

First Baptist Church

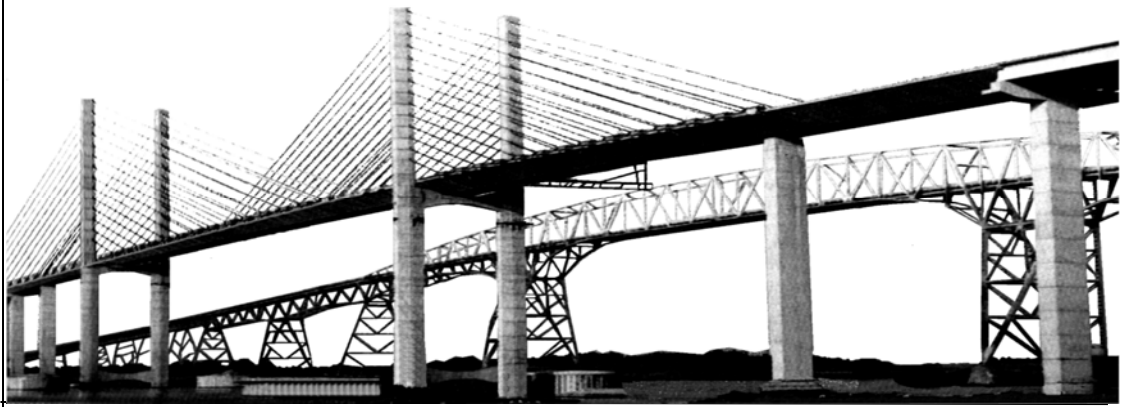
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The Bridge Builder



The Lord's Supper



Sunday, June 19
(Father's Day)

10:30 a.m.

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Last week our halls were full of life as children made their way from room to room. Music was being heard throughout the church as Vacation Bible School was in full swing. Laughter and smiles were the prevalent emotion upon young faces. Children were riveted by a vivid telling of Bible stories and Bible verses were being memorized and recited. Parents, grandparents, family and friends came to see the children sing and they heard the Gospel being presented. None of this happens without Gospel servants running the Gospel race. From creative food decorations to feeding the workers. From snow cones to leading in songs. From craft projects to guiding children. Every part was critical in sharing the Gospel. Thank you, faithful church, for giving and sacrificing so much to serve Christ through the ministry of FBCBC.

Sunday we embark on the last leg of our Philippians study, "The Joy of the Gospel", by looking at Phil. 4:2-9. Paul has talked through the components to Gospel living, but now cinches it all together. The Gospel is why we can rejoice. We can rejoice regardless of our circumstances, if we have the Gospel effective in our life. The Gospel frees us from being constrained by earthly fears and temporary concerns. We have been given the ability to have direct contact with the God of the universe, the omnipotent one. We can petition Him with our concerns and trust in His judgement. We can have peace because nothing in this world can strip us of our union with Him. Jesus Christ has made us citizens and full members of God's kingdom. We need not be distracted by the lesser concerns. For we can focus on what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, etc. because we can focus on Christ. We can finally have peace. Peace is elusive and desired by all people. We often think of peace as an absence of strife. However, peace is not an absence of something, but the presence of God. How is your peace meter reading? Are you focused on the gift of God's presence through the Gospel?

God's grace given through the Gospel, the death, burial, and resurrection of His son, Jesus Christ, is the only avenue of true peace. 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
Colossians 3:15

Summer Evening Bible Study

5:30 pm Sunday Nights

Men's Class – Douglas Shows

Women's Class – Amy Shows

Dates

June 26

July 10

July 17

July 24

August 14

August 21

Sunday School News

Thanks to the Sunday School Departments for the money given to the David family in Old Salem. This will be used to buy school supplies. As always you have stepped up to help those in need. I know the David family appreciates it. Our attendance Sunday was 144.

