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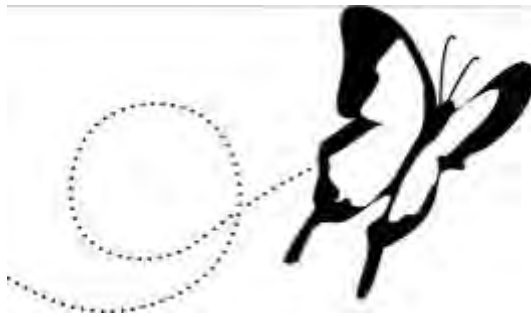
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The Bridge Builder



SPRING FLING FELLOWSHIP

**Sunday, May 1st
after the AM worship**

In the
Family Life Center

Join us for a great time
of fellowship and fun.



PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Humility is an attribute which is challenging to possess much less demonstrate. A person who considers oneself humble has just negated oneself from possibly being humble. Self-denial is the calling of all believers and recipients of the Gospel. However, our sin nature is persistent and creative in having us appear humble while seeking to exalt oneself. In essence, we display humility so people will bring attention to us. Humility is something a person develops by recognizing one's own desperate need of the Cross.

Sunday we are continuing our series through Philippians, "The Joy of the Gospel", by focusing on the text Phil. 2:1-11. Paul is encouraging the people to allow the Gospel to work its full affect in them by shifting their desires and changing their behaviors. Personal concerns and petty disputes are driven by selfishness and the Gospel runs counter to self. People who are Gospel saturated begin to value others above oneself and are not jockeying for position or recognition. Humble servants are easily forgotten about and rarely recognized. Paul points the people to Christ and the reality of how He humbled himself by leaving Heaven and the full glory of His position. Christ lowered himself to the position of being a man and walking through corrupted Creation without sin. In His perfection through obedience to the Father, He went to the Cross bearing the corruption and sin of each one of us. Christ died in agony for sins He did not commit and suffered humiliation He did not deserve. He became the scourge of God so we might become the pristine treasure of the Father. Many a person cares not for what Christ has done. People see humility as weakness and something to avoid. Christ demonstrated that humility is the fuel for the Gospel. How is your Gospel fuel level? Are you being propelled by Gospel fuel?

Wednesday night's we are walking through our study in Colossians (Col. 2:16-19) and lifting the lost in prayer. We are "shadow" chasers by nature but must learn to keep Christ alone our passion. When we chase "shadows" we lead the lost away from the Gospel instead of to the transforming truth. Look up and look around. Do you see what I see? The "impossible" is happening all around us because FBCBC is where the "impossible" is a living reality every day.

Your Pastor,
Douglas Shows
Job 42:1-6

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). Opportunities for serving are 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 be a part of sharing the Gospel.

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.



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!

MAY — GET TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH MONTH

In an effort to know our church better and to promote use of our facilities, we will be taking guided tours of the library, the church history room and the prayer room during May. These will be during the first 15 minutes of the Sunday School hour. A guide will come to your department one Sunday in May (you will know ahead of time which Sunday your department will go on the tour), take your department on the tour, and then bring you back promptly for the Sunday School lesson.

First Sunday: College & Career, Young People

Second Sunday: Adult 2 & 3, Adult 9

Third Sunday: Adult 4 & 5, Adult 6

Fourth Sunday: Adult 7 & 8

Fifth Sunday: Children (First grade up)

Choir Notes

Thank-you Sunday Choir for a fine job of leading worship Sunday. First Baptist has a long tradition of fine choirs, and although we've struggled a little over the past few years, the potential for ongoing great choirs is continuing in you. I have a sing date list for the rest of the 2016 calendar year so you can mark them on your calendar. These dates are, of course, subject to change with unexpected events, but most of them should remain set. The dates are: 5/29, 6/26, 7/24, 8/21, 9/18, 10/16, 11/13, and 12/11.

MASTER'S MEN GOSPEL GROUP

in concert

Friday, May 13, 2016

7:00 p.m.

at First Baptist
Church, Bridge City

YOUTH NEWS . . .



Using our time, talents, and spiritual gifts to make a difference!

Imagine what our families, church, and community would be like if we all took the time to do what God uniquely designed each of us to do in serving others. The ripple effect of each person making their unique contribution would result in a revolution of Christ's love being felt in tangible, life-changing ways. Whether you have lots of time to volunteer each week or only a few hours every once in a while, consider making the kind of impact that you can make. Your life will never be the same! Here at FBC we have many current opportunities for you to bear fruit through the Gospel! Where do you start? Begin by asking yourself, "What am I passionate about?" "What issue or people group really catches my interest?" Next, consider how God has uniquely wired you. Consider your personality, skills, abilities, and life experiences. How could these help you make a meaningful contribution in the lives of others for the glory of God! Last, and by far the most important aspect, "How does it become Gospel centred?" Whether you have just a few moments of time here or there or you've been looking for more ways to get involved please call me at the church office at 409-735-3581! There is always opportunities to allow the Gospel in you to bear fruit abundantly!

1. Church Sign Ministry - Reaching hundreds every day with the Gospel message! Just 30 minutes of your time weekly can change a life forever!

2. VBS - Fill a role, reach children with the Gospel! We need 8 to 10 guides and a snow cone team! You may be just the one to reach children with the Gospel message through these ministries! Statistics show if someone hasn't accepted Christ by the time they graduate high school they have an 70% chance of never doing so! We can do better with you!

3. World Changers- Great opportunity for ladies 21 years old and above to bond with and minister to the young ladies in our student ministry and to join them in sharing the Gospel across the state line! June 20th-25th, Hammond, Louisiana.

Be Intentional,
Aaron

NURSERY WORKERS May 1, 2016

Sunday School **Brittany Ernst**
 Penny Davis

Worship Service **Thelma Wheelis**

Volunteers always needed. Please call
Brittany Ernst at 409.313.1215.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, May 1, 2016

9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Celebration Worship Service
 Children's Church
 for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
 SPRING FLING FELLOWSHIP
 in FLC

5:30 Discipleship Training
 Ladies Study Group
 Children's Bible Drill
 Student Activities

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

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

Wednesday, May 5, 2016

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

7:30 Instrumentalist Rehearsal

LOOK AT THE RECORDS	
April 24, 2016	
Average Weekly Needs	\$10,163.14
Sunday Receipts	\$ 7,990.00
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,408.59
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS THIS WEEK	
Debt Retirement	\$ 00.00
Retirement Y-T-D	\$803.00
Debt:	<u>\$00,000.00</u>
ATTENDANCE:	
Sunday School	152
WORSHIP SERVICE:	
Celebration Service of Worship	159
Nursery	15
TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	174

PHILLIPIANS SERMONS

Copies of the audio portion of the services in April are available in the church office. Come by and get one if you would like to re-listen to the study or share it with a friend.

Sunday School News

152! Sunday School attendance was good! All of our departments are doing good. Each is improving. I would like to thank the ladies in the Nursery, Kindergarten classes for doing a great job. Check their area out, it really looks good. Thanks Brittany Ernst, Thelma Wheelis, Penny Davis in the Nursery and Doris Conner, Donna Linder and Larry Linder in the Kindergarten. We appreciate you.

Troy

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
8:00 — 4:30
MONDAY — FRIDAY

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