

First Baptist Church

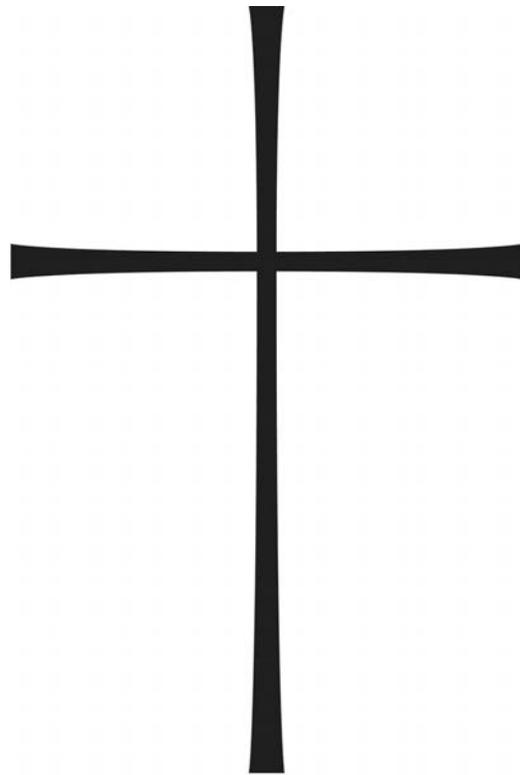
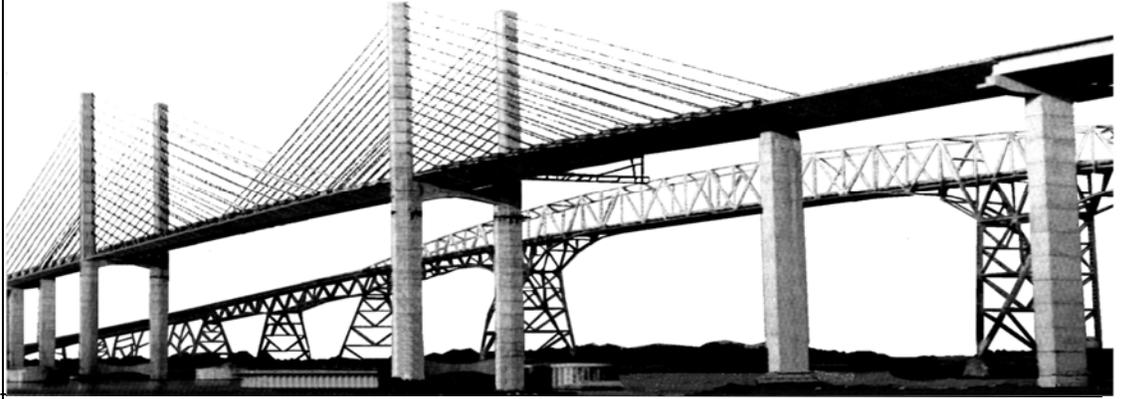
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Happy are those whose
transgression
is forgiven,
whose sin
is covered.

PSALM 32:1, NRSV

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Every day that we get to gather together and worship is an enriching experience. Aaron, this past Sunday, helped remind us of how precious and vital it is to worship together. The triangle representing the believer's model for spiritual growth includes worship, fellowship, and Bible study. Each component is essential. A person cannot progress without all three being in place. All of this reminds us of the value of Sunday morning Bible studies, time spent with other believers for building up and encouragement, and worshipping our magnificent God together. Spiritual growth takes place within the corporate activities and gathering of the church. Christianity is not a lone ranger experience, but a collective body of believers displaying the transformational reality of the Gospel within their life. The Gospel is propelled forward and reaches others by us doing so together.

Sunday we return to our Philippians series "The Joy of the Gospel." Paul is pausing his letter for a moment to provide an explanation of Epaphroditus' return. Epaphroditus had been commissioned by the church at Philippi to take provisions to Paul and care for him in his imprisonment. Paul has released Epaphroditus due to illness but remarks of his enduring faithfulness. Paul also commends Timothy to them, whom he hopes to send to them soon. The common trait between these two men is their unwavering devotion to the work of the Gospel. There is no risk to great or sacrifice to much which keeps them from serving Christ and others. They are worn and weary, fighting illnesses, enduring great stresses, yet valuable tools in the hand of God. God uses His most reliable and trusted tools regardless of their condition. What type of tool for God are you? Reliable? Trusted?

