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The Bridge Builder



FALL FESTIVAL

Monday
October 31st

6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Join us for a great time
of games, food,
music, photo booth
and FUN!!

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Amy and I have been praying for you and the whole of FBCBC during our time away. We are already amazed at how God is using this time to minister to us. We have met new friends by which we are being enriched and encouraged. The time to pause and rest before God is a rare commodity but a constant need. We are thankful for your graciousness in allowing us this time to reinvigorate us and better serve you.

Sunday we start a new sermon series, "Here Comes the King." We will be exploring the birth of Jesus and/or the introduction of Jesus contained within the four Gospels. It is easy for us to center in on the familiar text of Matthew and Luke as the Christmas Story. However, each Gospel narrative has an introduction to the Christ, the one called Jesus. Jesus is the Logos (the Word), the Christos (the Messiah), the Seed (the Promised One), the Gospel (the Good News), etc. He is known by so many names that it is easy to think we know Him. As the old saying states, "Familiarity breeds contempt." What this means is the more we think we know a subject/object the less respect we have for the subject/object. We consider ourselves knowledgeable, therefore, we quit being teachable. We do the same act with Jesus.

Hearing and being familiar with the Christmas Story means we at times tune out from its repetitive and annual telling. We have heard it many times over. In fact, the whole of Christmas becomes routine. We follow familiar patterns and keep to family traditions within church and family. Somehow we smile toward Jesus, but fail to open our heart to the King of Kings. We become distressed when someone misses our gathering, but we fail to consider how we miss Jesus. When Jesus came everything changed. It was not a chance happening. It was the dividing line of history pointing to the culmination of history. Jesus' life matters. Jesus' death matters. Does any of it matter to you?

Use the blossoming Christmas season to invest in someone's life. Invite them to attend with you to learn of Jesus. Each message will be purposeful in declaring the reality of Jesus and the "impossible" He does in those who surrender to Him recognizing Him as King. Remember, FBCBC is where the "impossible" is a living reality everyday.

Your Pastor,
Douglas Shows
Matt. 1:21

Youth News . . .

Anyone who really knows me knows that genealogy is a bit of a hobby of mine. Between my mom and I and a few other family members we have traced back my family heritage as far back as the 1400's. A few people from time to time stop by my office just to visit about their genealogy and I find those conversations highly enjoyable. One such instance no more than a few days back really got me to thinking about my Christian heritage. As Christians, we ought never to overlook our heritage. An awareness of our Christian heritage helps us to understand our identity, and it gives us a sense of where God is leading. The Israelites had a rich heritage. Their nation began because of Abraham and Sarah's faithfulness. The generations that followed included Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph as their faithful leaders. God richly blessed His people and made them prosper. God continued to show favor on the Israelites by leading them out of Egypt into a prosperous land of their own. God established His nation through some of the most awesome miracles in history. God continued to provide strong leaders, such as Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Deborah, Samuel, David, and Solomon. He sent mighty prophets such as Elijah, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. Unfortunately, in Isaiah's day, God's people had reached a point where they had forgotten their heritage. They lived as spiritual paupers rather than as heirs to a rich heritage and members of a royal priesthood. Your spiritual heritage is even richer than that of Isaiah's generation. Your spiritual ancestors include Mary the mother of Jesus, John the Baptist, the disciples, the apostle Paul, and a host of saints down through the ages. Even more important, you look to Jesus as the author and finisher of your faith. You may have a family history of faithfulness that goes back several generations. Do you see the full picture of God's redemptive work? God's plan involves you, just as it has included each Christian throughout the centuries. God wants you to participate in His continuing work to redeem a lost world.

Your obedience today will provide a legacy of faithfulness to the generations that follow tomorrow. You can be a part of this heritage in less than a week, as we have two very important events! Life Chain on Sunday afternoon and Fall Festival on Monday evening! Join us, and those of the past, whose heritage we seek to honor in the name of Christ!

Be Intentional
Aaron

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Hello again! Can you believe October is already almost over? The Fall Festival is right around the corner, and we still have a few opportunities available for booths and games. We have a few games in the bus garage that are very popular with the kids and just need someone willing to work them! If you have been thinking about having a booth this year, we have just what you need! We are still in a crunch for candy! We do not have near what we need. Candy is a great way to open doors with the kids and families that will be at the festival. Please bring your candy donations to the office, front of the sanctuary, or to the welcome center. If you would like to work one of the games at our Fall Festival, please let Chris or Aaron know.

I'm so excited to let you know that we had 18 kids in Sunday School! We have been seeing new faces almost every Sunday and Wednesday! This Wednesday, we will be doing our last "Weird Story from the Bible". We will be learning about "The Mummy"! The kids have really enjoyed this series, and have learned so much! We are working toward an attendance goal, and if they reach it on Wednesday, we will have an Ice Cream Party! Please remind all the children to invite and bring a friend!!!

Finally, I want to let you know about two ways that you can stay on top of the events going on in the Children's Ministry. One way is by downloading the free app Remind 101 and joining our class! If you have the app, you can text @fbcckci to 81010! I have also created a FBC-BC Children's ministry Facebook page. These are both great ways keep up with all the Children's ministry events coming up!

Please continue to pray for the children and their families as well as for me and my family as we continue to seek the Lord's direction for the coming year.

That the next generation may know,
Chris

Sunday School News

We are looking forward to our Fall Festival next Monday night. Each Sunday School department will operate the booths. There will be many people from Bridge City there. This is a good time to make a good impression for our church, so plan on being there to help. Attendance Sunday was 147.

See you Sunday,
Troy

Life Chain

Sunday, Oct. 30, 2:30 – 3:30pm
Sanctity of Life Event

Meet by 2:15pm at First Baptist. Pick up your sign in front of sanctuary. (\$1 rent per sign with proceeds going to local Crisis Pregnancy Centers) Youth do not have to pay for a sign, as their rent is covered.

We will stand along West Roundbunch holding our signs in silent witness to those who are driving by. Feel free to bring a lawn chair & bottled water.

We will be praying for an end to abortion in our country. It is only one hour. Remember that Jesus asked His disciples in the garden couldn't they stay awake and pray for one hour. Come out and support the sanctity of human life.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all so much for the amazing support and help while Jennifer was on bedrest with "Baby Girl Quist #2", and for the outpouring of love through the diaper shower hosted by Sunday School 2/3. You all truly embody a church family, and we are so grateful for your love and friendship.

With great appreciation,

Greg, Jennifer, and Katherine Quist

Philippians 1: 3-11

Sympathy

Bro. Doug and Amy Shows and the First Family wish to extend their sincere love and sympathy to Maxine Slaydon and Family in the home-going of her son, Richard Slaydon.

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.

