



# The Bridge Builder

## CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

**Sunday, April 30**

**after the 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service**

The Music Search Committee unanimously recommends Debbie Anderson to the church to fill the position of Part Time Music Director. Debbie will be leading the music during the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, April 30. A special called Business Meeting will take place immediately after the worship service to vote to approve her as our Part Time Music Director.

The Music Search Committee members are:

Robert Simonton, Chairman

Grace Dumesnil

James Ellis

Fred Myers

Lynn Richard

Dorothy Roddam

Laura Schur

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Sunday we will have the privilege of having Debbie Anderson leading the music portion of our worship service. Debbie has been selected as the candidate to call to serve as our Part-time Music Director and has been unanimously recommended by our search committee. At the end of the service we will go into a "special called business meeting" to vote as a church on this recommendation. Be in prayer for her and to be led as to how you may vote. I want to convey my thanks to our Music Search Committee in their commitment and diligence in seeking out who God has for us to lead the music at FBCBC.

Our series, "All in the Family", continues by looking at 1 Corinthians 1:18-25. Paul has opened by defining the seemingly ambiguous problem within the church. Its ambiguity is a result of how we tend to focus on surface issues or symptoms versus the actual cause. Paul has quickly diagnosed that there are divisions within the church, but these are only a result of the rampant spiritual immaturity. The divisions each take on an air of superiority masked by claiming proper authority based on personal preferences. Paul sees through this charade. Paul knows well what is like to be a boisterous arrogant religious person. He remembers his life before Christ. Hence, he writes to counter this sin and help them focus on Christ and not self.

God's means of salvation and the distribution of grace through Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection seems to be the epitome of foolishness. Rather one is a Jew or a Gentile it simply seems illogical. We ourselves can experience this perception. It is why we add to the Gospel and make the opportunity of salvation more complicated. We often present the clean up and be saved motif or the do good things to counter the bad mantra. The Gospel needs something more. Paul declares, "For the foolishness of God is wiser than men..." The reason we think the Gospel is foolish is we react with spiritual superiority (spiritual immaturity). We count ourselves as wiser, forgetting that **God is wisdom**. There is no wisdom outside of God. Are you trusting in your wisdom or God's wisdom?

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 1:18

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

With the celebrations of Easter behind us, we are looking ahead to the upcoming events that will kick off a super fun summer!

This Sunday at 4:30 in the Children's Choir Room, there will be a meeting for those interested in working during VBS! If you are interested in what goes on during VBS, this meeting is for you! Come ask questions, share ideas, and join the team! This year's theme is "VICTORY" and is a football/pep rally! The Bible is filled with examples of God's people shouting and cheering in response to His mighty acts of power. This VBS invites children to do the same by remembering who God is, what He has done, and what He promises to do! VBS will be June 11-15 this year! Hope to see you there!

Also, coming up, is SUMMER CAMP! Cost for camp this year is \$100, and the \$25 deposit for camp is due by May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and remaining balance due by May 24<sup>th</sup>. This year, we will "Get It, Give It, Live It". We will learn about becoming a Child of God, how to live in God's love, and how to share it with others. Camp will be held May 31- June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the East Texas Baptist Encampment, and is open to 2<sup>nd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Our 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders will get to explore and learn together, and will have an opportunity to share in worship times with the older students as well. This will be a great opportunity for leadership and friendships among all the students here at FBC-BC.

This summer is packed with lots of fun events, including the Mother-Daughter Banquet on May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Kid's Summer Clubhouse on Sunday nights, a Roller Skating Lock In, a 1 day cooking camp, and more! If you would like more information on these events, a schedule, or would like to help, please come and talk to me!

Finally, I am excited to announce that Kandice Verela will be taking over the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class! We are looking for an assistant for her to help! If you are interested in giving a helping hand, please let me or Kandice know!

There is always a place to serve in Children's Ministry... God has given you great talents and gifts! Share these with the children in our church, and help them to see God at work in you!

