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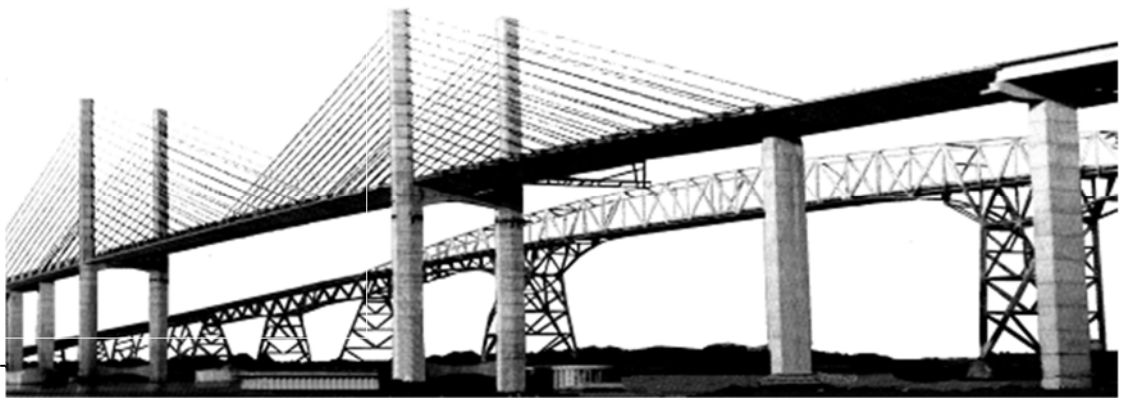
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*Glorify
Go
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The Bridge Builder

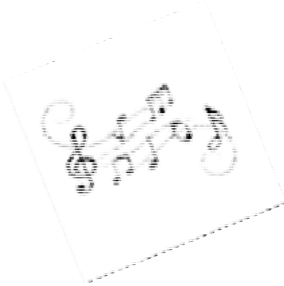


“Covered” An Easter Celebration

Sunday, March 29
:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

A Church-wide
Spaghetti Fellowship
will follow in Family Life Center

Details inside.



BK'S KORNER

I have been in a learning mode the past few days. While in Nashville we went on a couple of tours. We went to the Hermitage and did a tour of the city. However, the highlight of the trip, was the Loveless Café. This was an Old Café that had the most delicious food. Two opinions came out of that, one is the I guess Paula Deen's will have to take a backseat. Number two is I guess Tik Tok is good for something. That is where Tanner's fiancé learned about this place.

The other thing is driving in a snowstorm. We woke up Monday morning and there was a little sleet. I drove and Cheryl slept through about an hour and a half of snow. It was pretty.

Finally, Adult 4 went on a little boat ride. We took a boat into the Bayous around here. I learned a lot of interesting things. I didn't know about the "speak easy" that was around here. How about the bridge the burned? Some very interesting things happened in this neck of the woods.

We are entering the Easter Season. Let us give God the glory that is due Him. The Resurrection is the key to it all. Christ died for our sins. Then he was buried and rose again. It's that simple. It's not about eggs and bunnies but it's about Jesus. Let not forget it.

Don't forget to pray. Pray for Renewal and Revival in our church and community.

Pray for the glory of the Lord to shine in our Service.
To shine in people's hearts.
To shine in our hearts.

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BRIDGE CITY/ORANGEFIELD MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

This month we are collecting the following:

Toothpaste

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

YOUTH MINISTER'S UPDATE

Church Family,

One of the consistent themes we see throughout Scripture is the call to be ready for the return of Christ. Jesus reminds us that no one knows the day or the hour, but He also makes it clear that His return will come suddenly. For believers, this is not meant to cause fear, but to shape how we live each day.

Readiness is not about guessing timelines—it's about faithfulness. It means living with our hearts anchored in Christ, walking in obedience, and keeping our focus on what truly matters. When we understand that Jesus could return at any moment, it changes our priorities. It moves us from complacency to intentionality, from distraction to purpose.

This urgency also carries over into how we share our faith. The gospel is not something to be kept to ourselves. It is the good news that the world desperately needs, and we have been entrusted with it. Being ready for Christ's return means not only preparing our own hearts, but also helping others be ready by pointing them to Him.

For our students, this is an especially important lesson. They need to see a faith that is active, expectant, and real. When they see adults living with a sense of purpose—loving others, speaking truth, and walking closely with Christ—they learn what it means to live ready.

My prayer is that we would be a church marked by this kind of readiness—grounded in Christ, faithful in our calling, and bold in sharing the hope we have. May we live each day in light of His return, trusting Him and pointing others to Him along the way.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we seek to lead our students in this truth.

In Christ,
Cody



MUSIC MOMENTS

Sunday, our FBCBC Fam was singing loud and clear. What a blessing to hear your voices praising and crying out to God!

“Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”
By Brenton Brown and Paul Balache

Hosanna, Hosanna, You are The God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, Hosanna, come have
Your Way among us,
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Did a little background check. This song was taken from Matthew 21:9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out saying: “Hosanna to The Son of David! Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of The Lord.” “Hosanna” was a desperate plea for a Savior from the hearts of those expecting an earthly king to set up His Reign in this world.

“Hosanna” is not only a joyful shout but a profound cry to God for salvation and rescue. This jubilant worship comes from a heart of devotion in ALL circumstances. The One and Only Source of Hope, Healing and Renewal before His Kingdom draws near is J E S U S.

“Come Jesus Come” by Hank Bentley, Bryan Fowler,
Stephen McWhirter and Tara McWhirter

One day He'll come, and we'll stand face to face.
Come and lay it all down, “cause it might be today
The time is right now, there's no need to wait.
Your past will be washed by rivers of grace.
“Come, Jesus, Come.”

It was written during the early 2020 pandemic as a prayer asking for God's Return. Stephen McWhirter was reading Revelation 22:17 and it turned into a song for God to change hearts, families and the world. Our God can do the same for us!

Love y'all, Billy and Pam

**The church library
will be closed
Sunday, March 29.**



North American
Mission Board

North American Missions
Goal: \$70 Million



Our Goal: \$3,500.00
Receipts to date: \$2,986.00

Thank You

Another Galentine luncheon has come and gone. I love this event. I start looking forward to next year's luncheon as soon as this one is over. Preparation brings such a sweet time of fellowship with our ladies who share their many gifts, talents and time. A lot of love, laughter and a few hiccups go into this event and it is a joyful time. As always, our gentlemen did a wonderful job and we sure appreciate them. Thank you to everyone who worked to make this year's event a success. I love FBC-BC and my church family. I am blessed.

Ramona Hargrave

} Palm Sunday
Spaghetti Fellowship

Sunday, March 29
following
The Easter Music Celebration
In the Family Life Center

Music in the Sanctuary begins at 5:00 p.m.

Sign up in Sunday School
or by calling the church office.
409.735.3581

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

March 22, 2026

Projected Budget Need YTD:	139,886.40
Weekly Receipts:	3,871.64
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	115,014.05
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	103,593.15

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	114
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	139
Nursery	7
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	146



DEACON OF THE WEEK

March 29—April 4, 2026

Ronald Ellis	Deacon
Larry Linder	Visiting Partner

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, March 29, 2026

9:15	Bible Study
10:30	Morning Worship Service

Monday, March 30, 2026

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

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

9:00	Buckner's Quilting
6:30	Prayer Meeting Youth, Preteen Bible Study &

FOR PICNIC IN THE PARK AND MORE:)
ORDERS DUE: 4/6



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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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