

The Bridge Builder



First Family Fellowship

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

Theme: Spaghetti Dinner, Desserts, Fun & Fellowship

Departments are asked to bring the following...

Adult 2-3 Desserts

Adult 4-5 Chicken Spaghetti

Adult 6 Green Beans

Tossed Salad & dressing

Adult 7 Garlic Bread

Adult 8 Dessert

Adult 9 Marinara Spaghetti

In-service workers - Dessert or fruit salad

Sign up in Sunday School or by calling the church office -

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,
I want to personally thank each of you who have chosen to serve on one of the church committees. Many of you were able to attend our kickoff event Saturday to help start another great year. Your service and sacrifice is what helps propel FBCBC forward in what God desires for the church. I want to thank the Nominating Committee for their hard work and willingness to host the event.

I am excited for our Family Fellowship on Saturday (February 11) as I have the privilege to emcee the gathering. The love we experience from God through Christ we are called to live out within our families. God's loving us is not easy, so we need never be dissuaded from loving others, especially our family. The Family of FBCBC is coming together to enjoy the love we have experienced and desire to share with others. There will be great food, fun times, and some thrilling surprises, so plan to attend.

The "Faith that Moves Mountains" sermon series continues this Sunday with Hebrews 11. The writer of Hebrews embarks on a journey to demonstrate Christ's sufficiency in salvation and superiority over religious endeavors. Judaism was designed to foreshadow Christ and point the world to Him. However, it was polluted by man's corruption and became a ritualistic heartless religion. It was always suppose to demonstrate and be driven by faith. Faith is not a New Testament concept. It was there in the Old Testament pointing forward to the redemption and promise of Jesus Christ. In Chapter 11 of Hebrews we see a list of the faithful believers from the past. Faith is lived out in real life. Faith is not something we do on Sunday and pack away on Monday. "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1) Faith operates in a life driven by conviction, not one chosen in convenience. Faith is always costly, yet always rewarded by God. The reward of faith is not always received in the lifetime of the faithful. A person of faith relies on God's promises, knowing His Word assures its existence at some point in the future. No endeavor of man, no sacrifice or service, no religious activity, brings God pleasure unless the person acts in faith. "And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6) Is faith your fuel for what you do and the decisions you make?

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(Pastor's column continued)

FBCBC is where the "impossible" is a living reality every day. Invite others to join with you in living out the "impossible."

Your Pastor,

Douglas Shows
Hebrews 4:12

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

What a wonderful day Sunday was! We had such a moving service, several visitors in Children's Church and we kicked off our new 5th grade class! How great is our God!!

In Children's Church, we have started learning about Gideon, and the BIG job that God had for him. God promised Gideon that he would always be with him, even though the job was overwhelming. We can always rest in God's promises, and believe them whole heartedly! God has such a special job for each of us and if we listen quietly, we can hear just what he wants us to do!

This week, I also want to encourage the parents to share a time when God called them to a job that seemed too big. Share how God helped you get through it. When our kids see that we turn to God for the hard stuff, they will want to do it, too.

Our 5th grade class met for the first time Sunday night, and though it is small, we certainly have room to grow! There was definitely excitement in the air! We talked about all the things we want to do, discussed a name for our new class, and talked about ways we can invite others to join us! I count it a success!

I am just bubbling over with excitement about all the things that are going on right now, and can't wait to see what God has in store!

That the next generation may know!
Chris



OUR

\$5,200.00

GOAL:

RECEIVED:

\$6,144.03

YOUTH NEWS . . .

Perhaps you consider yourself a forgiving person, but you are now facing someone whom you cannot forgive. Whenever you struggle to forgive, you need to revisit what you were like when God first forgave you. God forgave your most grievous sin and rebellion against Him. This being so, how can you refuse to forgive those who sin against you? Forgiveness is not a spiritual gift, a skill, or an inherited trait. *Forgiveness is a choice.* Jesus looked down on those who had ruthlessly and mockingly nailed Him to a cross, yet He cried out: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do" How, then, can we refuse to forgive those who have committed offenses against us? Jesus said that the measure in which we are forgiving is the same standard God will use in forgiving us. God's ways are very different from ours. God's forgiveness is not based on standards we determine, but on the standards He established in His Word. God allows for no exceptions when it comes to forgiveness.

Be Intentional,
Aaron

IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations Rita Anderson on the birth of your great grandson, Anderson Rhett Phillips on January 23, 2017. Anderson weight 8 lbs. 9 ozs. And was 20" long. His proud parents are Whitney and Adam Phillips. His proud grandparents are Jeff and Leslie Anderson.

Thank You

Thank you deacons for the wonderful bag of gifts for Christmas. I am enjoying the gifts so much. I really enjoyed the visit from Donnie Stanton.

Helen Weaver

Thank you Deacons for the Christmas goodie bag. There were so many special, useful items. Russell and Dorine Allen thank you so much for your sweet visit. Love and prayers,

Dorothy Roddam

A big thank you to our children for the Valentine's you made and sent to our veteran's at our Houston Hospital. You put smiles on some faces. God bless you and God bless our veterans.

Imogene Ernst

Missions Committee

"I Am Gonna Make It", Beautiful song, and the words very meaningful — Thank you, Ladies.

And, to my friends at First Baptist, I was encouraged by the prayers, visits and many expressions of Christian love, it warmed my heart as I was reminded of the love of our Lord.

To say "Thank you" seems inadequate, but it comes from the heart.

May God bless you.

Wanda Crull

Thank you deacons of our church for the gift bag. It was nice, useful and enjoyable. The best gift was the visit from Randy and Pat Rick-enbrode and the expressions of love from each of you.

Marie Miller



March 5th

**NEW
Sunday School
Classes**

**Ladies Class — Amy
Shows**

Open Class — John Woods

Baby Bottles for Life Campaign 2017
Baby bottles need to be turned in by February 12th.

NURSERY WORKERS February 12, 2017

Sunday School Brittany Ernst

Worship Service Thelma Wheelis

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

LOOK AT THE RECORD

February 5, 2017

Average Weekly Needs	\$ 9,927.14
Sunday Receipts	\$19,516.75
Weekly Expenses	\$ 7,516.75
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$11,242.84

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School 126

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Celebration Service of Worship	140
Nursery	7
TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	147

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, February 12, 2017

- 9:15 Sunday School
- 10:30 Celebration Worship Service
Children's Church
For 4 year old — 2nd grade
- 4:00 Deacons Meeting
- 5:30 Children's Activities
Youth Activities
Sunday Night Classes

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

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

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

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

Thursday, February 16, 2017

- 4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night

Sunday School News

A great sight in Adult 7 on Sunday; 20 chairs 20 people. Wonderful! Maybe they need to put out more chairs. All of our departments are doing well. We really like that. A new class has started on Sunday evening. Chris Bailey has a fifth grade class. This is needed. Thanks Chris. Attendance Sunday was 126.

See you Sunday,
Troy

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

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