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The Bridge Builder



*Sunday
May 8, 2016*

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,
Sunday was another example of the Gospel at work across the spectrum of FBC Bridge City. We were able to have a powerful worship time together and extended it through the fellowship meal afterwards. We were even able to share our meal with home-bound members. How does all of this come together?

Sunday worship starts early in the week. As the songs and order are set after thoughtful prayer and consideration of the message, the musicians and singers begin preparing. They show up on Sunday morning before others and work through the music and do final rehearsals. The music team is not alone though. The sound booth is being manned and last minute adjustments are being made. If I have been faithful to my task, the message has been lightly studied and prayed over during the course of the week. Friday generally is my sermon preparation day and I will spend additional hours doing background reading and researching additional sources. Then the sermon marinates and is finalized prayerfully Saturday. During the service, the nursery is caring for babies and young toddlers. Children's church is underway through volunteers ministering to the children. Sunday meals start on Saturday with hours of cooking and prepping being finished on Sunday. Teams come after Sunday School and pickup meals to be delivered during the worship time. People are giving up being a part of the worship service to serve others. After the service, the whole of the church is able to enjoy a meal together though geographically separated. Why do I share all this? Humility is the fuel for the Gospel and all that we do within the church.

Sunday we continue our study in Philippians, "The Joy of the Gospel", by highlighting the text, Phil. 2:12-18. Paul after encouraging them to engrain humility into their lives, speaks of the witness a humble life bears. Our salvation in Christ is certain and set, but our living it is a daily work we undergo. Complaining is easy and natural. No person needs to be taught how to be pessimistic. We who are recipients of the Gospel, must train ourselves to see the joy in all things. Being joyful and optimistic bears a witness of Christ and that we truly believe He is in control. What is your common demeanor? Are you being a positive or negative witness for Christ?

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . . (continued)

This Friday I will be graduating from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. I thank you all for your encouragement and patience as I finished my last semester. I am excited for our future together and being able to pastor without the previous impediment. Remember, FBCBC is where the "impossible" is a living reality every day.

Your Pastor,
Douglas Shows
2 Cor. 1:9

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.

Thank You

Thank you for the wonderful dinners and cards! I pray for my church and love you all very much. Thank you for not forgetting L. D. & I. Wish we could be with you on Sunday; we are in spirit!

*Love,
Joy & L. D. Young*

Thank you so much for the delicious meal you sent us on Sunday. A special thanks to Philip who delivered it. We appreciate continuing prayer for us. Please know that we pray for you every day. With love and appreciation.

Pat & Albert Gore

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.

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)

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!

MASTER'S MEN GOSPEL GROUP

in concert

Friday, May 13, 2016

7:00 p.m.

at First Baptist
Church, Bridge City

YOUTH NEWS . . .

Thank you!

I'd like to take just a moment this week to thank all of those who used the spring fling fellowship to the advantage of the Gospel! We had six (6) team of two (2) head out after the Sunday school hour to deliver food and a card to many of our own who were unable to attend! With this our teams had a chance to connect to and share the gospel in a simple yet unique way! Thank you so much! As important as these deliveries were, we also had some very important Ladies and Gentleman who spent their time from before Sunday school to well after our fellowship cooking the food, setting up tables, cleaning up the gym, and planning the event! Without these people none of this even gets off the ground. I thank you! If you get a chance and see some of these please tell them how great of a job they did!

Be Intentional,
Aaron

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.

Sympathy

The First Family wishes to extend their sincere love and sympathy to the following:

Jackie Hall & family in the home-going of her mother, Betty Williams

Frank & Jan Hatton, Terrell & Mildred Hatton, their family & friends in the home-going of Margie Hatton

NURSERY WORKERS May 8, 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

May 1, 2016

Average Weekly Needs	\$10,163.14
Sunday Receipts	\$ 8,119.24
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,281.44

DESIGNATED RECEIPTS THIS WEEK

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

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	143
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Celebration Service of Worship	159
Nursery	11
TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	154

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, May 8, 2016

Happy Mother's Day
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Celebration Worship Service
Children's Church
for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
5:30 NO PM ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

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

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

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

Friday, May 13, 2016

7:00 **The Master's Men In Concert**

Sunday School News

Spotlight on Adult 4 & 5 Department this week. Their attendance was 19, a big crowd for such a small room. We may need to look for a bigger place to meet. Considering the weather our attendance of 140 was very good.

Mother's Day is Sunday. Remember your Mom and, if you can, tell her how much she means to you.

See you Sunday,
Troy

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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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