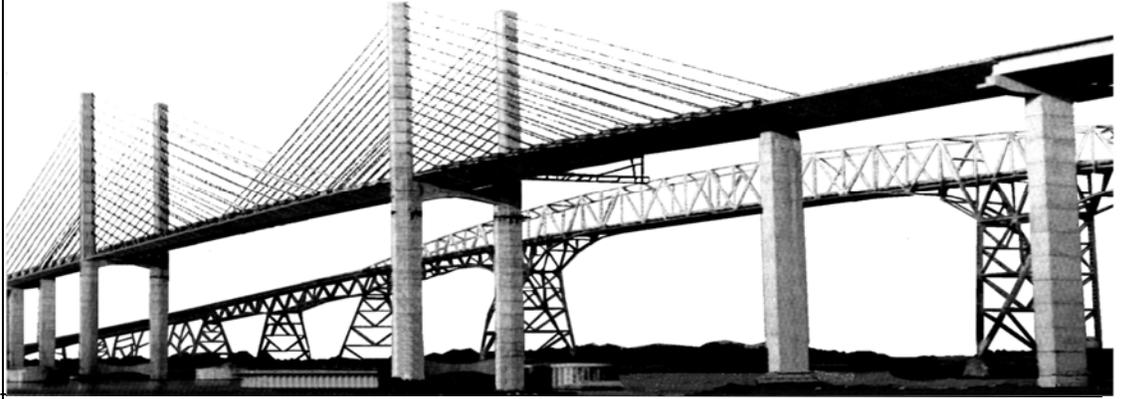
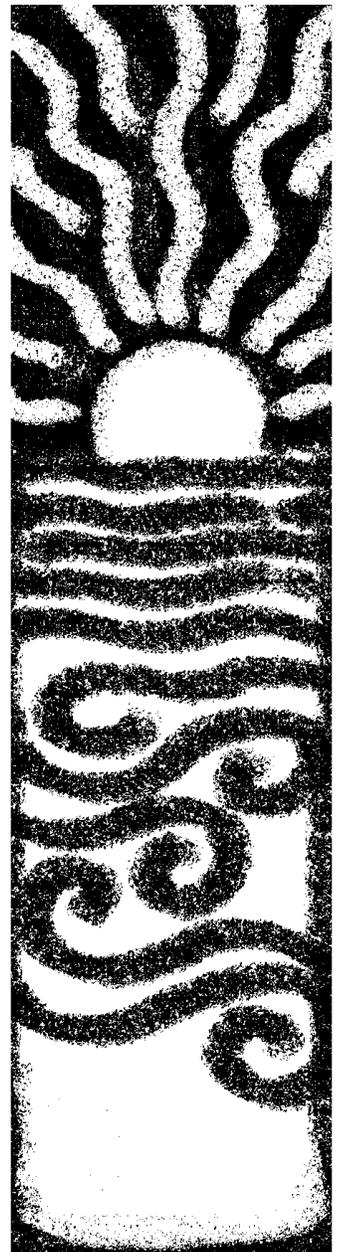


The Bridge Builder



“Very truly,
I tell you,
whoever
keeps my
WORD will
never see
DEATH.”

John 8:51, NRSV



PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

I pray that each of you are encouraged and enriched by being present in our Sunday worship. I receive a blessing each week and count it a privilege to worship together. The commitment and talent provided by so many servant minded people is what provides the fruit of praise and glory to our God each Sunday. Each person present is an encouragement and blessing to those around them. When we gather, we all benefit. When we gather, He is pleased.

Sunday we embark on discovering the full impact of the tenth and final commandment. Our series, "God Speaks: Words for Then and Now", has this last commandment and one more message the following week. The Ten Commandments is one of the most challenging areas to preach. I know that each one applies directly to me and they force me to see my sin and seek God in repentance. As much as it may hurt, I pray you have done likewise.

The ninth commandment states, "You shall not covet..." and then list several areas to avoid coveting. Every commandment has its standalone principle, but every commandment is connected, as well. An often overlooked connection is that the breaking of every other commandment is driven by coveting. A person covets autonomy and deifies his own desires making himself a little "g" god. A person covets honor and detracts from those who deserve it. A person covets respect and assassinates those who will not give it. A person covets what others have and what he does not compelling him to lie, steal, and cheat. This commandment commonly is referenced by simplifying it to "do not covet." However, is it the act of coveting which is wrong? What if what we are coveting is the sin? A person coveting righteousness and desiring a greater intimacy with God are what we should be striving to do and be. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." (Matthew 5:6) If our coveting is directed to the correct object or subject, we would find ourselves back at the first commandment, having no other God before our Lord, and the other commandments encouraging us and teaching us how to love God all the more. We all covet. The question we must address is "What are we coveting?"

