

First Baptist Church

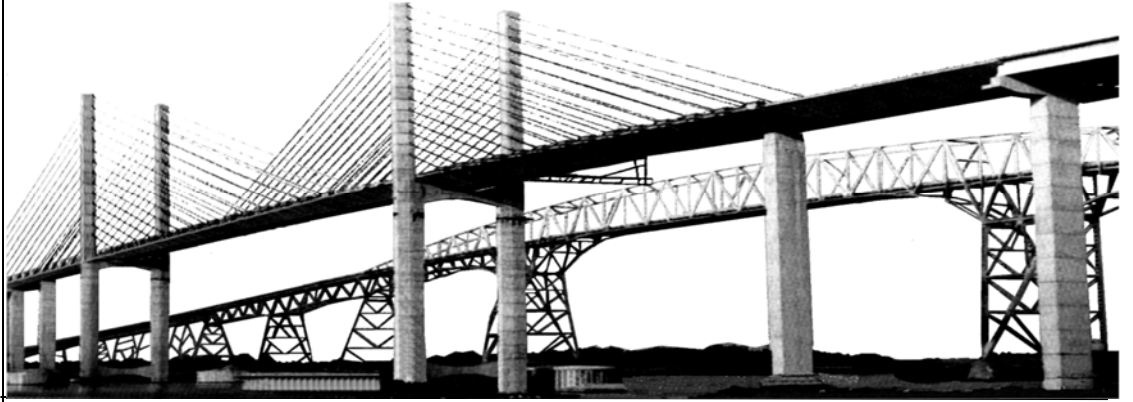
Volume XLX

BRIDGE CITY, TX 77611

June 7, 2016

No. 23

The Bridge Builder



*I press
toward the mark
for the prize
of the high
calling of
God in
Christ
Jesus.*

P h i l i p p i a n s 3 : 1 4

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

We experienced another blessed Sunday this past week witnessing one's obedience by following the Lord in baptism, hearing from the David family and how we as a church have been used to bless them, and watching dozens of FBCBC servants give of themselves sacrificially to share the Gospel with kids and families through Vacation Bible School. The Gospel race is happening all around us.

Sunday we continue our study of Philippians with the second part of "The Gospel race" by focusing on the text, Phil. 3:17-4:1. Paul has encouraged the Philippians to run the race with zeal for the pleasure of knowing Christ. For those just learning how to run, he instructs them to follow seasoned runners. The danger is ever present to be sidelined by personal concerns or selfish purposes. A runner must focus on the race and the prize, knowing Jesus Christ in an ever deepening capacity. A runner who runs for his own glory runs in vain and is headed for destruction. We run for Christ, as a citizen of his kingdom. Our ultimate end is certain, being like Christ, but we are given the privilege to participate in the transformation by running the race. Our running demonstrates our commitment to standing firm in Christ. We are all running a race of some kind. Are you running for yourself or Christ?

Summer is a season given by God which we use to rejuvenate and relax a little. Amy and I always enjoy giving others a break and stepping in to fulfill a teaching role. We will be leading a study on knowing and growing in Christ as men and women beginning June 26th. Amy will be teaching a class for women of all ages and I will be teaching a class for men of all ages. There will be six sessions interspersed between evenings with no activities and other scheduled activities. You can check out the summer evening schedule posted elsewhere in the Bridge Builder. Each session is standalone while providing a comprehensive study for those who can attend all of them. We encourage you to come as your schedule allows. All you will need is your Bible and notepad for note takers.

Share the good news of the Gospel and invite someone to experience what's happening at FBCBC, where the "impossible" is a living reality every day.

Your Pastor,
Douglas Shows
Psalm 2:12

Summer Sunday Evening Schedule

June 12 – Last Class BFM 2000/Women's Study

June 19 – Father's Day (No Evening Services)

June 26 – Summer Bible Study (Amy – Women's, Douglas – Men's)

July 3 – July 4th Weekend (No Evening Services)

July 10 - Summer Bible Study (Amy – Women's, Douglas – Men's)

July 17 - Summer Bible Study (Amy – Women's, Douglas – Men's)

July 24 - Summer Bible Study (Amy – Women's, Douglas – Men's)

July 31 – Sunday Night Singing

August 7 – Real Life

August 14 - Summer Bible Study (Amy – Women's, Douglas – Men's)

August 21 - Summer Bible Study (Amy – Women's, Douglas – Men's)

August 28 – Open

September 4 – Labor Day Weekend (No Evening Services)

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 ages and all kinds, children to adults.

YOUTH NEWS . . .

You are called to be intentional about your Christianity. You must be determined to experience the fullness of God in every area of your Christian life and never to settle for a shallow, lackadaisical relationship with the almighty God. God will bless you according to how you respond to His invitations. If He finds in you a generous heart that willingly and freely gives what it has to others, then God responds toward you in like manner. When the apostle Paul encouraged the believers in Corinth to help the Christians in Jerusalem, he promised them that if they would sow generously, they would reap a generous return from God. Thank you FBC as you continue to give of your time and money generously for your student ministry. You will be very hard pressed to find a church who gives in this manner more! Students are almost completely funded for their World Changers mission trip to Hammond, Louisiana. That means that the Gospel message will be presented across the state line to people who need Christ! This is a prime example of what it means to be intentional about your work with the Gospel!

Don't forget that VBS will conclude Thursday, June 9th. If you haven't stopped by to see what's going on please do ! Kids are running around, singing songs, and learning about Jesus! This is our chance to have the mission field come to us! Lets take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Be Intentional,

Aaron

DEACON'S MEETING

Sunday, June 12

4:00 p.m.

**in the South Wing
Conference Room**



Sunday, June 19

(Father's Day)

10:30 a.m.

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.

Sunday School News

Sunday we began our study of Samuel. We learned his birth was an answer to prayer. This week we will see that he was called by God. He answered God and was blessed. God calls everyone in one way or another. If we answer Him we will be blessed also. Our attendance Sunday was 155.

See you Sunday,
Troy

NURSERY WORKERS June 12, 2016

Sunday School Brittany Ernst

Worship Service Thelma Wheelis

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, June 12, 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
Children's Activities
Student Activities

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

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

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

- 6:30 Mid-Week Worship Service
Children's Activities
Student Worship
- 7:30 Instrumental Rehearsal

Thursday, June 16, 2016

- 4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night

LOOK AT THE RECORDS	
June 5, 2016	
Average Weekly Needs	\$10,163.14
Sunday Receipts	\$17,283.02
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,311.50
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS THIS WEEK	
Debt Retirement	\$ 00.00
Retirement Y-T-D	\$803.00
Debt:	<u>\$00,000.00</u>
ATTENDANCE:	
Sunday School	155
WORSHIP SERVICE:	
Celebration Service of Worship	150
Nursery	10
TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	160

First Baptist Church

200 W. ROUNDBUNCH RD.
BRIDGE CITY, TX 77611
(409)735-3581

Website: www.fbcbc.org

Doug Shows	Pastor
Aaron Little	Minister to Students
Suzonne Vann	Interim Worship Director Director of Children's Ministry

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

THE BRIDGE BUILDER (USPS 551-260) is published weekly except Christmas week. First Baptist Church, 200 W. Roundbunch Road, Bridge City, Texas 77611. Periodical Postage paid at Bridge City, Texas 77611. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the above.