

# First Baptist Church

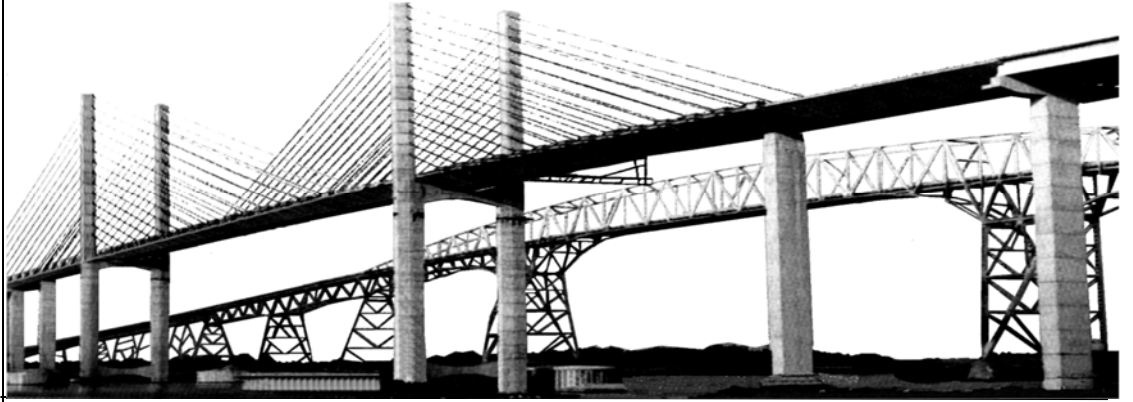
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THE  
STEADFAST  
*Love*  
OF THE  
LORD  
NEVER  
CEASES

LAMENTATIONS 3:22, NRSV

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

I find myself very thankful for the time I got to spend with my father and my sons. While away, I found myself praying for all who are involved in our Sunday morning worship. I am thankful for Aaron and his faithfulness to bring God's Word. The joy of witnessing FBCBC's baptistery being continually utilized enhances every worship service. I am thankful for Suzonne and her constant care and diligence in preparing songs of worship for us. I am thankful for our instrumentalist and singers who are dedicated to making certain we have every opportunity to experience God through worship. I am thankful for the sound team's tireless efforts to get everything just right is an often forgotten component to our worship. Worship takes work and I am thankful for all the work put in to it by so many.

Sunday we return to our series "God Speaks: Words for Then and Now" by looking at the sixth commandment. "You shall not murder." God is directly pointing to the value of human life. Human life is not something cheap and disposable. Many of us have never been faced with the dilemma of taking someone's life. It hurts, or should hurt, regardless the situation. However, God is targeting hatred, bitterness, and anger which will boil over into murder. We are called to love our enemies, so being malicious and angry is never acceptable. Painting our enemies as the epitome of evil does not excuse our hatred. Certainly, we will find ourselves hurt by others, but it is what we do with that hurt. Attacking a person physically is an easily understood sin, but what about with slander and gossip? A believer was God's enemy, but He loved us and extended eternal forgiveness. How can we now refuse this love to others? How we love or do not love is a barometer to our heart.

Be aware of our Fall classes starting September 11. Find the one which will feed you well and plan to come. Pray for our One Day Revival with Dr. Scott Moody/John Ebarb on September 18. Invite others to come to FBCBC, where the "impossible" is a living reality every day.

Your Pastor,  
Douglas Shows  
Psalm 121:1-2

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**  
the wedding of  
**Penny Davis**  
**& Zach Young**  
2:00 p.m., Saturday, September 10  
at First Baptist Church, Bridge City  
Reception to follow  
in the FBC Family Life Center

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## 70th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Joy and L. D. Young will celebrate 70 years of marriage on Wednesday, September 7. They are long time residents of Bridge City and faithful members of FBC. Their children are Brenda Boudreaux of Bridge City, Sheri Alford of Austin, David Young of Bridge City, Peggy Ealand of Houston, Kim Spinks of Bridge City, and Lisa Faulk of Bridge City. Joy and L.D. have 14 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. Those wishing to send cards in celebration of this glorious event can mail them to 635 Young Drive, Bridge City, TX 77611.

