

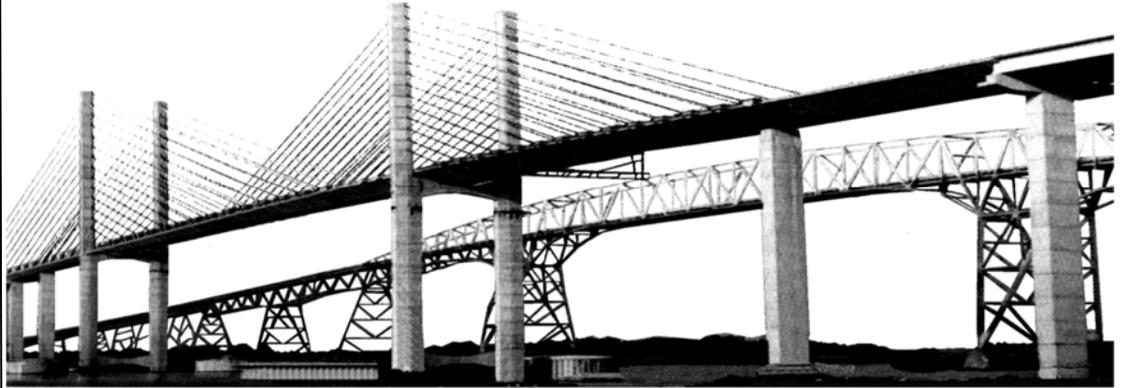
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The Bridge Builder

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,
Our Sunday night class "The Heart of Being Baptist" is going well and I am excited by the attendance. We have looked at God's Word being the sole authority in Baptist doctrine and the unique distinctive of regenerate church membership. Sunday we will look into church polity which is the organizational aspect of Baptist churches. Did you know that the Southern Baptist Convention is the only denomination that has become liberal in its theology, but was returned back to its conservative theological roots, aka God's Word? The SBC was brought back from the brink of abandoning God's Word as infallible and inerrant thanks to its church polity. The way Baptist do church is why it was even possible. I hope you will come and hear the story of this historic and God-honoring event this Sunday.

Sunday we continue our sermon series, "All in the Family" by looking at 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1. Paul has made a long pointed argument for placing the Gospel over self. He has demonstrated that there is an evident freedom that salvation in Christ provides for the believer. However, this freedom is not to be exploited or used in a way that harms unbelievers or immature followers of Christ. In fact, the freedom is to be given away for the benefit of the Gospel. Paul notes, "Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor." (v.24) Living out the Gospel is being willing to live sacrificially for the benefit of another. We can be confused by the truth of having freedom in Christ in which we are to give up. However, consider this about a soldier who serves in the military. The soldier is free, but gives up his freedom and binds himself and sacrifices to a duty higher than himself not for selfish gain, but for the benefit of others, some who will never even know his name. How much more are we to do likewise for the sake of the Gospel reaching others? Are you Gospel living by dying to self?

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 10:31

YOUTH NEWS . . .

Human strength is a strong deterrent to trusting in Christ. When we rely on our own strength, resources, and knowledge, we assume we can handle situations without help from God. We tend to divide problems into two categories: problems that we know require God's help and problems we think we can handle on our own. Paul had a tenacious personality and an exceptionally strong will. He courageously faced angry mobs as he traveled far and wide to promote the cause of Christ. He had spent the first half of his life serving God in his own strength. However, once God gained his attention, Paul had to learn to rely on God's strength and not his own. Paul was afflicted with a thorn in the flesh. Whatever this was, it humbled him. He had performed incredible miracles, even raising the dead, but he could not remove the affliction that God had given him, an affliction that made him depend on God. The world had seen what Paul could do in his own strength, and it was horrifying! Now God wanted to exercise His power through Paul's life. When Paul thought he was strong, he neglected to rely upon God's strength. Only in his weakness did Paul fully trust in God. Often our strength, rather than our weakness, hinders us from trusting God. God will bring us to a point of weakness if that is what it takes to bring us to trust in Him. Do not despise your weakness, for it leads you to trust in God's strength.

Be Intentional
Aaron

FREE TO GOOD HOME!

2 2' 8" INTERIOR DOOR UNITS—left hand door
1—Pop open Door 64" wide.

If you are in need if either of these items please call the church office.

FALL FESTIVAL

Tuesday, October 31



It is time to starting bringing Little Debbie cakes and wrapped candy for our Fall Festival. Help us make this an extra special time for the children in our area.

CHOIR DIRECTOR

What a wonderful, spirit-filled worship service we were blessed with this past Sunday morning. The Lord never fails to take over and lead. I am so grateful to God for His guidance and the strength He gives each of us to be obedient to His calling on our lives.

I can never say enough about the team God has called together for the music ministry here at FBC. This team effort is not only evident on Sunday mornings in the praise singers and band, but continues on into choir practice. I am thankful for each choir member who shows up and gives of their time and talent in preparation to lead worship as part of this music ministry team. There is still plenty of time for you to come and join us on Sunday evenings at 4:30 p.m.

We are looking forward to our gospel concert on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The group, Mansion View will be with us. The group's leader, Mark Frusha sang baritone with the Master's Men for thirteen years. He has served as a Minister of Music, Youth and Worship in churches in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma. He and his wife, Donna live in the Houston area. Be sure to mark the date on your calendar. You won't want to miss it!

Thank you so much to the prayer warriors who I know are praying for this ministry!

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified..."² Thess. 3:1

For His glory,
Debbie Anderson



CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sunday evenings at **4:30**
p.m. in the Choir Room.

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Candy, Candy, Candy! We need lots and lots of it! I have a feeling that this year's Fall Festival is going to be bigger than normal, due to the storm. Many houses are still being repaired and trick or treating will probably be affected, which means more families will be here, and we need to be prepared! We need lots of games, food and candy! Last Sunday, I sent out the sign up sheets to the Sunday School classes. Please return those, with a description of your game or booth, as soon as you can! We are gonna have lots of fun this year, and it's a wonderful opportunity to continue to reach out to the people in our community, and continue the "love work" that God has put before us through the storm...

Sunday night, we talked about God using small things to do mighty things! We talked about how tiny acorns grow into mighty oaks, and how though what we have to offer to God may seem small, when God is in it, it can become something amazing! Please continue to pray for the children's ministry, that the children will grow in their relationship with God. These tiny seeds, the children we are teaching, can grow to be mighty oaks of faith one day!

If you would like to have a part in the teaching and growth of these young hearts, please don't hesitate to let me know! There are many ways to serve within the children's ministry... meal preparation, teaching or recreation on Sunday nights, helping with children's church, or providing snack items. Remember! Little is much when God is in it, and by giving a little of yourself to these children each week, God can make great things happen!

That the next generation may know,
Chris

Thank You

Thank you for the sandwich tray and cookies for Mattie Lou's family. She loved her church and her church family. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated.

The Huckabay Family

NURSERY WORKERS October 15, 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	
October 8, 2017	
Average Weekly Needs	\$ 9,927.13
Sunday Receipts	\$13,779.49
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$ 10,428.92
Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$3,740.00
ATTENDANCE:	
Sunday School	118
WORSHIP SERVICE:	
Worship	130
Nursery	7
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	137

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, October 15, 2017

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

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

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

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

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

Thursday, October 19

4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night

Saturday, October 21

<p>Digital Sign Capital Campaign</p> <p>Goal: \$20,000 Fund Amount: \$3,340.00</p>

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8:00 — 4:30
MONDAY — FRIDAY

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