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The Bridge Builder



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BK'S KORNER

I heard it said that people can see why if you miss a Sunday it becomes very easy to keep on missing. Can you imagine that? Well, I can't! Cancelling was the hardest thing I've ever done! I missed it so much. You know it's funny because sometimes I complain to myself, but then something like this happens and it puts it all in perspective. I think I would die if I didn't have somewhere to preach every Sunday.

One of reasons for that is because I love you guys. And you all love me. I look forward to seeing you all every week. To fulfilling my part of the body with you guys. It is joy. Truly it is.

Be sure and join me in praying that this will be the year when we will see the renewal and revival in our church. Pray heart would hunger for God.

Pray.

Blessings to you all.

BK ><

YOUTH MINISTER'S UPDATE

Church Family,

I would like to begin by thanking BK and the congregation for remembering Seventh Street Baptist Church in your prayers during this difficult time. Having grown up in Nederland, I have a number of friends who attend—or have attended—Seventh Street over the years. That church has long been a fixture in the community and a faithful pillar of Christ, and I trust that God will guide them through this challenge so they may continue that witness.

BK's message this morning led me to Philippians 4:13: "*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*" The verb Paul uses for "I can do" carries the idea of exercising force or power. When the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles, He came with power—but that power would have been useless had it remained in the upper room. It became a force when the apostles went out into their community and began to preach the gospel. That moment marked the birth of the Church, and in the opening chapters of Acts we see the result of acting on the power of the Holy Spirit: the Church grew exponentially. This weekend, our students attended Hot Hearts and witnessed firsthand the work of the Holy Spirit. Hundreds of decisions were made for Christ, and new members were added to the family of God. That same movement of God is possible here at First Baptist Church of Bridge City—but it will require us to take the power of the Holy Spirit we received at salvation and carry it into our community.

Paul writes in Romans 10:14–17 (ESV):

"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!' But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?' So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

Paul's call here is not limited to those who have been formally called to preach or to vocational ministry. It is a call to all who claim the name of Christ. Each of us has been sent into our homes, workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods as bearers of the gospel.

Our students are currently walking through a six-week program designed to equip them to share the gospel clearly and confidently. At the conclusion of that program, they will be challenged to go out and share the good news of Christ with someone. I challenge each of you to do the same. That is how revival begins.

In Christ,
Cody Dowden

BRIDGE CITY/ORANGEFIELD MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

This month we are collecting the following:
deodorant
shampoo (please, no conditioner)

for the Bridge City/Orangefield Ministerial Alliance. We will have containers placed around the building for these donations.

MUSIC MOMENTS

Good Morning,

Let's prepare our hearts for our Sunday Morning Service by praying for the message God has given BK and the music He has given us. Also, we would like to encourage you to read God's Word in Revelation 4, particularly verses six through eight, then listen to Chris Tomlin's "Holy Forever."

The first verse says:

"A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to The Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
We'll sing the song of ages to The Lamb."

This glimpse of worship in Heaven inspire Tomlin to write about the four living creatures continually saying our "God is Holy." It also emphasizes that the saints who have gone before us are bowing down in worship to sing the song of ages to The Lamb.

When we sing this song it helps us take our eyes off ourselves and focus on The Only One, The Great I Am Who is Holy. Thank You, Lord for You are Holy. Looking forward to worshipping our Living God with y'all this coming Sunday or in Heaven.

Love y'all,
Billy & Pam Pruitt

The logo for Vacation Bible School (VBS) features the letters "VBS" in a large, stylized, blocky font. The "V" and "B" are on the left, and the "S" is on the right, all in a bold, black, sans-serif typeface.

Please mark your calendars!

Vacation Bible School 2026
will be
July 20 — 24

"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.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

By Letter:

James & Maribel Mazzoli

Sympathy

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

Kent Dickerson in the home-going of his wife, Becky.

David and Paula Dickerson in the home-going of her sister, Becky Dickerson.

James & Melissa Smith in the home-going of his brother.

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

January 25, 2026

Projected Budget Need YTD:	46,628.80
Weekly Receipts:	2,560.00
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	30,267.50
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	23,851.14

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School —

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship —

Nursery —

TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE —



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DEACON OF THE WEEK

February 1 — 7, 2026

Dewey Stuart

Deacon

Ronald Ellis

Visiting Partner

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, February 1, 2026

9:15 Bible Study
10:30 Morning Worship Service

Monday, February 2, 2026

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

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

9:00 Buckner's Quilting
6:30 Prayer Meeting
Youth, Preteen Bible Study &
Children's Choir
Mission Kids (3rd — 6th Graders)

Thursday, February 5, 2026

1:00 Golden Harvest Games

Saturday, February 7, 2026

10:00 Prayer, Pastries & Painting

"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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