

First Baptist Church

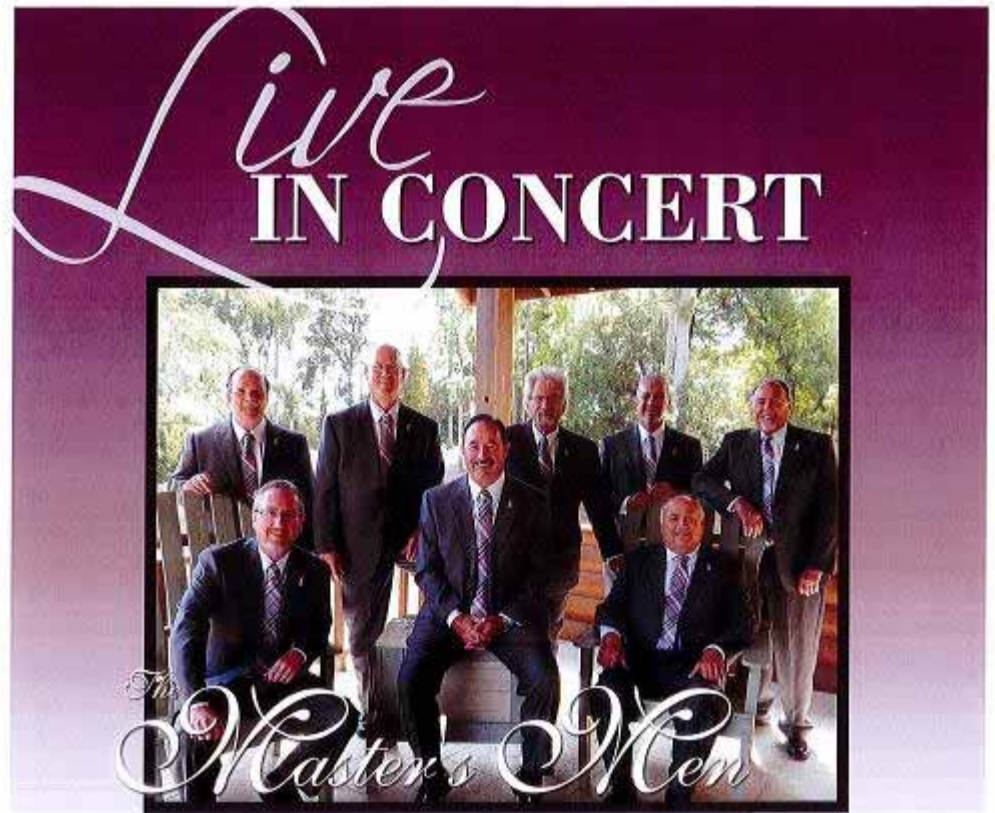
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The Bridge Builder



Friday, May 13th, 2016

7:00 P.M.

First Baptist Church

200 West Roundbunch Rd. Bridge City, Texas

Concert Free of Charge - Love Offering Will Be Taken
FBC 735-3581

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,
Sunday was a special blessing to get to see and hear the children sing. I had the privilege of meeting so many people's sons and daughters along with other family members. Mother's were visibly delighted all over the church. Thank you for making the day special.

I personally want to thank FBC Bridge City for your encouragement and support while allowing me to finish my seminary degree. Friday was a humbling day as I reflected on the process of God calling me into the ministry and having me pursue an education to undergird it. I also am so thankful to be at FBCBC and able to serve alongside such wonderful people propelling the Gospel forward. Thank you to each of you who have expressed heartfelt congratulations to me. For me the excitement of our serving together is only growing because God is preparing us for greater works yet to come.

Friday night we will be hosting The Master's Men in concert. These are eight local men who are dedicated to spreading the Gospel through music. Many of them serve as music ministers or in the music ministry of the local church. They sacrifice their evenings and weekends to bless others and build up the church. I have known many of these men for years and some my whole life. A love offering will be taken so bless them if able, because they use those funds to go places where churches cannot afford to pay for concerts and Gospel-centered groups to come. Use this night to bless someone or introduce them to the Gospel in a unique way. Invite friends and neighbors to come.

