

# First Baptist Church

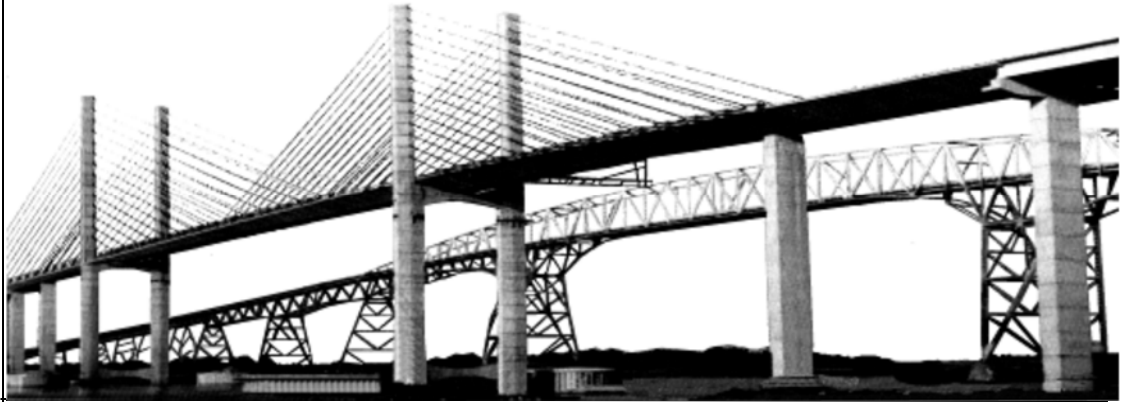
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# The Bridge Builder



**Saturday  
February 4, 2017**

**at 9:00 a.m.**

in the  
Family Life Center

A light breakfast will be served.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting.  
It will be a great time of fellowship  
and planning the new year.

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

We are at the point of having to close out our **Lottie Moon** offering this Sunday. We are actually a little over **\$600 short**. Historically FBCBC has met its mission goals consistently. We were recently recognized by the International Mission Board of the SBC for our contributions. Will you prayerfully consider contributing (maybe even again) to be certain we reach our goal? If every person in Sunday School and/or the church service **gave \$4** we would make it.

The sermon series, "Faith that Moves Mountains", continues with Matthew 21:18-22. Jesus is just days away from his death, burial, and resurrection. As He is walking, Jesus notices a fig tree in the distance. Since, He was hungry and the tree appeared in full bloom Jesus approached expecting to find figs. When He reaches the tree, Jesus realizes there are no figs on the tree. Jesus' reaction is very much out of character as He pronounces a curse upon the tree causing it to wither and die.

Though the disciples have seen numerous miracles, they are astonished by the tree's immediate demise. They inquire as to how Jesus was able to wither the tree. Jesus cryptically answers the question. He mentions faith as being a means to affect great change which does not directly answer the disciples with a how to explanation. Jesus is training the disciples in the purpose of faith while warning them about the failure of not using faith. A person can appear to be blooming, but produces nothing without faith. Jesus inspected the fig tree, a fig tree without figs, and classified it useless. Jesus inspects believers and expects to find the fruit of faith. Are you producing or just blooming?

Our Sunday Night Classes are doing great, so do not neglect the chance to plug in to one. FBCBC is where the "impossible" is a living reality every day. Invite others to join with you in living out the "impossible" at FBCBC.

Your Pastor,  
Douglas Shows  
Matthew 14:31

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

We have finished up our unit on Joseph in Children's Church, learning about how God made each of us very special, and that He has a very special job just for us. We learned how sometimes, when our situation looks the most discouraging, is when God is at work the most!

During the month of February, we will begin learning about the story of Gideon... a man who was faced with a seeming impossible task! We will be learning that God promises to always hear our prayers, and that we can trust Him in all things.

Branden and I are so excited about this Sunday's new 5<sup>th</sup> grade class! Each week, we will explore the Bible, and will be talking about what God's Word means to us. We will be learning about various people in the Bible and how they followed God's leading. With each lesson, we will also be talking about a more recent Hero of the Faith... a special person that made a difference for God... I am hoping and praying that this will inspire these young people to be bold for God. It is a goal of ours to help these kids be comfortable sharing their faith with others. Please be in prayer for these young people and for this class!

Finally, I want to remind you about an opportunity we have coming up in the Children's Ministry. In May, we will have an opening in the 3-5 grade Sunday School class, as well as the 3&4 grades Sunday evening class. This is a wonderful age group, full of kids who are super excited to be here and learn about God's Word!

