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# The Bridge Builder



**"If anyone**  
would come after **me**,  
he must deny himself and  
**take up his cross**  
and **follow me.**"

MARK 8:34, NIV

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Real Life is under way and the first night brought in 400 plus students. Just the fact of that many students gathering, doing Bible study, and worshipping together would be enough to get excited about. However, the Gospel is being preached and taught during this gathering and the Gospel is being caught by the students. Let me share with you one story from Sunday night. A seventeen year old young man boldly stood up, being the first to do so and by himself, and walked to the front to demonstrate his desire to respond to Christ. I had the privilege to visit with this young man while others visited with other students responding. In asking why he came forward, his statement was "I have been an atheist my whole life. I do not want to be one anymore. I want to believe." He voiced his own prayer to "stake his life" on the truth of Christ and to be his follower. The "impossible" happens here. FBCBC, this is because of all the hard work and prayer support for this event. I thank you and, no doubt, our Lord is pleased using us for His glory.

Sunday we continue the series "God Speaks: Words for Then and Now" by looking at the fourth commandment. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." (Ex. 20:8) The Sabbath day is a day which God set apart from every other day. He declared it holy and for one purpose, rest. However, the rest He intends is not an Americanized understanding of rest. Lazy days at the lake. Vacations away from the toil of work. God is calling His people to a rest beyond just doing nothing or seeking our own pleasure. The Sabbath is a picture of the true Sabbath we need. Let's be honest with ourselves and before God, do you feel rested? Are you carrying burdens you were not meant to carry? For us to rest means we must trust. Jesus Christ is the gift of the Sabbath to provide us rest. Will you rest in Him?

Sunday evening, August 14, Amy and I return teaching the Summer Evening Bible Study. These have been a great time for us and others being encouraged to live out our manhood and womanhood biblically. Join us and bring a friend. Go ahead and be bold. 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  
Deut. 30:6

## 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](mailto:personnel@fbcbc.org). Resumes will be accepted until Aug. 31, 2016. For more information, call First Baptist Church at (409) 735-3581.

### REAL LIFE REPORT

Sunday Attendance:	420
Sunday Response:	12
Monday Attendance:	384
Monday Response:	20

## 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](http://www.fbcbc.org). For more information, call First Baptist Church at (409)735-3581.

## YOUTH NEWS . . .

If anyone could understand the temptation to let busyness distract Him from the Father's activity, Jesus certainly could! He told a parable that clearly illustrated this danger: A certain Jewish man was on his way to Jericho when he was brutally attacked by thieves and left to die by the road. First a Levite, then a priest, passed by. These were religious leaders; surely they would show compassion to a wounded person! But they had places to go and appointments to keep, so they passed him by. Surely someone else would come along who had more time to help the wounded man! Then a Samaritan, despised by the Jews, came along. Of all people, this man had reason to look the other way, since the wounded man was his enemy. But wherever he was going could wait, for someone needed his help. It's easy to become so busy that we become oblivious to those in need. Our schedule can become so full of accomplishing good things that we are of no help to the people around us. God is at work in the lives of our friends, our neighbors, and our family members. He may ask us to interrupt our day long enough to join Him as He ministers to them. Nothing on our agenda, no matter how pressing, is reason enough to ignore the voice of God when He tells us to stop and help. If we become too busy to minister to those around, we need to ask God to reestablish our priorities so that we do not miss opportunities to serve Him.

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



## Sunday School News

When you are at Sunday School check the bulletin board in the Adult wing by the Library. "Behind the Scenes Heroes" are being honored. This one recognizes Sylvia Myers, who prepares sweets and snacks for VBS and other events. Thanks a lot, Sylvia. We have many who will be singled out in time to come.

Attendance this week was 161. Very good!  
See you Sunday,  
Troy

**NURSERY WORKERS August 14, 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 14, 2016**

- 9:15 Sunday School
- 10:30 Celebration Worship Service  
Children's Church  
for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
- 4:00 Deacon's Meeting
- 5:00 Children's Activities
- 5:30 Ladies' Class led by Amy Shows  
Men's Class led by Douglas Shows

**Tuesday, August 16, 2016**

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

**Wednesday, August 17, 2016**

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

**LOOK AT THE RECORDS**

**August 7, 2016**

Average Weekly Needs	\$10,163.14
Sunday Receipts	\$15,652.87
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,125.86

**DESIGNATED RECEIPTS THIS WEEK**

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

Sunday School	161
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**WORSHIP SERVICE:**

Celebration Service of Worship	156
Nursery	9
<b>TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>165</b>

**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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