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# The Bridge Builder

## East Texas Baptist Encampment



## Inspire Womens Conference

March 2-3, 2018

**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

**If you are interested in signing up cost will be \$71 per person. Ladies interested in attending meet with Amy Shows after morning service February 11.**

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

The breathing was labored and sounded like waves crashing on a beach. The last breath was approaching with every tick of the clock. He knew. He had known it was coming. The last few days he had drifted in and out of something other than a normal sleep. There were sights burned deep into his retina which would not fade away and were not the result of a vivid dream. The images caused him to long for them, to return to a home, a home he had not known before. He struggled to focus, to look past the images, to see one more time the sparkle in his wife's eyes. She was smiling while her eyes gushed full of tears. She spoke softly to him just like she did on their first date all those years ago. He could remember every detail, the scent of the corndogs fried to perfection, the cherry slush splashing on his shirt, the crisp cool wind blowing, and the hum of the Ferris wheel as they lifted into the night sky. He had no doubt that night she was the one. She leaned over gently whispering, "Thank you for tonight." This evening with a tenderness born out of years of love expressed, "Thank you for a wonderful life." He heard. He grinned mouthing back, "I love you." They would be apart for a bit, but soon they would be together like never before. The last breath was finally here. The word peace could not convey the depth of what he felt in this moment. He knew it would be different. He thought he was dying, but he felt stronger than ever before. He gasped and exhaled his last taste of oxygen. The mirage was not an illusion. His eyes locked unto the unwavering reality. He was not the same. He was alive. Christ was alive. "O death, where is your sting?"

The resurrection of Christ changes everything. In 1 Corinthians 15:35-49, Paul is declaring that our earthly understanding will pale in comparison to the reality of resurrection living. We will not be the same and our earthly existence is only a shadow of what is to come. We have been and lived as "the man of dust" limited by the ball of dirt we occupy. (v.49) We are destined to "bear the image of the man of heaven." (v.49) We will not be the same. It starts when we surrender and submit ourselves to Christ, trusting in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. If we have been united with such power as is contained in the resurrection, the transformation should be taking place in our present state with the culmination to come. Resurrection living is a new

(Pastor's Paragraph . . . Continued)

life lived out in God's power. Is the resurrection evident in your life? Is your life empowered by God? 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 15:49

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## *Spiritual Gifts Class*



Sunday evenings  
at 5:30 pm.  
in Adult 6

Link for online assessment:

<https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/>

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## YOUTH NEWS

### Destination Sundays!

Students 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade have been taking the church on the road the last several Sunday evenings! I am thankful for Greg and Jennifer Quist for opening their home to our students and even our student's family to host our super bowl party! During halftime we turned off the TV and all gathered for a time of Bible study! This next week, students will gather right after church on Sunday morning and head to Beaumont to Colorado Canyon. The cost will be \$15.00 which will include a round of Golf and food. If you student wishes to play the arcade they will need to bring additional money. We will not only have a great time of fellowship, but an on-location Bible Study and should return around 5 p.m.

Be Intentional,  
Aaron

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Happy February all! Sunday in Children's Church, we kicked off a really "Messy" unit! We talked about what a sticky mess lies make. We reviewed some of the past Bible Stories we have learned, and talked about examples of lies gone wrong.... Joseph's brothers lying to their father, Jacob deceiving his father to get Esau's blessing to name a few. It didn't work out well for the guilty parties... Madison Juneau made a wonderful volunteer, by allowing us to put pancake syrup in her hands that represented the lies we sometimes tell. At first, the syrupy "lies" remained in her hands seemingly without a problem, but after a bit, the sticky syrup began dripping through her fingers, and the more she tried to hold it together, the more it got all over her hands! When she tried to wipe it off on her apron, it made an even BIGGER mess, and finally had to be washed away with soap and water. Lies are the same way. We may seem to have them in control at first, but the longer it goes, the more sticky and out of control they get. The only way to clean up the mess our lies make is to "come clean" by fessing up to our lies and asking for forgiveness. If we don't, the nasty sticky yuck will continue to spread into everything we do. Next week, we will talk about what a mess pride can make in our lives... Stay tuned!

We have had a few children's church workers that have needed to take a break, and we therefore have a few openings for those who have been wanting to serve. Believe me, the benefits are pretty sweet, for example...

1. You only have to work once every 6 weeks (I know, I know ONLY once every 6 weeks, but hey, we have to take turns, right?!)
2. All you can eat goldfish, cookies and pretzels
3. Meet your Fitbit goals with a VERY enthusiastic bunch that will help you reach your steps!
4. Free Music & Craft lessons and all the coloring pages you can handle
5. The sweetest little prayer partners ever and the list could go on and on!

Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Grab a spot before they are all filled up! For more information, give me a call at the church, or come by and we can talk! If, however, you don't feel that children's ministry is for you, we do ask for your prayers. We know that God is working on new workers, and are super excited to see what He has coming up!

That the next generation may know,  
Chris

## WORSHIP DIRECTOR

We had our first Easter choir practice last Sunday and as always, we had a wonderful time of singing and fellowship. It was very well attended, but there is room for more. We will practice every Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in the choir room. Please come, bring your voices and help us prepare to celebrate on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018.

Next Sunday morning, February 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be singing Old Church Choir to open our worship service. This is the newest release by Zach Williams and is playing quite a bit on Christian radio. We are inviting the children and the youth to fill the choir loft to lead out on this song.

I am grateful to be a part of what the Lord is doing at FBCBC. Last Sunday morning we were blessed once again by God's power being poured out during the worship and the preaching of the Word. Be sure and make plans to attend next Sunday and bring someone with you.

For His glory,  
Debbie Anderson

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

We would love for you to join us for a special Wednesday night meal on February 14, 2018 at 5:00 PM

Sliced Steak Tagliate

Home made Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans

Steamed Broccoli

Served with Salad & Dessert

Please **RSVP** by February 12<sup>th</sup>

to the church office or sign

up in your Sunday School room.

## NURSERY WORKERS February 11, 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

**February 4, 2018**

Average Weekly Needs	\$ 10,520.73
Sunday Receipts	\$ 14,497.56
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$ 10,201.03

<b>Digital Sign Goal</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>Digital Sign Receipts to date</b>	<b>\$7,625.00</b>

#### ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	127
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#### WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship	157
Nursery	6
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>163</b>

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Doug Shows      Pastor  
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 11, 2018

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

### Tuesday, February 13, 2018

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

### Wednesday, February 14, 2018

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

### Thursday, February 15, 2018

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



### MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

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

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