

# First Baptist Church

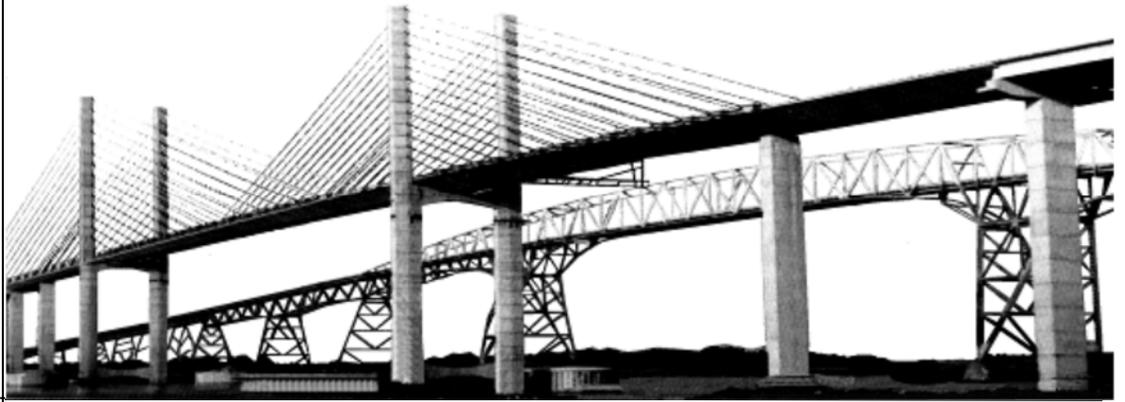
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# The Bridge Builder



*Footprints*

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*Master's Men*

in Concert

First Baptist Church  
Bridge City

March 12th  
6:00 p.m.

Join us for this wonderful time of Gospel music.

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

We have a great opportunity to invite people to be a part of our Sunday School and church with the addition of two new classes (more to come soon). On March 5th Amy Shows will be starting a Ladies Class for those presently attending classes and for those in the community who are looking for a place to heal, connect, and grow. Can you think of a woman who you can invite? John Woods is leading an Open Class for those presently attending and new comers looking for a less intimidating environment. Can you think of someone who large groups are a problem and invite them to come?

Sunday we continue our sermon series, "Faith that Moves Mountains", by taking a look at Daniel 3. Three young Jews who have been exiled to Babylon are given places of authority within the government. They had been previously noted to be extremely intelligent and gifted, so they were able to avoid the menial slave labor others had been assigned. King Nebuchadnezzar was a proud king ruling the majority of the known world. He had accomplished unfathomable feats and built a glorious city. In his vanity he built an enormous statue symbolizing him and the gods he served. It stood ominously above the whole of the province being seen from great distances. The edict was sent out for all to fall before the image and worship when the music was heard.

The three young men Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were faithful servants of the king, but had failed to worship the image when the music was played. They were brought before the king and the king being fond of them offered forgiveness as long as in future they followed the law. If they refuse, the punishment will be a horrible death by fire. The three men stand boldly before the one who holds their life and death in his hands, the one who has blessed them in a plush servitude, and the one they have served and honored diligently. They graciously decline a discussion with the king and declare that the God they serve can save them from his wrath and the fire. They stand in faith, trusting and obeying God, with total dependence upon God to rescue them. Then they say something even more shocking. "But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up." (Daniel 3:18) Their faith is not built on being rescued or saved from troubling times. Their faith is in God regardless. Where is your faith centered? On rescue or on God?

I pray you are experiencing the exciting presence of God in your life and at FBCBC. The "impossible" is happening. Invite someone to attend with you at FBCBC where the "impossible" is a living reality every day.

Your Pastor,  
Douglas Shows  
Matthew 14:31

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

This Sunday, we will be wrapping up Gideon's story in Children's Church, and I am excited to share about God's amazing power with the kids. We have seen several visitors over the last few Sundays, and will hopefully continue to see many more!

On Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, the Children's Choir will be singing during morning worship! They will be singing our "theme song of the year" so to speak... "I am a Promise". They have been working very hard on this wonderful song, and are looking forward to singing it for you all!

We have decided to call our new Sunday evening 5<sup>th</sup> grade class, "Fifth Element". We have based the name out of 1 Timothy 4:12, "Let no one look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in your speech, conduct, love, faith & purity." The five elements of how we should live our lives as Christians. We want to encourage these kids to be the best they can for Christ, not just on Sundays and Wednesdays, but every day.

