

First Baptist Church

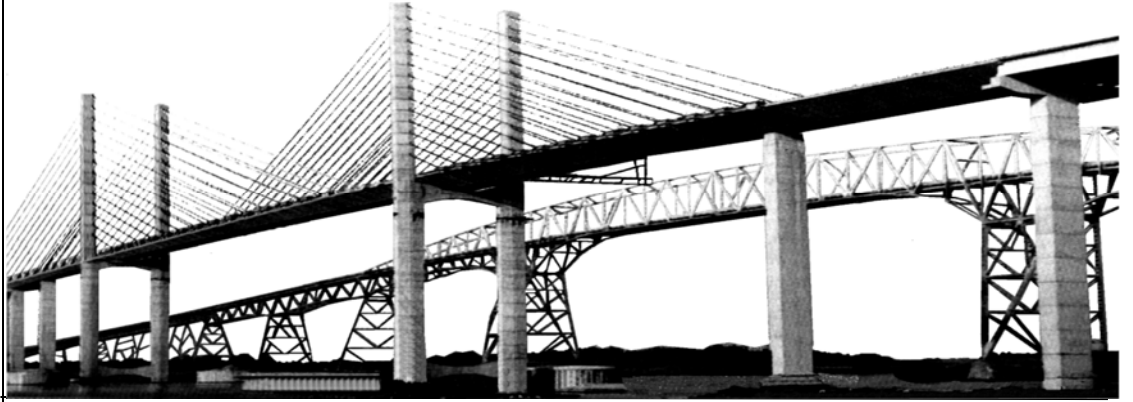
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The Bridge Builder



*"If you obey my voice and
keep my covenant,*



*you shall be my
treasured possession
out of all the peoples."*

Exodus 19:5, NRSV

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

We had a great fellowship and summer meal after church this past Sunday thanks to those who are willing to give of their selves in this area. Our Sunday night attendance has been great across the whole of the church. The baptistery is getting well used. People are placing themselves before God and allowing Him to lead. We continue to witness God's blessings and faithful workings in the heart of people and FBC Bridge City. Our God is faithful and good, pouring His mercy and grace over us all. God is active thanks to the prayers of His people and the willingness to cry out before Him. Let us not be distracted from our task to keep praying and seeking God's continued presence.

Sunday we continue our series "God Speaks: Words for Then and Now" by looking at Exodus 20:1-3. The text reveals the first of the Ten Commandments. Our familiarity with it is often detrimental to our fully understanding the significance contained within it. God declares to His people that they "shall have no other gods before" Him. Our definition of gods keep the concept blurred. We often will think of other religions and the deities they recognize and worship. We envision Greek and Roman mythology and the gods they proclaimed and worshipped. We look at our own lives and begin to conceive that for us this one is a cinch. We go to church. We sing Christian songs. We read the Bible. We do not have this problem. However, remember these words of instruction are to God's people because of our propensity to err. It is not a question of if we have other gods, but of which ones we have and worship. The question ultimately is whether we are willing to give them up. Who do you serve? Do you know for certain?

The Summer Evening Bible Study continues this week on Sunday. Amy, in teaching the women, is presenting biblical truths in a creative fashion which helps make them unforgettable. The men are being challenged to "be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all you do be done in love." (1 Cor. 16:13-14) We are thankful for all of your encouragements as you are all a blessing to us. 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
II Kings 19:19

Summer Evening Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Sunday Nights

Men's Class – Douglas Shows in Adult 6

Women's Class – Amy Shows in

Adult Choir Room

Dates

July 17th

July 24th

August 14th

August 21th

Sunday School News

Our Sunday School study of 1st Samuel is going well. We learned this week what happened to Saul when he did not obey God's instructions. This is an interesting study. Be here next week to see what happens next and to learn how we can apply the lesson to our life. To be continued.....

Our attendance this week was 146. Very good!!

See you Sunday,
Troy

Ministerial Alliance

July is our month to serve at the Ministerial Alliance. If God is leading you to serve in this capacity, please contact Aaron at the church office 409-735-3581. The Alliance is open on Monday's and Wednesday's from 9:00 a.m. - Noon!

YOUTH NEWS . . .

Real Life Needs

I have had a few people stop by the office this week asking questions about Real Life and how they may help! So exciting to have so many people eager to help. Like I said last week, we need all hands on deck! It is not too late to help out just drop by the office! We do have a few needs that you can provide today! As usual we will be feeding participants each night! Close to some 2,000 people are expected over 4 nights, which of course mean we need a bunch of food! If you feel led to help in this department we are asking for the following items of need!

1. Little Debbie Snack Cakes
2. Cookies
3. Individual Bags of Chips (any flavor)
4. Individual Bags of Frito Chips
5. Lemonade Drink Mix/Kool-Aid Drink Mix
6. Bottled Water

Any amount of the above will go a long way to help offset the cost of the event and will be greatly appreciated! If you do not have time to go shopping for these items but want to provide some of them you may also drop money off at the church office and we will do the shopping for you! Angel Milstead is the leading the way in the food department this year and desires your assistance as well in the serving line! God is already at work and has been at work well before. Is he leading you to help? There is always something else that needs attention!

Be Intentional,
Aaron

60th Wedding Anniversary

Howard and Juana Matthews will celebrate 60 years of marriage on Saturday, July 30. Long time Bridge City residents, now retired at Lake Sam Rayburn, are being honored with a family meal and day of fellowship. Their children are Wayne and Lisa Matthews and Lynn Richard, all of Bridge City, and Ann and Paul Borque of Vidor. They have 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Those wishing to send cards of acknowledgement can mail those in advance to 121 Woodsong, Bridge City, TX 77611.

The logo for the Blood Drive features the word "Blood" in a large, bold, serif font. The letter "o" in "Blood" is replaced by a white cross inside a black circle. Below "Blood" is the word "DRIVE" in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font.

**QUARTERLY
BLOOD DRIVE**

Thursday, July 14, 2016
4:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.
in the Family Life Center

NURSERY WORKERS July 17, 2016

Sunday School Brittany Ernst

Worship Service Thelma Wheelis

Volunteers always needed. Please call
Brittany Ernst at 409.313.1215.

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

July 10, 2016

Average Weekly Needs	\$10,163.14
Sunday Receipts	\$ 8,015.74
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,242.13

DESIGNATED RECEIPTS THIS WEEK

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

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	145
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Celebration Service of Worship	163
Nursery	7
TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	170

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, July 17, 2016

9:15	Sunday School
10:30	Celebration Worship Service Children's Church for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
5:30	Men's Class led by Douglas Shows Ladies' Class led by Amy Shows Student Activities

Monday, July 18 — Friday, July 22

Children's Camp
Trinity Pines Conference Center

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

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

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

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

Thursday, July 21, 2016

4:30	Golden Harvest Game Night
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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

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