

First Baptist Church

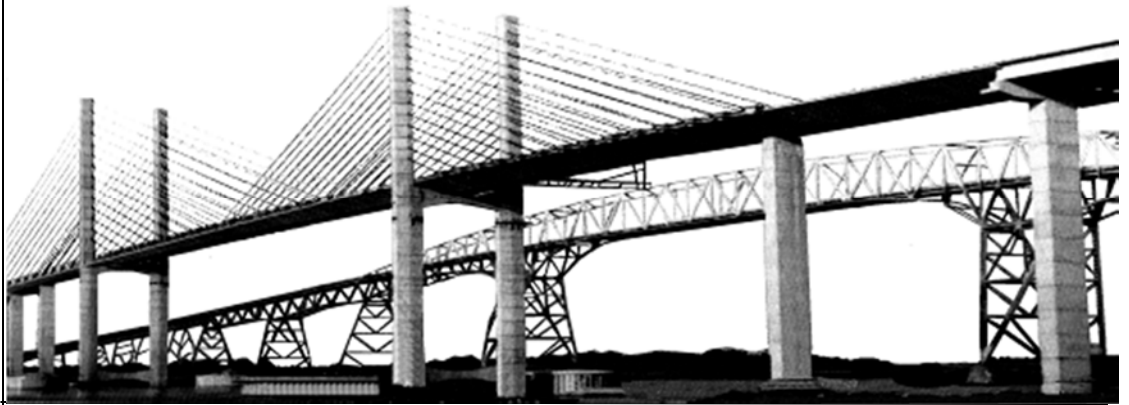
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The Bridge Builder



THE MISSION FIELD IS COMING
TO FIRST BAPTIST BRIDGE CITY



Point Your
Kids To
JESUS!

Vacation Bible School

June 5th — 9th
6:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

VBS is for children Kindergarten through 5th grade (next school year). Workers are needed as guides, Bible story teachers, Craft leaders, music and recreation staff. Please see Lynn Richard or call 920-5508 or even email at vbs@fbcbc.org. Sign up now to help with this endeavor.

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

One of the beauties of being a pastor is the unique view one has of a church in which one serves. At times pastors can forget the privilege of seeing in the midst of the busyness and challenges which are a part of a church. I am so blessed to witness the heart desire of so many people within this church for the Gospel to be ever present and growing. Presently, so many people are diligently serving and giving to move the Gospel forward and beyond the walls. We have teachers pouring themselves into their studies so they can pour God's Word into others. We have committees planning and preparing to implement ways for us to expand the Gospel influence of this church. We have people giving financially to help flood victims through our Disaster Relief Fund and building churches across America by meeting our Annie Armstrong goal. There are people, men and women, regularly meeting to pray for others and to see the Gospel impact people. There are so many making the Gospel the highest priority and it humbles me. I am excited to know and see God being exalted well by faithful servants.

As we continue "The Joy of the Gospel" study through Philippians, we see Paul being adamant about the Gospel being preeminent. In Phil. 1:12-18, Paul is writing that his suffering has a purpose and he is a willing participant in it. His imprisonment and difficulties are propelling the Gospel forward and being used to reach the otherwise unreachable. Paul wants to see the Gospel being shared and proclaimed regardless of the conditions or circumstances. He wants his enemies to prosper as long as they continue to preach the Gospel. The Gospel is Paul's life calling and very breath. Since, he has been a recipient of such great and amazing grace, the Gospel, how can he not share it far and wide? What impact has the Gospel made upon you? Does your life reflect an attitude of the Gospel above all else?

The only means designed by God for the distribution of the Gospel is us. God has placed the greatest treasure in all existence into the hands of sin ravaged, bruised, and scarred people. The Gospel does not reach people without us. The Gospel does the "impossible" when we are about the work of the Gospel. FBCBC is where the "impossible" is a living reality every day.

Your Pastor,
Douglas Shows
Romans 10:14-15

QUARTERLY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday
April 21, 2016

4:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.
In the Family Life Center

This is our regular quarterly blood drive but you also have the opportunity to designate your donation to go for Seth Ervin (great nephew of Julia Morris). Seth required many units of blood after he was in an accident on March 26.



