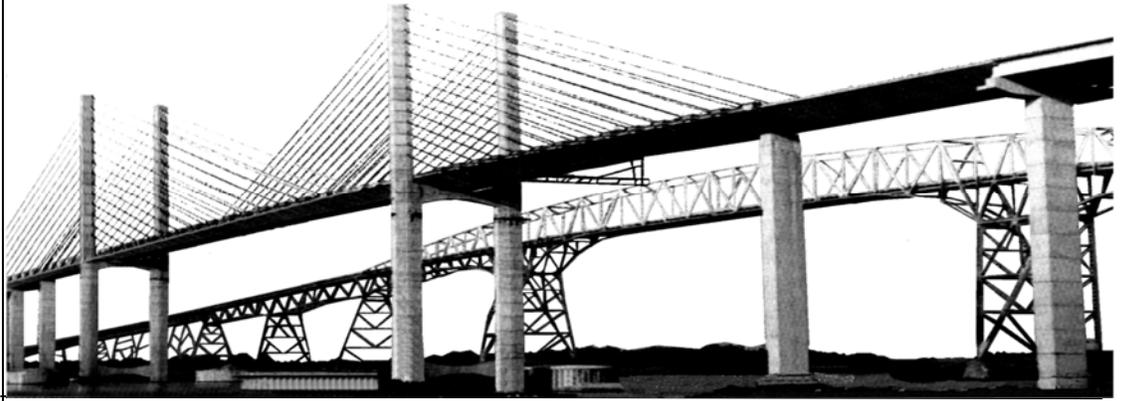


The Bridge Builder



PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Sunday we continue our series "Here Comes the King" by looking at Matthew 2:1-23. Though this takes place after the birth of Jesus, the passage contains important prophecies being fulfilled. Most of the time when a king is born the news is greeted with a joyous celebration. King Herod is not thrilled when he hears there is one "who has been born the king of the Jews." Herod is an illegitimate king, a usurper, one who has made himself a monarch without inheriting the throne. He has conquered and wrestled for power through war and alliances. Herod is determined to protect his ill-gotten throne and has slaughtered his own family and any potential rivals. He attempts a propaganda campaign to legitimize his rule while utilizing terror to quiet detractors. Herod has entrenched himself with the Roman government to solidify his authority. Therefore, when he hears of a "born" king, a rightful ruler, he is determined to remove the threat from existence. But a king destined by God is unstoppable.

This "born" king needs no coronation. He is king by sovereign right. He is a king above all kings. There is no higher authority. The strength of an earthly king and all the power he can muster will not prevent this "born" king from taking his throne. God has purposed this event from the beginning of time. The wise men are aware of the uniqueness of this "born" king and "have come to worship him." Others are aware of the promise of one to come, but are indifferent or see no personal need for him. Some want to stop him from coming, but are powerless in all their strength. Jesus, the "born" king, rules. His dominion is all of creation. There are only two kinds of people in his kingdom. Those who seek to usurp his rule or those who have surrendered to it. Who are you in Jesus' kingdom?

It was such a joy to be back where God has called us to serve and among the people we love so dearly. Amy and I continue to rejoice in being a part of FBCBC. We were humbled to participate in The Life Chain with many of our members and friends this past Sunday. Events like this can be encouraging but challenging. By the time you read this, the Fall Festival will have been a great success at connecting with the community and placing the Gospel before people. I am continually amazed at the commitment level of FBCBC in serving in a variety of ways to minister out the Gospel. Invite someone to FBCBC, where the "impossible" is a living reality every day.

Your Pastor,
Douglas Shows
Galatians 4:4-5

Blood DRIVE

**QUARTERLY
BLOOD DRIVE**

Thursday
November 10

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

In the
Family Life Center

FBCBC LIFE CHAIN BRIDGE CITY

**FBC BC/St. Henry's
TOTAL PARTICIPATION 118**

FBC BC FALL FESTIVAL

This years Fall Festival was a huge success, and we hope you got to come out and enjoy it! We had beautiful weather, good food, and lots of fun! We saw hundreds of kids come throughout the night and were able to share a little of the gospel with them. We met the parents of all these kiddos, and were also able to make dozens of new contacts with families who have just moved into our area! This was such a wonderful ministry opportunity within our community. The gospel was shared over candy, during games and even in song... God's love was shared and His Word spread, and THAT is what made the night such a great success! Though we may not see the fruits of our labor, we know that seeds of faith were planted, and that God will work in mighty ways! Please, continue to pray for the people who came through, and that we will see them again soon! Thank you to all who had a part in this exciting outreach! We look forward to next year!

