

First Baptist Church

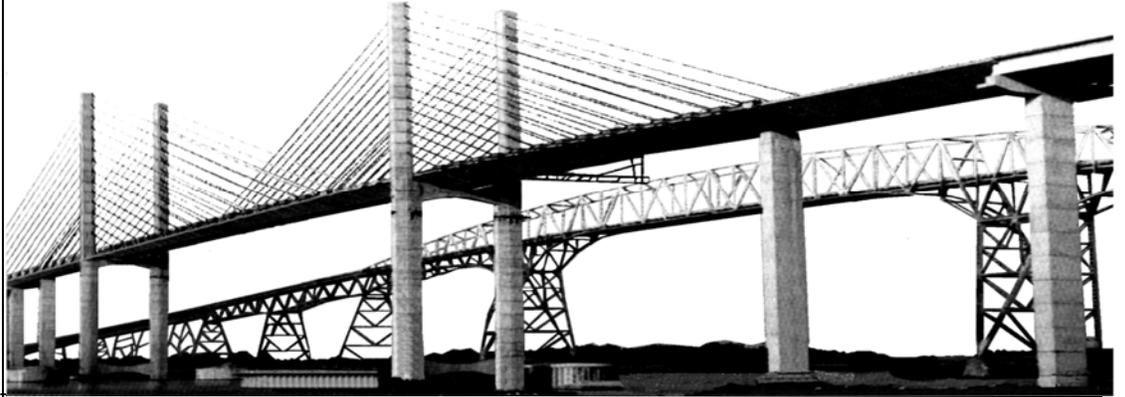
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The Bridge Builder



THIS IS
REAL LIFE!

August 7th — 10th
6:00 — 9:00 p.m.

Tim Ramsey — Pastor
Chad Chaney — Worship

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

We were blessed this past Sunday getting to see firsthand what God is doing in John Woods life. He shared God's Word powerfully and eloquently. No doubt, God will use him well in preaching, teaching, and ministering to people. Also, we continue to see God draw people to join with us in worshipping and serving our Lord. Our morning service and Sunday School attendance are continuing to increase and be filled with guest every week even in the middle of summer. Our Sunday Night Singing was a tremendous blessing and an enriching time of worship. Let us "count our blessings" and give God the praise He is due.

Sunday our series "God Speaks: Words for Then and Now" continues by looking at the third commandment in Exodus 20:7. God declares that we are not to "take the name of the Lord" in vain. We find ourselves disgusted when we hear people use a curse word attached to God or Jesus. Hopefully, we do not follow suit and have eliminated this from our vocabulary. However, is this what the commandment really means? Is this the worst a person can do in taking God's name in vain? Taking the Lord's name in vain is broader than most ever consider. It runs deeper than just the word choices we make. We who confess Christ as our Lord and Savior have willingly chosen to "bear the image of God." When we tarnish that "image" and seek our own desire we have used the Lord's name in vain. Even this only scratches the surface of the problem of misusing and abusing the name of the Lord. Are you willing to remove the vain uses of the Lord's name from your life?

Real Life is here. Sunday night it kicks off. I am so thankful for all the work being done and the work that will be done during this event. The willingness of this church to serve is what makes these events possible. Also, continue to pray for the whole of the church, but focus your prayers for this four day event and the impact it can have on all involved. 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
Romans 12:1-2

Sympathy

Bro. Doug & Amy Shows and the First Family wish to extend our sincere love and sympathy to the following:

Charles & Clyda Cooley in the home-going of his brother, Gene Cooley.

Children's Director Advertisement

First Baptist Church of Bridge City TX is seeking to find a part-time Children's Director to lead out in our ongoing effort to reach children and families in our community. Candidates will be expected to comply with the Ministry Safe training and screening program, background checks and social media policy. Applicants should be 18 years or older. Those wanting to apply can send their resume to 200 West Roundbunch, Bridge City, TX or email to personnel@fbcbc.org. Resumes will be accepted until Aug. 31, 2016. For more information, call First Baptist Church at (409)735-3581.

Sunday School News

Sunday School attendance was 142 this week. This is getting to be our average. That's good, but we can raise it.

Be here again next Sunday. Bring someone with you. Let's use this to help kick off our Real Life conference.

See you then,
Troy

YOUTH NEWS . . .

This past Sunday morning's service was a great one! We got to witness new members, Mr. and Mrs. Quist, joining our church and licensed John Woods into the Gospel ministry! As John was bringing God's word I couldn't help but think about all that I have learned from him over the years. One thing I think we can all agree upon is that John is a man of integrity. There is a freedom that comes in having nothing to hide. Living a life of integrity allows us this freedom. Our integrity is measured not by what we say about ourselves but by what God and people say about us. Samuel had lived all his life among the people of God. Near the end of his life, however, Samuel could boldly stand before his nation and ask them to reveal any offense he had committed against any of them. They could not think of one. In his position of leadership, Samuel could have taken advantage of people. Yet because he carefully guarded his motives and kept his relationships blameless, Samuel could fearlessly ask the people to report if he had mistreated them in any way. It takes courage to open your life up to the scrutiny of others, but Samuel did not fear what others would say about him. He did not have to avoid anyone whom he had offended. He had a confidence that comes from living a blameless life. If you have mistreated others, you cannot change the past, but you can choose to live with absolute integrity from this day forward. Living righteously frees you to face any person unashamedly, knowing you have behaved in a Christ like manner. My parents taught me at a young age to live with great integrity and I am thankful to have been surrounded by many others, like John, to be that continued example of living a life of integrity as Samuel. If your reputation is stained, seek forgiveness from those you have offended. Ask God to guide you daily in your relationships so that you have no regrets about your treatment of others.

Be Intentional,
Aaron

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

August 14th

August 21st

REAL LIFE NEEDS:

Below are the items still needed for Real Life at this time:

Individual bags of Frito Chips
Lemonade Mix (No sugar needed)

Nursery Worker Advertisement

First Baptist Church of Bridge City, TX is seeking to find part-time nursery workers for Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, Wednesday evenings and special events. Candidates will be expected to comply with the Ministry Safe training and screening program, background checks and social media policy. Applicants should be 18 years or older. Those wanting to apply can pick up an application at 200 West Roundbunch, Bridge City, TX or complete the application found at www.fbcbc.org. For more information, call First Baptist Church at (409)735-3581.

NURSERY WORKERS August 7, 2016

Sunday School Brittany Ernst

Worship Service Thelma Wheelis

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, August 7, 2016

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Celebration Worship Service
Children's Church
for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
NO PM ACTIVITIES

REAL LIFE 6:00 P.M. — 9:00 P.M.

Monday, August 8, 2016

6:00 Real Life

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

10:00 Ladies Prayer Meeting
6:00 Real Life

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

6:00 Real Life

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

July 31, 2016

Average Weekly Needs \$10,163.14
Sunday Receipts \$ 6,608.62
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts \$9,9830.00

DESIGNATED RECEIPTS THIS WEEK

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

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School 143

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Celebration Service of Worship 165
Nursery 8
TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 173

LAST OPPORTUNITY

The David children will soon be going back to school and there's a need for school clothes. This last donation of money will be to assist in meeting that need. The deadline is Aug 14 and each envelope must be labeled "Family". Our church has been very generous reaching out to Jake and Malissa David, who lost so much in the spring floods.

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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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