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## Sunday School News

**Sunday School is beginning a new quarter this week. We will be studying 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter and Jude. It will be good. Be here, get your new book and enjoy the good teaching.**

**Adult 6 had an outing this past week. They went to eat at Cheddars in Port Arthur - a good crowd - over 20. Everyone really enjoyed it.**

**Attendance Sunday was 148.**  
**See you Sunday,**  
**Troy**

## Fall 2016 Sunday Evening Classes

### Wild at Heart – John Eldredge

Teacher: Ricky McClelland / Douglas Shows

Description: *Wild at Heart: A Band of Brothers Video Series* will be the catalyst study to help men discover how God defines authentic masculinity. John Eldredge, author of bestselling book *Wild at Heart*, and his band of brothers invite you to join them as they embark on a journey to learn how God can heal wounded hearts and put a spirit of adventure back in the life of any man.

### The Book of Daniel

Teacher: John Woods

Description: John will walk through the whole Book of Daniel covering familiar and beloved stories in the first section. In the second section, John will explore the many prophesies outlined in the writing and help the Bible student to apply them properly. The study will be an enriching time of working to grasp God's Word in full.

### Apologetics – Ravi Zacharias

Teacher: Aaron Little

Description: Being a believer is not easy. There are always people asking difficult questions that often we are not prepared to answer. The video series is of renowned apologist Ravi Zacharias answering unscripted questions across America on college campuses. Hearing his answers will better prepare us and maybe answer some of our own questions.

### Captivating – Stasi Edlredge/John Edlredge

Teacher: Jennifer Caldwell

Description: *Captivating: Unveiling the Mystery of a Woman's Soul* is a video series to help women journey into the deep mysteries of one's femininity. Our culture provides an endless assault on women keeping them from focusing on God's desire and purpose. Through heartfelt discussions and bold exploration, it is possible and worth the risk to come alive as a woman . . . God's captivating woman.

## YOUTH NEWS . . .



**When:** Friday, September 2nd - 7:00 a.m.

**Where:** First Baptist Church, Bridge City

If you haven't made plans to come help out and cook breakfast for a bunch of great students there still may be time. Cooking begins at 4:00 a.m. as we expect to serve 300 students with both physical and spiritual food! Bacon, sausage, pancakes, fruit, and cereal are on the menu with milk and juice to wash it all down! This is another opportunity, one of the few, where the mission field actually comes to us! We still need servers, cooks, and dishwashers! It's never too late to help out, just give me a call or stop by the office and let me know you'll be there ! If all else fail just show up Friday morning as we will have plenty of work to go around. I am so privileged to call FBC home, as you will find very few churches that take the time and make over and above efforts to reach out to their school! We want BCISD to know in everyway that we support them and their students all the way! Go Big Red!

Be Intentional  
Aaron

### OLD LITERATURE

Please place your old literature in a box just inside your department door. It will be collected for distribution to prisoners and their families after September 4th.

**NURSERY WORKERS    September 4, 2016**

**Sunday School        Brittany Ernst**

**Worship Service      Thelma Wheelis**

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

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**Sunday, September 4, 2016**

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

**No pm activities**

**Monday, September 5, 2016**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
LABOR DAY**

**Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

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

**Wednesday, September 7, 2016**

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

<b>LOOK AT THE RECORDS</b>	
<b>August 28, 2016</b>	
Average Weekly Needs	\$10,163.14
Sunday Receipts	\$ 8,605.11
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$ 9,584.34
<b>DESIGNATED RECEIPTS THIS WEEK</b>	
Debt Retirement	\$ 00.00
Retirement Y-T-D	\$803.00
Debt:	<u>\$00,000.00</u>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	
Sunday School	148
<b>WORSHIP SERVICE:</b>	
Celebration Service of Worship	155
Nursery	6
TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	161

<b>GOLDEN HARVEST MONTHLY MEETING</b>
Due to the Labor Day holiday being on the first Monday of September, the Golden Harvest Luncheon is rescheduled for Monday, September 12, at 11:00a.m.

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

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

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