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Inspire Womens Conference

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Mission Statement:

To inspire confidence in Christ among all women through both corporate and personal Bible study, prayer and worship. To provide guidance and resources for each women to mature in her faith and her ability to share the Gospel of Christ with those in need of salvation.

Trina Bickham — Key Note Speaker

Sara Burt — Worship

Special Interests Breakouts

Your Purpose — Kathy Mott

Puerto Rico Missions — George and Gena Yarger

Ministry Wives — Lori Moody

Joyful in Christ — Silvia Strother

Non-traditional parenting — Amy Shows

Budgeting Well — Pam Sheffield

Ladies if you are interested in signing up cost will be \$71 per person. Please call the church office.

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Sunday was such a Spirit filled time of worship that I am joyfully looking forward to the next Sunday when we can gather together and do it again.

The resurrection of Christ changes everything. The tomb void of its contents provides a promise penetrating like a sharpened two-edged sword. In one direction it bestows hope into those who trust in Christ and in the other direction it dooms those who reject Christ to something worse than drawing a last breath. This one in which all of humanity condemned to death has risen and all of humanity will be judged. Christ has delivered the down payment for the Kingdom He will soon claim in full and deliver to the Father. Sin has been exposed. No person can now deny the truth of their own sin. Christ knows it personally. Christ has borne the wrath due for every dark and despicable sin. The two options are now set before every person, a time to give an account assured, a day coming which no one can avoid. One can either Confess, Repent, Trust in Christ's Sacrifice Now or stand alone exposed before a Holy God who provided a perfect sacrifice confessing you loved your sin more than Jesus. Everyone will bow and everyone will confess the truth of Christ acknowledging who He is. No one will be absolved from this. Confession is not optional, only repentance is. "Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning." (1 Cor. 15:33) Repent and believe. Christ's blood and the cross can be your salvation or your condemnation. The resurrection of Christ changes everything. Has it changed you?

Sunday we look at 1 Corinthians 15:20-34 in our sermon series, "All in the Family." Paul testifies that Christ has been raised from the dead and all things have been "put in subjection" to Christ. He has destroyed "every rule and every authority and power" along with now "the last enemy ... death." Those who surrender to Christ and repent of their sins trusting in Christ's death, burial, and resurrection have hope beyond the here and now. Those who reject Christ, refuse to repent, deny the power of the resurrection have only the here and now to enjoy and a future full of despair and suffering. Christ will not be ignored. The reality of this means we must act upon the truth of the resurrection. If we have not repented and believed upon Christ now is the time. If we have done so then we must live an evident transformed life that is active in the killing off sin and adding in the fruit of the Spirit. No change no Christ.

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Pastor's Paragraph . . . (continued)

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 15:21

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

What a wonderful time of worship we had on Sunday! I truly enjoyed seeing all our children up there singing and worshipping in the choir! It was so great to see the energy and joy they bring! We are working with Debbie on doing more mornings like this to start off our worship service with excitement! The children have been practicing hard and are learning how to truly worship God. I reminded them that singing with a sour attitude is not true worship. We might be saying the words, or keeping the beat, but that is not really worship. The Father's heart overflows when WE have joy in our hearts as we come together and sing, out loud, our love to Him!

Sunday night we learned about "Captain Commandments" who led the Israelites to the Red Sea. When they became discouraged and worried about how they would escape Pharaoh's army, he reminded them of God's promise to take care of them! Moses was an encourager... a cheerleader of sorts, and though he didn't have pom-poms or cutsie rhymes (Can we make it? YES, WE CAN! God's gonna lead us to the promised land!) to cheer them on, he shared God's truth with them, and believe me, that's better than any cheer! I challenged the kids to be an encourager to each other and asked them to name a person in their journal that they can encourage this week. Everyone has their own Red Sea to face, but with God at our back, it's nothin' but a puddle in the road.

During children's church, we finished up our unit entitled "Some Assembly Required". We talked about Jacob's ladder and how God never gives up on us. We talked about how when we finish a Lego project, we are always wanting to build another... even if it means tearing down our current creation! Sometimes God must rebuild us from scratch to make us into what he needs us to be, but He never stops working in our lives! Next month we will begin a "Messy" unit... stay tuned!

