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# The Bridge Builder

## MANSION VIEW In Concert



Sunday, November 5  
6:00 p.m.

A love offering will be accepted  
to help their ministry.



A cookie/punch fellowship in the FLC following the 6:00 p.m. concert. Each family is asked to bring a "triple" batch of cookies to guarantee we have plenty for guests.

## **PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .**

Dear Church Family,

We have seen a lot of shifting and transforming of space usage throughout the church especially since Tropical Storm Harvey. It has been amazing to be a part of God using His resources, FBC Bridge City, to meet the varied needs in conjunction with ministering to those effected by the storm. In the process, we have been able to complete our new Sunday School space next to the Worship area and the Children's Safety Corridor. As we make the transitions this opens up more space for our continued growth and to maximize our ability to share the Gospel with others. It is an exciting time in which God is preparing us for His blessing.

Sunday we continue our sermon series, "All in the Family", by looking at 1 Corinthians 12:1-11. Paul writes to the Corinthian church so that they will not be "uninformed" about spiritual gifts. He is helping them to be able to discern a gift from God versus the fraudulent deceptions that were prevalent. Paul wants them to not fall victim to the idea that everyone is to be the same or manifest the same gift. God has provided a variety of gifts for the benefit of the whole body of the church and help propel the Gospel forward. A gift is given by God to be used in glorifying God.

Today we have the same problem Paul was contending with in Corinth. The difference for us is that instead of being uninformed we are more apt to be misinformed. Every believer is endowed with spiritual gifts, but not every believer uses them for God's glory. Some never use them. Some use them to glorify self. Some use them but do not know they have them. Some confuse them with their strengths and personality. There are others who claim to have gifts from God which are deceptive lies meant to usurp God's glory and misdirect His people. Do you know you have gifts designed by God and given by God to you? Are you using them? Are you using them properly? A gift given by God is a terrible thing to waste.

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 12:7

## **CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR**

I want to start out by saying thank you so much to all those who had a part in this year's fall festival. Whether you donated candy, worked a booth, helped set up, or prayed faithfully, for the event, we could not have done it with out you! Thank you for letting God use you in a mighty way to reach our community! You are truly a blessing!

We are now moving along with Christmas rehearsals, and the kids are super excited about what we are doing for the program! If your child has not had a chance to come to a practice, there is still plenty of time and plenty of props! The parts they will be performing are very easy, and fun to do, plus... it will be done in blacklight!

Though Sunday evening classes are over, we will still be practicing on Sunday evening from 4:30-5:30 p.m. (at the same time as the adult choir). A light snack will be provided for the children. Rehearsals are also open to any youth that would like to help out on stage with the children, as well. they are welcome to come and rehearse with us on Sundays. We will also continue to practice at our regular time on Wednesdays.

Please remind the kids to invite friends to come and be a part of this awesome event, celebrating Jesus' birth!

That the next generation may know,  
Chris

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## **Thank You**

I would like to take the time to thank you for your generous donation to Orangefield ISD. Our school was greatly affected by Hurricane Harvey. Your school supply contribution was extremely beneficial to our schools during this transition period. Your gift provided services for our elementary, junior high school, and high school campuses. This allowed our teachers to purchase appropriate supplies and materials to prepare their classrooms and students. Your support was instrumental in making this happen.

Stephen D. Patterson.  
Superintendent of Schools.  
Orangefield Independent School District.

## YOUTH NEWS . . .

Christians are not called to defeat Satan. God has already done that in Christ! Nor is it our mandate to “bind” Satan. Jesus has already set limits on the extent and duration of Satan's freedom. Satan, “our ancient foe,” was decisively and completely defeated by Christ's sacrifice on the cross and in His resurrection. With regard to Satan, our assignment is to trust in the victory that Christ already achieved and daily resist him with the truth of his defeat, as Jesus did. Satan is the father of lies and a master deceiver. If he can convince you that God has not defeated him, then you will not experience Jesus' victory. You will find yourself fighting battles that Christ has already won! You will fear Satan though he has already been utterly and humiliatingly defeated. Your responsibility is to resist Satan, and he will flee from you. When you resist him, you are acknowledging that Jesus has defeated him and given you victory over his influence. God has provided you with spiritual armor that is more than sufficient to withstand any assault by Satan. Christians can become preoccupied with battling Satan. This deceives them to invest their time and energy attempting to do something that Christ has already done for them. If Satan can divert you to wage a warfare that has already ended in surrender, he will have eliminated your effectiveness where God wants you. You have no need or calling to defeat Satan, you need only to apply Christ's victory in every area of your life and to live the victorious Christian life. As you go about sharing the gospel message with others, Satan and his forces face the reality of their defeat in each life that is claimed by the kingdom of God.

Be Intentional,  
Aaron

## WORSHIP DIRECTOR

I hope you have made your plans to attend our gospel concert with Mansion View on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Also remember we will have a cookie and punch fellowship directly following the concert.

You will have an opportunity to hear the Mansion View singers in our morning worship service that same day where they will share a couple of songs. We can look forward to a day of great gospel music. Please continue to pray for the group as they prepare to minister to us through song.

Christmas Night of Worship. I can't wait for you to hear our choir. Our numbers grow a little more each week and I can see the sweet spirit on each face as we practice together. I know I mentioned the teamwork that we are blessed with in our music ministry at FBC many times, but that is one of the things that makes our ministry so special. Each one of God's singers brings their gifts and talents, along with a full heart each week as we gather together.

That same sweet spirit was evident on Sunday morning as we all worshipped together. The Lord is always so faithful to be close to us as we lift our voices in praise to Him. I am overwhelmed with joy each time we join together to worship our Lord. God is good.

[Ephesians 5:19](#)<sup>19</sup> speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the LORD,

For His glory,  
Debbie Anderson



**IT'S A GIRL!**

**KATE RICHELLE LANDRY**

10 lbs.                      21 1/2 inches  
BORN: October 30, 2017

Proud Parents: Paul & Hannah Landry  
Proud Grandmother: Lynn Richard  
Proud Great Grandmother: Juana Matthews



**IT'S A BOY!**

**WYATT OWEN  
TUTER**

**IT'S A BOY!**

8 lbs. 3 ozs.                      19 1/2  
inches  
BORN: October 28, 2017

Proud Parents: Chad & Starla Tuter  
Proud Grandparents: Brian & JJ Cart  
Proud Great Grandparents: Larry & Donna Linder

**NURSERY WORKERS November 5, 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, November 5, 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 MANSION VIEW In Concert  
       Cookie/Punch Fellowship to follow

**Monday, November 6, 2017**

11:00 Golden Harvest Monthly Meeting

**Tuesday, November 7, 2017**

10:00 Ladies Prayer Meeting  
 6:00 Fall Festival

**Wednesday, November 8, 2017**

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

**Thursday, November 9, 2017**

4:00 Quarterly Blood Drive

**LOOK AT THE RECORDS**

**October 29, 2017**

Average Weekly Needs	\$ 9,927.13
Sunday Receipts	\$10,210.90
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$ 10,074.32
<b>Digital Sign Goal</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>Digital Sign Receipts to date</b>	<b>\$3,795.00</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	
Sunday School	126
<b>WORSHIP SERVICE:</b>	
Worship	125
Nursery	6
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>131</b>

**DON'T FORGET!**



Set your clocks  
**BACK 1 hour** be-  
 fore retiring Satur-  
 day evening.

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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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