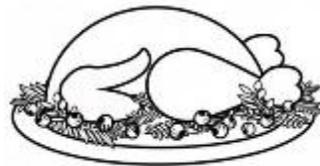
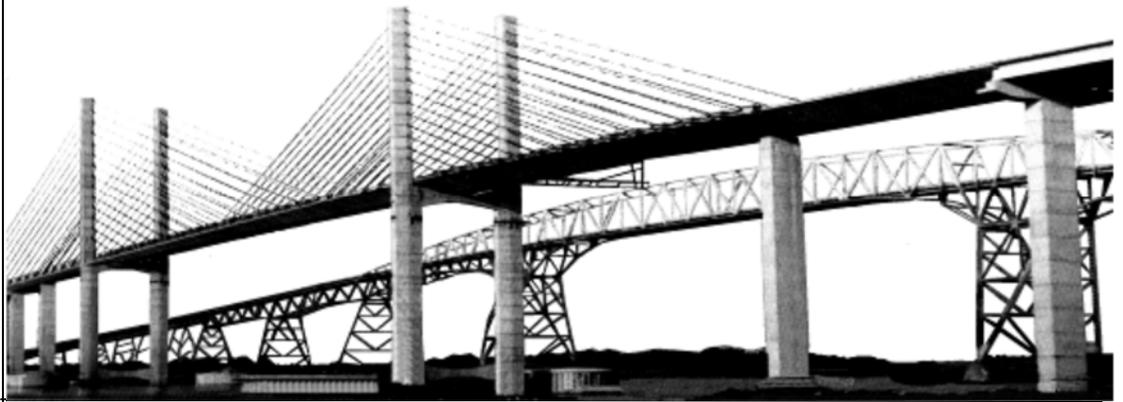


# The Bridge Builder



## 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

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Sunday we continue our sermon series "Here Comes the King" by looking at the Gospel of Mark. Mark does not contain a birth story of Jesus, but does have an introduction to Jesus. Mark writes with a purpose to introduce Jesus as the Son of God. In Mark 1:1-8, he starts with John the Baptist, "the voice crying in the wilderness", declaring to the people their need to prepare themselves for the coming of the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One, the King. John has been actively telling the people of Jesus' impending visible presence. He has called the people to seek forgiveness for their sins through a baptism of repentance. John tells the people he has "baptized . . . with water" but the one to come brings something so much more.

John has offered a religious solution to the problem of sin. A person can acknowledge sin and with the willpower within work to repent leaving them still in need of salvation. Jesus, the King, is coming to offer the means for forgiveness of sin and the power to redeem the sinner. It is His work and faith in it which brings salvation. The King has entered His Kingdom and will not leave it in its present state. He is here to begin the process of total remodel. Nothing will be left untouched. All will be renewed or destroyed. This King never leaves something or someone the same. Religion leaves you where you were to be the same as before with a false hope of something better. Jesus changes who you are, moving you into a new life, filling you with the power to never be the same, so that you are the something better pointing to one who is the hope of all mankind. This King transforms all who He comes in contact. He is a transforming King. Where are you? Are you the same or transformed?

Like it or not the holiday season is upon us. The busyness and ever growing demands can keep our heads spinning. As we scramble to meet all the pressing obligations we can easily be robbed of enjoying the dedicated time to be thankful to God and honor His Son Jesus. Let us be certain that we do not miss Jesus in the midst of the season. Let us with a concentrated purpose introduce others to Jesus this season. Let us invite others to worship Jesus with us at FBCBC, where the "impossible" is a living reality every day.

Your Pastor,  
Douglas Shows  
Psalm 2:12

## Youth News . . .

It has been a wonderful journey this year in our student ministry department. We have traveled many miles with intent on sharing the Gospel, hosted a discipleship conference with almost 2,000 in attendance, ministered in our schools, and helped serve our community through the Ministerial Alliance. Many students have also served in missions locally and foreign on their own time away from church. Our goal from the beginning on the year has been to have a noticeable difference in their commitment to God and their community. I think it is safe to say that they have accomplished their goal with a almost two months remaining. They have studied in depth the books of Genesis, Colossians, James, Lamentations, Acts, Revelation, and are now seeking God's wisdom in the book of Habakkuk. These students are not here to be entertained, but to truly seek God in His word! It is encouraging to see students spending all day at school along with extra curricular activities, and still make it a point to never miss Wednesday night services.

