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The Bridge Builder



PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

We are presently seeing our Sunday Evening Classes wrap up this week. It has been a blessing and edifying time together. Our offerings are allowing people to plug into the Gospel in unique ways. We will be launching new classes on March 19th so be prayerfully considering which one to attend and bring a friend. Don't forget that March 12th we will host The Footprints in our morning worship service and have them opening for The Master's Men concert that evening. It will be another great opportunity to invite someone.

Sunday we continue our series "Faith that Moves Mountains" by looking at the Parable of the Persistent Widow in Luke 18:1-8. As we have looked together to understand that trust and obedience equals faith, it is demonstrated by being resolved and persistent. The widow, the weakest of their current society, desires justice for one who has wronged her. The judge who is unrighteous and concerns himself not with God or what others may think is right refuses to listen or respond. After a time, the widow's relentless pleading and constant demand for what is right, the judge concedes and acts justly toward her. The judge acts out of a self-centered reasoning to simply avoid the nagging widow.

Jesus poses some questions as to rather God who is righteous and good would withhold what is right and good from His servants. Do we need to fear that God will not act righteously and speedily? Faith is built upon God and who He is, good, loving, merciful, gracious, etc. Remember, prayer is not a onetime event. Prayer reveals the heart by its willingness to be persistence. Prayer reveals our faith. Do we possess a persistent faith?

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
1 John 5:14-15

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

We finished up the unit on Gideon, and the kids learned about how Gideon and his army trusted God to defeat the Midianites. The kids had a great time, acting it out and learning how to put their trust in God. This Sunday we will start a new unit on Daniel.

On Wednesdays, we are rehearsing our song, "I am a Promise", and putting the final touches on it for Sunday, March 5th! The kids are super excited to sing for you, and share a little of God's love! Please come and support our kiddos!

This Sunday, will also kick off our Easter egg and candy collection! Please bring plastic eggs and/or candy (please no chocolate as it will melt) and drop them off in the marked boxes located around the church. If possible, please have your eggs stuffed when you bring them. We will be holding our annual Easter egg hunt at Claiborne Park on Saturday, April 9th.

If you would like to help with this or any other event or class in the Children's Ministry, please let me know. We have many opportunities to serve, and I'd love to tell you more about them!

That the next generation may know,

Chris

Sympathy

Bro. Doug and Amy Shows and the First Family wish to extend their sincere love and sympathy to Joy Young and Family in the home-going of her husband, L. D. Young.

March 5th

NEW

Sunday School Classes

**Ladies Class — Amy Shows
Sunday School Conference
Room**

**Open Class — John Woods
Office Conference Room**



YOUTH NEWS . . .

Jesus gave His disciples the power to cast out demons and to perform miracles of healing. He gave them His authority to minister to people, yet they became so self-centered that they lost the power to do the work of God. When God sent a father with his epileptic son to them for healing, they failed miserably. They were so concerned with position and status that they lost their focus on what God wanted to do through them. Jesus' response to His disciples included some of the harshest words ever to come from His mouth. He called His own disciples "unbelieving" and "perverse" and questioned how much longer He had to endure them! Why? Because they were supposed to be on mission with Him to bring salvation to others, but they had become so disoriented to Him that they were spiritually powerless, lacking the faith to bring physical and spiritual comfort to those God had sent to them. God ought to be able to send a hurting person to any child of His and expect that they will be helped. Like the disciples, we can become so preoccupied with our own ambitions and distracted by the busyness of our lives that we become ineffective in ministering to those whom God sends to us. It is even possible to become so involved in religious activity that we are of no help to anyone. Regularly take inventory of your life to see if you are being a faithful steward of every life God sends to you.

Be Intentional,
Aaron

CHOIR NOTES

The Sunday Choir will sing the worship service this Sunday March 5th. The song list is *Victory in Jesus*, *Faith is the Victory*, *O Church Arise*, and *My Tribute*. All ages are welcome and new participants are welcome anytime. This week, the optional early run-through will be at 8:45.

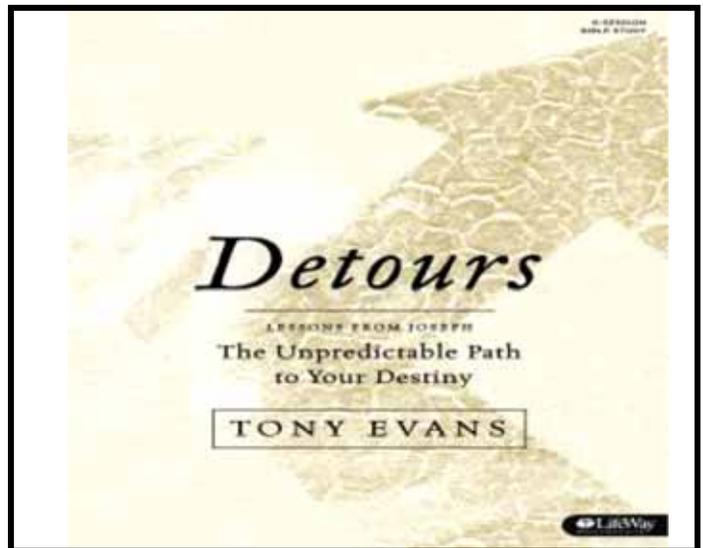
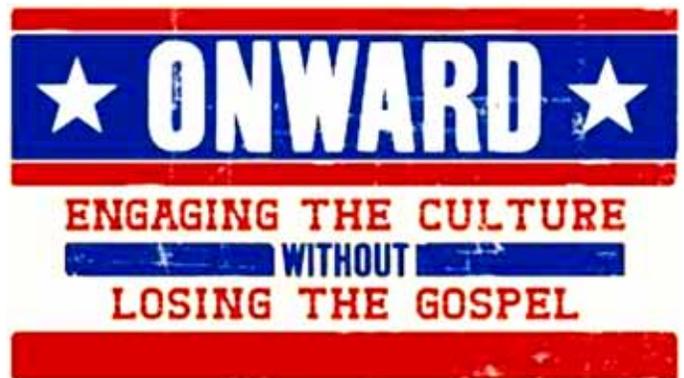
To God Be The Glory, Suzonne

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. Make a donation to the Scholarship Fund.

Sunday Evening Classes Beginning March 19



G O S P E L
REVOLUTION

NURSERY WORKERS March 5, 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 26, 2017

Average Weekly Needs	\$ 9,927.14
Sunday Receipts	\$ 6,705.94
Weekly Expenses	\$13,925.59
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,348.83

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School 141

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Celebration Service of Worship	164
Nursery	10
TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	174

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, March 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, March 6, 2017

- 11:00 Golden Harvest Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

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

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

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

LADIES PRAYER GROUP

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

OLD LITERATURE

Please put your used literature in the boxes in the
Adult Sunday School hall. We will be donating this
literature to an organization who can use it.

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

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