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The Bridge Builder

Spiritual Gifts Class



Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm.
in Adult 6

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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

The air was stale keeping the leaves rigidly perched within the tree. Lying motionless against the rock were men wearied from the night watch allowing themselves a few moments of rest. The excitement of the past few days had finally dissipated into a quiet despair. Previously, everyone was abuzz with hope which was filling the streets with people. The harshness of the rulers and oppressive religiosity had stripped their hearts of the promise of anything better or different. But now, one had come offering a new perspective, a new zeal, a new opportunity to find and experience joy. As quickly as hope had arisen, it had fallen with the driving of the nails into the flesh and wood on a small hill. It was all gone in a flash, the one offering forgiveness, the promise of salvation was vanquished by death.

A leaf silently began to dance side to side in the limb above a large boulder covering a tomb. Pebbles bounced in unison across the dirt as the ground began to shake. The whole of the tree and all its leaves bowed to the rushing wind which swept across the rocky landscape. Something was happening. Something which would change everything.

The resurrection of Christ changes everything. Sunday we continue our series, "All in the Family", by looking at Part 1 of the text 1 Corinthians 15:12-34. Paul has proclaimed how the resurrection of Christ brings power demonstrated in transformed people and people's lives. He begins to counter the fallacious belief about the lack of a resurrection or the necessity of it perpetrated by the arrogant Corinthians. Christ is the "firstfruits" of the resurrection displaying the promise and hope for all who believe. The most terrifying thought Paul shares without the resurrection "your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." (v.17) We who claim to have experienced the power of Christ's resurrection, veiled with the hope of our own, are not to be still caught in our sins. Our faith is the means for the transforming work of eradicating sin and growing in Christ. Is your faith futile? Are you still locked in sin? Have you experienced the resurrection?

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 15:14

YOUTH NEWS . . .



Congrats to FBC and FBC Students who have placed in the top three in attendance for Youth Group at the SETX Rally for life 3 out of the last 5 years! This is a wonderful testament to how this generation will stand for the unborn. It is said that this generation will be the generation that ends the Roe vs Wade su-

preme court decision to legalize abortion. I pray that indeed a generation, be it any generation, will step up and make it happen but to know that the generation that will end this tragedy is already here and active in this ministry is even more of a comfort. While at the rally, a rally chairman stood up and asked if all the youth would stand and well more than half of the entire attendance stood. I pray that you will join this generation in not only standing, but also being proactive. It is one thing to attend a rally, it is an entire different thing to get to work.

Destination Sundays have kicked off with a bang as you have read above. Every Sunday afternoon students will travel to different locations around southeast Texas to have fun all the while making a difference in the community as well as have on location bible studies. This week, with Hot Hearts being Friday and Saturday, we will not have Sunday afternoon classes for students (6th-12th grade) because Hot Hearts will be considered their weekly destination. Sunday Morning and Wednesday Night activities will be as normally scheduled.

Jan 24th- Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Jan 26th – Meet at FBC at 4:30 p.m. and depart for Hot Hearts (if you have purchased a ticket)
Jan 27th- Meet at FBC at 7:15 a.m. and depart for Hot Hearts Day 2 (If you have purchased a ticket)
Jan 28th- Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. -Church at 10:30 a.m. – No Youth evening activities (6th-12th)
Jan 31st- Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Be Intentional,
Aaron

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Aaron Little and our Students for winning the 3rd Place Trophy at the Jan. 21 Right to Life Rally. The trophy was awarded for 3rd Largest Youth Group in Attendance. Chris Bailey and her group, Footprints, provided the great music for the event.

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

A willing servant... Sunday night we learned about Abram, a willing servant who followed God's leading without hesitation. I asked the kids, if they were told to pack up and go, if they would. Some answered yes, and some said no. Most said it would depend on who was asking them to do it. That was the key. Abram had such a close relationship with God, that when he was told to pack and go, to leave behind the life he had known, he did so without question. This can only happen when we truly trust God to know what is best for us. We talked about obedience and how we can be obedient to God at school this week, as well as at home. I am excited that we had 20 children last night, coming and learning about how they can serve God in all they do, and learning what it means to put our faith in God. We are learning that having "Incredible Faith" means 1. Trusting that God has a plan (Noah), and 2. That we show our faith in God through obedience (Abram). Next Sunday night, we will learn about encouraging others to have trust God even when they are afraid. This has been such a wonderful Bible Study to go through with the kids, and I am seeing them grow more and more!

We are needing simple meals prepared for the kids on Sunday nights, if you would be willing to serve in this area, please let me know so that we can put you on the schedule!

Thank you so much for answering the call for snacks for children's church! Your gifts are such a blessing to us, and the kids love them!

Finally, we are needing more volunteers to help on Sunday nights. No teaching is required, (unless you would like to). We mainly need helpers to help get children to the restroom and help the teacher with setup and whatever else she may need. This position includes many perks, such as free arts and crafts lessons, an aerobics program that is better than any gym, and dozens of new best friends... not to mention all you can eat goldfish! Don't miss out on this opportunity to join a great team, and your chance to share God with a child in our church!

For more information or if you would like to help in any of these areas of ministry, please let me know!

That the next generation may know,
Chris

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

What a wonderful time of worship and fellowship we had at FBCBC on Sunday. As well as, a powerful sermon from our Pastor. It was a great day to be in the house of the Lord!

We are calling all God's singers together again. It seems that we just got through with our Christmas musical and believe or not, we are about to start practice for our Easter choir. I will be letting you know the details soon, but the tentative plans are to practice on Sunday afternoon, before our Sunday night class which starts at 5:30 p.m. I hope and pray you will all come out and sing.

Be looking for some exciting news real soon about a concert in July at FBCBC. As mentioned previously, my plans are to schedule two concerts this year and the first will be southern gospel. We are working out some details and trust me, you will not want to miss this!

I want to take the opportunity again to thank our praise singers and band for their commitment to leading worship at our church. Also, thank you Chris Bailey for joining us on Sunday for our opening song.

Psalm 150:1 Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

For His glory,

Debbie Anderson



MEN'S

DAY SCHOOL CLASS

SUN-

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

NURSERY WORKERS January 28, 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 21, 1028	
Average Weekly Needs	\$ 10,520.73
Sunday Receipts	\$ 6,441.74
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$ 9,527.05
Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$6,020.00
ATTENDANCE:	
Sunday School	138
WORSHIP SERVICE:	
Worship	140
Nursery	6
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	146

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, January 28, 2018

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

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

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

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

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

Thursday, February 1, 2018

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

FEBRUARY GOLDEN HARVEST MEETING

The next Golden Harvest Luncheon will be Monday
 February 05, at 11:00am. Local legend, Jesse
 Domingue, will provide the music.

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