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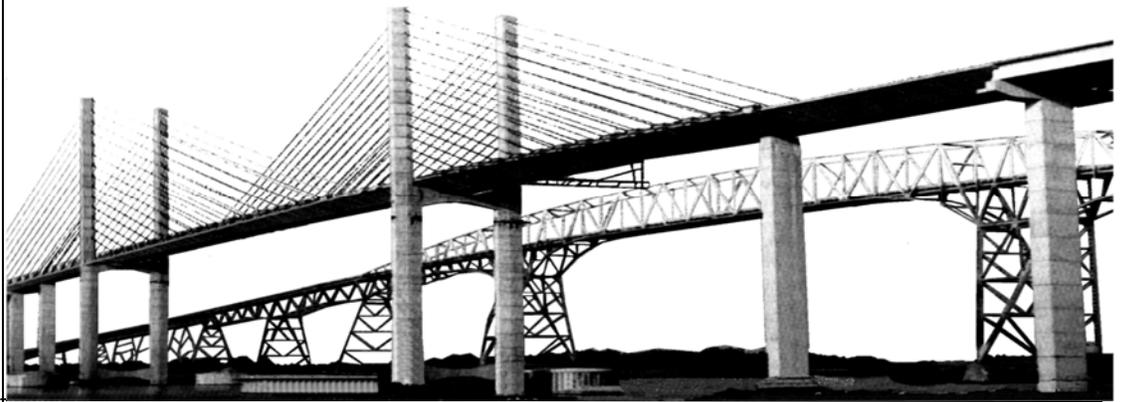
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The Bridge Builder



Sunday Evening Classes Spring 2017

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The Book of 1 John / Of Mice and Men

Teacher: Aaron Little

Description:

John wrote this letter to put believers back on track, to show the difference between light and darkness (truth and error), and to encourage the church to grow in genuine love for God and for one another. He also wrote to assure true believers that they possessed eternal life and to help them know that their faith was genuine — so they could enjoy all the benefits of being God's children. Martin Luther declared that "I have never read a book written in simpler words than this one, and yet the words are inexpressible." Join us in going back to the basics, yet being challenged to grow extensively.

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I Will: Nine Traits of the Outwardly Focused Christian – Thom Rainer

Teacher: Troy Woodall

Description:

Could you be the answer to the problems you see? Every day we are faced with the needs of those around us. Emotional. Physical. Spiritual. What are we to do about it? Are these problems for our pastors to address or is there a way for the church member to make an impact that will last?

Bestselling author Thom S. Rainer answer these questions by offering nine simple traits that all church members can incorporate into your life no matter your background, stage of life, or sense of capability.

You can do it. Now it's time to just stand up and say you will!

Begins January 15.

A Biblical Marriage in a Broken World – Danny Akin

Teacher: Douglas and Amy Shows

Description:

In a secular culture that seeks to unravel the threads of Christian values and family life, married couples can flourish. Danny Akin lays out a clear plan for building a satisfying relationship that will go the distance. Whether a couple of many years or newlyweds, whether engaged or hope to be engaged, the presentation of deep biblical truths is so down to earth everyone can benefit.

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

I want to thank each of you for your prayers and encouragement as I am in Atlanta beginning my studies. It is a joy to serve FBCBC and I look forward to my return.

Sunday we will begin a new sermon series, "Faith that Moves Mountains", by looking at Matthew 17:14-20. A demon possessed boy is brought to the disciples for healing, but they are unable to heal the child. The father makes his way to Jesus telling Jesus of the inability of the disciples and begging him to be merciful to his son. Jesus authoritatively removes the demon from the boy instantaneously providing healing. Everyone is amazed, especially the disciples. In private the disciples seek an answer for why they were powerless to help the boy. Jesus answers with a direct but harsh assessment when stating "because of your little faith."

We are a people of faith. We are saved by faith. We walk by faith. We live by faith. However, do we know or understand what faith is? Can we measure it and display it for others to see? In Jesus' response He speaks of faith being little. He promises faith can do big things like move mountains, making nothing impossible. Jesus speaks as if it has a quantitative nature (measurable) while declaring its qualitative aspects (purity) as being critical. We are supposed to believe, just believe fervently, and this is the secret often perpetrated among people. We are geared to think the strength of the one believing is the most important aspect. Where does what one believes fit in the equation? We all have faith and faith is always pointed toward an object. Where does your faith arrow point? Yourself and the strength of your belief or Jesus and the power of God's Word?

