



The Bridge Builder

*Together
For His
Kingdom*

**ANNIE
ARMSTRONG**
EASTER OFFERING®

National Goal:	\$70 Million
Our Goal:	\$4,800.00
Receipts to date:	\$3,074.00

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

We were blessed to have two wonderful worship services in our Reflective Lord's Supper and our Easter Service. Being a part of such a beloved church is such a joy for Amy and myself. I pray you and your family were uniquely blessed by God's glorious presence this past weekend.

Our Annie Armstrong goal has not yet been met so please consider giving. We have an ambitious goal of \$4800.00 which helps fund SBC missionary efforts across North America. There are vast areas across the northern part of the United States without a church or Gospel influence. Giving allows us to participate in reaching these people.

Sunday we launch into a new sermon series, "All in the Family." We will begin a verse by verse study of I Corinthians. Paul writes to the church in Corinth concerned over its rampant controversies and division. The church was founded in one of the most pagan of areas filled with pervasive and devious sin. The church was full of redeemed pagans now seeking to live out Christ as a community of believers. However, they were defaulting to fleshly behavior and earthly values. They were failing to tap into heavenly power and being led by spirit filled convictions. In otherwise, they were like every other church then and like every other church now.

In 1 Corinthians every problem that every church experiences is brought forth and given Godly instruction on contending with it. What this means for us is we will be looking at some difficult and challenging passages of Scripture. There are areas which make me uncomfortable, but God's Word is the measure of truth, not my opinion. There will be areas which make you uncomfortable, but God's Word is the measure of truth, not your opinion. We will together submit ourselves to humbly exploring God's Word and allowing the Spirit to reveal, convict, and draw us to repentance wherever we need. Begin praying and preparing for us to grow as a family, a family of believers.

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 Corinthians 1:4

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

What a wonderful service we had Sunday, celebrating Jesus' resurrection! In children's church, we talked about why Easter is so important, and what it means to us... and how it's not about the bunny! We enjoyed empty tomb cupcakes, made several crafts and used a wonderful snack to remind us about what Jesus did for us on the cross and how we can use it to share with others. I challenged the kids to share with snack and it's meaning with their families when they gathered after church.

Sunday, April 30th, we will be having VBS meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the children's choir room. This is such an important outreach opportunity! We will be discussing the theme, decorations, snacks, music and more!!! If you are interested in helping with VBS or helping prepare for it, be sure to attend this meeting! More children hear the gospel through VBS than any other means! Please pray how you can be a part of this wonderful opportunity!

Finally, don't forget! Camp is coming up May 31st – June 2nd! A \$25 non-refundable deposit is due by May 3rd! We are going to have such a great time at the East Texas Baptist Encampment, and our camp is open to 2nd – 12th graders! Please let me know if you are interested in your child attending this fun camp!

That the next generation may know!
Chris

Let's get ready for
Summer Camp 2017!
May 31st - June 2nd



Come join the fun at
East Texas Baptist
Encampment
2nd thru
12th Grade!

For more information see
Aaron Little or Chris Bailey

YOUTH NEWS . . .

If there is one thing that I have learned over the span of my 10 years in ministry I have learned that ministry is costly. When the heavenly Father wanted to save His creation from sin, He could find no other way except the sacrifice of His Son. Scripture gives a stark picture of the price our Savior paid to obtain our salvation: "He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief". If Christ is your model for ministry, you cannot avoid going to the cross for the sake of others. Salvation comes with a great price, and if we are going to "take up our cross" and follow Jesus, then we must be prepared to go with Him to the place of suffering if that's what it takes to bring salvation to those around us. If our goal is to bring others to Christ we must be willing, as He was, to risk rejection. People may disappoint us, misunderstand our motives, even despise and persecute us. Our Savior did not let suffering prevent Him from being used by God to bring salvation to those He loved. Love for His Father provided all the motivation that was necessary. Take a moment to reflect on the price God was willing to pay to bring salvation to you. Are you glad He was willing to do what was necessary? I am reminded of a quote from Ignatius Loyola "Teach us, good lord, to serve thee as thou deserve; to give and not count the cost; to fight and not heed the wounds; to toil and not ask for rest; to labor and not ask for any reward save knowing that we do thy will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Be Intentional
Aaron

QUARTERLY BLOOD DRIVE

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Thursday, April 27
4:00 — 7:00 p.m.
in the
Family Life Center

Your support is greatly appreciated.

NEW SONG

Thank-you to those who participated in the music service this weekend, from those who were behind the scenes managing the sound or operating the media computer to those who played or sang. The remembrance of Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday is always a glorious time for church musicians, every bit as glorious as the Christmas season. Beginning with the Good Friday Reflective Lord's Supper, we were blessed by touching music by Amy Shows and Lynn Richard. The glorious music continued Sunday morning with Chris Bailey, Darrell Segura, Ricky McClelland, and Daniel Winfree opening the Worship Service with an inspiring presentation of "My Name is Jesus". Then the Worship Team did a great job leading the congregation in some wonderful traditional hymns and worship songs as well as the new song "At the Cross (Love Ran Red)". Julia Morris and Lynn Richard play beautiful Offertories every week, but Sunday's Offertory, "At the Cross", was especially lovely. None of these folks desire any praise for themselves—it is the heart's desire of each that all eyes be on God and all glory be given to Him—but I know how hard they work and the sacrifices they make to prepare themselves for the Worship Service each Sunday. First Baptist is truly blessed to have such a gifted and committed group of faithful servants.

To God be the Glory, always, Suzonne



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CONNIE CLAUS
to our nursery. We are so happy
to have Connie.**

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