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# The Bridge Builder

**God is**  
*Faithful,*  
**he will not let**  
**YOU** *be*  
*tempted*  
**beyond what**  
**YOU** *can*  
*bear.*  
*1 Corinthians 10:13*

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Once again I am very thankful for the willingness of so many of you who have chosen to serve as a part of FBC Bridge City's relief/recovery efforts. Those of you who have been host/hostesses spending the night on campus, those of you who have relentlessly prepared breakfast, lunch and dinner for the teams, those of you who went out to evaluate homes, those of you who guided the teams, those of you who washed laundry, etc. are helping Christ be exalted within our community. I know many of you are serving in other areas and ways among the people. Thank you all for displaying the Gospel to people.

We have had the privilege of hosting a team from New Beginnings Baptist Church out of Longview, Texas which came and helped remediate Faith Baptist Church in Vidor. We are presently hosting a team consisting of local churches from Huntsville, Alabama called the PAR Group (Prepare and Respond Disaster Relief). Please pray for these groups and for others who may be joining us to serve the community. The need around us is great, but God is greater.

Sunday, September 24, Bill Collier will be preaching in my absence. Many of you know Bill personally as he has faithfully pastored in our area for years. He presently serves as the SBTC (Southern Baptist Texas Convention) Field Representative. He has been and continues to be a great friend and valued connection point to the state convention. Come and be encouraged by his sharing of God's Word

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

## CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017 AT 4:00 P.M.

Please make your plans to attend our first Christmas Choir rehearsal on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m. The Choir will not only be singing some specials, but will also be leading the congregation in some carol singing, so you will be a major part of our Christmas Night of Worship. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our first rehearsal.

**SAVE THE DATE** We have a gospel singing group, Mansion View, coming in concert to our church on November 5, 2017. We will be providing more information on this exciting evening soon.

It was such a joy to see so many at Sunday school and church this past Sunday. The love was felt and the hugs were healing.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. 2 Cor. 1: 3&4

For His Glory,  
Debbie Anderson



## FALL FESTIVAL WORK DAY

Saturday, September 30  
9:00 a.m.

Come ready to paint, clean, and share  
some crazy ideas!  
For more information  
see Chris Bailey.

## YOUTH NEWS . . .

One of the dangers in the Christian life is to take credit for what God does. This was the Assyrians' problem in Isaiah 10. They were a weak nation until God chose to bless them to use them as an instrument to punish the Israelites. However, the more God blessed them, the more confident they became in their own strength. When the farmers had good crops, they credited their farming skills rather than God. When their army won a victory, their generals took the credit. When the nation experienced prosperity, the Assyrians attributed it to their military and political might. Finally, God pointed out the absurdity of their conclusions. It is sometimes easier to handle poverty or weakness than wealth or strength. Poverty causes us to recognize our need for God. Prosperity persuades us that we no longer require Him. Scripture holds several examples of those who assumed they were self-sufficient, only to realize their dire poverty apart from God. Samson was the strongest person alive, but he forgot that his strength came from God. Once God removed his strength, Samson was reduced to a pitiful slave. Saul was the first king of Israel, yet when God removed His Spirit from this proud monarch, he became a paranoid, petty man, seeking counsel from the occult. We should be mindful and careful of how we handle the success God gives us! For we started this response with nothing more than a few hotdogs, and today can say GOD provided much more. Keep in mind that we are an instrument in the hands of the Master. GOD is not the instrument in our hands.

Be Intentional,  
Aaron



We are currently accepting Hurricane Harvey and First Baptist donations on our website (fbcbc.org) through PayPal. If you would like to know more, please contact the church office.

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

It was so good to be back to a "normal" Sunday! During Children's Church, we watched a video about Paul and Silas, and talked about giving thanks and praising God in hard times. We made shackles with Matthew 28:20 on them! The kids got to share about the storm, their homes, and their friends. We had a special time of prayer, as well.

Saturday, September 30th is the rescheduled date for the fall festival work day. We will be working out at the bus barn (weather permitting), going through stuff, painting and fixing games. If you would like to know more about what all we will be doing, just get with me and I can tell you more!

Sunday, October 1st, we will be starting our Sunday night classes. I am still needing a recreation/1st-3rd grade teacher for Sunday nights. We will be spending 5-6 weeks talking about the fruit of the spirit! If you would like to help on Sunday nights by helping with food, games or teaching, just let me know!

This is such an important time in these kids spiritual lives, and with the current events what they are, we need to use this opportunity to teach them about God's love for others. Please join with me and the kid min team here at our church to reach out to these kids.

That the next generation may know,  
Chris

### **Digital Sign Capital Campaign** **Goal: \$20,000** **Starting Fund Amount: \$3,210.00**

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    September 24, 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, September 24, 2017**

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

**Tuesday, September 26, 2017**

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

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

6:30 Mid-week Worship Service

**Saturday, September 30, 2017**

9:00 Fall Festival Work Day

<b>LOOK AT THE RECORDS</b>	
<b>September 17, 2017</b>	
Average Weekly Needs	\$ 9,927.13
Sunday Receipts	\$ 21,710.14
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,361.39
<b>Digital Sign Goal</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>Digital Sign Receipts to date</b>	<b>\$3,210.00</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	
Sunday School	116
<b>WORSHIP SERVICE:</b>	
Worship	152
Nursery	8
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>160</b>

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Doug Shows            Pastor  
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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