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The Bridge Builder



Come enjoy lots of games, food, a bounce house and super slide, balloon animals, and lots and lots of CANDY!!!

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Sunday we come together as a fellowship of believers and partake of the Lord's Supper together. In conjunction with this our sermon series, "All in the Family", continues by looking at 1 Corinthians 11:17-34. In this section of Scripture, Paul is pointing out the selfish manner in which they have approached worship. The Corinthians have failed to see the unifying corporate nature of worship and have made it about fulfilling their own needs and desires. They come to church looking to be filled and fail to seek to serve others. Paul has been confronting them on the issue of choosing the Gospel versus self. Even in the partaking of the Lord's Supper they have chosen to think of themselves first.

Those who are financially secure and need not work long hours or serve as slaves to others are showing up early to the feast (the Lord's Supper.) They are enjoying the bounty of food and drink without regard to those who will be coming later. When the servants and slaves, who are a part of the church, arrive at the fellowship all the food and drink has been consumed. For these latter attendees, this is a meal they depend on to survive, but the richer and affluent members have filled their bellies without care for the lesser fortunate. Paul reminds them of the purpose and reason for the Supper. The act itself is supposed to indicate a commitment to Christ and a reflection upon His sacrifice for us. If any place one should be willing to be less self-centered it should be in eating and drinking at the Lord's Supper.

Paul warns that there are consequences to a self-centered heart draped in the lie of religious ritual. Paul points out that some are "weak and ill, and some have died" (v.30) due to the callousness of their heart. They have profaned the Lord's Supper and defamed Christ by approaching it without a submissive spirit and heart of repentance. The Lord's Supper is a time to remember Christ's sacrifice, to demonstrate a unified body (church) committed to Christ, and a forward look with anticipation to Christ return. If we approach it as just a religious ritual, with a self-centered heart, and/or an unwillingness to submit to Christ by repenting of our sins we too are foolish in thinking that there are not consequence to our actions. Prepare your heart even now for us to come together and give thanks for Christ and the fellowship of believers He has called us into.

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 12:26

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Candy, Candy, Candy!!! That is our biggest need for the fall festival right now... that and workers! We are still in need of workers that can give relief to those who are working the various booths throughout the night. Even if you can only sit in long enough for a bathroom/snack break, it would greatly be appreciated! We expect this years fall festival to be larger than usual, because of the state of homes and streets following Harvey, and because many churches are having their fall events on the weekend prior to October, 31st. Please be in prayer on how you can be a part of such a great community outreach event! Don't let this chance go by to share your story of God's love with someone that may cross your path on this fun night! We hope to se you, October 31st, from 6-8 p.m!!!

Christmas program rehearsals are going great, but we need more kiddos! We will be doing a blacklight presentation during the Christmas Night of Worship. This is a lot of fun for the kids, and they are having a blast practicing! Please help them to remember to invite their friends to church, to come and hear God's Word and have a little fun preparing to share it with others!

That the next generation may know,
Chris



FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING MANSION VIEW CONCERT

We will have a cookie/punch fellowship in the FLC, Sunday, ***Nov. 5***, following the 6:00 p.m. concert by "Mansion View".

Each family is asked to bring a "triple" batch of cookies to guarantee we have plenty for guests.

Thank you, the Fellowship Committee

YOUTH NEWS . . .

I would like to begin my weekly column this week by simply thanking all of those who wished me a happy birthday this past week! I received many birthday cards in the mail and even more well wishes. I was told that life does not truly begin until 40, I now fall only 3 years shy of that mark.

Winter Retreat sign ups begin this Wednesday night at church. Students may sign themselves up along with friends at any time. This year's theme is "After God's own Heart" found in 1 Samuel 13:14 and 1 Samuel 16:7. Students will learn through small group Bible study of three major incidents in the life of David that show the kind of courage, forgiveness, and the repentance of those whose hearts beat in sync with the heart of God and to develop the kind of heart that God can use. I hope that you will join me in laying a foundation of prayer over our students and Winter Retreat as we march forward into 2018 with a heart after God's own!

Parents, it is time to renew your student's medical records and permission forms, I hope to have these sent home this week. I will have them available at the front desk in the office as well for you to pick up. It is highly important that these forms get updated before Winter Retreat. The information provided will supply us with much needed information.

This next Sunday night, the 29th, will be our final Sunday night class of the year. However, I would like for you to note the change of time. Instead of meeting Sunday night a 6:00 P.M. we will meet in the gym at 2:00 P.M. It will be our annual Life Chain event in which we stand and pray for the end of abortion practices around the world and promote the alternative of adoption. This has become one of our most supported events, as far as students go, for several years now. Please make plans for you and your entire family to be a part. Our goal is a link arms with the many other churches up and down Roundbunch road. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the church office or Darrel Segura the event coordinator.

Be Intentional
Aaron

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

Psalm 118:28 "You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you."

It is important that we worship God on a daily basis. Not out of a sense of duty, but from the heart. Daily worship is more than just going through the motions and saying the right things, but searching deep inside of ourselves for the right words to tell Him how wonderful He is. Worship has nothing to do with us, but everything to do with Him. I don't think we need to just dwell in the past constantly, but I believe we need to remember what we were before God saved us. I know I do. When we think about that, there is no limit to our thankfulness to Him.

God was so good to us yesterday during the worship service at FBC. I want to express my humble gratitude to God for allowing me this opportunity to lead. The Christmas Choir is continuing our practices every Sunday at 4:30 p.m. As always a wonderful time of fellowship and singing.

The time is drawing near when FBC will be hosting the gospel singing group, Mansion View. The third singer in the trio is Jeremy Hoover. He was born and raised in Dixon, Kentucky. He says that he is thankful that the good Lord came into his heart at the age of nine at a spirit-filled Gospel Singing. Jeremy says that his father's preaching and singing gospel music for many years is what led him to his passion in music.

Remember to make your plans to attend the concert on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. and bring someone with you.

For His glory,
Debbie Anderson

**Digital Sign
Capital Campaign**

**Goal: \$20,000
Fund Amount: \$3,775.00**

NURSERY WORKERS October 29, 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 22, 2017

Average Weekly Needs	\$ 9,927.13
Sunday Receipts	\$ 9,307.50
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$ 10,071.14

Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$3,775.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	119
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	140
Nursery	7
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	147

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, October 29, 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 31, 2017

10:00	Ladies Prayer Meeting
6:00	Fall Festival

Wednesday, November 1, 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 time for the children in our area.

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Debbie Anderson	Worship Director

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

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