See you Sunday,
Troy

Thank You

***Dear Church Family &
Scholarship Committee,***

Thank you so much for your continued support through the generous scholarship and prayers. I will continue to need your prayers as I complete my last year of college.

***Thank you,
Bethany Stanton***

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship. I greatly appreciate your support as I pursue my education.

***Sincerely,
Nicholas Stanton***

YOUTH NEWS . . .

The Bible stresses that what you say is an accurate indicator of what is in your heart. If your words bless and encourage others, they give evidence of a compassionate heart. If you often share the good news about Christ, you demonstrate a heart that is grateful for your own salvation. When others are in a crisis, do they know they will find peace and comfort in your words? Do you frequently and spontaneously offer prayers for others? Do your words and the manner in which you say them reveal a patient heart? All of these behaviors indicate a heart that is like the heart of the Father. Or do you often regret your words? Are there people even now who are hurt or angry because of something you have said? Do you enjoy gossip? Do you tend to criticize others? Do you feel that you are not responsible for what comes out of your mouth when you are angry? Does your mouth spew grumble and complaints? These behaviors come from a heart that is unlike God's heart. Scripture clearly states in James 3 that an abusive tongue is not under the control of the Spirit. A heart like the Father's heart will produce only pure and loving words. Without making any excuses for your words, ask the Holy Spirit to forgive you for any words that have brought harm. Then ask Him to discipline your mouth so that every word you speak is used by God to encourage and edify others. While one will agree how hard it is to remain "positive" in our world today, when it seems like there is more to complain about than there is to be joyous about, remember that even through all of this the work of Christ on the cross is and will forever be sufficient. We, if Christ lives within us, have already the victory. Our words, through Christ, have the power to change lives. Make them positive, and Gospel centered.

Thank you to everyone who has given above and beyond to our student ministry. I am very happy to announce that the World Changers mission trip has been fully funded as of this week. God is good!

Be Intentional,
Aaron

IT'S A BOY!

Liam James McDonald

Born: June 8, 2016

8.1 lbs. 21.5 inches

Proud Parents: JR & Haley McDonald

Proud Grandmother: Lynn Richard

Proud Great Grandparents:

Howard & Juana Matthews



Sonrise VBS

Church family, your VBS team did another incredible job serving children through Bible stories, crafts, music and recreation this past week. 145 kiddos and adults participated. New to our teaching team this year were Shelly Marshall, Laura Slacum, Greg and Jennifer Quist, Francis and Leslie Woodall. Several new guides also joined our team. Special thanks to Fred Myers for his technical support during our joint service and Sylvia Myers for the awesome themed snacks she prepared for us each day. Thank you church and the kitchen staff for delicious snacks for our workers.

Our Lord surely smiled this past week as our Pastor shared with the kids how God can take our lives, clean them up and add great "value" to them. It's our prayer that the children are encouraged now to have a life centered around all God has to offer them.

The children collected canned goods for the Ministerial Alliance and offering \$475.80 that will be used toward a mission endeavor. Aren't you excited?? Only 51 weeks until the next VBS!!!

For His children,
Lynn Richard

NURSERY WORKERS June 12, 2016

Sunday School Brittany Ernst

Worship Service Thelma Wheelis

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

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

June 5, 2016

Average Weekly Needs	\$10,163.14
Sunday Receipts	\$12,031.00
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,383.06

DESIGNATED RECEIPTS THIS WEEK

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

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	144
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Celebration Service of Worship	162
Nursery	4
TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	166

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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**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, June 19, 2016

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

NO PM ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

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

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

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

MONDAY — SATURDAY

June 20th — 25th

WORLD CHANGERS MISSION TRIP

Church Sign Ministry

The church sign is a wonderful ministry tool that can be used to share the Gospel and various church related functions to the community. If you wish to communicate to the community a church ministry event that you are coordinating, please make your church sign request on or before noon on the Monday before the event. This will ensure that the advertisement or message will have the greatest impact on our community.

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