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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,

We are moving out of our summer pattern and preparing for fall. The next two Sunday evenings there will be no evening activities. Beginning September 10th, I will be leading a 8 week evening class study unpacking Baptist history and distinctives. Where do we get our instructions and beliefs? Why do we do what we do? Does a local church really matter? Would you die over "believer's baptism?" Prayerfully plan to attend.

Sunday our sermon series, "All in the Family", continues by looking at 1 Corinthians 9:1-14. Paul has begun to center in on the overarching principle every believer is to use to choose a course of action. Knowledge is a powerful tool which unfortunately can be used like a weapon. Paul has advocated for filtering one's knowledge through the concept of biblical love. Doing this makes the Gospel front and center for others to see, know, and experience. Paul begins to assert the value of love and the crucial aspect of making the Gospel first above all else through a series of rhetorical questions. These questions pinpoint areas where the Corinthians have failed to make the Gospel first and foremost.

Paul makes a statement about himself and others who have made the Gospel preeminent. "We endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ." (1 Cor. 9:12) He has eloquently pointed out that he is devoted to Gospel proclamation and willing to endure hurts, suffering, and abandon his rights for others to hear the Gospel. In our modern day church, we focus on comfort, preferences, opinions, rights, etc. forsaking the Gospel. When we elevate our self, we diminish the Gospel. When we exalt the Gospel, we deny our self. Christ denied himself to present the Gospel to us and we can do no less for others. Is the Gospel premiere in your life? What are you willing to sacrifice so others can see, know, and experience the Gospel?

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 9:12

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

The month of August is going by so quickly! We just have one more children's event coming up this weekend. This Saturday, August 26th, the children will be having an End of Summer/Back to School swim party at Ron and Missy Harbert's home at 185 Jennie St. in Bridge City. They will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and cookies. We will be out there from 4-6ish p.m. and children and their parents are invited to come and have fun!

Planning has already begun for this year's Fall Festival! We have lots of work that needs to be done on some of the games and items used for the Festival. We will be having a work day to begin sorting, repairing and painting these games and cleaning up the storage area. We will meet at the bus garage at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 16th to see what all needs to be done. We will begin collecting candy for the fall festival in just a few weeks!

Our evening classes will resume on Sunday, September 10th at 5:45 p.m. We will meet in the Family Life Center and eat a quick meal, then head to class. Class will end at 7:00 p.m.

I am excited to tell you that we will have three evening classes for the kids now, Pre-K & K, 1-3rd grade and 4&5th grade! I am excited to begin this new class for the older children, and my hope is to begin stretching them spiritually to prepare them for the youth and for what God has for their future.

We are still looking for a teacher for the 1-3rd grade class, and know that God is preparing someone special. We will be spending 8 weeks learning about the Fruits of the Spirit and using real fruit to teach the kids these important lessons! Please be in prayer about how God may be leading you to help with these wonderful classes, whether through prayer, meal preparation or teaching!

That the next generation may know,
Chris

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

6:30 p.m.

Jesus and Me — JAM Session (K-5th grade)
2:42 Student Ministry (6th -12th grade)
Prayer/Bible Study

YOUTH NEWS . . .



Breakfast of Champions is right around the corner! That means we will have a major influx of students rolling through our doors on the morning of Friday September 1st beginning around 7:00 A.M. It has been a privilege for FBC to be a part of this wonderful mission for now over thirty years, some have even suggested it may be closer to forty years now! Let us not forget the real purpose of such an endeavor, as we do not have the primary goal of feeding the students physical bodies, but their spiritual bodies! Just like the body grows, there is a sense in which the spirit also grows; and just like the body needs physical food to grow, so the spirit needs spiritual food to grow. That is why Jesus said in Luke 4:4 that, "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." Preparation for feeding the spiritual side of their bodies begins immediately, as I ask that you begin to pray for our students at BCISD and continue to do so throughout the entirety of the school year, and for my prayer warriors, make it a priority to come up to the FLC on September 1st around 7:00 a.m. and offer prayer for each student individually as this will not only show the community that FBC is behind their family, but also give wonderful encouragement for that student! If you would like to assist in feeding the physical body, cooking will begin about 4:00 A.M. and continue throughout the entire event. If we have enough workers sign up to help cook, we can designate shifts, to see that everyone gets to help! Give me a call at the church office or catch me around and just let me know that you plan on cooking and I'll put you on the list! We will also be in need of servers! Servers will need to be at the FLC about 6:30 A.M. so we can make sure and be ready for all the students who will begin lining up just before 7:00 A.M.! Once again, thank you FBC for your continued devotion to our community and schools over the years!

Be Intentional,
Aaron

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

...the season of singing has come... Song of Solomon 2:12

COME SING WITH US!

Sunday, August 27, 2017 will be **Choir Sunday!** This will give anyone who wants to sing in the choir the opportunity to do so. Please meet in the sanctuary at 8:40 a.m. to practice. That same day, at 4:00 p.m. we will have our first **Christmas Choir rehearsal.** We will meet in the choir room. I will have the music books to hand out and a listening CD for you to take home and learn your part. If you are not sure if you want to sing in the Christmas Choir, please come out anyway and give it a listen. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to use the gifts God has given you to minister to others through this musical.

For His Glory,
Debbie Anderson

KACI BURTON FUND RAISER

Stephanie Cunningham is offering fund raiser opportunities for Kaci Burton. Contact Stephanie at 409-963-9202 or at obdoc68@me.com

Digital Sign Capital Campaign

Goal: \$20,000
Starting Fund Amount: \$2,760.00

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 27, 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 20, 2017

Average Weekly Needs	\$ 9,927.13
Sunday Receipts	\$ 8,817.70
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$ 9,912.91

Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$2,760.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	149
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	143
Nursery	7
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	150

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, August 27, 2017

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

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

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

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

6:30 Mid-week Worship Service
Children's Activities
2:42 Student Ministry (6th -12th gr.)



The Heart of Being Baptist: History, Distinctives, and Purpose

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
September 10 – October 29

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

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