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The Bridge Builder

Dear Church Family,

Our church is alive and well. We are maximizing our space and seeing our facilities being utilized around the clock in serving and reaching people with the Gospel. Our initial efforts during the storm have morphed into our housing workers from across the United States. We have seen teams from Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, etc. along with individuals from Oregon, New Jersey, Idaho, etc. Groups such as Prepare and Respond, Hopeforce International, SETBA, etc. have been here impacting the community for Christ. In the last month we have had over 150 workers stay with us. We have facilitated the relief work at over 75 homes and the clean out/dry in work at 6 local churches. Many of you have helped in hosting, cooking, washing, praying, etc. in this endeavor. I thank each of you and I am humbled to see how we are a part of exalting Christ simply by being willing to open our doors and serve in small ways.

Our sermon series, "All in the Family", continues by centering in on 1 Corinthians 11:2-16. Paul has spent the last few chapters teaching the Corinthians how spiritual maturity produces spiritual humility. "Knowledge puffs up" (8:1) when filtered through our sin nature, but humbles a person when filtered through the Gospel. A person cannot worship God nor serve God properly without a posture or attitude of submission. The mode or motive we enter into worship with matters. Worship and submission are in essence synonymous with one another. Paul presents another illustration where the Corinthians' have failed to position themselves properly in relation to God and the Gospel. Men and women both were flagrantly entering into worship services in unabashed rebellion to the proper mode. Paul outlines that worship begins with submission.

Paul writes a section which our modern culture seeks to reject. It is often presented as outdated and of no relevance to modern day. However, the practice he is referring to may have dissipated in time, but the principle stands today. Every person is under the authority of another and must recognize and willingly submit to this truth. Worship is humbling oneself in the presence of one who is in a position of authority. No more so than us before God. "But I want you to understand that the head of man is Christ, the head of the wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God." (11:3) If we are not careful, we can often show up to worship without the attitude of submission and humility. When we do this we show up to worship our self under the guise of religious activity. No one likes to submit or be humble. Our sin nature rejects the concept outright. To worship God is work. To worship God is to submit. Whom are you worshipping? Are you submitting to God and humble in God's presence?

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
2 Timothy 3:16-17

YOUTH NEWS . . .

Just as the obedience of one Christian can bring blessing to others, the sin of one Christian can bring harm to many others. The children of Israel were rapidly advancing into the Promised Land. They had experienced a miraculous victory over the city of Jericho, and they were continuing toward their next conquest. To their surprise they met decisive defeat as they attempted to capture the small town of Ai. They sought God's explanation for their failure, and He provided it. He revealed that someone among them had disobeyed His clear command not to keep any possession from Jericho. The disobedience of one man and his family had paralyzed an entire nation! Achan thought he could conceal his sin and it would not affect anyone else. God chose to demonstrate the destructive power of one sin to His people. One act of disobedience cost Achan and his family their lives. It caused his countrymen to lose the battle; innocent soldiers were killed. His sin had serious repercussions for others, denying them the blessing, power, and victory of God. Our individual sin will have an impact on others. Choosing to disobey God may cost your family God's blessing. The power of God may be absent from our church because you are living in disobedience. Our friends may suffer because we are not living righteously. Diligently seek to obey every word from God, for we do not know how our disobedience could affect those around us. Scripture promises that if we will obey the Lord, our life will be a channel of blessing to others

Be Intentional

Aaron

NEEDED: VISITORS FOR HOMEBOUND

We now have 13 on our homebound roll; these are people unable to attend church services due to health issues. Caring people (men included) are needed to visit their chosen person once a month to show them God's love. Meet with us Wednesday, October 25th, 5:30 p.m. in Adult 6. You will receive a blessing.



CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Candy is the word of the month! We are still in need of lots and lots of candy! The fall festival is right around the corner! This year's fall festival will probably be bigger than usual, and we need to be sure we have plenty to go around! We are also needing small prizes and snack cakes and goodies for a few of the games as well. We will be having our final work day this Saturday, October 21st from 9 a.m. to around noon. We have a few games that still need a little paint, and a few that need repairs or decorations, too. If you have them, please bring paint brushes, staple guns and your creativity!

Don't forget to turn in your game/booth sheets so that we can get scriptures assigned, and so that I will know how many booth spaces are needed.

