



# The Bridge Builder

**Multi-generational Camp Experience**  
**Adult One Day Bible Study with the Pastor**  
 June 1, 2017

One Day Retreat (East Texas Baptist Encampment)  
 Study the Book of James  
 Participate with children/youth at points  
 Eat lunch and dinner at the camp  
 Leave FBCBC at 8:00 am and return at 8:00 pm  
 Contact office to register

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

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Many of you may be aware that Aaron Little graduated from Liberty University this past week with his Master's. I personally and publicly wanted to express my congratulations to him. He has been ever diligent at his studies while maintaining his ministry commitment, his family devotion, and role as a husband. I consider it a great honor and privilege to serve our Lord together. Thank you Aaron for displaying excellence and being an honorable representative of FBCBC.

Sunday we continue our sermon series, "All in the family", by highlighting the text I Corinthians 3:1-9. Paul has shared that there is a pervasive attitude of spiritual superiority with the people which is masking the reality of their spiritual immaturity. He has effectively demonstrated that "Christ crucified" leaves no place for a person to boast and feel greater than or superior to someone else within the church. Salvation is accomplished by God through "Christ crucified" and is an undeserving gift to those whom He calls. Even the knowledge we possess to respond to saving grace is a gift given through the Spirit. Therefore, the salvation is from God and our ability to respond is from God. We have nothing to offer, but praise and worship in thanksgiving to God.

Those who are redeemed and recipients of this great gift lack nothing in being able to grow in Christ. However, when we will not leave behind our fleshly desires and thinking we will find ourselves stunted in our growth. Paul claims he has provided milk to them because they "were not ready for it [solid food]." There is "jealously and strife" because they are "behaving only in a human way." Boasting in one's own supposed wisdom or knowledge is human folly which detracts from Christ. We must remember "only God . . . gives the growth." It is not a personal achievement. The old adage of "you are what you eat" carries significant spiritual meaning. We will reflect what we digest and feed upon. Our behavior and attitudes reveal what we are choosing to live on. Got milk? Or are you ready for solid food?

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  
I Corinthians 3:9

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Hello again! I hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day weekend! I know mine was wonderful! Well, summer is right around the corner, and with it lots of fun and exciting events! First up... Church Camp!!!

Final payment for church camp is due next Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't had a chance to put down your deposit, you can still do it, as long as your final balance is paid by that date, so there is still time to sign up! I will be sending home a packing list shortly, as well as the last bit of info for camp. I can't wait! We have so many fun and exciting things planned! It's gonna be a blast!

Next, we have VBS coming up quickly. I am still looking for a Bible Story teacher for the Kindergarten-1<sup>st</sup> grade class, a music leader for that age group, as well as guides, snack workers, and others for both groups. There is a sign up sheet located above the water fountain by the sanctuary! This is such a wonderful opportunity to reach out to the children in our area, so don't miss your chance to help change lives! Even if it is greeting the kiddos at the door, your smile may be what plants the seed in their hearts to let God's love grow!

Finally, I have finalized the summer schedule for the Children's Ministry... if you would like to get a copy of the schedule, let me know! We have so many fun days planned! We will have a one day camp for the younger kids, a Water Party, a Rolling Lock-In, a one day cooking class, and more! Don't miss out! If you would like to know more, or would like to help with any of these events, please let me know! These events are a great opportunity to try out helping in the Children's Ministry, and see if God may be calling you to help! Come join the fun!

That the next generation may know,  
Chris

## YOUTH NEWS . . .

### CONTRATULATIONS

**Aaron Little**

Graduate of Liberty University  
Master of Theology



### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Scholarship Committee  
is accepting  
applications.

Applications can be picked up at  
First Baptist Church office  
Deadline is May 31, 2017

### IT’S CHOIR SUNDAY, LET’S FILL THE CHOIR LOFT THIS SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

Thank you so much for your support in my calling to First Baptist Bridge City as your Part-time Music Director. I have spent the last couple of weeks asking many questions and learning as much as I can to make our worship the very best for our Lord. Of course, as we all know He is the one in complete control and I completely trust Him as my Guide.

May 21<sup>st</sup> is choir day and I sincerely hope that anyone interested in singing will come on up and fill the choir loft. We will have practice at 8:40 a.m. Sunday morning to get familiar with the songs and to make sure everyone can get to Sunday School.

If you can’t make the practice, please come on up and sing. We will be singing a mash-up of some really great old southern gospel hymns, I Shall Not Be Moved, A New Name In Glory and I’ll Fly Away. We will sing the beautiful anthem, Before The Throne of God Above, along with the up-beat praise song, Hosanna Praise Is Rising. We will move into the beautiful praise and worship song, 10,000 Reason (Bless the Lord Oh My Soul). We will have the opportunity to be involved in a wonderful, spirit-filled worship service. I would love for you all to be there to lead out.

Hope to see you there,  
Debbie Anderson



**JUNE 11-15 FROM 6 - 8:30 P.M.**  
SEE CHRIS BAILEY OR LYNN RICHARD FOR MORE INFO!