That the next generation may know,
Chris

YOUTH NEWS

Why We Do What We Do

I am truly saddened by the news I received no more than just a few days ago that one of my former students has passed away at just 22 years old. What is tragic is that his life was cut short from the hands of another person in a brutal fashion. We called him "Nate the Great" for so many reasons, the most of which was his caring heart. Emotions of such a tragedy can and have run wild in my mind over the weekend, with a call for JUSTICE at my emotional peak. I can rest easy in many ways, while I'm sure that those even closer are seeking many more answers and going through even more. Nathaniel, without a doubt in my mind, knew Christ and was even baptized. I know today he is singing with the heavenly host and even possibly arranging some theatrical production in honor of his savior as he loved the theater. This is, First Family, why we do what we do! We never know when the Lord will call us home! The question is, are we more preoccupied with spreading the gospel than preserving our traditions? This past week, during Wednesday night church, we spoke about the things in our lives that hinder our service to the Lord and reaching out to the lost. Students were given a challenge to stack cups end on end as high as they could, with the idea that the team with the highest stack is the winner. Little did they know that there was that one person whose goal was to knock over their cups periodically to cause frustration. Soon, they noticed the enemy in the room and banded together to keep the enemy from their stacks by almost whatever means necessary. Some blocking the enemy while others built. This is a beautiful picture of how the church is to work. DO NOT GIVE UP, work together to accomplish the call of God through His Son Jesus Christ. Stay focused on the mark First Family, do not give up for the enemy is abound looking to steal, kill, and destroy. It is time we begin frustrating the enemy, and not allowing him to frustrate the work. Before we can rebuild the walls (Nehemiah), we must first rebuild the Temple (Ezra). To do this, we MUST BE INTENTIONAL as it was for the exiled Israelites. We have a job to do, and a calling beyond all callings. Reach out with the Gospel, for all are worthy of the savior.

Now more than ever
BE Intentional,
Aaron

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

If you were at church last Sunday morning, then you experienced a wonderful, Spirit-filled worship service and another powerful message from our Pastor. I am so grateful to our God for blessing us and allowing us to see His power fall as we lifted His Name in praise. I hope everyone comes back next Sunday and invites someone to come with you to worship and hear the good news about Jesus.

Sunday morning, February 4th we will be singing I Saw the Light and I'll Fly Away to open our service accompanied by our wonderful praise band. I would like to invite choir members to fill the choir loft that morning to help us lead out. We all know these songs and I expect our voices will be lifted high!

All of you singers get ready! We will start Easter choir practice on Sunday, February 4th at 4:30 p.m. I am really looking forward to being together again for a wonderful time of singing and fellowship!

One of the desires of my heart was for God to allow me to lead worship, but never did I imagine the joy that would come from seeing His people worship and praise Him the way we did on Sunday! It is a great time to be a member of First Baptist Bridge City.

For His glory,
Debbie Anderson



MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

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

NURSERY WORKERS February 4, 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 28, 2018

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| Average Weekly Needs | \$ 10,520.73 |
| Sunday Receipts | \$ 7,559.47 |
| Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts | \$ 9,035.16 |

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| Digital Sign Goal | \$20,000.00 |
| Digital Sign Receipts to date | \$7,605.00 |

ATTENDANCE:

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| Sunday School | 146 |
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

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| Worship | 153 |
| Nursery | 6 |
| TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE | 162 |

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Aaron Little Minister to Students
 Minister to Senior Adults
Chris Bailey Director of Children's Ministry
Debbie Anderson Worship Director

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, February 4, 2018

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| 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, February 6, 2018

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

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

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| 6:30 | Mid-week Worship Service Children's Activities Youth Activities |
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Thursday, February 8, 2018

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| 9:00 | Quilting for Buckners |
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FEBRUARY GOLDEN HARVEST MEETING

The next Golden Harvest Luncheon will be Monday February 5th, at 11:00 a.m. Local legend, Jesse Domingue, will provide the music.

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