This Sunday we will break from the Philippians series but return to it next week. There are so many wonderful things happening all around the church. No doubt, FBCBC is where the "impossible" happens every day.

Your Pastor,

Douglas Shows
James 4:10

New Song

I was so blessed by the Children's Choir this past Sunday. Although, they were a little shy at singing in front of so many, they did an excellent job. I'm looking forward to another concert before too long. Although I didn't catch every word in the two songs, the attributes of God in the lyrics of the second song came through loud and clear. It was so awesome to hear those sweet voices sing "Worthy", "Holy", "Mighty", and the other attributes of God. Philippians 2:15 reads "that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world". The Sunday School song, "This Little Light of Mine", led by the Children's Choir, was a great illustration of that truth. We who are God's children are to allow the light of the gospel in us to shine like lights in a dark place—not hiding our lights and not allowing Satan to diminish our light. Let's all strive each day this week to be like little children: in innocence, in faith, in trust, and to let our little lights shine.

To God Be The Glory,
Suzonne

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.

Third Sunday: Adult 4 & 5, Adult 6

Fourth Sunday: Adult 7 & 8

Fifth Sunday: Children (First grade up)

YOUTH NEWS . . .

Thank you for all of the get well, check up calls , and text during my Sunday debacle! I had several adults and students keep good tabs on me to make sure all was well and even offer assistance! I have been well blessed by good friends , family and a wonderful student committee who ,without me knowing, worked through Friday night and most of the day on Saturday reworking and painting our student activity room. Several of them even stayed to past 2:00 a.m. I appreciate your devotion and willingness to help ! The color choice is beautiful and a job well done! When you catch one of these committee members please tell them how much you appreciate them and their work for our students here at FBC!

Be Intentional,
Aaron

Thank You

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

My thanks with love to First Baptist for the nice lunch on May 1st. Also thanks to Bethany Stanton for delivering it to me.

Lois Parker

Thank you First Baptist for all your prayers, cards and phone calls. I am doing well and appreciate all the love and concern shown to me.

Lou Raburn

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 wonderful dinner last Sunday for shut-ins. Thanks to Mr. Robert Simonton for the delivery and for taking the time to pray with me and my Mother. That means so much to us. We are grateful to you in our time of sorrow.

Kathy Young

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!

VBS WORKERS' MEETING

There will be a meeting for all VBS workers Sunday, May 22, at 4:30 p.m. in the children's choir room. Teachers and guides are encouraged to attend. We are preparing for God to do great things this summer.

Lynn Richard — 920-5508

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:

Dot Browning & Family in the home-going of her son, Paul Burk.

Natasha Walston & Family in the home-going of her father, James Stutts.

Billy & Deanna Crull and Family in the home-going of her nephew.

Joe & Suzonne Vann & Family in the home-going of his step-dad, Jesse Sastre-Mayo.

NURSERY WORKERS May 15, 2016

Sunday School **Brittany Ernst**
Worship Service **Thelma Wheelis**

**Volunteers always needed. Please call
 Brittany Ernst at 409.313.1215.**

LOOK AT THE RECORDS	
May 8, 2016	
Average Weekly Needs	\$10,163.14
Sunday Receipts	\$ 10,821.00
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,309.83
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS THIS WEEK	
Debt Retirement	\$ 00.00
Retirement Y-T-D	\$803.00
Debt:	<u>\$00,000.00</u>
ATTENDANCE:	
Sunday School	138
WORSHIP SERVICE:	
Celebration Service of Worship	168
Nursery	13
TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	181

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, May 15, 2016

9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Celebration Worship Service
 Children's Church
 for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
 4:00 Deacon's Meeting
 5:30 Discipleship Training
 Ladies Study Group
 Children's Bible Drill
 Student Activities

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

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

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

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

Thursday, May 19, 2016

4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night
 9—12 Pre-K Graduation

Sunday School News	
As many of you know, May has been designated "Getting to know Your Church" month. During the first 15 minutes of Sunday School, departments are visiting our Library, the Church History room, and the Prayer room. You may not realize it but we have the most impressive of these facilities of any church anywhere. Much work has gone into the development of them. Take advantage of each of our special rooms and you will be blessed.	
Attendance in Sunday School was 138. See you Sunday, Troy	

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

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