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# The Bridge Builder

## 2018 CHURCH BUDGET

Available December 1st

**December 13**      **Business Meeting  
Discussion on Budget**

**December 17**      **Vote on Budget  
(No Discussion)**



**Lottie**

**Moon**

## Christmas Offering

**National Goal:**

**\$160 Million**

**Our Goal:**

**\$ 5,500.00**

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

As we move into this holiday season, we all will be busy with various obligations. The rush of activity can be exhilarating while at the same time overwhelming. We can find time becoming more precious than usual as we hope to spend it with family and friends. It is easy to begin placing our hope for holiday joy on other people or finding it lacking because of those who are gone. My prayer for you and for myself is that we make certain we find our joy in its proper place by focusing on Emmanuel (God with us).

Sunday the sermon series continues with the first of a two part look at 1 Corinthians 14:1-25. Paul has been contending with the abuse of spiritual gifts and the elitist behavior of those within the Corinthian church. He has previously demonstrated that each gift is valuable, thereby each member of the church, for the furtherance of the Gospel. Paul has reminded them of the necessity of a Christ like love being needed to make any gift beneficial. He has challenged them to refocus on Christ's love for them so that they may love each other likewise. Paul now turns to deal with the abuse and failure of the people in relation to the gift of tongues.

The Corinthians have elevated a lesser gift to prominence and have used it for self-glorification. The very act of speaking out loud in a disruptive manner with a language no one can understand has only the purpose of bringing attention to one's self. Tongues was given for the edification of the church and other believers, not for a personal usage and self-gratification. Paul challenges them logically by asking what good comes out of sharing Gospel truth in a language the other person cannot understand. The Gospel must be shared in the way or manner the hearer can receive it. Are we much like the Corinthians speaking a foreign language with our religious overtures? Are we willing to speak the language of those who need the Gospel?

FBCBC is where the "impossible" is a living reality every day 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 14:9

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

The Christmas Program is right around the corner, and we only have a few practices to go! We will continue practicing on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 4:30 p.m. On Friday, December 8th, we will have a full rehearsal with the adult choir at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please plan to attend this rehearsal, as it is one of the only times we will be able to practice with the adults. Our part will not take long, as we will be rehearsing our song a few times, then you will be released to go home. Parents are invited to stay for the practice.

Just a reminder, please have your children dressed in black pants, black socks and a long sleeve black shirt for the program, Sunday, December 10th. These can be purchased at Walmart at little cost. If you need help getting these items, please let me know by rehearsal on the 8th!

At the annual "Taste of Christmas", following the Christmas Night of Worship, the children's table will be serving cookies and cupcakes and punch. Children's workers are asked to bring food items for the table, and children are welcome to bring items as well. For a list of items needed for the punch, please contact me.

Finally, our Children's Christmas party will be on Wednesday, December 20th at 6:30 p.m. We will have games, a meal, and possibly go caroling & looking at Christmas lights. Please dress "Christmasy" and come ready to have lots of fun!

Please be in prayer for the upcoming program, as well as for our children and their families in our church.

That the next generation may know,  
Chris

### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR

Michael McElhaney  
Son of Audry Lawson

Saturday, December 2  
2:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Bridge City

## THANK YOU

There are no words to express the love that was shown to our family during the home-going of our mom. Thank you for each phone call, text, and words of encouragement but most of all your prayers. Thanks also to each person that made the long trip to Burkeville. What a blessing it is to be a part of such a wonderful church.

The Dickerson Family

## YOUTH NEWS . . .

Now that the Christmas season is officially upon us, I'd like to catch you up on just a few upcoming events within our student ministry. As usual, the highlight of the year is right around the corner in Winter Retreat! This year we will once again head to Crystal Beach, where we will be joined by both Second Baptist Church and Circle Drive Baptist Church in Bridge City! It is always a true pleasure to join other churches in fulfilling the great commission. The relationships that we have built within our community churches and their student ministry program continues to blossom. I am pleased to announce that our theme for our retreat will be "After His Own Heart" where we will focus on the relationship David had with God and begin to mold our own hearts after His own (1 Samuel 13:14). The cost for the event will be a smooth and easy \$35.00 which will include everything from food, lodging, and of course their very own Winter Retreat T-Shirt! We will depart FBC around 9:00 A.M. on December 28<sup>th</sup> and arrive back in Bridge City at around 3:30 P.M. on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure and get your students signed up, as space will be somewhat limited.

I have been approached by the SETBA to help lead the resurgence of their associational youth camp for the Summer 2018 season! What a great honor and opportunity for our church to receive and take the lead on! We have already, with the help of Director of Missions Charles Hunt, met with many, if not close to all, of the association pastors and youth pastors and have received great feedback. Camp has been officially slated for July 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> at East Texas Baptist Encampment in Newton, TX. We are expecting a great turn out, as we have already booked author and friend Tim Ramsey to be our camp pastor as well as Frank Aragon for our music portion of our worship! We will have the art work and cost released soon!

In such a small space, I can not begin to write about everything upcoming for our students, but below you can find a small glimpse of just the tip of the iceberg of what is upcoming. Please look for announcements in the future, and hopefully we can get these out to you in plenty of time to make arrangements to attend and be a part!

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – Student Christmas Party @ FBCBC  
6:30P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>- Winter Retreat @ Crystal Beach, TX  
Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>- SETBA Youth Camp Pre-Celebration @  
FBCBC 6:30 P.M.

Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>-Hot Hearts of SETX @ Ford Park,  
Beaumont, TX

Be Intentional,  
Aaron

## WORSHIP DIRECTOR CHRISTMAS NIGHT OF WORSHIP

The excitement is in the air as we get closer to our Night of Worship on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

We had another enjoyable and fruitful practice this past Sunday evening. Every week God's singers are faithful to come and use their gifts and talents to prepare for this special night.

We only have two more practices scheduled. We will meet Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. and Friday, December 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

All soloists and musicians are asked to be in the sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. on the afternoon of December 10<sup>th</sup> to rehearse your songs and the choir is asked to be in the sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. to get a sound check and put any finishing touches on our songs.

There will be refreshments provided that afternoon during these rehearsal times. I hope you are planning to come and worship with us on this special night and preparing to stay for our annual Taste of Christmas immediately following the program.

**Psalm 34:3 Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!**

For His glory,  
Debbie Anderson

### **Christmas Night of Worship**

Dress Rehearsal for choir  
Friday, December 8, 2017  
7:00 P.M.



**NURSERY WORKERS December 3, 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**

**November 26, 2017**

Average Weekly Needs	\$ 9,927.13
Sunday Receipts	\$ 4,522.61
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$ 10,113.86
<b>Digital Sign Goal</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>Digital Sign Receipts to date</b>	<b>\$4,490.00</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	
Sunday School	127
<b>WORSHIP SERVICE:</b>	
Worship	145
Nursery	5
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>150</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**Sunday, December 3, 2017**

9:15 Sunday School  
 10:30 Worship Service  
       Children's Church  
       for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade  
 2:30 Youth Council Meeting  
 4:30 Christmas Program Rehearsal  
 5:30 Safety/Security Meeting

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

10:00 Ladies Prayer Meeting

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017**

6:30 Mid-Week Worship Service  
       Children's Activities  
       Student Worship  
 7:30 Instrumental Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 7, 2017**

4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night



**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

<b>National Goal:</b>	<b>\$160 Million</b>
<b>Our Goal:</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>
<b>Receipts to date</b>	<b>\$ 478.00</b>

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 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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