

First Baptist Church

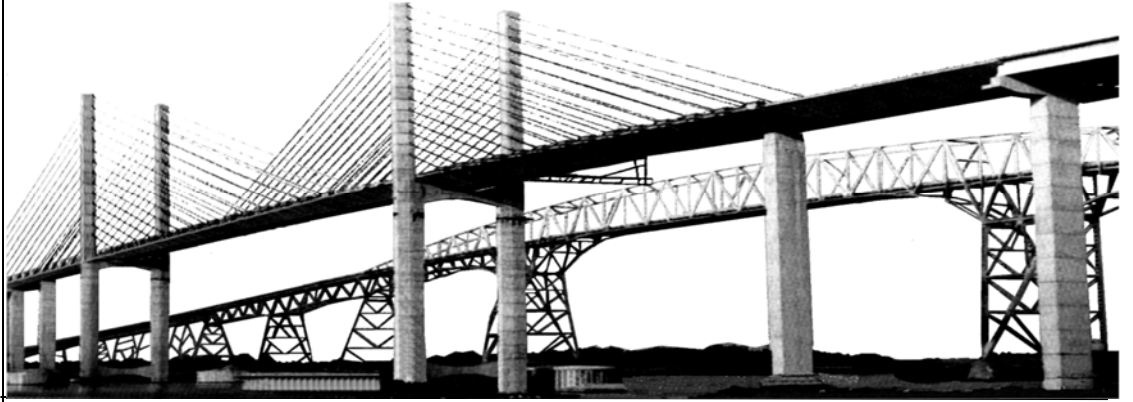
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Memorial Day

May 30, 2016

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

We are entering into an exciting season for FBCBC. Last Wednesday at Business Meeting, the church voted to affirm the Personnel Committee's recommendation that we begin the process of searching for a full-time Minister of Music & Worship and a part-time Children's Ministry Director. These two positions are critical to the health of the church and will be crucial in propelling the Gospel forward through these ministry areas. Begin now to be diligent in praying for these two staff members and potential search committee members. We need God to faithfully lead us to the persons He desires.

Also, the church took a monumental step to providing a safe environment throughout the whole of the church. The church elected to make the Ministry Safe program a comprehensive training and screening process for all lay leadership, teachers, volunteers, etc. within the church. Staff and employees are already undergoing the training in compliance with the recent Personnel Committee's enactment for them. Therefore, every person who serves within the church will be trained in sexual abuse awareness and screened through an application process and background check. Just think of the deterrent value of having a hundred people within the church trained to protect children from harm. The timeline is to have all present leaders, teachers, volunteers, etc. finished by September 1st. Any future volunteers will be cleared before being released to serve. If you are serving in any capacity, please come by and pick up the application and register for the training session by providing your email. If you are serving in the area of youth or children this summer you are high priority. If you do not have email or will need help in taking the training contact the office.

Sunday we continue our series "The Joy of the Gospel." In Philippians 3:1-11, Paul warns of those who devalue the Gospel and add other elements to one's salvation. He has harsh words for them and the destruction they reap upon novice believers. He shares that if salvation was possible by deed, he would have secured it through his devotion to religious practice and observance of the law. However, his elite status in personal righteousness is of no value and offers no hope. The Gospel is priceless because no man can afford it. It was bought by Christ at a

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cost we struggle to conceive. Nothing one can put on the other side of the scale will outweigh the Gospel. All else is "rubbish." How precious is the Gospel to you? Do you cherish it or treat it with disdain?

Remember, you know but start sharing it, FBCBC is where the "impossible" is a living reality every day.

Your Pastor,
Douglas Shows
Jeremiah 32:17

Choir Notes

Sunday Choir, here's the song list for this next Sunday 5/24. These should be familiar to most people. However, I have put up You Tube recordings of the songs I could find at www.fbcbc.org/playlists. Come to the choir loft as soon as you can after Sunday School (or about 10:15 a.m.) and sit wherever you want—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.

To God Be The Glory
Knowing You, Jesus
How Deep The Father's Love For Us
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

To God Be The Glory,
Suzonne

Save Old Literature

The Mission Committee will be collecting used and outdated literature to give to agencies that send it to prisons and/or to organizations that distribute it all over the world. At the end of each quarter leave your old literature in the boxes that new literature comes in. These boxes will be stored in a room in Adult 4. We need all age and all kinds, children to adults.

YOUTH NEWS . . .

Missions is God finding those whose hearts are right with Him and placing them where they can make a difference for His kingdom. Some of the great missionaries in history did not live long lives, but their lives dramatically affected eternity. Are you affecting eternity? It is my hope and prayer that our students and even broader our church see the significance of missions! This summer our students will be active in and around the community of BC and around our church seeking opportunities to minister. It begins in just 10 or so days on June 2nd at camp! Parents please be advised that all registration forms and \$75.00 will be due on or before June 1st! World Changers, our annual mission trip, will be in Hammond, Louisiana this summer on June 20th-25th. We are still in need of one female sponsor aged 21 and over with a clean background! Trust me you will receive a wonderful blessing working with our young ladies! The cost for this event is right at \$175.00 a student, which means we need \$2,800.00 in order to send them at no expense to them and their families! If you would like to give to this Gospel centered mission trip please indicate on your check or envelope "World Changers" and we will make sure it goes to this trip!

Be Intentional,
Aaron

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.

Fifth Sunday: Children (First grade up)

Sunday School News

As you know, May is "Get to Know Your Church" month. I'm sure all of you have come to appreciate the special facilities we have here. Our library, church history room and prayer room are second to none. Thanks to the guides and presenters for doing a great job. They are Patsy Dowden, Wanda Crull, Doris Conner, Janice Overman, Amy Shows, and Brenda Woodall.

Our attendance Sunday was 124.

See you Sunday,
Troy

Thank You

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the love, prayers, and moral support during the illness of my brother, Paul. We love you.*

Dorothy Browning & Kathy

*Bro. Doug, Amy & First Family,
When you lose your Mother, as many of you know, it leaves a huge hole in your heart. The prayers, love, plant from our staff, devotional and cards helped me find the comforting grace of our Lord! Thank you for your love and support. It meant so much to me!*

*In His Hands,
Jackie Hall*

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 29, 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 29, 2016

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

NO EVENING ACTIVITIES

Monday, May 30, 2016

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
MEMORIAL DAY**

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

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

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

6:30 Mid-week Worship Service
 Children's Activities
 Does God Exist?
7:30 Instrumentalist Rehearsal

Thursday, June 2, 2016

9:45 a.m. Students leave for Camp

Saturday, June 4, 2016

1:00 p.m. Students return from Camp

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

May 22, 2016

Average Weekly Needs \$10,163.14
Sunday Receipts \$ 6,635.00
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts \$10,078.64

DESIGNATED RECEIPTS THIS WEEK

Debt Retirement \$ 00.00
Retirement Y-T-D \$803.00
Debt: \$00,000.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School 124

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Celebration Service of Worship 123
Nursery 9
TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 132

MINISTRY SAFE

For all people who serve in any capacity pick up your Ministry Safe application in the office as soon as possible and leave us your email. We want our church trained in sexual abuse awareness to help protect our children and students.

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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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