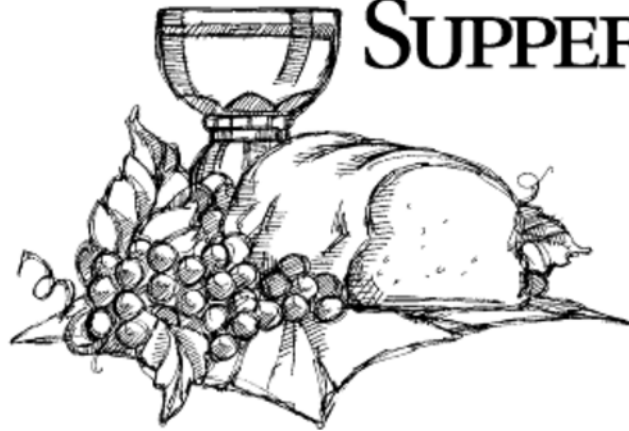




The Bridge Builder

THE LORD'S SUPPER



REFLECTIVE LORD'S SUPPER

Friday
April 14, 2017

6:30 p.m.

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

We had a powerful and informative lunch and learn. We were blessed to have eloquent and gifted speakers with our own Aaron Little being one of them. Sunday was a great time in the park with the Children's Ministry. It was exciting to see our ever growing population of young families and children. God is blessing FBCBC across the whole of our church.

Sunday we will end our sermon series, "Faith that Moves Mountains", by looking at the life of Joseph in the latter part of Genesis. Joseph was the next to youngest of Jacob's sons. He was loved deeply by Jacob. The older brothers were filled with envy and had become embittered toward Joseph. The brothers sought to be rid of him and ended up selling Joseph into slavery. However, Joseph remained faithful to God despite his circumstances. He continued to trust and obey God and God prospered him even in the foreign land of Egypt.

The whole of Egypt was placed into the hands of Joseph by the pharaoh. Joseph under God's guidance prepared the land for the prophesied famine which would soon strike. The famine devastated the Mediterranean region including his father and brothers. In desperation they came seeking food in Egypt. Joseph remained unknown while he tested his brothers before eventually providing for all of his family. When Jacob died his brother's feared retribution for all the wrong they had committed against Joseph. However, he responded, "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good." (Gen. 50:20) Joseph's faith tinted his view of the evil which he had experienced. He knew God used it for good. How do you view evil? How do you view your life?

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
Hebrews 3:12

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

This year's Easter Egg Hunt was a wonderful success! Thanks to all those who helped prepare & serve the food, scatter eggs and lead the hunting teams! There were about 26 kids there, and over 60 total that came! We couldn't have asked for better weather! The kids had a wonderful time drawing with the sidewalk chalks and blowing bubbles while we prepared the egg hunting fields. Bro. Doug also seemed to have a great time hunting eggs with the older group of kids, though they had to keep him from getting a jump start! The younger kids were such a blessing to watch, running around grabbing eggs too! Overall, the day was a blessing, and a good time was had by all who attended! If you missed the hunt, you missed a blessing!

This Sunday in Children's Church, we will be having a resurrection celebration! We will be sharing the Easter Story, and having a party to celebrate that glorious Sunday morning! Please be sure to invite everyone to this very special Sunday event!

VBS is right around the corner, and I am sooooo excited, and I want you to get excited too! We will be having a VBS meeting on Sunday, April 30th, in the Children's Choir room, and everyone is invited to attend! This year's theme is "VICTORY"! As was previewed at the Family Night we had around Valentine's Day, it is football/cheerleading oriented, and is lots of fun! We will be learning about God's Victory through individuals such as Gideon, Joshua, Esther, and others! Come and find out more about this super fun VBS!

We are looking for helpers on Sunday mornings and Sunday nights to help the current teachers. If you would be interested in helping out in these classes, please let me know!

Finally, don't forget about church camp! A non-refundable deposit of \$25 is due no later than May 3rd! If you have a child you are interested in attending camp, see me for a permission slip!

