

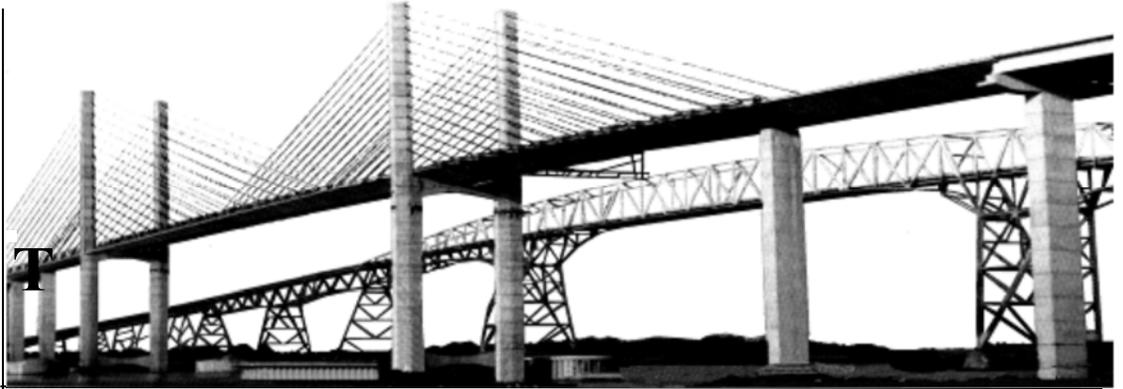
# First Baptist Church

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# The Bridge Builder



**FBC Bridge City**  
**NOW**  
**Night of Worship**

Come hear Southern Gospel  
and  
Contemporary Christian  
music sung by local artists  
and worship with the  
FBC Bridge City Praise Band  
Nursery Provided

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

Following our Night of Worship  
a cookie fellowship will follow  
in the Family Life Center.  
Each First Baptist family  
is asked to bring a  
“triple batch” of cookies to share.

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,  
We finished up our lecture portion of GodTalks last night. I was privileged to get to share about empowering the local church through creative ideas and endeavors. I am firmly convinced that FBCBC is poised to spread the Gospel effectively across our community. We have the people, the resources, the creativity, and the passion to make certain that Christ is exalted and people are presented with the opportunity to respond to Christ. This Sunday we launch into our NOW (Night of Worship) portion of GodTalks with a celebratory time of singing and praise. We have various guest coming to sing and worship together. It will be a blessed night. Don't forget the GodTalks videos are available for watching and for sharing on our Facebook page and our website.

Sunday we continue our "All in the Family" sermon series by looking at I Corinthians 7:10-16. Paul continues to contend with the confusion within the church about the spiritual aspects concerning sexuality, marriage, divorce, singleness, etc. The Corinthians were gentiles and pagans saved by hearing and responding to the Gospel. How they had lived previously has now been turned upside down. They have attempted to merge their former beliefs and understanding with their present living for Christ. Paul is quick to instruct because of Christ everything is different.

Paul is writing to help couples in which one person came to Christ and the other did not. Among the Corinthians and their supposed spiritual superiority, they advocated divorcing the unbeliever and remarrying a believer. Paul counters with the truth that believer is the one who is to sacrifice and honor the marriage. By maintaining one's commitment to their spouse they honor God, the "one flesh", and offer an opportunity for their spouse to come to Christ. However, if the unbeliever leaves and divorces the believer, the believer should accept it. God has a clear plan for marriage. Marriage is between a man and a woman as a lifelong commitment. Divorce can happen. Divorce is tragic. Divorce never changes God's purpose and intent for marriage. Divorce can lead us to reframe the truth in Scripture. Are you tempted to divorce God?

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  
Colossians 3:17

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

What a wonderful summer we have had so far here at FBC Bridge City! It has been very busy, and it's not done yet! We still have two events coming up!

This Friday night from 6-8:30 p.m. we will be having a Children's Fun Night in the Family Life Center. Kids will be watching a movie, eating a light meal, playing games, and having a brief devotional. The kiddos are welcome to wear their pajamas, and bring a pillow and blanket for the movie.