The Sunday Evening Classes are a great opportunity to learn and be a blessing to others. Invest yourself into one this week. Remember, invite friends and family to FBCBC, where the "impossible" is a living reality every day.

Your Pastor,
Douglas Shows
Ecclesiastes 3:6

Fall Festival & More

I am pleased to be partnered up with new children's director Christine Bailey in promoting Fall Festival! This year we hope and pray that God allows weather to permit us to once more bring the festival outdoors. We have made many big steps forward in the planning just this week, but will once again heavily rely on our church family to make this great! This Sunday morning every Sunday school class should have a memo and sign up sheet concerning fall festival booths and games! This year we are making a conscious effort to use Fall Festival as an avenue to present the Gospel to our community. One may think that every home in Bridge City has heard the Gospel, but I tell you from experience that there are many homes that lack even a Bible. We have had students who didn't even know or have even heard the name of Jesus. To assume BC is reached would be foolish. We have a great opportunity to not only provide a good and safe time to our community but reach families with a life changing message! Please also consider bringing a bag or two of candy by the office, as we will need a bunch to hand out!

Our fall student newsletter has been released, parents please make sure you have one as there are many things to prepare for upcoming. We already have added an event or two to the calendar which will not be reflected in the current newsletter, so ask questions of your student(s), frequent our student Facebook page and church website!

Be Intentional,
Aaron Little

Have you thought about joining one of our Sunday night classes but not sure which one, consider our Apologetics class taught by our Minister to Students Aaron Little? For those of you who may not know, the class is aimed at learning how to give a defense for what we believe as Christians. If you haven't had a chance to join this, or one of the many other classes offered on Sunday night, it is not to late! Drop by Sunday night at 5:30 and choose the class, that best suites you. You will not regret it!

Apologetics – Aaron Little
Men's – Ricky McClelland
Women's – Jennifer Caldwell
The Book of Daniel- John Woods

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We had a wonderful lesson Sunday during Children's Church learning about the Pastor and what he does for God here at our church! We will be learning about our Music Leader this coming Sunday.

This Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. we will kick off our "Weird Stories from the Bible" beginning with "The Valley of Bones". Please encourage the children to invite visitors for this fun and exciting event! Children who bring guests will receive a special "goodie"!

Don't forget! To receive reminders about upcoming Children's Ministry events, you can join our "class" on Remind 101 by texting @fbcbecki to 81010!

That the next generation may know, Chris

Fall Festival

It is time to bring your candy for our Fall Festival. Your donations can be left in the Welcome Center, Office or Sanctuary.

Sunday School News

Have you noticed how dependable and well prepared our Sunday School Teachers are They are always there with a good lesson. Also, the people who keep records and make coffee, we couldn't do without them. Thanks to all of you. Attendance was 149.

See you Sunday,
Troy

GOLDEN HARVEST CLUB

Golden Harvest Quarterly Birthday / Anniversary Luncheon,
Monday October 17, 10:30 a.m.
Leaving church at 10:30 a.m. and going to The Neches River Wheelhouse Restaurant

Christmas Choir Rehearsals Begin on 10/9

Christmas Choir rehearsals begin Sunday Oct. 9. Although most rehearsals will be 4-5:15 pm, the 10/9 rehearsal will be 6:45-8 pm. All ages from Junior High and up are invited. The ability to sing a particular voice part or to read music is not required. The choir will learn two songs and rehearsal CDs are available. Come be a part of this fun time of fellowship and singing. For more information contact Suzonne at music@fbcbc.org or call or text 670-8402.

Thank You

Thank you so much for providing the wonderful lunch during Daddy's visitation! It was just perfect for all my out of town family. Thanks again for all the efforts.

*Sincerely,
Jill Carroll*

Thank you Donnie Stanton and Aaron Little for bringing the Lord's Supper to my home. I appreciated it. It was nice to get to meet Aaron.

Ms. Lois Parker

NEW SONG

This past Sunday, the Pastor preached from John 8:31-47 which includes in verse 44 the text: "...he [the devil] is a liar and the father of lies." The devil loves to whisper lies to Believers and how often we listen and believe him instead of the truth in God's word. A simple search on the word "sing" in the Bible yields dozens of verses where "sing" is used in a declarative sentence—in other words, God is commanding His people to sing: sing for joy, sing of His glory, sing praises to Him, sing thanksgiving to Him, and sing of our love for Him. How many of God's people have believed Satan's lie that they don't sing well enough, by the world's standard, in order to obey God's command to sing? I hear it all the time— "I can't [fill in the blank] because I can't sing" or "If only I could sing, I'd [fill in the blank]." Except for a very few people with a physical handicap which prevents vocalization, everyone can sing to some extent. It's time for God's people to stop listening to Satan, quit being ashamed of the voices God gave us, and obey God's word to sing.

To God Be the Glory, Suzonne