That the next generation may know,  
Chris



<b>OUR</b>	<b>\$5,200.00</b>	<b>GOAL:</b>
<b>RECEIVED:</b>		<b>\$4,549.00</b>

**\$651 TO REACH OUR GOAL. Sunday, February 5th is your last Sunday to give!**

## YOUTH NEWS . . .

Our student ministry team is hard at work filling out our summer 2017 calendar. This includes a Lunch and Learn conference, summer leadership camp, various one day trips, Real Life, local service opportunities, Next Generation Worship, and one really BIG mission trip. Once we get a few speed bumps cleared we will be sharing with everyone so parents should begin to save now. Be looking for our next student ministry brochure, as all of this new information will be communicated through it soon.

Hot Hearts 2017 is now in the books. We had a great time hearing God's word and praising Him in song! I would like to thank my adult sponsors for sticking it out with us, your presence only reinforces this ministry. Another big thank you to Derek and Angel for picking up and cooking our food and having it all ready as soon as we dismissed for lunch. The burgers tasted great and the students, sponsors, and I were very grateful!

Our Sunday night class is going great! This past Sunday we had our largest attendance yet! The Book of 1 John offers Christians a chance at some honest soul searching. I have grown immensely through this class as the instructor. It is never to late to join us in class as we will begin 1 John 3 this Sunday and look at Christian Ethics.

Be Intentional,  
Aaron

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## Thank You

*A little late thank you to our deacon body for the very generous and loving Christmas gift; Hiram's visit was a blessing too! Thanks to my church for the love, prayers and support in the home-going of my precious husband and your 'candy man' Pat!*

*Marge Becker*

*Thank you First Baptist Friends for all the love and support you have shown our family during my father's illness. Please continue to pray for Mom and Dad as they travel this road.*

*Sharon Bell*

*Hiram Clark*

*Carolyn Brown*

*Philip Clark*



# First Family Fellowship

## Saturday, Feb. 11th 6:00 p.m.

Theme: Spaghetti Dinner, Desserts,  
Fun & Fellowship

Departments are asked to bring the following...

<u>Adult 2-3</u>	Desserts
<u>Adult 4-5</u>	Chicken Spaghetti
<u>Adult 6</u>	Green Beans
	Tossed Salad & dressing
<u>Adult 7</u>	Garlic Bread
<u>Adult 8</u>	Dessert

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## Sunday Evening Classes

### Spring 2017

The following studies continue on Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m.

**The Book of 1 John / Of Mice and Men**  
Teacher: Aaron Little

**I Will: Nine Traits of the Outwardly Focused Christian** – Thom Rainer  
Teacher: Troy Woodall

**A Biblical Marriage in a Broken World** – Danny Akin  
Teachers: Douglas and Amy Shows

**NURSERY WORKERS February 5, 2017**

**Sunday School Brittany Ernst**

**Worship Service Thelma Wheelis**

**Volunteers always needed. Please call  
Brittany Ernst at 409.313.1215.**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**Sunday, February 5, 2017**

- 9:15 Sunday School
- 10:30 Celebration Worship Service  
Children's Church  
For 4 year old — 2nd grade
- 5:30 Children's Activities  
Youth Activities  
Sunday Night Classes

**Monday, February 6, 2017**

- 11:00 Golden Harvest Monthly Mtg.

**Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

- 10:00 Ladies Prayer Meeting
- 7:00 Men's Prayer Time

**Wednesday, February 8, 2017**

- 6:30 Mid-Week Worship Service  
Children's Activities  
Student Worship
- 7:30 Instrumental Rehearsal

**Saturday, February 11, 2017**

- 6:00 First Family Fellowship

**LOOK AT THE RECORD**

**January 29, 2017**

Average Weekly Needs	\$ 9,927.14
Sunday Receipts	\$ 7,424.44
Weekly Expenses	\$ 7,644.83
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$ 9,587.35

**ATTENDANCE:**

Sunday School 137

**WORSHIP SERVICE:**

Celebration Service of Worship	128
Nursery	7
<b>TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>135</b>

**Sunday School News**

Have you invited someone to come to Sunday School? Sometimes we think they won't come anyway, but that may not be true. Our Sunday evening study showed a survey that 80% of unchurched people do visit when asked. That sure is encouraging. Give it a try. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Especially them.

Our attendance Sunday was 137.

See you Sunday,  
Troy

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John Woods	Minister to Senior Adults
Christine Bailey	Director of Children's Ministry
Suzonne Vann	Interim Worship Director

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
**8:00 — 4:30**  
**MONDAY — FRIDAY**

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