it flowed from his character, kindness, and willingness to redeem.

In the same way, God does not require us—or those we are reaching—to “clean ourselves up” before coming to Him. The gospel is not an invitation to self-improvement; it is an invitation to surrender. Christ meets us where we are, not where we think we should be. That truth is essential for evangelism, especially for our students. They need to know—and see modeled—that grace comes first, and transformation follows.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we seek to share the hope of Christ with the next generation.

In Christ,  
Cody

## Sympathy

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

*The Family and friends of Audrey Lawson.*

*The Family and friends of Lillie Mae Henderson.*

## 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

Merry Christmas,

This beautiful Christmas Carol, we sang yesterday, is an invitation for all of us to make room for Jesus in our hearts. It was written by Emily Elizabeth Steele Elliott in 1864 for the Christmas Season to teach children about making room for Jesus in their hearts. The carol tells of Christ's life and His mission.

**“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”** by, Emily Elliott

Thou didst leave Thy Throne  
and Thy Kingly Crown,  
When Thou camest to earth for me;  
But in Bethlehem’s home was there found no room  
For thy Holy Nativity.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,  
There is room in my heart for Thee!

Heaven’s arches rang when the angels sang,  
Proclaiming Thy royal decree;  
But of lowly Birth didst Thou come to earth,  
And in great humility.  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,  
There is room in my heart for Thee!

When the heavens shall ring  
And the angels sing at the coming to victory  
Let Thy Voice call me Home saying,  
“Yet there is room, there is room  
At My Side for thee.”  
My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,  
When Thou comest and callest for me!

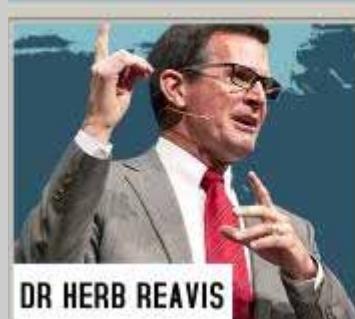
***Hallelujah, Christ has come.***

The Savior — long awaited,  
so deeply need in 1864.  
Still desperately need in 2025.  
Make room for Jesus this Christmas.

Love y'all so much,  
**Billy & PammieK**

### “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.



**Wednesday**  
**January 7** 6:30 pm  
**First Baptist Church**  
**Bridge City**  
**Sanctuary**  
**200 W. Roundbunch Rd.**  
**Bridge City, TX**



LOTTIE MOON

OUR GOAL: \$5,000.00  
Receipts to Date: \$2,972.00

## LOOK AT THE RECORDS

**December 21, 2025**

Projected Budget Need YTD:	571,800.78
Weekly Receipts:	8,354.00
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	531,011.03
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	508,851.05

### ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	114
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### WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	136
Nursery	4
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	140



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## DEACON OF THE WEEK

December 28, 2025 — January 3, 2026

Troy Woodall  
Hiram Clark

Deacon  
Visiting Partner

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### Sunday, December 28, 2025

9:15	Bible Study
10:30	Morning Worship Service
4:00	Deacon's Meeting

### Monday, December 29, 2025

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

### Wednesday, December 31, 2025

No PM Services

"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	Worship Minister

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
7:30 — 5:30  
**MONDAY — THURSDAY**

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