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# The Bridge Builder

## The Gift of Life

at  
FBC, Bridge City  
in the  
Family Life Center

Thursday, August 24  
4:00 — 7:00 p.m.

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## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

I am so thankful for the attitude of service and prayer at FBCBC. Real Life was a phenomenal example of how FBCBC can be a direct benefit to other local churches. With the 400 plus students per night and the dozens of local churches represented, FBCBC was a part of growing the Kingdom of God across Southeast Texas. We can rejoice with these churches that saw students come to Christ and make varying commitments to Him. You were a vital part of the Gospel reaching these students.

Sunday our sermon series, "All in the Family", continues with 1 Corinthians 8:1-13. Paul is directly addressing the Corinthians about how they use the knowledge they claim to have gained in spiritual matters. Knowledge has been used as a weapon instead of a bridge. By the way they have chosen to use the knowledge they claim to possess, it demonstrates their actual lack of understanding in spiritual truth. Paul highlights an area of great concern in their current culture. He uses a real life illustration of eating meats which were part of idol sacrifices. These meats would be sold in the market often at reduced prices. The eating of the meat was highly controversial due to those attempting to divest of previous pagan practices. Paul declares knowledge might free you to eat, but love would compel you to abstain.

We might not be faced with eating meats dedicated to idols, but we face similar issues in our daily lives and chosen practices. Gaining biblical knowledge and growing in the freedom found in Christ is not a mandate to openly flaunt one's knowledge. "Know it all" never make good company nor do they display the truth of Christ. Christ humbled Himself in every way imaginable for the benefit of others. That means us, who claim Him as our Lord and Savior. Are you surrendering your knowledge to invite others to Christ? Are you choosing love over boasting?

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 8:12

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

School starts again at Bridge City this week, and I want to take a moment to remind you to pray for all those headed back in to the mission fields. You may ask what the mission field has to do with school. Matthew 5:16 says, "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." We are raising up tomorrows missionaries right here in our church. It has long been on my heart, and part of what I teach the kids that we should bring God's love and light to the world starting in our own back yard... that means in our home, our neighborhoods, school and community... from there it will spread to the world. This week we will be talking about this, and how small acts of kindness can speak Jesus to others in a big way! Please pray for the teachers and administrators that are returning to work this week, and pray that our students of all ages shine with Jesus' light in our community.

This month in Children's Church we are learning about helping others. Sunday we talked about the Fantastic Four friends who brought a friend in need to Jesus. These men went above and beyond to help their friend by lowering him through a roof to get him before Jesus, because they knew He could heal him. I have challenged the children to go above and beyond to help someone they know is in need, then to pray with that person when the job is done.

September 10th will kick off evening classes once again, and we are still looking for a teacher for the 1st through 4th grade. I have some really fun and easy to teach lessons that will be a blast to teach! Let me know if you or someone you know would be interested!

Finally, Saturday August 26th is our swim party! It will be from 4-6 at the Harbert's home. I will be sending out more information closer to time! Please plan on staying for fun and fellowship! It will be a wonderful time by the pool!

Please pray about these upcoming events and how you can be a part of God's love in action in the lives of these children!

That the next generation may know,  
Chris

## YOUTH NEWS . . .

What a great week we had at Real Life as we saw 28 responses and had a total of 1,490 participants. Once more even better, the 1,490 participants do not include the many workers and volunteers who poured out their heart and worked tirelessly through the entire week. Thank you so much for your selfless act of service to our students, community, and the many churches who participated in what was the 20<sup>th</sup> Real Life Student Discipleship Conference. Believe it or not, preparations for Real Life in 2018 have already started and I ask that you continue to be a prayer warrior for 2018. Please pray that God will lead us to our next Real Life Pastor and worship team. Kyle Warren and Only the Faithful (Real Life 2017 Band) prepared for over a year to serve, we will look for the next group of leaders to do the same!

It seems as if since school will beginning this Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> that there will be a bit of down time before the “crazy” begins again. This will not be the case as many of you know Breakfast of Champions is always hot on the heels of Real Life. This year we will be serving breakfast to our fall student athletes on September 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be, by the time you read this, just two weeks away! Last year we served over 350 plates of pancakes to our local student body! I pray that you will also begin to pray for them as they head back to school. If you are looking to help cook and serve at Breakfast of Champions please let me know soon! Cooking begins early, and all activities should be complete before lunch as we will need a cleanup team to help as well.

Be Intentional,  
Aaron

## THANK YOU

Dear First Family,  
Your presence and support during Howard’s illness and death have brought much comfort to each of us. Thanks for the prayers, phone calls, and visits. The Hospitality Committee outdid themselves with the delicious meal. It’s good to be back in Bridge City.

Juana Matthews  
Lynn Richard, Wayne Matthews, Ann Borque

## CHRISTMAS MUSICAL/DRAMA – December 10, 2017

A Smoky Mountain Christmas – The Homecoming is a humorous and heart-warming story that will strike a familiar chord with anyone who has ever spent Christmas with their extended family. The musical numbers are meaningful and memorable, and the warm acoustic bluegrass accompaniment lends a real home-spun flavor to this charming story of family and faith.

Please let me know if you would be interested in any of the following:

Actor/Singer  
Choir Singer  
Set Builder  
Props  
Backstage directing  
Drama directing

You can e-mail me at the address below or you can just tell me when we see each other at church. Thank you all for your prayerful consideration of helping with our musical.

For His Glory,  
Debbie Anderson  
music@fbcbc.org

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**Digital Sign Capital Campaign**  
**Goal: \$20,000**  
**Starting Fund Amount: \$2,560.00**

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. FBC Bridge City, let your light shine.

**NURSERY WORKERS August 20, 2017**

Sunday School      **Brittany Ernst**  
                                 **Connie Claus**  
Worship Service      **Thelma Wheelis**

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

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**Sunday, August 20, 2017**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION**  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship Service  
         Children's Church  
         for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade  
5:30 NO PM Services

**Tuesday, August 22, 2017**

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

**Wednesday, August 23, 2017**

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

**Thursday, August 24, 2017**

4:00 Quarterly Blood Drive

**LOOK AT THE RECORDS**

**August 13, 2017**

Average Weekly Needs              \$ 9,927.13  
Sunday Receipts                        \$ 6,118.13  
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts        \$ 9,946.10

**Digital Sign Goal                        \$20,000.00**  
**Digital Sign Receipts to date        \$2,560.00**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Sunday School                            129

**WORSHIP SERVICE:**

Worship                                    152  
Nursery                                     7  
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE        159

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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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