That the next generation may know!
Chris

YOUTH NEWS . . .

I would like to take a few moments and thank all of those involved in our Lunch and Learn this past weekend. Jordan Rogers and Tim Ramsey both did a wonderful job of presenting all attendees great information concerning truth! James Ellis and David Shows both did a super job of keeping up with sound and media related items. Jennifer Caldwell provided probably some of the best meatloaf I have ever had, which was a common complement amongst everyone who attended. Our pastor did a great job as well leading the event and keeping things on time and on track while his lovely wife Mrs. Amy took on the role of registration! Most of all I'd like to thank those of you who set aside almost a full Saturday to attend and learn some amazing information. I was truly blessed to be even just a small part, and in so being learned a great deal myself. We look forward to providing many more learning opportunities in the near future.

This week we will begin signups for Summer Camp. Camp will be held May 31st-June 2nd at East Texas Baptist Encampment in Newton. The cost for the event will be \$100.00 with a non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 due by May 17th. Your student will not be considered attending until the deposit has been made. The remaining balance of \$75.00 will be due upon departure. We are excited to announce that for the very first time we will be accepting debit and credit cards as a form of payment. However, in order to use this form of payment, parents must present the card, not simply giving the student the card to use. Prepare now, as summer is right around the corner!

Be Intentional,
Aaron

Thank You

To all the Deacons at First Baptist I give you a thumbs up. Thank you Philip Clark for the gift you brought me. What a Christmas blessing.

**Thank you,
Abby Browning**

Our next Church Blood Drive is scheduled for April 27th.

The details are at the bottom of this email.

Our drive goal is 15 donations. I would like to see 20.....

During our last three quarterly drives we have averaged 12 donations.

July 14, 2016 – 12
November 10, 2016 – 12
January 12, 2017 – 11

Please help me get the word out to our church family and friends in the community.

If it has been a awhile since you have donated or maybe you have never donated, please consider donating. It's never too late to start donating. I've been donating regularly for almost 37 years and I didn't start donating until I was 30 (I think I might have just given away my age). There is always someone in need of blood. Our youngest daughter, Merri, required two units of blood after surgery in 2015. We were very thankful that the blood was available for our daughter.

If anyone has any questions about the donation process, just call me, email me or send me a Facebook PM. I have the information available on the age requirements for donating and deferral information.

I've been working our blood drives since November 2011. The time has come where I need to reach out for some volunteers to help with the program. Could use a volunteer or two who could make the phone calls to remind folks (Like Mrs. Rita Kittner did) – I have a list provided by Life Share with that information. Could use a volunteer or two to help set up for the drives and be there during the drives and secure the building after the drive is over. Could use a volunteer to help share this information with our church family during Sunday School and during announcements in our worship service. Please call me or email me if you would like to volunteer.

Please share with any new members in our church.

Saved By His Blood,
Skipper

NURSERY WORKERS April 16, 2017

Sunday School Brittany Ernst

Worship Service Thelma Wheelis

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

LOOK AT THE RECORD

April 9, 2017

Average Weekly Needs	\$ 9,927.14
Sunday Receipts	\$12,172.22
Weekly Expenses	\$11,691.04
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,643.45

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School 156

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	150
Nursery	5
TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	155

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, April 16, 2017

9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 Children's Church
 For 4 year old — 2nd grade
 5:30 NO PM Activities

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

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

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

6:30 Prayer Meeting
 Children's Activities
 Student Worship
 7:30 Instrumental Rehearsal

Thursday, April 20, 2017

4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night

HOPE Women's Resource Clinic

Thank you for your donations!

First Baptist Church, Bridge City, we are so grateful for your donation of \$1,373.00. Just as each tiny life matters, each penny counts. And that spare change adds up quicker than you can imagine! Every cent you donate contributes to these precious lives and the families that will raise them. Thank you for your generous donations. They allow our clinic to provide so many resources and services at no cost to these women in crisis situations. May God bless you and your congregation.

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

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