

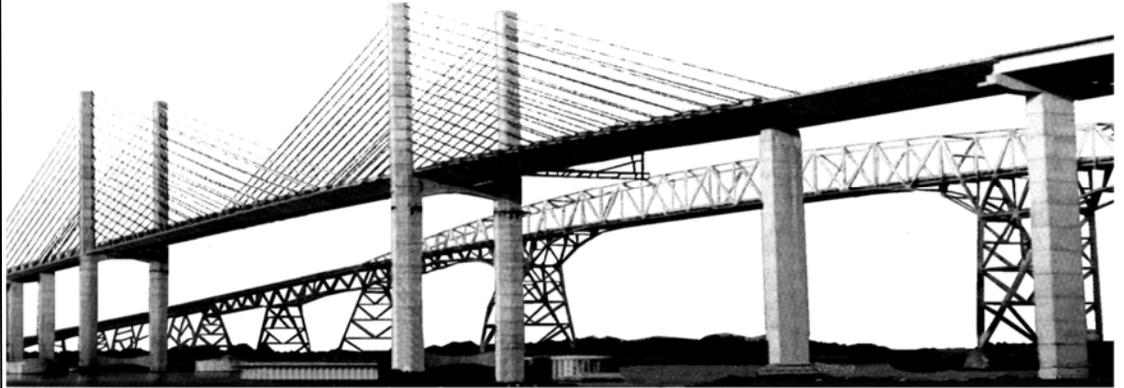
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RALLY FOR LIFE

(Sponsored By: Right to Life of Southeast Texas)

Sunday, January 21, 2018

2:00 P.M.

St. Anne Catholic Church; Beaumont

(Calder @ 11th Street)

P L E A S E S A V E T H E D A T E !!

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'

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

The Sunday Evening Class, "Spiritual Gifts: Define, Discover, and Develop" is underway and will continue through March 4th. We had a tremendous gathering requiring us to move to the Adult 6 classroom for the rest of our meetings. If you missed the first one, do not fret because you can still take your assessment online and join in. An assessment on paper can be picked up at office, as well. Bring your assessments as we look at and discuss the variety we will see across the class. We will begin highlighting the most prominent gifts to better understand them and learn how to use them fully while avoiding the common abuses.

Website for free Spiritual Gifts Assessment: <https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/>

Sunday we move into 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 as we continue our sermon series, "All in the Family." Paul has contended with the abuses and spiritual immaturity which is rampant within the Corinthian church. He has challenged them and effectively demonstrated the proper response and/or correction to these crucial issues. Paul now points to the resurrection of Christ as the impetus and reason for never being the same, still caught in childish and foolish sin. He poses a thought by implying that to remain unchanged, without transformation of one's mind and heart, is to have "believed in vain." Paul presents the whole of the Gospel in a succinct manner by stating, "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures." (1 Cor. 15:3-4) How do we have our sins paid for in Christ and not be transformed? How do we experience the power of the resurrection in the act of salvation and remain the same? How do we ingest the Word of God and these truths without an evident life changing event? No change, no belief. No belief, all is vanity.

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 15:3-4

YOUTH NEWS . . .



It has been a bit of a whirl wind for the student ministry the last few months! I'd love to say that Winter Retreat went off without a hitch, but mother nature had a good bit to say about it as many of our students and adults had the dreaded flu and had to stay home. However, that did not keep us from having a great and productive retreat! Sometimes, it is nice to have a smaller group, relationships flourish in such environments. I am thankful for such relationships that have been developing for now, in some cases, six years! We came home refreshed and rested for the new year! Students and adults alike have hit the mission field with new ambitions and ready to serve!