I want let you know about an upcoming opportunity to serve in Sunday school and on Sunday nights with the older elementary kiddos. Please be in prayer for whomever God has chosen to teach in these classes. This is such a fun and exciting age group, and I know God is preparing someone very special to teach them, beginning in May.

Finally, I want to remind you that you can always stay in the know with the events of the Children's Ministry by going onto "FBC Bridge City Kids" on Facebook or you can sign up for reminders on Remind 101 class FBC-BC Kids or enter code @fbcbecki .

We are so excited about all the things going on here in the Children's Ministry, and hope you will come be a part of it!

That the next generation may know,  
Chris

## Sunday School News

Things are looking up at Sunday School. Attendance is good (141 this week), have greeters at entrance doors, teachers are doing good, and everyone has a smile. This is good. Keep it up. Soon everyone will know that First Baptist Sunday School is the place to be on Sunday morning.

See you Sunday,  
Troy

## YOUTH NEWS . . .

I would like to take just a few moments and brag on our student ministry committee. They have been working overtime the last several weeks preparing to announce all the summer activities, yearly theme, Sunday school additions and more. I have never been a part of such a great group of committed workers. I hope that within the next month we will be able to lay everything out on the table, I know you will be excited FBC to see how our students will be DiFFERENT in 2017!

Last Wednesday night we began our new sermon series entitled Twisted Scriptures. Every week we will unpack a new gem of God's word that has typically been twisted by our culture to mean something that it was never meant to mean. Last week we looked at Psalms 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God." Most all Christians know this verse by heart, but do we know the context in which this verse is applied. I challenge you to read Psalm 46 in its entirety, you may just find that you have twisted scripture yourself. The fear of mountains or cities suddenly crumbling into the sea as the result of a chaos haunts many people today. But the psalmist says that even if the world ends, we need not fear. In the face of utter destruction, the writer expressed a quiet confidence in God's ability to save him. It seems impossible to consider the end of the world without becoming consumed by fear, but the Bible is clear — God is our refuge even in the face of destruction. **He is not merely a temporary retreat; he is our eternal refuge and can provide strength in any circumstance.** War and destruction are inevitable, but so is God's final victory. At that time, all will stand quietly before the Lord Almighty. How proper, then, for us to be still now, reverently honoring him and his power and majesty. Take time each day to seek Him. When times get rough, **STOP** what you are doing, **DROP** to your knees, and **ROLL** with the prayers.

Be Intentional,  
Aaron

## THANK YOU

I want to thank my church family for helping Knox and I so far as we go on this journey that no one wants to start. How do people get through it that don't have a church family? You have helped so much already with prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and soft food, I never knew the importance of soft food before. He is eating almost normal now, keep up in your prayers.

We love each and every one of you,  
Knox & Gussie Clark

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Scholarship Committee would like to award scholarships to deserving students. However, we desire contributions to help make this happen.

Be a part of investing in the future. Donate to the Scholarship Fund.

## New Sunday Evening Classes Starts March 19

### Detours:

The Unpredictable Path to Your Destiny (Tony Evans)

Teacher: Jennifer Caldwell

### Onward:

Engaging the Culture without Losing the Gospel (Russell Moore)

Teacher: Aaron Little

### Gospel Revolution:

Recovering the Power of Christianity (J.D. Greear)

Teacher: Douglas Shows

## LIBERTY OPRY TRIP

For those who purchased tickets to see The Blues Brothers, the Golden Harvest club will be leaving the church parking lot via the church bus at 1:00pm sharp this Saturday, Feb. 25th. We will have lunch at Jax's and attend the show at 4:00 p.m.



March 5th

## NEW Sunday School Classes

Ladies Class — Amy Shows  
Sunday School Conference Room

Open Class — John Woods  
Office Conference Room

**NURSERY WORKERS February 26, 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 26, 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

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017**

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

**Wednesday, March 1, 2017**

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

**Thursday, March 2, 2017**

- 4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night

**LOOK AT THE RECORD**

**February 19, 2017**

Average Weekly Needs	\$ 9,927.14
Sunday Receipts	\$ 7,996.05
Weekly Expenses	\$ 660.27
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,804.19

**ATTENDANCE:**

Sunday School 141

**WORSHIP SERVICE:**

Celebration Service of Worship	164
Nursery	10
<b>TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>174</b>

**LADIES PRAYER GROUP**

Join us for prayer Tuesday mornings at  
10:00 a.m. in the Prayer Room.

**First Baptist Church**

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Aaron Little	Minister to Students
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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