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The Bridge Builder



**"GIVE...
TO GOD**

**THE THINGS
THAT ARE
GOD'S."**

MATTHEW 22:21, NRSV

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

We at FBC Bridge City are being blessed to be used by God to minister the Gospel to the community during the Harvey event. The joy of hosting teams and being a part of their direct efforts into the community is truly humbling. We are still in the clean-up/recovery stage, but preparing for the longer work of the rebuild. Thank you for your faithfulness in serving and sharing the Gospel.

Sunday we continue our sermon series, "All in the Family", by looking at I Corinthians 9:15-27. Paul is continuing his personal illustration of sacrificing his rights and anything else that stands in the way of ministering the Gospel to the people. His feelings, are unimportant. His traditions do not measure up. His view of himself does not matter. His fear of what others think will not stop him. He boldly proclaims "Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel." (v.16) He is being impelled by the work of the Gospel in himself to share the Gospel with everyone else. Paul is running the Gospel race with zeal and passion fueled by the transforming work of the Gospel he has experienced.

Paul runs and serves in direct portion to his own view of his own experience of the Gospel. The transformation he has experienced drives him to share with others. We will never share the Gospel beyond our own experience with the Gospel. We will only burn with zeal and passion when we realize the depth of our sin and the great saving work Christ performed for us. If we view ourselves as pretty good people needing a little boost, we do not hold a biblical view of our sin and situation before God. If we lack fervor for the Gospel, it indicates where we rank it in importance. Everything we experience which holds great importance we share with others as often as possible. Job promotion. Children's accomplishments. Grandkid's happenings. Gospel? Is it "woe unto you" if you do not share 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
Colossians 1:28

YOUTH NEWS . . .

One of the greatest truths in all of Scripture is this: God is love. Understanding this in its full dimensions will set you free to enjoy all that is yours as a Christian. But you must accept that God loves you. If you grew up experiencing unconditional love in your family, this may not be difficult for you. However, if your early years were void of love, this truth may be hard to accept. God loves you, not because you deserve His love, but because **His nature is love**. The only way He will ever relate to you is in love. His love for you gives you an inherent worth that nothing can diminish. If you cannot accept the truth that God loves you, you will be limited in how you can relate to Him. When He disciplines you, you will not take it as an expression of His love. Rather, you may resent Him. When God says no to a request that is less than His best for you, you will conclude that He doesn't care about you. Without a clear understanding and acceptance of God's love for you, you will be disoriented to Him and to what He wants to do in your life. If you will accept God's love, however, you will be able to return love to God as well as to others. Are you experiencing the profound sense of joy and security that comes from knowing you are dearly loved by God? Being assured of God's love for you sets you free to enjoy the numerous expressions of love He showers upon you each day. Praise God for His unconditional perfect love.

Be Intentional,
Aaron
1 John 4:16

Save Old Literature



The Mission Committee will be collecting used and outdated literature to give to agencies that send it to prisons and/or to organizations that distribute it all over the world. At the end of each quarter leave your old literature in the boxes that new literature comes in. These boxes will be stored in a room in Adult 4. We need all ages and all kinds, children to adults.



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

Digital Sign Capital Campaign

Goal: \$20,000
Fund Amount: \$3,340.00

Thank You

Dear Congregation, My wife and I appreciate your generosity after Tropical Storm Harvey. We know your activity building was converted into a shelter hours before we were rescued and brought there. The Stanton family helped feed as well as offer kind thoughts of our recent loss. Many other women and men in your congregation went well beyond the call for helping their fellow neighbors. We felt secure while staying here thanks to Ricky McClelland and crew that watched over us 24/7. The Reverend said kind words during a sermon one evening and we also enjoyed the live singing of your choir — good work.

Thank you all so much,
Jack and Lynne Greenwell

Pastor Douglas and congregation, Thank you so much for opening up the church so we from Gilmer had a place to stay and food to eat. We believe the Lord made First Baptist Church a beacon so people could see Christ through it all. It was a joy to stay with you all. May the Lord bless you.

Johannes & Ietsje DeJong

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Happy Fall Y'all!

Well, the fall season is officially upon us, though I'm not sure it feels like it! With fall in the air, we have several up coming events that I hope you will be a part of!

This Saturday, September 30th at 9:00 a.m. we will be having a Fall Festival Work Day out at the Bus Barn! Be sure to come in old clothes, ready to go through items out in the barn and see what needs to be painted, fixed or moved along. Come ready to share ideas and have fun!

This Sunday, October 1st is a big day for several reasons! Number 1, it kicks off our Sunday evening Bible Studies! The children will be learning about what it means to be a believer in God! It also is the start of our Fall Festival Candy drive! We are looking for candy and small prizes to give away during the fall festival! We are also needing Little Debbie's, and other types of snacks and canned drinks to give away at some of the larger games such as the Prize Wheel, and Plinko. If you would like to donate any of these items, you can drop them off in the marked bins located in the welcome center, front foyer, and in the church office.

Finally, it is time to sign up for your booths! I will be sending a sign up sheet to all the Sunday School classes, so put your creative thinking caps on, and lets make this the biggest and best Fall Festival to honor God and spread His word!

That the next generation may know!

Chris

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.

NURSERY WORKERS October 1, 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

September 24, 2017

Average Weekly Needs	\$ 9,927.13
Sunday Receipts	\$ 8,011.59
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,317.25

Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$3,340.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	116
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	140
Nursery	7
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	147

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Saturday, September 30, 2017

9:00 Fall Festival Work Day

Sunday, October 1, 2017

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
 Children's Church
 for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
4:00 Christmas Choir Rehearsal
5:45 Children's Activities
6:00 Youth Activities — Sunday Night Life
 Adult Study—
 The Heart of Being Baptist

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

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

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

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

**GOLDEN HARVEST CLUB
MONTHLY MEETING**

The Golden Harvest Club will meet Monday, October 2nd at 11:00 a.m. Darrell Segura & Charles Hartman will do a tribute to the late Glenn Campbell.

Bring a covered dish or dessert. We have invited FBC-Orangefield to be our guests.

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Debbie Anderson	Worship Director

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

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