

# First Baptist Church

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# The Bridge Builder



## Congratulations 2026 High School Graduates

Caden Collier

Zoe Johns

Chloe Milstead

Natalie Smith

Ava Steiner

Addison Varela

## **BK'S KORNER**

This weekend as I was traveling home, I went through a little place called "Stairtown." Now, we called it "Startown", but that's a different article. Anyhow, I was driving through there and I smelled something that triggered me back to my younger years. I don't smell it too much anymore and it was very faint. Yes it's the smell of an oil field but it's not the oil field you may be thinking of. It is the smell of sulfur. Salt water. I'm sure there is a salt water disposal well out there somewhere. Grandpa had a salt water well on his lease. It stunk but, it smelled like home. It's funny how things can trigger the memories. It's funny how something can smell so bad and yet be such a sweet smell. It smelled like home. I guess it will always be like that. It's a smell that I don't mind, in fact I would like to smell it often. Home. That's what it smells like.

We are rescheduling our Water Well Mission Trip Meeting until Sunday, May 31 at 3 pm. I wasn't thinking that this Sunday was Memorial Day Weekend. So see you on Sunday the 31. We will decide if we are going to do it and when.

Be sure to invite someone to church. Let's take another step. It's time to invite. You have prayed for them and now it is time to invite them.

Thank you for giving to the ramp project. Your generosity is beyond anything I have ever seen. Thank you.

Keep on Praying.  
Pray for Renewal and Revival.  
Pray for it to happen right here.  
Love and Blessings.

BK ><

## **YOUTH MINISTER'S UPDATE**

This past Sunday, Pastor Keith's sermon from 2 Timothy 2:1-13 challenged us with the call to faithfully share the Gospel. In that passage, Paul reminds Timothy that following Christ is not always easy—it requires endurance, faithfulness, and a willingness to stay committed to the mission God has given us. The Gospel was never meant to stop with us. We are called to pass it on, investing in others and boldly pointing people to Christ in both our words and our actions.

One of the encouraging things about our church family is seeing that spirit of investment and generosity lived out in practical ways. We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated desserts, participated in the auction, or gave financially during our dessert auction fundraiser. Your generosity directly helps make it possible for students to attend camp and experience opportunities that can have an eternal impact on their lives. It was a great night of fellowship, support, and excitement for what God is doing through our student ministry.

As we continue looking ahead, don't forget that Purpose Week Camp is coming June 22-26, and this is the last week to sign up. Camp is always one of the most impactful weeks of the year, and we don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to grow in their faith, build relationships, and be challenged in their walk with Christ.

We're also excited about our upcoming service project at the Dream Center in Beaumont on July 6-10. This will be a great opportunity to put into practice the very things Pastor Keith preached about this week—serving others, sharing the love of Christ, and living on mission outside the walls of the church.

Let's continue to be faithful with the Gospel we've been entrusted with, sharing it boldly and living it out wherever God places us.

In Christ,  
Cody Dowden

## MUSIC MOMENTS

This past week we drove back and forth to Houston every day staying with my sister. Our focus was primarily on her and what we could do to be of assistance while she was at the hospital. The things she most appreciated were our presence, our love and our prayers.

It was just like BK said in his sermon yesterday: "Everybody needs prayer." From the cleaning lady, to the person in the elevator, to the doctor delivering sad news, to the receptionist at the registration desk, the bone density lady in the imaging center, even the phlebotomist. **"Everybody needs prayer!"** Just look around. It's not hard. Pray, Invite, Tell 'em about Jesus and The Word.

### "This Book"

Arthur Unknown

**This Book** has everything that you need.

**This Book** everybody should read.

**This Book** a good recipe.

The greatest spot remover that the world's ever seen.

**This Book** will never leave you in doubt.

**This Book** will show you how to get out

A way to go 'round your troubles.

Now It's been burned and

It's been spurned

And It's been dedicated.

For the saints who live by the rules

It gives have long been vindicated.

**This Book** has everything that you need.

**This Book** everybody should read.

Oh, **This Book** has everything that you need.

**The Way** to go 'round your troubles.

If we can pray for you, please call or test us.

Love y'all,  
Billy & Pammie K

## 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.

ADULT 6  
Tour of the  
Presbyterian Church  
In Orange

**Friday, May 22** at 10 a.m.

Meet at bus bar at 9:30 a.m.

Park on 8th Street,

Enter green double doors.

Lunch at 11:30 at the  
Old Orange Café.

Join us for this great tour and  
a wonderful time of fellowship.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

July 20 — 24

9 am until Noon

Pre-K — 6th grade  
2026-27 School year.

Can Pre-register at:  
<http://forms.gle/83CnooarRwLhwUku8>

## LOOK AT THE RECORDS

May 17, 2026

Projected Budget Need YTD:	233,144.00
Weekly Receipts:	9,524.50
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	193,909.58
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	200,269.10

### ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School 132

### WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	136
Nursery	4
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	140



### DEACON OF THE WEEK

May 24 — 30, 2026

Russell Allen Deacon  
Gene Burton Visiting Partner

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### Sunday, May 24, 2026

9:15 Bible Study  
10:30 Morning Worship Service

### Monday, May 25, 2026

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

### Tuesday, May 26, 2026

8:45 Soup Kitchen

### Wednesday, May 27, 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 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?

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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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