Youth News . . .

Your mind is a wonderful thing! You can memorize life-changing passages of Scripture that can undergird you in your daily life; you can meditate upon God's Word, discovering His magnificent truths; you can discern between truth and falsehood; you can recall God's past blessings. Some of God's most effective servants were those who disciplined their minds for His service. Moses, educated in the best schools of Egypt, assembled the books of the Law for the Israelites. Isaiah used his scholarly mind to write an exalted prophetic book in Scripture. Paul learned under Gamaliel, the outstanding teacher of his day, and it was through Paul that God presented much of the theology found in the New Testament. Sadly, many Christians today do not exercise their minds to be of service to God. They allow others to do their spiritual thinking for them. If they can find their theology from a book, they will not bother to study God's Word themselves. If a speaker makes an authoritative statement, they readily accept it without verifying whether it is biblical. This is why I challenge our students to prove me wrong, this will not only teach them how to study the bible but will also help affirm and reinforce biblical principles. Paul urged Christians to strive for maturity in their thinking . He said there was a time when his spiritual thinking was immature, but he had prepared his mind to know and understand the great truths of God. He had not allowed others to do his thinking for him. When you became a Christian, God renewed your mind. Be certain to use your mind in a way that brings glory to Him.

Be Intentional
Aaron



**BEFORE
RETIRING
SATURDAY
EVENING
SET YOUR
CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR!**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Happy November everyone! Fall Festival was a great success and I just want to say thank you to all those who participated, whether by donations of candy, creativity, or time! Your help, whether you know it or not, spoke to volumes to those in our community who attended this year's Festival! Your willingness to work has helped to further God's kingdom!

In Children's church we have finished up learning about our church leaders and workers, and will begin learning about having an "Attitude of Gratitude"! We will also begin practicing our Christmas program music during Church and on Wednesday nights.

Last Wednesday night, we concluded our "Weird Stories" series with "The Mummy... the story of Lazarus". We had 17 kids in attendance. The kids have enjoyed this so much, and hearing what they have learned throughout the month just touches my heart! In the whole month of October, a total of 26 kids heard the Bible stories of God's amazing power and love. I am excited to see where God leads us from here! I think we are off to a great start!

Finally, I want to remind you about the Remind 101 app you can sign up on to receive texts and reminders about upcoming Children's events, as well as the FBCBC Children's Ministry Facebook page. If you have any questions about any of these great tools, just let me know!

That the next generation may know,
Chris

Sunday School News

Have you ever been to Sunday School early and the lights were on, the coffee made and everything seemed ready to start, but only a very few people were there? You can bet that one of those people is Marvin Waddell. He is always early and has Adult 6 coffee made. Another is Gussie & Knox Clark in Adult 8. There are others and we want you to know you are really appreciated. You make it more enjoyable to be there Sunday mornings for Sunday School.

Attendance Sunday was 134.

See you Sunday,
Troy



Thanksgiving Meal Sunday, Nov. 13 following morning worship

Menu: Turkey, dressing
and all the trimmings.

Departments are asked to bring the following...

Adult 2-3 Desserts

Adult 4-5 Fruit Salad

Adult 6 Vegetables (not
green beans)

Adult 7 Vegetables (not
green beans)

Adult 8 Desserts

Adult 9 Green beans

In-service workers - Desserts

Thank You

To my church family that I am proud to be a member of, I would like to thank you for all the prayers, visits, calls, cards and food sent to me and Pat during my recovery period after my surgery. I love each one of you and pray that Jesus will always keep you in His care. Again, thanks for everything.

Norris Brandon