The "impossible" is a living reality at FBCBC when we believe in Him.

Your Pastor,
Douglas Shows
Mark 9:23

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

We are having such an exciting time in children's church learning about Joseph and his journey through God's plan. The kids have been performing acting out the story as I read it to them, and believe me, it's been fun! Each week after children's church, they will bring home a coloring sheet about the part of the story we are learning about, and on the back is a page for the parents and grandparents to read over. I want to encourage you to sit down and talk to your kiddos each week. This is something that has been on my heart with my own children... extending what we are learning at church into our homes. Each week on the "Parents Page" there are a few ideas you can do with your children. From reading scriptures, helping them memorize their verse, or saying a short prayer each night. Again, I want to encourage you to find just a few moments each night to talk about God with your children. Remember, the more they practice it with you, the easier it will be for them to talk about God with others!

On Wednesdays, we are continuing to practice new songs to sing that will reflect our year of "God's Promises".

On Sunday, February 5th, we will be starting a 5th grade Sunday night class. Each week we will be learning about Heroes of the Faith, what it means to stand up for your faith, and how we can find God's plan for our lives. This class will help 5th graders prepare for their transition into the youth. Branden and I are excited about teaching this class and helping these young people become who God wants them to be!

Please be in prayer for this class, and all the areas of the children's ministry as we move forward in the new year, discovering God at every turn!

Finally, there are lots of opportunities to serve in the children's ministry, and if you want to have fun learning about God's promises.... it's the place to be!

That the next generation may know,
Chris

Baby Bottles Campaign 2017

What can you do in the fight for unborn children? What can your spare change accomplish? It doesn't take much to give hope! This Sunday kicks off our annual Hope Clinic Baby Bottle Campaign. The funds raised from this drive will touch the lives of many young women and men who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy. The world says abort that piece of flesh, but God says this child was created in My image. Hope Women's Resource Clinic is set up to bring help and awareness to the unborn. They offer counseling to both women and men as well as ultrasound pictures that have a huge impact on a person's decision when deciding if what they are carrying is a real person or a lump of flesh. If the woman is willing to carry to term, Hope Clinic is able to provide baby items, counseling, and help after the baby arrives.

Hope Women's Resource Clinic is a great place with a loving and compassionate staff and volunteers. They cannot continue to provide these services without our help. You can partner with other believers in this simple way to save lives. Just pick up a bottle before or after the service on Sunday and return it back to the church by Sunday, February 12th. Yes, we are all created in God's image, both the born and the unborn. May God bless you for your act of mercy and generosity.

Sunday School News

Did you make a New Year's Resolution? No? Well, it's not too late. There is still time to make a resolution to be very consistent in your Sunday School attendance. This year I can guarantee that if you do you will love it and learn a lot to help you. Give it a try. Attendance Sunday was 138.

See you Sunday,
Troy

Thank You

*Thank you deacons for my Christmas bag of very nice gifts. Thank you for remembering us widows this time of year. *I did enjoy visiting with Russell and Dorine, they brought the bag to me. May God bless you all and this church.*

Patricia Lawson

I want to thank you all for the big bag of Christmas gifts and goodies. It was so very sweet of all of you to think of me and I have to say Mrs. Gussie Clark, you have a very nice and friendly son. I enjoyed his visit very much. I do miss you, too,. Ms. Gussie. God Bless all of you. Have a very Merry Christmas and may we all remember the true meaning of Christmas.

*Love you all,
Linda Mayeaux*

Thanks to all of the deacons for the pretty bag with all the nice and useful gifts. Also for Randy and Pat's visit. It was nice for the deacons to share the Lord's Supper with me. Bless you all.

Lois Parker

Thank you, First Family, for the generous staff gift given to us this year. We love and appreciate each and every one of you.

*Bro. Doug, Aaron, Chris, Suzonne
Pat, Jackie, Velma, Brittany, & Thelma*

We would like to thank the deacons and FBC members for the very generous staff gift.

John Woods



OUR GOAL:
RECEIVED:

\$5,200.00
\$3,549.00

