

# First Baptist Church

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*Glorify  
Go  
Gather*



# The Bridge Builder

ENCOURAGE  
ONE  
*Another*  
AND  
**BUILD**  
EACH OTHER  
*Up.*  
1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

## BK'S KORNER

Man, I tell you I stepped outside Sunday morning and it was cold! I thought summer was almost here. Boy was I wrong. Winter was hanging on. Then today while I wouldn't say it was cold, I would say it still just a bit chilly!

Calling all lawn mowers! We will have a meeting next Sunday at 3 pm. This is for those already on the team. I am really trying to see if I can get some more people interested. I know it is a huge job! Y'all have been doing it for a long time. We all appreciate you. If you have ever thought about how you can serve this may be it. Come to the meeting and see.

Billy wants to get a Men's Ministry going. Funny, Ramona and I just talked about that. We had put on the calendar a men's breakfast for the fall. Grady had also asked me to look at a thing for men and tell him what I thought. Hmm. God may be up to something here. Anyhow stay tuned for more information.

Really, we must be on the lookout for the second coming of Jesus. We want Him to find us doing what we should be doing. It's so easy to get distracted. So easy to get off course by doing something we think we should be doing when it's not what Jesus would have us do. Just something to think about.

Remember to pray.  
Pray everyday.  
Pray constantly.  
Pray for Renewal and Revival in our church.

Prayers and Blessings,  
BK ><

## YOUTH MINISTER'S UPDATE

While we were unable to gather for our Picnic in the Park this week, the heart behind that event is still worth holding onto. As believers, we are called to live in such a way that others can clearly see Christ in us—not just in organized events, but in our everyday lives.

1 Peter 3:15 reminds us to “always be prepared to give an answer...for the hope that is in you.” That verse carries an important assumption: people should be able to see something different in us before they ever ask about it. Our lives should reflect a distinct hope, peace, and joy that naturally leads others to wonder what sets us apart. The question for us is simple but challenging—would someone who watches our life see enough of Christ to ask about Him?

Even though plans changed this week, we still have a great opportunity coming up to be together and be visible in our community. We'll be attending Faith and Family Night at Port Neches Riverfest on April 29 to see Big Daddy Weave. This will be a fun night, but also a chance to be present, intentional, and encouraging to those around us.

Looking ahead, don't forget about Purpose Week Camp, coming June 22–26. This is one of the most impactful weeks of the summer, and we want every student to have the opportunity to be part of it. The cost is \$220, and the registration deadline is May 24. Be sure to get signed up soon.

Let's continue to live in a way that makes the hope of Christ visible to everyone around us.

n Christ,


Cody Dowden

### BRIDGE CITY/ORANGEFIELD MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

This month we are collecting the following:

#### Cereal

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



Please mark your calendars!

Vacation Bible School  
2026  
will be  
July 20 — 24

## MUSIC MOMENTS

Dear FBCBC Family & Friends,

It was obvious that our “Sunday at The Park” would be postponed due to the rain. It also gives us extra time to be ready to share The Gospel with those God brings across our parth.

It was obvious to us as Robert Wayne sang “It’s Time we the people stand up for what is right. It’s time we held our shoulders back and raised our swords to fight. For The Bible is my weapon and The Spirit is my shield. The Church needs more of it’s members to be workers in the field.”

There are 72 workers to help at the park.  
There are 36 who showed up for a meeting.  
There are 12 volunteers who intentionally want to pray and share The Gospel with those who come across their paths.

It is obvious our folks have a desire in their to step into the water and wade out a little bit deeper. There is vict’ry for the Christian who walks the narrow way.

As we serve together, let us persevere until Jesus raptures us. Like BK said this morning, “it could be any moment.”  
Until He Comes,  
Love y’all, Billy & Pam



## SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUCEMENT

The scholarship committee is requesting love offerings or memorials to fund scholarships for our deserving students. This offering or memorial may be placed in an envelope designated to the “*Scholarship Fund.*”

Donations can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church, dropped of in the office Monday-Thursday (7:30 — 5:30), dropped in the office mail slot or given online.

The application is open to FBCBC members, OR regular attendees of FBCBC in the last 12 months, OR those related to an active member of FBCBC (parents or grandparents). Applicants must also be pursuing post-secondary education including technical certificates, associates, bachelors, masters, and Phd/doctorate degrees.

Applications may be picked up in the church office and turned into/emailed to Hannah Landry (Hllandry88@yahoo.com) or back to the church of-fice by Sunday, May 10th.



### Alpha Preteen (those completing grades 3-6) Camp at East Tx Baptist Encampment (Newton)

June 18-21

Camp cost is     \$220.00     .

A sign up list is located above the water fountain near the sanctuary. Sign-ups and a **\$75.00** deposit are due by May 6. We will have an informational meeting once we have more information. We hope to be able to offer at least partial financial sponsorship through the giving of others. See Bro. Keith or Lynn Richard (409-920-5508).



Golden Harvest for the month of May is cancelled. We are encouraging everyone to attend the following:

57th Annual Senior Citizen Rally Ray

**HONORING AMERICA'S  
HEROES**

**Celebrating 250 Years**

**TUESDAY, May 12th**

**9 am to 1 pm**

**Orange County Expo Center  
11475 FM 1442 Orange**

**Free to Attend — Bingo 10 am—10:45 am  
Lunch—Music Entertainment  
Door Prizes — Health & Wellness Vendors**

## LOOK AT THE RECORDS

### April 19, 2026

Projected Budget Need YTD:	186,515.20
Weekly Receipts:	7,759.40
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	158,948.16
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	154,449.94

### ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	130
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### WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	150
Nursery	6
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	156



### DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 26 — May 2, 2026

Philip Clark      Deacon  
Darrell Segura    Visiting Partner

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### Sunday, April 26, 2026

9:15 Bible Study  
10:30 Morning Worship Service

### Monday, April 27, 2026

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

### Tuesday, April 28, 2026

8:45 Soup Kitchen

### Wednesday, April 29, 2026

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 cam-  
paign 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?

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

7:30 — 5:30

MONDAY — THURSDAY

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