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The Bridge Builder



Dr. Mark Carpenter is the pastor of First Baptist Church Silsbee. He has extensive experience as a pastor and a passion for the local church. Dr. Carpenter has taught within academia and is part of building up other pastors through Seminary Extension. He is actively integrating a comprehensive discipleship model throughout FBC Silsbee. Dr. Carpenter has recently been teaching his congregation the variances and beliefs of world religions.

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Dr. Scott Moody shared his passion and methodology for Bible Study at GODTalks this past Sunday. He helped define and instruct in how to study Scripture in a way which keeps God's Word as authoritative and helping us grow in Christ. In case you missed it the presentation was posted live on Facebook and can be accessed at FBC Bridge City's Facebook page for viewing and sharing. Sunday, July 9, we have Dr. Mark Carpenter from FBC Silsbee speaking about integrating discipleship across the whole of the local church. It requires a purposeful and intentional effort by the local church to actively be a part of transforming people and building them up in Christ. Prayerfully give a love offering for these speakers ahead of time on Sunday morning as we **will not** be taking up offerings at the GODTalks.

Sunday we continue our sermon series, "All in the Family", by looking at 1 Corinthians 6:1-11. Paul is actively referencing areas within the church which demonstrate that the Corinthians are not as wise and spiritually superior as they claim. He highlights within this text that disputes within the church are being brought before the governing courts. These matters are minor and easily rectified, but to their "shame" their pride has elevated them to a public disparaging of the church and Christ. Paul reminds them of the depth and prevalence of their sin before Christ and how they are to live differently now. He speaks to how their inability to find a solution demonstrates their spiritual immaturity.

Conflict is a part of life and often the means for which God grows us in Christ. Our response to disagreements is a barometer of our maturity in the faith. Paul challenges them and us as well with a penetrating question. Instead of reacting with pride and arrogance, "Why not rather suffer wrong?" (1 Corinthians 6:7) This is how Christ responded to the conflict between us and God. Christ suffered the wrong so that we might be redeemed. Are you willing to suffer for the sake of someone else?

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 6:11

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Happy July!!! Hope your Independence Day was a wonderful one! We had a wonderful night last Friday at our lock-in! We had 15 kids that came and stayed all night with us! We skated, made colorful masterpieces on shirts, played games, and watched movies! The next morning, we ate pancakes, and made our way home to get some sleep!!! It was lots of fun, but I'm gonna have to rest up a while before the next one!

This Saturday, we are hosting a 1 day "Masterpiece Camp" for the Pre-K to 1st Grade! Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. We will have two Bible Story times, do a few crafts, play some games, and end the day with Ice Cream Sundae's and playing in the water! Parents are invited to come at 2:30 p.m. to eat Ice Cream with us! The camp is from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. If you would like to help, there are lots of places we could put you to work!

The following Saturday, July 15th, we will be hosting a "Little Chef's Cooking Class" from 9 a.m.-Noon in the Family Life Center. Jennifer Caldwell will be teaching the children how to make Lasagna, salad, and dessert. We will also have a devotional time, and teach the children about other aspects of preparing a meal. We will be serving our tasty creations at Noon, so parents, please show up hungry! The cost of the cooking class is \$5 per child.

If you would like your child to attend either of these events, or if you would like to help, please contact me or the church so that we can get a count.

Summer is in full swing here at FBC Bridge City and I'm excited about seeing what God is doing!

That the next generation may know, Chris

LADIES PRAYER GROUP

The Tuesday morning prayer group celebrated the birthday of Rita Anderson and Wanda Crull last week. We meet every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. Join us for a wonderful time of prayer and fellowship.

YOUTH NEWS . . .

Throughout His ministry, Jesus relied upon the Holy Spirit to direct Him as He made crucial decisions and faced relentless opposition. Centuries earlier, Isaiah had described what the Spirit's presence would mean for the Savior (Isaiah 11:2). The Spirit would give Jesus the knowledge of the will and ways of the Father. As a young boy, Jesus already possessed unusual knowledge of God's work. The Spirit granted Him the wisdom to use this knowledge. The Spirit enabled Jesus to take the word of God and apply it effectively to the specific needs of those He encountered. If you are a Christian, the same Spirit abides in you. At times, you may pray and ask God to send His Spirit "in power." That is the only way the Spirit ever comes! More importantly, the Spirit will come in wisdom, bringing the understanding of God's ways. You need God's wisdom for the decisions you face. Perhaps God has placed you in a position of great responsibility, and you feel overwhelmed by the decisions you must make. It may be in your role as parent, or friend, or leader that you long for the wisdom of God. The same Spirit who enabled Jesus to see through the deceptions of Satan will also guide you through the temptations that confront you. Pray that God will fill you with His Spirit of wisdom so that through the decisions you make you can live your life effectively.

Be Intentional,
Aaron

FIRST BAPTIST BRIDGE CITY NIGHT OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017 6:00 P.M.

We are looking forward to a full night of wonderful songs and Holy Spirit-inspired worship. We have several people from other churches in the area already signed up to sing for us. If any one of you has a special song that you would like to share, please contact me as soon as possible. Let me know the song you want to sing so we can get you down on the list. I have provided an e-mail address below for your convenience. I know that God is already preparing the hearts of all those who will sing or play instruments, as well as the people who will attend. Be sure to invite someone to come with you. You never know whose heart God may touch through the music that night.

For His Glory,
Debbie Anderson
music@fbcbc.org



SPECIAL LOVE OFFERING
FOR
GUEST SPEAKERS

Mark envelope with
GODTALKS

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.

NURSERY WORKERS July 9, 2017

Sunday School Brittany Ernst

Worship Service Thelma Wheelis

Volunteers always needed. Please call
Brittany Ernst at 409.313.1215.

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

July 2, 2017

Average Weekly Needs	\$ 9,927.13
Sunday Receipts	\$13,080.85
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\$10,001.02	

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	114
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	125
Nursery	6
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	131

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, July 9, 2017

9:15	Sunday School
10:30	Celebration Worship Service Children's Church for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
4:00	Deacon's Meeting
6:00	Kid's Clubhouse GODTalks

Monday, July 10, 2017

11:00	Golden Harvest Monthly Meeting
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Tuesday, July 11, 2017

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

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

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

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Youth Trip to Kemah

Saturday, July 15, 2017

9:00 — 12:00	Kids Cooking Class
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GOLDEN HARVEST MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, July 10
11:00 a.m.

Main dish will be fried catfish. Bring a side dish or a dessert.
Music will be a tribute to Marty Robbins by Darrell Segura,
Charles Hartman, and Clifford Daigle.

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

8:00 — 4:30
MONDAY — FRIDAY

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