

First Baptist Church

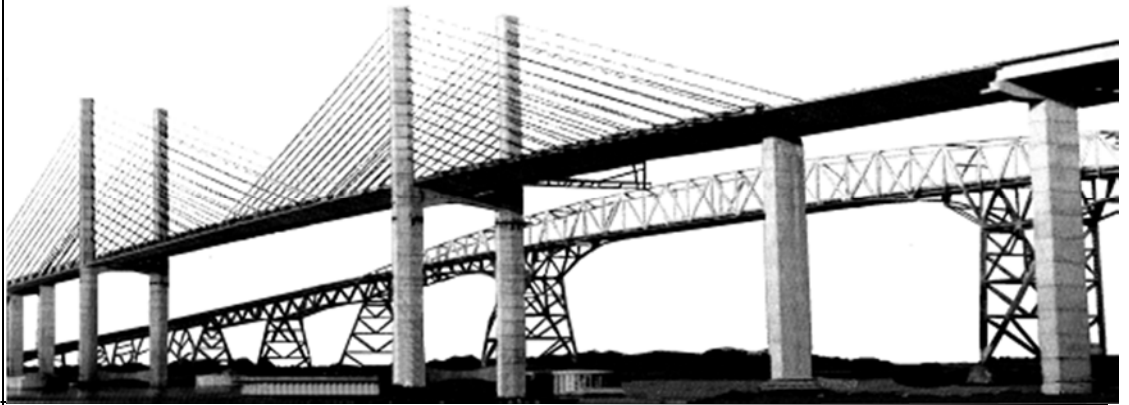
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The Bridge Builder



**Blood
DRIVE**

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.

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

It is always a joy to see people responding to the Gospel and surrendering to Christ. We were able to witness this through baptism this past Sunday. We are also seeing many members choosing Gospel suffering and serving in a variety of ways to advance the Gospel. The opportunities for service are increasing across the spectrum of FBCBC. We are seeing the Gospel go forward and are gearing up to take it even wider and further. Thank you for your faithfulness and zeal to see Christ exalted.

Sunday our series through Philippians, "The Joy of the Gospel", focuses on the text Phil. 1:19-30. Paul confesses to the church of Philippi his desire to be with Christ. However, he knows that the time for of his departure from earthly service is not now. There is much work to be done in propelling the Gospel forward and he wants to be a part of it. Paul acknowledges this requires more suffering, sacrifice, and struggle, but he is still committed. The Gospel was born out of the work of Christ on the cross and the Gospel reaching others will require the work of the redeemed. Work cannot be avoided without neglecting the Gospel. The work is a joy that God has invited us into so we may participate in the greatest endeavor in all of creation and that angels will sing of for eternity. We get the privilege of sharing Christ with others. Are you ready to work? Can you hear God calling you to an area of service?

Wednesday night's we are partnering up and praying for people who we love and care about that have not experienced the transforming work of the Gospel. Come and share your loved one with a trusted group and let us pray together for God to do the "impossible." Also, we continue our study through Colossians seeing that Christ is the source for the "impossible" transformation we experience. Let us continue the work of the Gospel knowing FBCBC is where the "impossible" is a living reality every day.

Your Pastor,

Douglas Shows
Romans 10:17

THE MISSION FIELD IS COMING
TO FIRST BAPTIST BRIDGE CITY



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.

FBC Bridge City Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Committee has resources to award **two scholarships** for graduating high school students and/or students presently enrolled in technical school, college, university, or graduate studies. Application available through the church office. Deadline for consideration is May 17. Scholarship presented May 22 during morning worship.

Sunday School News

Our Sunday School lesson this week was Faithful. Faithful to God, to our church, to our Christian life. As we sometimes face opposition to our beliefs, we must be strong. Attending Sunday School where we can study the Bible and associate with other Christians can increase our strength and faith. We need this. Join us next Sunday. Attendance this week was 126.

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 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.

Choir Notes

Sunday Choir, here's the song list for this next Sunday 4/24. Come to the choir loft as soon as you can after Sunday School (or about 10:15)—the music will be in each chair. New participants are welcome at any time and all ages are welcome. The choir is such a great blessing and encouragement to the church—come be a part of that blessing.

Lord Reign In Me,

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated,

Lord, Be Glorified,

Make Me A Blessing,

Give Me Jesus

To God be the Glory, always,

Suzonne

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Beginning Sunday, April 24, at 5:30 p.m. the mixed Discipleship Training class will study the Baptist Faith and Message. This is a review of Southern Baptist Doctrine. Come join us, you will enjoy it and may have some questions answered.

See you then,
Troy

YOUTH NEWS . . .



Graduate Sunday

May 22nd

Graduate Sunday has been scheduled for May 22nd during the morning service. Please contact the church office before May 15th to register your senior!

One mark of revival, during which God comes to His people in power, is that God's people are compelled to offer their lives for His service. Many churches lack people who are willing to get involved in carrying out God's redemptive work. The mission fields are crying out for Christians to go and share the gospel with those who've never heard it. What we need is not more pleas for volunteers, but an outpouring of the power of God. When God comes among His people in power, there is never a shortage of volunteers or resources for His work! When Christians today are asked what aspects of the Christian life are most important to them, missions is not usually ranked as a priority. This is because we have lost track of why God called us in the first place. We were not saved from our sin simply so that we would qualify for heaven. God delivered us so we would have a relationship with Him through which He could carry out His mission to redeem a lost world. Only the power of God can free us from our natural self-centeredness and reorient us toward the mission of God. There is no need to pray that God would come in power. That is the only way He ever comes. We need hearts that are so responsive to Him that He will choose to demonstrate His power through us. Is your heart so filled with love for God that you are watching for the first opportunity to say with Isaiah, "Here am I. Send me!"?

Be Intentional,
Aaron

NURSERY WORKERS April 24, 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 17, 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	126
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Celebration Service of Worship	143
Nursery	8
TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	151

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, April 24, 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 26, 2016

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

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

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

MASTER'S MEN GOSPEL GROUP

in concert

Friday, May 13, 2016

7:00 p.m.

at First Baptist
Church, Bridge City

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Doug Shows	Pastor
Aaron Little	Minister to Students
Suzonne Vann	Interim Worship Director Director of Children's Ministry

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

8:00 — 4:30
MONDAY — FRIDAY

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