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The Bridge Builder



Spiritual Gifts: Define, Discover, and Develop
Teacher: Douglas Shows

January 14 – March 4
5:30 pm

Adult 7 Classroom (across from Nursery)

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

We are underway with 2018, but I want to extend my thankfulness to all of you as we ended 2017 so well. Our giving receipts for the year were \$10,000 over our budgeted needs. In conjunction with this our spending was \$30,000 under the budgeted needs. All of this was accomplished while we increased our Cooperative Program giving, increased our local associational giving, hiring a music director, continuing our other ministries unhindered, expanding in new areas, giving record amounts to Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon, launching a Digital Sign Campaign, remodeling rooms for Senior Adults, installed Children's Safety Corridor, etc. God was and is good being demonstrated through the willingness of the people to be faithful to the task He has called us. Maybe this will help you see why I am so excited for 2018 and what God is doing at FBCBC.

Sunday we continue our march through 1 Corinthians by contending with the text 1 Corinthians 14:26-40. Paul has dealt with the Corinthians spiritual immaturity by demonstrating overwhelming evidence of it. He has meticulously revealed each issue and the proper response so they are able to correct it. Paul has not avoided difficult subjects or downplayed the severity of the problems. He has firmly while lovingly provided God-given instruction on dealing with their sin. The central issue has been the self-centered nature in which the Corinthians have manifested their Christian walk. Christianity is not a free for all, self-aggrandizing endeavor, but a purposeful and intentional exaltation of Christ, and Christ alone, before all mankind. Paul gives instructions on how they are to worship God in an orderly manner. The reason for this is because how one worships indicates who one worships. Each person may have a part in the worship time, but it should not be transformed into a time of self-exaltation. Worship can happen in private, but is primarily a corporate endeavor making Christ the focus. The chaos of the Corinthian worship services has made them more of a sideshow attraction than worship of a Holy and Righteous God. We ourselves can make worship about us even without falling into the chaotic patterns of the Corinthians. How do you worship? To be seen and recognized? To be hidden and unattached? Who is our focus when we enter into worship? Let us make certain it is Christ.

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.

For His Glory,
Douglas Shows
1 Corinthians 14:33

YOUTH NEWS . . .

Perhaps you consider yourself a forgiving person, but you are now facing someone whom you cannot forgive. Whenever you struggle to forgive, you need to revisit what you were like when God first forgave you. God forgave your most grievous sin and rebellion against Him. This being so, how can you refuse to forgive those who sin against you? Forgiveness is not a spiritual gift, a skill, or an inherited trait. *Forgiveness is a choice.* Jesus looked down on those who had ruthlessly and mockingly nailed Him to a cross, yet He cried out: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do" How, then, can we refuse to forgive those who have committed offenses against us? Jesus said that the measure in which we are forgiving is the same standard God will use in forgiving us. God's ways are very different from ours. God's forgiveness is not based on standards we determine, but on the standards, He established in His Word. God allows for no exceptions when it comes to forgiveness.

Be Intentional,
Aaron

Men's Bible Study



MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Beginning Sunday,
January 14 at 9:15 a.m.
in the East Wing



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

National Goal:

\$160 Million

Our Goal:

\$ 5,500.00

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

This Sunday night we will be kicking off our Children's Bible Study on Incredible Faith! Over the next 8 weeks, we will be learning about heroes of the faith, and what happened when they put their faith in God. We will be learning about people such as Noah, Abram, Rahab, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and more! We are going to have a great time learning about acting on our faith in God, and what that means to us today! This will kick off our year learning about faith... how to act on it, grow it, live by it and more! I am excited to see the kids grow closer in their relationship with Christ this year!

Along with the Sunday night activities, we will be needing light meals prepared for the children. They love things like nachos, chicken nuggets, spaghetti and so on! If you would like to volunteer to fix a meal for them, please let me know.

On Sundays, we will be continuing with our "Some Assembly Required" Children's Church Unit. Last week we used Megabloks (kind of like giant Legos) to learn about why it is important to follow God's lead in all things. This week, we will be learning that when we trust God, He is able to work things out for our good. This unit helps the kids to understand that God sees all the pieces of our lives and is putting them together according to His plan.

We are currently in need of snacks for Children's Church and Wednesday nights. Please let me know if you would like to help with this.

Please continue to be in prayer for all the upcoming events in the Children's Ministry.

That the next generation may know,

Chris

Quilts for Buckner Children

continues on Thursdays from
9:00 a.m. till Noon in the old Adult 7
Sunday School Class Room

If you have any questions please call Imogene Ernst
409-313-6468

SOUTHEAST TEXAS

RALLY FOR LIFE

(Sponsored By: Right to Life of Southeast Texas)

Sunday, January 21, 2018

2:00 P.M.

St. Anne Catholic Church; Beaumont

(Calder @ 11th Street)

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE !!

Please join us for our 'Sanctity of Life' Celebration, commemorating the 45th Anniversary of the Roe v Wade Supreme Court Decision to legalize abortion...

Our Beaumont abortion mill closed three and a half years ago – but ABORTION STILL EXISTS... More than ever we need those who care for the unborn to attend Pro-Life activities and continue daily prayers for the lives of the unborn babies - Praying

that their Mothers will choose LIFE...

Please donate 'newborn baby items' for our 'Baby Shower'; all gifts will be placed on the steps of the Altar and distributed to Birthright of Beaumont and Hope Women's Resource Clinic, our local crisis pregnancy centers.

We encourage all 'Youth Groups' from our SETX Churches to participate in our 'Rally for Life'; Trophies will be presented to the 3 churches with the largest youth attendance.

***** At the end of our 'Rally' we ask our attendees to Stand & PRAY on Calder Avenue (outside the church – on both sides) holding signs & banners for one half hour – to be a visible witness to others that we truly believe in the 'Sanctity of All Life'...**

For more information please call: Darrell Segura @ 409-720-9999 -or- Karen & Vic Soares @ 409-866-8652

Please come 'be a voice for the unborn who cannot speak for themselves'

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY TIME!



In January we will have a photographer taking pictures for a new Pictorial Directory. Sign up sheets will be available each Sunday through January 14. Please visit the table in the foyer of the sanctuary soon so that you can choose a sitting time convenient to you. Each participating family will receive a copy of the directory and an 8 x 10 photo.

NURSERY WORKERS January 14, 2018

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	
January 7, 1028	
Average Weekly Needs	\$ 10,520.73
Sunday Receipts	\$ 11,743.67
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$ 11,743.67
Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$4,860.00
ATTENDANCE:	
Sunday School	115
WORSHIP SERVICE:	
Worship	145
Nursery	6
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	151

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, January 14, 2018

9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 Lord's Supper
 Children's Church
 for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
 4:00 Deacon's Meeting
 5:30 Adult Classes
 Youth Activities
 Children's Activities

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

10:00 Ladies Prayer Meeting
 7:00 Men's Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

5:00 Wednesday Night Supper
 6:30 Mid-week Worship Service
 Children's Activities
 Youth Activities

Thursday, January 18, 2018

9:00 Quilting for Buckners
 4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER
<p>January 17, 2018 5:00 PM — 6:15 PM \$3 per person with a \$12 per family max.</p>

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

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