

First Baptist Church

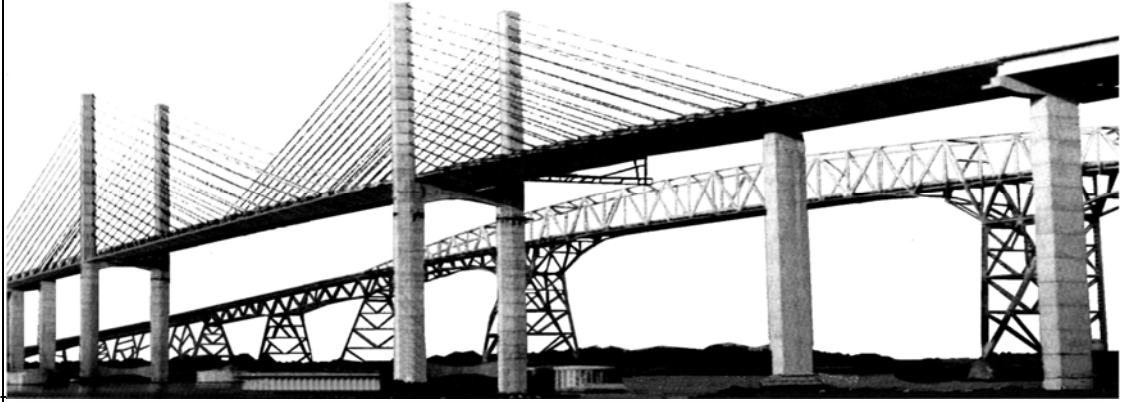
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*For everything there is a
season, and a time for every
matter under heaven.
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)*

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

As a church we gathered for a One Day Revival. However, a question remains unanswered. Did you experience a revival? Dr. Moody certainly helped us to understand that pursuing Christ with passion and commitment is required. Anything other than, or less than, is classified as evil. Dr. Moody also demonstrated that our relationship to God is directly related to our relationship to God's Word. If we do not make God our top priority and demonstrate it by time in His Word, we cannot and will not experience any type of revival. My prayer is that this past Sunday has kindled your heart toward God and drawn you into a deeper commitment to follow after Him. Remember, the revival was not this past Sunday, it is what unfolds in our hearts now.

Sunday we return to our Ten Commandment series "God Speaks: Words for Then and Now." We embark on understanding the magnitude of the eighth commandment, "You shall not steal." It is easy to picture someone robbing a store or removing property which they do not own. However, these are valid but are not the total picture being painted by Scripture. Malachi 3:8 asks, "Will man rob God?" The overwhelming answer is absolutely. We fail to give of our resources and contribute to God's work. We hoard for our own pleasures and seek our own ends. The commandment certainly has a financial component to it, but is that the full extent? Money and finances are never just about money and finances in Scripture. These items are a barometer of the heart. They are used for illustrative purposes because they are a symptom pointing to the disease. We rob God by not giving ourselves to Him. He owns us and yet we fail to acknowledge His ownership. Where are you robbing Him today?

Do not forget our Sunday Evening Classes will be being held. We had over eighty people among our four classes last time. These classes will challenge you and help propel one's growth in Christ. Looking forward to seeing you participate. Remember, invite friends and family to FBCBC, where the "impossible" is a living reality every day.

Your Pastor,
Douglas Shows
Malachi 3:16-18

From the Children's Director

Hello all! My family & I are so excited to be here with you! Thank you for welcoming us so warmly. I truly can't wait to get to work, and already have some exciting things planned for the kids and music for them to learn! I am looking forward to seeing what God has in store for the children here at FBC-BC!

That the next generation may know,
Chris

Fall Festival

Believe it or not Fall Festival is just a few short weeks away and planning for the event is gaining steam! We will have many opportunities for service along the way but if you are interested in knowing how you can help right now you are in the right place! We have set up three candy donation centers around the church, and would love, if you feel so led, for you to help us fill them! However, at this time we would like to request that no chocolate candies be donated just yet because we do not want to risk a big melted mess. Please continue to look through the next few weeks Bridge Builder for more information concerning Fall Festival. Mark your calendars for Monday, October 31st.

Sunday School News

We want to welcome Roland Anderson as a new teacher in Adult 4 & 5. Actually, he is not exactly new, because he was here before. But we are glad he and Debbie are back. All of our Sunday School departments are growing. Be sure you are a part of it. Attendance Sunday was 159. Great! See You Sunday! Troy

Thank You

Dear Fellow Christians,
Thank you for your prayers, friendship and donation to our Disaster Relief Fund. We pray God will guide us in using sound judgment as we distribute HIS funds to HIS children in need within our community.

In Christ's Name
First Baptist Church
Denham Springs

Dear Church,
You continue to be a light in our lives. We appreciate your support and continued prayers. The school supplies for all 9 of our school kids were purchased through your generosity. Thank you for lifting that burden from us so that we could focus on rebuilding our home. We are truly thankful for each of you.

With love,
Jacob & Melissa David

Dear Church,
The verse below (II Corinthians 9:8) is perfect to describe the blessing you have been to our family, a blessing in abundance. We are overwhelmed with your continued generosity. Thank you for purchasing school clothes for our kids. They were excited to have new things as they began the school year. We will never be able to thank you sufficiently.

Jacob & Melissa David

Sympathy

Bro. Doug & Amy Shows and the First Family wish to extend their love and sympathy to Greg & Jill Carroll in the home-going of her father, Dan Barker.

YOUTH NEWS . . .

Jesus asked His disciples to do something that clearly was impossible. There were five thousand men, along with their families, and they were famished. There were only five loaves of bread and two small fish—obviously not enough to feed a multitude. The cost of food for even a portion of the crowd would have far exceeded the disciples' small budget. It may have seemed absurd to the disciples that Jesus should ask them to distribute the paltry amount of food to the massive crowd. Yet that is exactly what Jesus asked them to do. Because Jesus had given the command, the disciples obeyed and witnessed an incredible miracle. Christ will lead you into many situations that will seem impossible, but don't try to avoid them. Stay in the middle of them, for that is where you will experience God. The key difference between what appears to be impossible to us and what is actually possible is a word from our Master! Faith accepts His divine command and steps out in a direction that only God can complete. If you only attempt things that you know are possible with the visible resources you possess, those around you will not see God at work. Take inventory of your life and the decisions you are presently facing. Have you received a word from the Master that awaits your next step of faith? If you will proceed with what He has told you, no matter how incredible it might seem, you will experience the joy of seeing your Lord perform a miracle, and so will those around you.

Be Intentional,
Aaron

Lord's Supper

Sunday, September 25, 2016

During the
10:30 Worship

NURSERY WORKERS September 25, 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 25, 2016

- 9:15 Sunday School
- 10:30 Celebration Worship Service
Children's Church
for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
- 5:30 Studies
Children's Activities
Youth Activities

Monday, September 26, 2016

- 10:00 Bible Study at the Meadows

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

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

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

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

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

September 18, 2016

Average Weekly Needs	\$10,163.14
Sunday Receipts	\$7,538.00
Love Offering	\$1,768.43
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,035.08

DESIGNATED RECEIPTS THIS WEEK

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

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	159
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Celebration Service of Worship	176
Nursery	5
TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	177

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

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