Sunday, in children's church, we learned about how we should set a good example to others. We talked about Paul and Silas and how living out Christ's example led the jailer to know Christ. We should set a daily example for others by following the example we have been given in Jesus.

Sunday night, we learned about how important children are to Jesus. We love pumpkins of all shapes and sizes, and Jesus loves people of all shapes and sizes too! God wants our love and wants us to trust Him with our lives. We need to be an example to the children of our church... example in the way we live, and we should show them the love that Christ has shown to us.

We are still in need of snacks for children's church, as well as a few volunteers to prepare simple meals on Sunday nights. Please bring children's church snacks to the church office, or they can be placed in the bins located around the church. If they are for children's church, please label them, so we will know.

Thank you so much for all the prayers, love and encouragement you give to the children's ministry. Please continue to lift these kids up in prayers!

That the next generation may know,

Chris

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.

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD, Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

Another great day at FBC on Sunday. It fills my heart with joy to look out over the congregation and see your smiling faces and hear your voices raised in song. God is so good and so faithful and worthy to be praised!

We had another very productive Christmas choir practice with more new faces. We love it when we have to bring in more chairs. There is plenty of room for more. We have a wonderful time of fellowship and the choir is sounding great.

Keep in mind our Christmas Night of Worship on Sunday, December 10th. We have some wonderful singers and musicians signed up to share with us that night. There is still time to let me know if you would like to be on the program.

I know you all have noticed that we have a new face in the praise band recently. We want to welcome Ricky McClelland on rhythm guitar. Thank you so much Ricky for answering the call of God to join us. I hope you are making plans to attend our gospel concert on November 5th at 6:00 p.m. Mansion View singer, Noah Lyons has served in the music ministry in churches in Missouri and Texas. He is 28 years old and is a vocal coach and teacher. He was saved at age nine and grew up singing gospel music with his family. He is a singer-songwriter and released his first solo album this year. You will notice there are posters hanging around our church about the concert. Please say a prayer for this group as they prepare to come and minister in song.

For His glory,
Debbie Anderson

**Digital Sign
Capital Campaign**
Goal: \$20,000
Fund Amount: \$3,740.00

THANK YOU

Thank you church family for the much needed prayers and votes to grant me a week of paid leave when Hurricane Harvey hit. It helped me tremendously to get my life in order so I could come back to work. I know have a travel trailer in my driveway, thanks to my daughter Carolyn in Alaska, for us to live in. We are so blessed! Being back at work has given me some much needed normalcy. I missed you all so much. I treasured every call I was able to receive. My Adult 8 ladies and adopted Mom always had just the right thing to say that I needed to hear! They are such precious mentors! Bro. Doug, you were my steady life line in the midst of all the chos. Thank you for your prayers and kindness! You had so much going on here to deal with, and yet you still made time for me! God has been with us every step of the way. He sent a stranger with an aluminum boat to get us out with Kimberly's little dog Hudson, as the water was rushing in around us! I've met such sweet people, heard their stories and shared with them about our loving God. He is the one constant, the only thing we truly need in our life! He will provide for you every step of the way. As He did for us! I look at it this way, my home and everything I own has been baptized in Harvey waters and he pulled us up and out of a dark dangerous situation to be ever closer to Him! He has shown me the true difference between want and need. What truly is important in our lives? God who gives us life, family, friends and neighbors helping neighbors! I will never forget ... Thank you Father!

Jackie Hall

*Dear Prayer Warriors,
It is with warmest thanks that I respond to your mailout with your prayers for me. I first became a Christian while attending First Baptist Church in Bridge City. So I have many happy memories of those days in the late 40's and early 50's. My chemo treatments (one every 21 days) are bearing good results.*

*With brotherly love,
J. B. Scales, Jr.*

*Dear First Baptist Church Staff,
Thank you for having my little business here for the past three years. Your support and love has helped me thrive and grow. I wouldn't be where I am without you. I will miss you all and you will have to come by soon to visit. Thank you.*

Jill Freeman

NURSERY WORKERS October 22, 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 15, 2017

Average Weekly Needs	\$ 9,927.13
Sunday Receipts	\$ 6,594.92
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$ 10,089.32
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 22, 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 24, 2017

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

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

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

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 children in our area.

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

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