One of the joys of being a part of FBC Bridge City is getting to grow in Christ together. The promise of greater triumphs of God are around every corner. The Spirit is going to and fro preparing our hearts and igniting the fire for the Gospel. We already know it, but soon so will everyone else see FBCBC is where the "impossible" is a living reality every day.

Your Pastor,
Douglas Shows
John 3:5-8

Centri Kid Camp

Centri Kid Campo 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. For one week, July 18th — July 22nd fly away from the ordinary. Pack your bags and head to Camp Unseen, Ephesians 6:19. The camp will be held at Lake Livingston — Trinity Pines. There is a \$50 per child deposit required at the time of registration. If your child is interested in going or if you would like additional information contact Cassie (409-434-2803) or Jennifer (409-767-0549).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 5th—9th, 6:00 — 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@fbc.org.

Lynn Richard
409-920-5508
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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.

Fourth Sunday: Adult 7 & 8
Fifth Sunday: Children (First grade up)

YOUTH NEWS . . .

Once again it was truly a privilege to be able to stand before you this past Sunday and deliver the Word of God! I can't even begin to count all of the positive feedback and encouragement that I have received in the past few days as a result. As a pastor myself, who is very picky on who fills in for me, I understand the honor of someone trusting me enough to step into that role. Sunday was full of blessings as the Adult 7 Sunday school class presented our students with a very generous donation to the students upcoming mission trip. With the many other donations we now need \$2,800.00 more to send each participant without any cost to them which means that each participants cost is down to just \$175.00 each! That is pretty amazing considering they started out with \$269.00 each. Thank you FBC for your continued support.

We will celebrate graduates this Sunday morning! We will be honoring Jason Morris and Corbin Myers and their families for their dedication to their education and our church!

Be Intentional,
Aaron

Thank You

*Church Family,
Thank you for the commemorative Bible purchased in my sweet daddy's memory! I am so thankful to be a part of such a caring and supportive church family. Thank you for the prayers, calls and cards during my father's recent illness and passing,*

*Love to all,
Natasha Walston*

Thanks so much for the delicious meal you sent to us. Most of all, thank you for continuing to pray for us. We love and appreciate you.

John & Scarlett Woods



Graduate Sunday
May 22nd

Sunday School News

Have you noticed what a great group of teachers we have in Sunday school? They are always there, always well prepared, always early to get class ready and always caring. We are fortunate to have them.

Thanks a lot, guys!

Attendance Sunday was 133.

See you Sunday,
Troy

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

There will be a workers' meeting Sunday, May 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the children's music room.

Also, we are asking for worker refreshments (sandwiches, chips/dips, desserts. etc. for the week of June 5th —9th) to be available for our VBS staff. Those items can be delivered to the gym kitchen by 6:00 p.m. on those evenings.

Children's Church Update

We have added three new volunteer workers to our six functioning Children's Church teams. Welcome, Sharon Bell, Harleigh Myers and Laura Schur. Other Teams are in need of workers as positions have opened up. Duties range from story telling, craft helper or general helper. If you would consider being on a team once every 6 weeks, please contact Lynn Richard 920-5508.

NURSERY WORKERS May 22, 2016

Sunday School Brittany Ernst

Worship Service Thelma Wheelis

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, May 22, 2016

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

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

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

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

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

LOOK AT THE RECORDS	
May 15, 2016	
Average Weekly Needs	\$10,163.14
Sunday Receipts	\$ 9,129.56
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,250.82
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS THIS WEEK	
Debt Retirement	\$ 00.00
Retirement Y-T-D	\$803.00
Debt:	<u>\$00,000.00</u>
ATTENDANCE:	
Sunday School	133
WORSHIP SERVICE:	
Celebration Service of Worship	126
Nursery	14
TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	140

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

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