That the next generation may know,  
Chris

### Golden Harvest Monthly Luncheon

Monday May 1,  
11:00am

Entertainment by *Beyond The Cross Band*  
Bring a covered dish.

## YOUTH NEWS . . .

Our world promotes dissatisfaction with our lives. We are constantly bombarded with newer and better things that will make our lives more complete if only we would obtain them! If we listen, we will always be comparing the lifestyles and possessions of others with our own, and we will always be dissatisfied. If our contentment comes from possessions, activities, or other people, these can be altered or removed. If our contentment comes from our relationship with Christ, there is absolutely nothing that can take that away. Paul had enjoyed power and status among his people. He had also been imprisoned and bound in stocks in the depths of a jail cell. He had stood before a king and been stoned almost to death by an angry mob. Paul had enjoyed the benefits and pleasures of life, yet he could give them all up and still be filled with the joy of the Lord. His contentment did not depend on his environment but on his relationship with Christ. Contentment frees you to enjoy every good thing God has given you. Discontent stems from the sin of ingratitude and a lack of faith that God loves you enough to provide for all that you need. Strive to be grateful for all that God has given you. A grateful heart has no room for envy. This is what Philippians 4:13 is all about! I can be content despite my circumstances, because God has already supplied my needs in Christ. This is what the Gospel is all about!

Be Intentional,  
Aaron

## NEW SONG

*"Summer and winter and springtime and harvest; sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness of Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love"* are words from the hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" that we sang last Sunday. These words, based on Scripture, remind us that God is faithful to His people not only through every season of the year, but also through every season of our lives. He has indeed been faithful to me through the nearly four-year season of my term as your Interim Music Director. Week by week, He has worked in my heart, inspiring lists of songs for our worship services, teaching me patience with people, teaching me how to rely on Him, and sometimes just teaching me to wait, wait, wait on Him. God has also been faithful to equip me to serve Him in this role—I can look back over the years and see how He prepared me for this time and how He continued to equip me even as I served. My commitment to God and to this church body has been to serve as Interim Music Director for as long as the church needed me. However, this coming Sunday, you'll have the opportunity to consider Debbie Anderson as your permanent Music Director. I've known Debbie for several years as a friend, sister in Christ, and co-Praise Team member and I know she is equipped spiritually and musically to serve in this role. Speaking for myself, I want above all what God wants and I will be happy to serve ongoing as a Worship Team member under Debbie's leadership. I hope you will come hear Debbie lead the worship service next Sunday and then prayerfully follow God's leading in your choice. To God be the Glory, always, Suzonne

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

# **ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING®**

**National Goal:**

**\$70 Million**

**Our Goal:**

**\$4,800.00**

**Receipts to date:**

**\$3,488.00**

**NURSERY WORKERS April 30, 2017**

**Sunday School**      **Brittany Ernst**  
                                 **Connie Claus**

**Worship Service**    **Thelma Wheelis**

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

<b>LOOK AT THE RECORD</b>	
<b>April 23, 2017</b>	
Average Weekly Needs	\$ 9,927.14
Sunday Receipts	\$ 8,257.32
Weekly Expenses	\$17,904.92
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,187.26
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	
Sunday School	120
<b>WORSHIP SERVICE:</b>	
Worship	130
Nursery	7
<b>TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>137</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**Sunday, April 30, 2017**

9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship Service  
Children's Church  
For 4 year old — 2nd grade

After 10:30 Worship Service  
Called Church Conference

4:30 Vacation Bible School Meeting  
Children's Choir Room

5:30 Children's Activities  
Youth Activities  
Adult Classes:

**Detours, Onward & Gospel Revolution**

**Monday, May 1, 2017**

11:00 Golden Harvest Monthly Meeting

**Tuesday, May 2, 2017**

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

**Wednesday, May 3, 2017**

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

**Thursday, May 4, 2017**

4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night

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Doug Shows      Pastor  
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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