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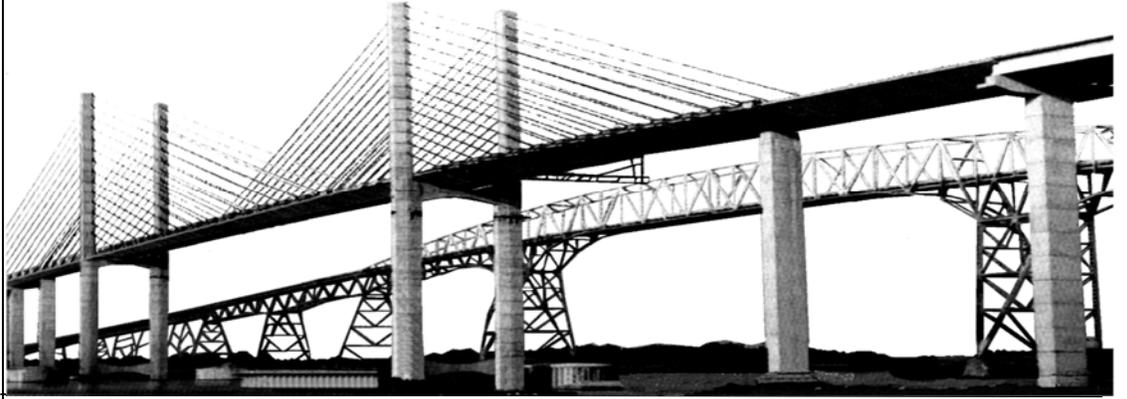
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The Bridge Builder



*Hide
me*

in the
shadow
of your
wings.

PSALM 17:8

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Sunday will be the final message from our series, "God Speaks: Words for Then and Now", which has highlighted the Ten Commandments and their applicability to us today. Our text will encompass Exodus 20:18-21. In this text we see the people's response to hearing God speak and how His Word effected them. They did not cheer with excitement. They did beg for more. They did not boast of their close relationship to God. In fact, they trembled with fear, not just awe, but terror. The flashes of lightning and the rumble within the ground drove them away from God. They even stated, "Do not let God speak to us, lest we die." (Ex. 20:19) What happened at the mountain? Isn't God supposed to be a lovable grandfather like figure?

The people heard God's Word and immediately knew they were in a hopeless state. Every commandment given only revealed the depth of their depravity all the more. God had rescued them from Egypt, but had now brought them to a certain doom. They could not stand before this God justified and sin free. They needed and desired a mediator. A mediator would be one who would put distance between them and God. If not, they would perish for their sins. Moses was called upon to fill the gap and act as a mediator for the people. However, Moses' role as mediator was limited and could not protect them from the ultimate judgment due them for their sin. Thousands of years later, we face the same dilemma. We today find ourselves looking for a mediator, someone or something putting distance between us and God protecting us from His wrath. Maybe for you it has been your parents' relationship with God, your religious activity, your attempts at keeping the Law, etc. Regardless of where we might seek safety from God, these too are temporary and limited. Judgment of sin is a nonnegotiable. Sin will receive its just due. But wait. What if there was one who was without sin, willing to bear our sin, and provide us with his righteousness? What if we do not trust this mediator?

Sunday evening classes continue to be a blessing by providing targeted subjects. Our Children's Ministry is off to a great start with exciting adventures. The Youth are learning to live out their faith daily. Our Sunday School classes are building relationships and strengthening believers. Our Worship is seeing members and guest giving God glory. There are an abundance of opportunities to connect with others and Christ. There are plenty of reasons to invite someone to FBCBC, where the "impossible" is a living reality every day.

Your Pastor,
Douglas Shows
Hebrews 10:19-22

Youth News . . .

Sunday Night

It has been quite a honor to teach our Sunday night apologetics class this fall. I am very encouraged as to how well attended the class has been by students and adults alike. We have tackled many problems that you may face such as "If there is a God, why does evil exist? This next Sunday, the 16th, we will face another tough question concerning the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Douglas Groothuis states that "Of all the world's religions, Christianity alone purports to be based of the resurrection of its divine founder. No other religion or worldview makes such an audacious and consequential claim." For if Christ has not been raised from the dead our teaching and faith is useless. Since the very day of the resurrection, there has been continued attempts to disprove the very notion that it even occurred, even Thomas, a disciple, had his own doubts. Join us this coming Sunday, and lets hash through how history has looked at this miraculous event, and prove, without doubt, that indeed *He is Risen!*

Be Intentional
Aaron

Thank You

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all the prayers, words of encouragement, love and kindness you have shown during Mothers lengthy illness. Also, thanks for preparing such a wonderful meal for us. We love you.*

Kathy Young & Family

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Hello all! Last Wednesday, we kicked off our "Weird Stories from the Bible" series with Ezekiel & the Valley of Dry Bones. We were excited to have 20 kids (including some visitors) attend! Last Wednesday, the children got to go into a special room and experience the story of Ezekiel in a way that was exciting and unique! We are encouraging the kids to invite at least one new friend each week. We have set a goal, and when they reach it, we will have a special fellowship to celebrate! This week, we will be learning about "The Tale of the Hand"... any guesses as to what story that is in the Bible?

In Children's Church, we continued learning about the church leaders! This past Sunday we learned about the Worship Leader and team and the importance of what they do for God in our church. We practiced worshipping God in different ways and learned how we can worship God by the way we live! This Sunday, the children will be learning about the role the Deacons have in our church.

It is so exciting to see the kids excitement, and how much they are learning! I'm so excited to see what God has in store for our children!

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

Man, the weather has been good for Sunday School lately, and for anything else. We have had some good crowds. Hope you have been with us. If not, be here next Sunday for a great time. Bring someone with you! Attendance Sunday was 145.
See you next Sunday,
Troy

LIFE CHAIN

October 30, 2015

2:30 — 3:30 p.m.

"Please Pray

For the Sanctity of All Life"

Meet by 2:15 p.m.

at

First Baptist Church's

Parking Lot

200 W. Roundbunch Rd.

or

St. Henry's Catholic Church

Parking Lot

475 W. Roundbunch Rd.

Bring your lawn chairs, umbrellas & bottled water.

Please come & PRAY!

~ Please "be a voice for the unborn who cannot speak for themselves" ~

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

The kick-off Christmas Choir rehearsal Sunday (10/9) went great with around 20 coming to sing. However, we have ample room for more and its not too late to start. The next rehearsal is 10/16 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. in the Choir Room. Come be a part of this fun time of singing and fellowship. Contact me for more info at music@fbcbc.org or call or text to 670-8402. To God Be the Glory, Suzanne.

CHOIR NOTES

The next Sunday Choir sing date is Sunday, October 16th. We'll sing "Lord, Reign in Me", "Jesus is Lord of All", "Trust and Obey", "Take My Life-Holiness", and "Shout to the Lord". We'll have a short run-through of the songs Sunday morning at 8:40 in the Sanctuary. New singers are welcome anytime.

