

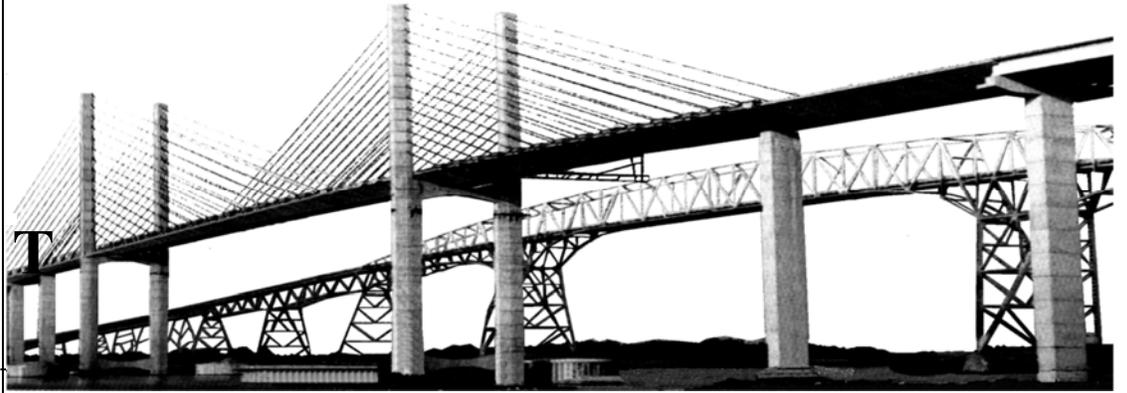
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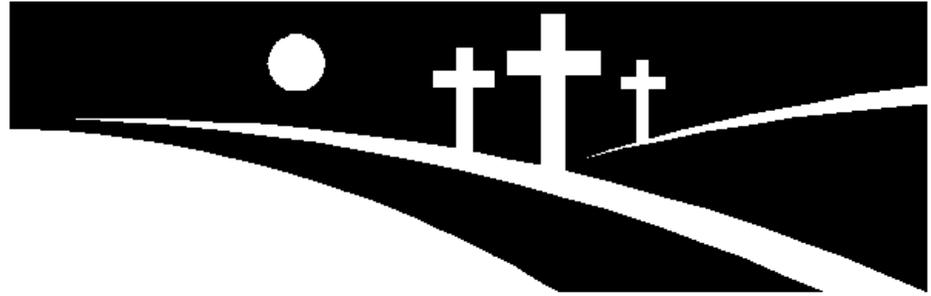
BRIDGE CITY, TX 77611

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The Bridge Builder



THERE IS BUT ONE

LORD

Jesus Christ...

1 CORINTHIANS 8:6, NIV

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Real Life will be wrapping up by the time you read this letter. I am humbled by the enormous support each of you give to this massive endeavor. Your serving in all of the various capacities is what allows hundreds of students to pour through here during Real Life and be presented the Gospel. The SETBA helped sponsor a major portion of the financial cost this year and have witnessed FBCBC in action. The DOM (Director of Missions) Charles Hunt remarked, "This church really knows what it is doing. This is phenomenal." You are a part of every response to the Gospel we see happening. Thank you for praying and serving.

Sunday we continue our sermon series, "All in the Family", with 1 Corinthians 7:25-40. Paul is continuing to give instruction about living out Christ in one's present state. The change needed by all is the change within oneself, not one's circumstance. Contentment was not evident in the Corinthians with their constant desire and striving for something more than "Christ crucified." An active and vibrant view of Christ and applying the truth of Christ into one's life brings contentment. Paul is demonstrating that they have failed to know and apply Christ properly, causing them to be seeking something other.

Singleness is often viewed as something negative and hopefully temporary by people. It is as if one cannot be whole without marrying. Paul declares that singleness is advantageous and fulfilling when used for Christ. A person can find wholeness in Christ without the competing affection of spouse and family. Devoting one's singleness to Christ can free a person from anxieties and fears being a powerful servant for God. If one is married, use your marriage to exalt Christ. If one is single, use your singleness to exalt Christ. The call for every believer is the same regardless of one's situation or station in life. Exalt Christ. Are you using every part of your life to exalt Christ?