As most of you know the SETBA hosted an associational wide event at FBC this past week! Adults enjoyed Dr. Reavis while students had the opportunity to "preview" church camp in 2018 with Tim Ramsey and Fran Aragon. Children even got into the game by learning from Chris Bailey and her group of wonderful children's ministry helpers. From a student prospective, we had 91 in attendance, with three known salvations. This is great news for not only those who accepted Christ, but also for Camp! Be in prayer for the 2018 SETBA Youth Camp. I know God will do many great things! Some big thanks for all of those who assisted throughout the night in many areas of service. There is a reason why the SETBA looks to FBC to host such events, and that reason is the level of service in which our members provide. Thanks to all of you who helped by coming early for set up, securing the buildings, greeting many guest, and of course staying late to help clean up! This cannot happen without you! Be Intentional,
Aaron



**Spiritual Gifts: Define, Discover,
and Develop**

Teacher: Douglas Shows

**Continues thru March 4
5:30 pm**

Adult 7 Classroom

(across from Nursery)

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Sunday night we kicked off our "Incredible Faith" Bible Study beginning with the daring adventures of "ArkMan". If you haven't figured it out, "Arkman" is known as Noah in his day to day life. The children enjoyed learning about Noah's story, and about how he was able to do something amazing by following God's directions (even when they sounded a little crazy). When we are willing to follow God's lead, we can accomplish huge things! Next week, we will be learning about "Mr. Obedient"... stay tuned for more!

Thank you so much for all the snacks that have been donated to the Children's Department! These are such a blessing to us, and the kids just love them!

I wanted to take a moment to share with you about last Wednesday night at the Children's portion of the Rally. We shared with them the "Faith Spinners" lesson and built a giant fidget spinner of many colors and we talked about Joseph life and put sticky notes on each of the "Weights" of the spinner with Joseph problems listed on them. I spun the giant spinner and told the kids that it represented Joseph's life. So I put a sticky note that read "GOD" on the center, and immediately they noticed that while everything was spinning around, GOD never moved.... He stayed the same. After that, I took off Joseph's notes and passed out sticky notes and pens to the children. I asked them to write their fears, their worries, and anything else that maybe need prayer. I then had the kids place their sticky notes on the giant spinner. Once again I spun it and the kids saw that even though the crazy stuff is going around in their life that God is still there in the center of it all and not changing or moving... He is steadfast...this was huge for some of those children. I have since been praying for the notes on that spinner as it sits in my office. Some of the things written on those tiny notes broke my heart. I really feel as though in some small way, something in the lives of these children was changed that night, even though the kids that attended may not realize it yet...It was such a precious time. Since that night, I have heard from adults how the children have shared their "fidget spinner" lesson with them... It's amazing how God works, using the smallest, most non-important thing like a fidget spinner to reach others for Him!

Thank you for your continued prayers for the children and workers, they mean to so much!

That the next generation may know,

Chris

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

GOD HAS A PASSION FOR SINGING

Psalms 96:1-3

"Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples."

Singing has been a major part of my life, but not everyone shares that background. But, it matters not only that we sing, but also what we sing. We have to be mindful to sing words that God wants us to remember. Words with a melody that we can easily recall during the week when we need some words of comfort or encouragement. The largest portion of our singing content should be the truths that we are responding to and the lyrics of our songs should reflect the broad themes of Scripture. It is the word of Christ, the gospel that should dwell in us richly as we sing. Our singing should more and more resemble what we see in Revelation. Whatever we experience here in terms of the active presence of God, it is just a glimmer of what is to come. In the new heaven and earth we will sing gloriously and for a long time. Our thoughts and passions will be focused and we will have the strength to give God the glory He deserves.

What a glorious thing to look forward to that time. And part of our singing here on earth is anticipation of what is to come!

For His glory,
Debbie Anderson

Men's
Bible Study


MEN'S

SUN-

DAY SCHOOL CLASS

at 9:15 a.m.
in the East Wing

NURSERY WORKERS January 21, 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 14, 1028	
Average Weekly Needs	\$ 10,520.73
Sunday Receipts	\$ 8,595.74
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$ 10,269.70
Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$5,835.00
ATTENDANCE:	
Sunday School	116
WORSHIP SERVICE:	
Worship	101
Nursery	6
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	107

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, January 21, 2018
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 Children's Church
 for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
 2:00 Sanctity of Life
 5:30 Adult Classes
 Youth Activities
 Children's Activities

Tuesday, January 23, 2018
 10:00 Ladies Prayer Meeting
 7:00 Men's Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 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

Friday & Saturday, January 26 & 27, 2018
HOT HEARTS

<p>PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PICTURES TAKEN</p> <p>Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday January 23rd, 24th, 25th</p>
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 Minister to Senior Adults
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
8:00 — 4:30
MONDAY — FRIDAY

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