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# The Bridge Builder



Douglas Shows is the pastor of First Baptist Church Bridge City. He is in his first year of the doctoral program, Doctor of Ministry, at Luther Rice College & Seminary. GodTalks are a part of the creative thinking Douglas hopes to inspire across FBC Bridge City and other local churches. He is convinced that FBC Bridge City can be the resource center locally for Christians, other churches, and carrying the Gospel to the people. He will be sharing about empowering the church (meaning the people) to effectively impact people with the Gospel.

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

We have had a well-rounded and diverse GODTalks series learning about discipleship, effective bible study methods, being driven by God's love, and integrating Christ into the fabric of our home and children. Emily Smith shared her passion for crafting out biblical families and presented valuable resources available through the SBTC. Sunday I will have the privilege of sharing at GODTalks. My passion is to see the local church, particularly FBCBC, active in building the capital K Kingdom through creative endeavors. For a church to do this, the church (meaning the people) must be enabled to follow after and implement their own God-given passions in spreading the Gospel. Also, remember the presentation will be posted live on Facebook and the previous presentations can be accessed at FBC Bridge City's Facebook page and website ([www.fbcbc.org](http://www.fbcbc.org)) for viewing and sharing.

Sunday our sermon series, "All in the Family", continues with 1 Corinthians 7:1-9. Paul has been setting the stage by uncovering the error in the Corinthians practices and thinking. They have used grace as an excuse to live in sin claiming their body and spirit are not connected. All of this has flourished out of the smokescreen of spiritual superiority which mask their actual spiritual immaturity. Paul after exposing their flawed theology and lack of keeping "Christ crucified" central, moves into instructing the Corinthians in areas they were questioning. Marriage was a contentious issue among the Corinthians due to the cultural and spiritual ramifications merging with their erroneous theology. Marriage had been devalued by being made to be about personal fulfillment and used to elevate oneself spiritually.

Biblical marriage is the primary way one is to flee sexual immorality. Our culture perverts sex by focusing on self and the personal gratification one can derive from it. However, Scripture elevates sex, within marriage, as an act of giving and sacrifice to keep one another from sin. Sex is a gift given by God which we are to enjoy as God has given it, within marriage. A married couple is to be giving their bodies to each other regularly as a preventive measure against strife, dissolution, adultery, and other means of spiritual attack against believers. Due to the pervasion and degrading of sex through

Pastor's Paragraph . . . (continued)

rampant sexual immorality within our society, sex itself is often viewed as dirty. God ordained sex as a beautiful gift to those who are married. God has given a husband and wife a good gift, are we using it for good or perverting 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 9:16

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

We had a super successful Cooking Class for the children last Saturday! We had 40 children attend, and total count of parents and children was 96, plus the workers! This is exciting to me not only because they all had fun, but that 40 children heard about God's love... seeds planted! There is a definite interest in doing more of these in the future, so I look forward to planning those! Thank you to Jennifer Caldwell and all those who stepped up and helped make our first cooking class a great success!

This month, we have a Children's Fun Night planned on July 28th. We will be meeting in the Family Life Center and enjoying a game/movie night. Children are encouraged to bring their favorite board game, or they can bring a blanket and pillow and watch a movie... We will be feeding them supper around 6 p.m. and parents can get them around 8:30 p.m!

Finally, we are looking for volunteers to help in Children's Church. We currently have 6 teams, but are looking to expand to 8... this would mean helping in children's church once every two months. We have also had a few workers step down, and are hoping to replace them. If you would be interested in helping, or know some who would be, please let me know! This is a wonderful opportunity to hang out with an awesomely crazy bunch of kids, and help them to learn about God's promises for them!

That the next generation may know,  
Chris

## YOUTH NEWS . . .

### Real Life 2017

By the time you read this Real Life will be just short of three weeks away! I hope you have been praying for this event, if not please begin so now! We have already had a good response in pre-registrations! It is not too late if you would like to help we have plenty of opportunities in many areas of service. Look below and contact the liaison mentioned to get set up with an area of opportunity.

Ricky McClelland – Safety/ Set up, Take Down  
Angel Milstead- Food Service  
Doug Shows- Gospel Sharing  
Brittany Ernst – Nursery – available for Real Life workers only  
Lynn Richard – Children – available for Real Life workers only  
Darrell Segura – Guides / Set Up, Take Down  
Donnie Stanton- Media  
James Ellis- Sound  
Debbie Anderson- Worship Coordinator / Liaison

We are also taking donations of the following items:

Little Debbie Snack Cakes  
Country Time Lemonade  
Individual Serving Bags of Chips

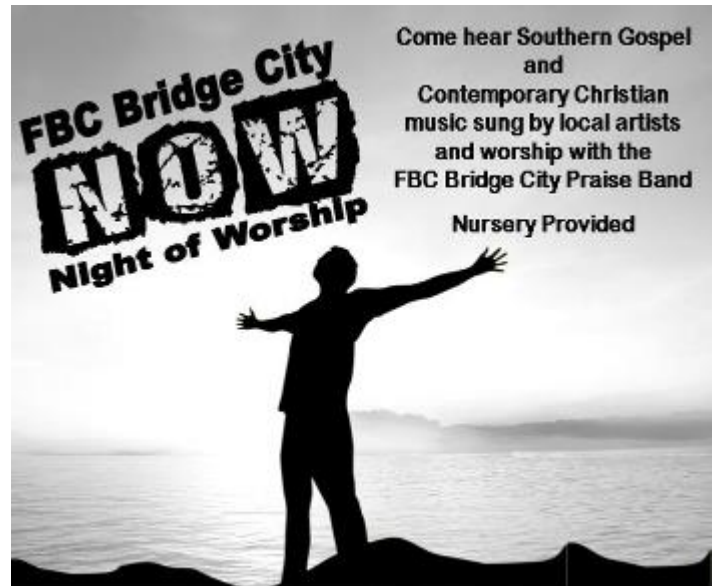
Be Intentional,  
Aaron

### Digital Sign Capital Campaign

**Goal: \$20,000**

**Starting Fund Amount: \$1,300.00**

The church has elected to begin a capital campaign for an exterior digital sign which will be inserted into our present frame located in the parking lot area. The sign is our most effective mode of communicating and connecting with the community about events and services. The digital sign will allow for multiple messages and be a prominent tool for the church. Randy Rickenbrode was a passionate advocate for the sign and, before his illness and passing, had put forth the time and effort to research the possibilities and cost. You can give in honor of Randy Rickenbrode, or any other person you may desire to honor. FBC Bridge City, let your light shine.



**Sunday, July 30th @ 6 pm**

## Thank You

*Thank you so much for all your prayers. In a time like this prayer and faith are the two things that comfort you the most.*  
*Taffy Hebert & Family*



**NURSERY WORKERS July 23, 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 RECORDS</b>	
<b>July 16, 2017</b>	
Average Weekly Needs	\$ 9,927.13
Sunday Receipts	\$10,183.62
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,039.55
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	
Sunday School	141
<b>WORSHIP SERVICE:</b>	
Worship	143
Nursery	7
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>150</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**Sunday, July 23, 2017**

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

**Tuesday, July 25, 2017**

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

**Wednesday, July 19, 2017**

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

**Friday, July 28, 2017**

6:00 Children's Fun Night

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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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