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The Bridge Builder



Lori Moody is a wife of 35 years, the mother of three grown children, a grandmother, homemaker, and women's leader. Lori is passionate about Biblical womanhood and speaks to women's groups in the context of conferences, retreats, and banquets. She serves as a Women's Ministry Rep for the SBTC. Recently, her writing was included in a portion of the book, *Join the Insanity: Crazy-Fun Life in the Pastors' Wives Club* by Rhonda Rhea. Lori is passionate about helping women grow an intimate relationship with Christ.

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

VBS was a phenomenal success as we saw numbers of kids enjoy getting to know more about Jesus and we made connections with new families. It would never had happened without the faithfulness of church members and others who served in various capacities and those who prayed diligently. Thank you for propelling the Gospel forward into the next generation.

GODTalks is here. We have postings and videos on the FBCBC Facebook pages available for you to share and use to invite others. Each week will have a new video to talk about the upcoming speaker and event. Also, remember to prayerfully give a love offering for these speakers ahead of time. We **will not** be taking up offerings at the GODTalks. Lori Moody is our speaker June 25th.

Sunday we dive into some of the controversial and challenging truths contained within Scripture by looking at 1 Corinthians 5:1-13. Paul is writing admonishing the Corinthians for their failure to properly contend with sexual immorality within the church. The Corinthians have proudly avoided dealing with the sin in the name of tolerance and worldly wisdom. Paul declares, "Your boasting is not good." He warns them "when you are gathered in the name of the Lord Jesus" you are obligated to contend with sin and judge it rightly. They have misapplied the principle of not "judging outsiders" to mean not to judge at all.

We in our modern Christian culture seem to bounce between two extremes. We either judge nothing or judge those outside the church. Both of these are wrong. A gathered people proclaiming Christ as Lord are a people committed to holding each other accountable to living out that profession. It is easy to ignore sin or talk of those beyond the walls. However, faithful followers of Christ delve into their own sin and contend with it. Faithful followers of Christ look to other followers of Christ to help them contend with their sin and hold them accountable. We are not to live in denial of sin, but live with an open confession and continued repentance so sin cannot live and remain. Sin grows in the hidden places. Sin dies when brought to light. Are you hiding your sin or exposing it?

FBCBC is where the "impossible" is a living reality every day and sin comes to die in the presence of "Christ crucified." Invite others to join you at FBCBC.

Your Pastor,
Douglas Shows
1 Corinthians 5:6

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

We had such a wonderful week last week with Vacation Bible School! We had almost 70 kids enrolled, around 65 workers, and collected around \$230.00! Most importantly, God's Word was shared with all these children, and they were able to see His love in the faces and attitudes of the workers. Thank you to all those who had a part in this years VBS, you helped to make is a great success!

This Sunday we will be kicking off our Clubhouse Sundays! We will be meeting in the Family Life Center at 6:00p.m. for a meal and lots of fun!

June 30th, is our Roller/Lock In here at the church. Please bring the children to the FLC by 6 p.m. for supper. Be sure they bring a sleeping bag, pajamas, and toiletries. They may also bring rollerskates, small scooters, and rollerblades to use in the gym. We are going to have a fun night! If they have a favorite drink or snack, they may bring it as well. I will be needing a few helpers that would be willing to stay late, or for the night and help with games and food. We will be serving pancakes for breakfast, and the children will be ready for pick up at 8 a.m.

For more information on this or other events going on with the kiddos, give me a call at the church!

That the next generation may know,
Chris

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BRIDGE CITY/ORANGEFIELD MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

July is our month to provide volunteer workers for the Ministerial Alliance. This is our opportunity to help serve those in need in our community. You can volunteer Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. To volunteer please call Aaron Little at 409-735-3581.

YOUTH NEWS . . .

Isaiah 35:8 states that "A road will be there and a way; it will be called the Holy Way. The unclean will not travel on it, but it will be for him who walks the path. Even the fool will not go astray." The nation of Israel was designed to have a place where other nations of the world could come to worship the true God. The temple in Jerusalem was to be the center from which the good news of God's salvation would spread to every corner of the world. But those who were supposed to be God's people forsook Him and practiced every kind of sin. Rather than being ambassadors for God, they disgraced His holy name. Rather than attracting the nations of the earth to God, they became stumbling blocks to those who were seeking the true God. The Israelites fell so far from God's original intent that God judged them and sent them into exile. Yet God promised that one day His people would be an avenue by which others could find salvation. It is God's desire that anywhere there is a Christian, God has a way for people to learn of His salvation. Whenever an unbeliever meets a Christian, the unbeliever ought to be face to face with everything he needs to know to follow Christ. Sadly, however, Christians can be like the Israelites of Isaiah's day. We can be so involved in our sin that we are completely disoriented to God, ill-equipped to direct others to Him. If our lives are filled with hypocrisy, we may turn people away from God, rather than helping them come to Him. If our lives are filled with doubt or anger, we will impede others from coming to Christ. Our lives should be a highway of holiness, providing easy access to God for anyone around us who seeks Him.

Be Intentional,
Aaron

SUNDAY MORNING CHOIR

JUNE 25, 2017

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music.

Psalms 98:4

Now is your opportunity to get up and make your joyful noise unto the Lord this coming Sunday morning. Even if you have never sung with us before, you are more than welcome to come join us.

We will meet in the sanctuary at 8:40 a.m. and rehearse our music. You will be out in plenty of time to attend Sunday School.

I look forward to seeing all God's singers on Sunday.

Debbie Anderson

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BRIDGE CITY

"A NIGHT OF WORSHIP"

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



SPECIAL LOVE OFFERING
FOR
GUEST SPEAKERS

Mark envelope with
GODTALKS

Thank You

Thank you, First Family, for all the prayers, cards, food, and love shown me and my family. We could not make it without you. I know that Randy was truly loved by so many family and friends and that is so comforting. Please continue to pray for me as I continue this journey.

Pat Rickenbrode

Timothy Rickenbrode & Family

Phillip Rickenbrode & Family

NURSERY WORKERS June 25, 2017

Sunday School Brittany Ernst

Worship Service Thelma Wheelis

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, June 25, 2017

- 9:15 Sunday School
- 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship Service
Children's Church
for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
- 5:30 Children's Clubhouse
- 6:00 GODTalks

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

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

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

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

Friday, June 30, 2017

- 4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

June 18, 2017

Average Weekly Needs	\$10,163.14
Sunday Receipts	\$ 8,399.04
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,303.70

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School 129

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	161
Nursery	9
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	170

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Aaron Little	Minister to Students
Debbie Anderson	Music Director
Chris Bailey	Director of Children's Ministry
John Woods	Minister to Senior Adults

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

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