The final big event of the summer, the End of Summer Water Party, has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 26. Ron and Missy Harbert have graciously opened their pool to us for this fun event! Parents are encouraged to stay and enjoy the fellowship, too! I will be sending out more information closer to time! Please let me know if you will be able to attend, so they we can get a head count for the hot dogs! We need lots of help to keep the kids having fun and staying safe in the water!

We will be starting up our regular classes on Sunday nights again soon, and need a teacher for the 1-4 graders. This is a fun class, and one that is hungry to learn and grow in God's love. I have fun curriculum that is super easy to teach and fun for the kids (and adults) to learn. If you have been searching for a place to serve in the church, this might just be a good fit for you... especially if you like to have fun, get crazy, and make God's Word come alive and exciting for these young hearts.

We also want to let you know there are a few openings available to serve on the Children's church teams at this time, so if you've been wanting to help, now is your chance!!! Please contact me as soon as possible to secure your spot!

Finally, we are needing breakfast items (such as muffins, pop tarts, donuts, etc) for the children on Sunday mornings. Sunday nights we provide a light meal for the children, and are looking for individuals, groups or Sunday school classes who would be willing to help with this. Examples of light meals include, nachos, hot dogs or corn dogs with chips, pizza, and so on. If you would be interested in donating you time or some food for the cause, please let me know! We appreciate it, and it let's the kids see how much you care!

If you would like to be a part of any of these upcoming events, please contact me!

That the next generation may know!

Chris

## YOUTH NEWS . . .

### Real Life 2017

Real Life is just a few short days away. All the crazy planning and coordinating all comes down to these final few days. I know you all are just as excited as I am, and have been preparing yourself for your task within Real Life. This year's Real Life is special as it marks the 20<sup>th</sup> year in which the event has taken place, all of which have been sponsored by FBC. This year we welcome the SETBA as our first associational sponsor. We look forward to working with this conservative minded association in sharing the Gospel through as many formats as possible. Many things are in the works with the SETBA and as these things get worked through we will be sharing them with you! I have never worked with an association that is so committed to its churches and the people within those churches. Charles Hunt is the associational director, who has traveled many miles to visit with us, has committed not only himself but the full backing of the association to our church. Such a commitment is rare indeed. If you haven't had a chance to bring your Little Debbie Snack Cakes, Chips, or Country Time Lemonade there is still plenty time to do so, if you are unable to shop or just simple have a full schedule just drop by the office and make a donation as we will be glad to do the shopping for you. Just mark your envelope with Real Life and we will make sure it is used with maximum effect! Please continue to pray for Real Life and our church as there are many great things that are still yet to come!

I am pleased to announce the following Real-Life sponsors and partners.

First Baptist Church- Bridge City, TX  
South East Texas Baptist Association  
Ridley's Vacuum and Janitorial -Houston, TX  
Serve Pro- Nederland, TX  
Kay Electronics- Beaumont, TX

Be Intentional,  
Aaron

We are also taking donations of the following items:

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

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

Our long-awaited Night of Worship is almost upon us and I, along with the Praise Team and Band are ready to worship. We are so excited and are expecting our Lord to do a great work in the hearts and lives of everyone involved.

We have the singers lined up from our church and other area churches and it promises to be a night filled with some good ole' Southern Gospel music, along with some contemporary praise and worship.

Immediately after the service, there will be a fellowship where you will have a chance to visit with old friends and maybe make some new ones.

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



## 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.**

### LOOK AT THE RECORDS

July 16, 2017

Average Weekly Needs	\$ 9,927.13
Sunday Receipts	\$ 6,219.01
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$ 9,911.60

<b>Digital Sign Goal</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>Digital Sign Receipts to date</b>	<b>\$1,325.00</b>

#### ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	134
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#### WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	145
Nursery	5
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>150</b>

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### Sunday, July 30, 2017

9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship Service  
Children's Church  
for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade  
6:00 Night of Worship with Cookie Fellowship following singing

### Tuesday, August 1, 2017

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

### Wednesday, August 2, 2017

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

### Thursday, August 3, 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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