Now it is time to begin the next step. Starting in January we will begin to place a huge emphasis on Sunday School. Preparations are already underway and the entire plan will be rolled out soon. As a beginning request, I am asking that you begin to pray and seek God as to if He desires your involvement in the program. If this is so, please make a point to stop by and visit with me about what God may be calling you to do to this means. This is a great opportunity for us to reach a generation that many consider "unreachable". It will be a challenge, but with God and the continued support of His church, we will be successful!

Be Intentional,  
Aaron

## ANGEL TREE



Angel Tree

It is that time of year again! Our Angels (gift tags) for the Angel tree will be given out November 13 before the morning worship. These gifts must be returned on or before November 27 in a gift bag. Please be ready to help with this event.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The weather is cooler and fall is in the air... FINALLY! I am so excited about everything we have going on in the Children's Ministry this month and next! We had 14 kids in Children's Church, and I am excited to see it growing!

We have started our new Children's Church unit... "Attitude of Gratitude". Sunday we talked about Paul's letters to the church at Ephesus, and how he gave thanks for them, encouraged them, and prayed for them. We learned how we should always give thanks for others and talked about some of the people we are thankful for and why. We prayed for those people and wrote them a note to tell them how thankful we are for them, and that they were in our prayers.

On Wednesday nights, we have been averaging about 17 kiddos, and have seen some new faces join the ranks! This past Wednesday, we began practicing our Christmas music. This year, the children will be presenting 2 songs on December 4<sup>th</sup> during the Christmas program. I have CD's available to help the children learn this music, so let me know if you need one. They are so excited to be able to share some of what they are learning with you all, and can't wait to sing for you!

Please be in prayer for our Sundays and Wednesdays with the children. Let them know they are in YOUR thoughts and prayers, so that they may see God's Word still in action today.

That the next generation may know, Chris

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## Sunday School News

**The Fall Festival was a great success! Many of our church members were there to help. All of the Sunday School departments were represented. It would not have worked without you. I'm sure we made a very positive impression on our community.**

**Are you enjoying our study of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter?  
Our attendance at Sunday School was 144.  
See you Sunday,  
Troy**

## Choir Notes:

The next Sunday Choir sing date is next Sunday, November 13th. We'll sing "Days of Elijah", "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne", "Tell Me The Story of Jesus", "Holy Spirit Rain Down", and "Isn't He". We'll have a short run-through of the songs Sunday morning at 8:40 in the Sanctuary, but if you can't make the rehearsal, come sing the service anyway! New singers are welcome anytime.

## Christmas Advent Celebration — "The Reason for Joy"

Not long ago I saw a Christmas display at Lowe's which consisted of a large sign that said simply "JOY". It made me think of what the secular world considers the joy of Christmas: giving and receiving presents, enjoying children, family togetherness time, special meals, parties? Do we as Christians really know the true reason for joy that the celebration of Jesus's birth represents? Through music and scripture, the Christmas Advent Celebration illustrates the reason for the joy represented by the Christmas season. Plan on attending "The Reason for Joy" on December 4th at 6 pm and invite someone to come with you. To God Be The Glory, Suzonne

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## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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| November 23             | No PM Services  |
| November 24, 25         | Church Office Closed  |
| November 27             | No PM Services  |
| December 11             | No PM Services  |
| December 18             | No PM Services  |
| December 23 — January 3 | Church Office Closed  |
| December 24             | Christmas Eve Service 6 pm  |
| December 25             | 10:00 am Worship Only<br>(No Sunday School or Evening services, enjoy time with your family!) |
| January 1               | 9:15 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Worship<br>No pm Services                                   |

