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The Bridge Builder

HARVEST MEAL

Sunday, November 12
following the morning worship

Menu: Ham, dressing and all the trimmings

Departments are asked to bring the following:

Adult 2—3

Adult 4—5

Ladies' Class

Adult 6

Adult 7

Adult 8

Adult 9

Desserts

Fruit Salad

Desserts

Sweet potatoes

Deviled eggs

Desserts

Green beans

Children's and In-service Workers — Desserts

*Sign up by calling the
church office — 735.3581*



*Nursery will not be provided
so the whole family can fel-
lowship together.*

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,
Sunday night was a wonderful time of music and fellowship. The group Mansion View was an inspiration with their story of faithfulness and a blessing with their gifting in music. It was such a joy afterwards to have the opportunity to visit with one another and eat a few cookies. Thank you for being a blessing to Mansion View with your support.

Our sermon series "All in the Family" continues with 1 Corinthians 12:12-31. Paul has outlined that every believer in Christ possess spiritual gifts. They are not for personal benefit or selfish indulgences. The purpose is to exalt Christ and edify the body of Christ, the church. Paul utilizes the analogy of a human body to demonstrate the need of the variety of the gifts. God has orchestrated the distribution of gifts to individuals within the church for the ability of the corporate church to minister out the Gospel effectively. In Paul's illustration some are a foot, some a hand, some an eye, etc. meant to work together to make the whole productive. When all the parts are functioning in unison for the same purpose a human body can accomplish tremendous task. It is no different for the local church. When the corporate body functions in unison for the purpose of the Gospel, it can do heavenly work right here on earth. What happens when a portion of your physical body is not well? The whole body is out of sync. Again, this is no different for the local church. We must be mindful to encourage, care for, protect, love, etc. each other with the Gospel so we can maximize our ability to carry the Gospel to all. Do you know where you fit in? Do you think you do not fit? God has made you to fit. You have a place. Let's discover it together.

Sunday we will make available spiritual gift surveys to help you begin to recognize and implement your spiritual gifts. For those who want to do an online version (ebcrochester.org/misc/php/LifeWaySpiritualGiftsSurvey.php) or print a paper copy to do before Sunday you can locate these by using a Google search for: **spiritual gift test lifeway**. There are other versions but I would recommend using **Lifeway** as a reliable and trusted source.

FBCBC is where the "impossible" is a living reality everyday and Christ is who we seek to exalt. Invite someone to be a part of what God is doing at FBCBC.

Your Pastor,
Douglas Shows
1 Corinthians 12:18

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

We will be rehearsing our song for the Christmas Program twice weekly from now until the program on December 10th! On Sunday afternoons, we will be practicing at the same time as the adults, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., and on Wednesdays, we will be practicing at the normal time of 6:30-7:30 p.m. A light snack will be provided at each rehearsal. All children are welcome to come and participate in this fun event! Please try to have your children at as many rehearsals as possible, but they can still be a part even they can only make a few. The children will need to dress in all black (shirt, pants, socks, we will provide gloves). If you need help purchasing any of these items, please let me know! If you are available to help with the song rehearsals, any help would be appreciated. We need props made, snacks provided, and help with the children. If you can help with any of these parts of the program, get with me, we'll put you to work!

In the next week or so, I will be sending home a card with the holiday schedule on it for upcoming children's events. It will also have information on our table at the Taste of Christmas.

Please be in prayer for all the upcoming events and the ministries involved!

This is such an exciting time for our church, and I am looking forward to seeing how God uses our church to continue reaching out into the community.

That the next generation may know,
Chris

Thank You

Dear First Baptist Church Prayer Ministry,
I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your loving prayers. Your prayers are being heard and "God" is giving me a content calmness I've never experienced before. He truly is a loving "God". The gift of prayers is the best gift I've ever received. I will keep Darrell Segura up to date on my journey. Thank you all and may God bless each one of you.
Love,

Irma Hannegan

YOUTH NEWS . . .

The world will tell you that the dominating influence in your life is your past. If you came from a difficult home life, that will determine the direction of your life. If your culture was treated unfairly, that will dictate the condition of your life today. If you were hurt or abused or if your youth was spent in rebellion, the remainder of your life will be spent struggling with your past. The world is preoccupied with the past because it faces an uncertain future. Christians, on the other hand, live in freedom because Christ has overcome our past. The "old things" have been done away with and "new things" have come. God has so totally forgiven the Christian's sin that He chooses not to remember it. Christians do not forget the past; but we are not controlled or motivated by it. The Christian looks to the future with hope. The people of the world focus on what they are overcoming. Christians focus on what they are becoming. Christians know that the Holy Spirit is conforming them into the image of Christ. Christians know that ultimately, they will stand before Christ to give an account of their actions and will spend an eternity in the presence of God. Christians know that eventually every injustice will be addressed and every hurt comforted. They know that Satan, and death itself, will finally be ended. The Christian's future is so full and rich and exciting that it supersedes whatever happened in the past. If you are preoccupied with your past, ask God to open your eyes to the incredible future that awaits you and begin, like Paul, to press on to what is ahead.

Be Intentional,
Aaron

COMING IN JANUARY . . .

**Quilts for
Buckner Children**

**Interested persons
Contact
Imogene Ernst
409-313-6468**

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

What an awesome day we had this past Sunday at First Baptist Church, Bridge City. From worship and the Word in the morning services to the evening concert with Mansion View, everyone's efforts were truly blessed by God.

The Mansion View singers gave us a little sample on Sunday morning of what we would hear at their concert that evening. We had a wonderful turn-out for the concert and I know everyone was touched by the beautiful messages in song we heard from Mark, Noah and Jeremy, along with their testimonies. This group is truly anointed and brought together by God and I know their ministry will be blessed. We pray for God's grace in their endeavors to spread His word through music.

Thank you to the Fellowship Committee and everyone who brought cookies for our fellowship after the concert. It was a very nice ending to a wonderful Lord's Day.

Our Christmas Night of Worship will be here before we know it! The choir is faithfully practicing each Sunday and we are all very excited about what God is doing in our midst.

The Children's choir is working on something very special to share with us that night. Some of the students in our youth group are preparing to share their gifts and talents with us on instruments and with singing.

Psalm 33. 1 Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. 2 Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. 3 Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. Thank you all who continue to pray for the music ministry at FBCBC.

For His glory,
Debbie Anderson

NURSERY WORKERS November 12, 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 12, 2017

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
 Children's Church
 for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
 Harvest Meal
4:00 Deacon's Meeting
4:30 Christmas Choir Rehearsal
 NO PM Activities

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

10:00 Ladies Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

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

Thursday, November 16, 2017

4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

November 5, 2017

Average Weekly Needs	\$ 9,927.13
Sunday Receipts	\$14,495.87
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$ 10,183.80
Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$3,815.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	122
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	138
Nursery	7
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	145

First Baptist Church

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

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