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions

National Goal:	\$ 70 million
Our Church Goal:	\$4,500.00
Receipts Y-T-D:	<u>\$4,536.00</u>

Sunday School News

Are you enjoying the lessons from Acts? They are good. We are learning that the early Christians faced some of the same problems we do, although many of theirs were more difficult because they are being persecuted. They learned to trust God. We can do the same. Join us next Sunday. Attendance was 140.

Troy

URGENT NEED: Melissa and Jake David live in Old Salem and have had their home flooded with 5' of water. The family with 9 adopted children is living in their church. Their need is great. We will be taking up a financial gift for them the 17th and 24th to be delivered the weekend of May 1st. On your envelope write, "David Family" or just "Family". Pray for this family as you honor the Lord with your financial gift.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:9-11



CentriKid Camp is an overnight camp for 3rd-6th graders that provides an opportunity for kids to make new friends, explore a new place, and encounter God in a new way. From track times and rec activities to Bible study and worship, we are praying for moments that will impact kids' faith forever.

WE PROMISE TO BRING:

- KID-FRIENDLY PROGRAMMING
- SOLID BIBLICAL CONTENT
- LIFE-CHANGING FUN
- SERIOUSLY SAFE CAMP
- MINISTRY THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

JULY 18TH THRU JULY 22ND

For one week, fly away from the ordinary. Pack your bags and head to Camp Unseen, Ephesians 6:19. There is a \$50 per child deposit required at time of registration. Registration deadline has been extended until **April 17th!!** If your child is interested in going or if you would like additional information contact Cassie (409-553-0869) or Jennifer (409-767-0549)

YOUTH NEWS . . .

Your life is the sum of the responses you have made toward God. Once God makes Himself known to you, what you do next is your decision. Your reaction reflects what you believe about Him. The rich, young ruler lived a moral life. He was well versed in Scripture and the laws of God. But his response to Jesus' invitation clearly showed that, although he possessed a head knowledge of the teachings of God, he did not know God in an experiential way that could be demonstrated by a response of faith. Whenever the Lord speaks to you, it will require an adjustment in your life. This truth can dramatically affect your prayer life. Every time you pray you must be aware that if God answers your prayer and reveals His will to you, it will immediately require you to reorient your life. Each time you read your Bible, you must to be prepared to obey what God tells you. Why did God use Peter and James and John so significantly to turn their world upside down? And why were others, like the rich young ruler never heard from again? Choices! The disciples chose to believe, and their belief was proven by their obedience. The rich, young ruler could not bring himself to obey, and Scripture tells us that he "went away sorrowful." You are faced with the same question as the rich, young ruler. What adjustments are you willing to make in order to respond positively to Christ?

Be Intentional,
Aaron



NURSERY WORKERS April 17, 2016

Sunday School **Brittany Ernst**
 Penny Davis

Worship Service **Thelma Wheelis**

Volunteers always needed. Please call
Brittany Ernst at 409.313.1215.

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

April 10, 2016

Average Weekly Needs	\$10,163.14
Sunday Receipts	\$ 8,979.00
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,595.64

DESIGNATED RECEIPTS THIS WEEK

Debt Retirement	\$ 00.00
Retirement Y-T-D	\$803.00
Debt:	<u>\$00,000.00</u>

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	140
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Celebration Service of Worship	144
Nursery	7
TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	151

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, April 17, 2016

9:15	Sunday School
10:30	Celebration Worship Service Children's Church for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
5:30	Discipleship Training Ladies Study Group Children's Bible Drill Student Activities

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

10:00	Ladies Prayer Meeting
7:00	Men's Prayer Time

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

6:30	Mid-week Worship Service Children's Activities Seek, Set, Hide Student Ministry
7:30	Instrumentalist Rehearsal

Thursday, April 21, 2016

4:00	Quarterly Blood Drive
4:30	Golden Harvest Game Night

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Aaron Little	Minister to Students
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

8:00 — 4:30
MONDAY — FRIDAY

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