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

Hello again all! Just wanted to let you all know that Sunday, August 20th, will be promotion Sunday for the children's department! We will be moving on up to our new classes, as well as promoting a few "Children's churchers" into big church. On that Sunday, we will take a moment to welcome these kids into the congregation and present them with a Bible and a special notebook to help them learn how to listen to the sermon, take notes, and learn as much as they can! We will also have sheets available beginning that Sunday if there are other children who would like to begin keeping a church journal on their own as well or if refills are needed! Each week, the children fill their journals, they can show their updated notebooks to their teacher during Sunday School and receive a small prize or candy. This is a big step for these children, and I hope you will join me in encouraging them to grow in God's Word!

Saturday, August 26th will be the swim party at Ron and Missy Harbert's home. The fun will start at 4 p.m. and will go until around 6 p.m. Parents are invited to stay and swim, as well as help watch the kids. Children who cannot swim should bring floaties or life vests for swimming. Come enjoy hot dogs and fellowship!

We are looking for a teacher for Sunday nights to teach the 1st — 4th graders. This is a fun class on Sunday nights and we are looking for someone who wants to go crazy and help the kids to creatively look at God's Word. We want kids to learn that God's Word is an adventure and encourage them to dive in as well as share it, too! If you are interested, or know someone who would be a perfect match, please let me know! Sunday evening classes will be starting again soon, and I would love to have the spot filled soon!

Finally, we will be having a Fall Festival meeting/preparation day on Saturday, September 16th. I know it is still a ways away, but I want to give you time to start the wheels a turning!"

That the next generation may know,

Chris

YOUTH NEWS . . .

As I write this Real Life is in full swing! Sunday night saw a new high in attendance for a Sunday as the entire bottom portion of the sanctuary was filled and even about half the balcony was full of teens and adults from all over southeast Texas. It was estimated that about 450 total people was present for the event! Our church has stepped up and served sacrificially and everything flowed smoothly. I am pleased to announce that God has already moved in the lives of many students and adults. Two students on Sunday night responded and accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior with many more praying at the altar! We are looking forward to seeing what God has for the remainder of the week and will have all the numbers available. It was also a pleasure to have many 1st time attending churches and churches from the South-East Texas Baptist Area attend. Charles Hunt, the S.E.T.B.A. Director of Missions was also present. We are truly grateful for their support of Real Life!

Ben Intentional,
Aaron Little

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Our Night of Worship was a huge success because we lifted up the name of Jesus. All of the singers and instrumentalists did a fantastic job. The sound crew did a wonderful job making it all come together. The congregation had smiles on their faces as they sang. The fellowship after was full of joy and laughter. It was obvious that we were all there for the same reason, to worship. Thank you to everyone involved!

Believe it or not, I am now shifting gears toward a Christmas Musical/Drama. I know it seems impossible that it's time to start thinking about Christmas, but we want this to be just as wonderful and successful as all of our events have been here at FBCBC, to honor our Lord.

Stay tuned, I will be sharing more information in the near future.

Also, thank you for allowing me to be your Music Director. I am amazed daily that the Lord gave me this honor and privilege and I am thankful.

For His Glory,
Debbie Anderson

The Gift of Life BLOOD

at
FBC, Bridge City
in the
Family Life Center

Thursday, August 24
4:00 — 7:00 p.m.

Contact:
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Digital Sign Capital Campaign Goal: \$20,000

Starting Fund Amount: \$2,040.00

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.

NURSERY WORKERS August 13, 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	
August 6, 2017	
Average Weekly Needs	\$ 9,927.13
Sunday Receipts	\$ 15,334.00
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,065.73
Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$2,040.00
ATTENDANCE:	
Sunday School	117
WORSHIP SERVICE:	
Worship	133
Nursery	7
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	140

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, August 13, 2017

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
 Children's Church
 for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
4:00 Deacon's Meeting
5:30 NO PM Services

Monday, August 14, 2017

11:00 Golden Harvest Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

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

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

6:30 Mid-week Worship Service
 Church Conference
 Children's Activities
 Student Worship

Thursday, August 17, 2017

4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night

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

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

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