

# First Baptist Church

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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 woman 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 Please get your money to the church office by February 25.**

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

As she hurriedly pushed the cart through the grocery aisles, the other shoppers were just a blur. She was in the zone, focused on grabbing the pasta, the spaghetti sauce, garlic bread, and the salad fixings in record time. The kids were waiting at home for her to take them to the ball practices. Three different teams on three different ends of town. They would be returning home ready to eat and the nightly burger and pizza runs were sinking their budget ship. She would cook tonight, nothing fancy, but at home, together, maybe even visit around the table. Her ex-husband, the children's father, was gone, living in Florida with his new fling. Everything was hers to bear alone. Even the flurry of her activity could not stop the compulsion to just collapse into a puddle of tears. Right as she reached for the sauce, she saw it. Someone else was on the aisle. She did not want to look, she was too busy, too much to get done. She froze with her outstretched hand stuck to the shelf clasp the jar of sauce. Her eyes locked onto the desperation that was like neon lights in the other ladies' eyes. The lady was hurting and she knew it. What should she do? She had her own deep wounds and hurts, as well? She took a breath, left the sauce of the shelf and slowly scooted her cart toward the woman. She whispered a prayer, "Okay, God if you want me to talk to her and point her to you, you better give me the right words." Her life, her hurts, they could wait because she knew Christ. This woman needed Christ now. Christ died for her and she could die for Christ. "Hi! It's been a crazy day. My name is ...."

The resurrection of Christ changes everything. In Corinthians 15:50-58, Paul demonstrates that death has no hold against the believer in Christ. In fact, death is what the believer uses to bring life to others. The power of the resurrection means we do not make our life about ourselves, but use it and die to self, to bring Christ to others. We can be encouraged, emboldened, and empowered knowing that our "labor is not in vain" when our labor is centered on Christ. Our work bears abundant fruit, often what we cannot even see. We can be resolute and fearless in the face of personal sacrifice, great risk, even death itself because of Christ. Death is no longer our curse, but our gift we give to exalt Christ. Have you found a way to die to self today? Do you see the others who are still trapped by death and sin?

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 15:58

## YOUTH NEWS

Destination Sundays continues to be a hit within our student ministry! Students have been gushing with excitement over the new format and time slot. Due to the new time slot we have also seen a direct effect on Sunday morning attendance! I hope that you will join me in continued encouragement of our students and church attendance. This Sunday afternoon we will head to Max Bowl in Port Arthur, the cost will be \$20.00 which will include lunch and all bowling related items, rentals, and activities. Students need to make sure they wear proper socks that morning, so they will not have any limitations as far as bowling is concerned.

I am also excited to announce that we have finally secured our mission trip for 2018. I am pleased to announce that our students will travel across the state line all the way to New Orleans to help an evangelical church plant secure roots within the community. Students and sponsors will help host a VBS in the evening while canvassing the communities during the day! This will give us all opportunity to invest in sharing the Gospel in an area that is less than 2% saved through the life-giving blood of Jesus! Sign ups will begin the week with limited spots due to the nature of the mission. The cost will be \$290 a person with the hopes of drastically reducing the cost through any donations that you would like to give!

Be Intentional  
Aaron

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## GIDEONS

February 18

Come prepared to give  
in support of this ministry

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## *Spiritual Gifts Class*



Sunday evenings  
at 5:30 pm.  
in Adult 6

Link for online assessment:  
<https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/>

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

In Children's Church Sunday, we had a lesson about "Messy Pride". We talked about Samson, and how he let his pride take over, and the messy consequences. Samson forgot who gave him the super strength he touted. Big mistake! You know... pride is like gum really. When I was a kid, my favorite gum to chew was Watermelon Hubba Bubba, because it was sweet, and you could blow outstanding bubbles with it! As much as I loved blowing those crazy big bubbles, there was one drawback. See the big bubbles were nice, but when they popped, they stuck in your hair, all over your face and made a mess! Pride works the same way. It starts out like a little bubble... It's ok to be proud of the things we accomplish, as long as we remember who gave us the talent, or gift to do it, but we must be careful. Pride can quickly get out of hand and begin to get bigger and bigger as we convince ourselves that we don't need anyone or God to get things done, or that we have accomplished great things on our own. Like that gum bubble, pride grows and grows, getting bigger and bigger, until POP it blows up in our face!!! Believe me, that's never a pretty picture... just ask Samson. Proverbs 16:18 reminds us that pride leads to destruction. To help the kids remember this valuable lesson, we gave each of the kids a pack of Hubba Bubba. We must always remember to rely on God, and remember to say thank you, for all good things in our lives come from Him!

We are still needing Children's church and Sunday night workers! We are also looking for help preparing the Sunday night meal for the children. For children's church and Sunday nights, we are looking for individuals to help prepare the snacks and drinks, craft and game help, and help with potty breaks. No teaching required. The children's Sunday night meal is simple. We usually serve things such as hot dogs, chicken nuggets, nachos, pizza, etc. If you would like to help us get the food ready by 5:30 p.m. on Sunday nights, please let me know. Believe me, you will be blessing us and well as receiving a huge blessing when you hang out with this awesome group! We hope you will pray about joining us soon... there's only about 4 weeks left!

Please continue to pray for the children's ministry. We are seeing new faces almost every week and are excited to see God moving in so many ways within our church!

That the next generation may know,  
Chris

## WORSHIP DIRECTOR

### ***I'VE GOT AN OLD CHURCH CHOIR SINGING IN MY SOUL ...***

*What a glorious day to be in the house of the Lord! We had a wonderful time in worship on Sunday as we sang a new song, Old Church Choir. I appreciate so much all of the effort by so many to make our worship service come alive in an effort to prepare our hearts to hear and receive God's Word brought by our Pastor each week.*

*We continue our Easter choir practice and it is going very well. As always, it is a great time of singing and fellowship, with a little laughter mixed in. We still have room for more singers and look forward to seeing everyone on Sundays at 4:30 p.m. in the choir room.*

*I am very excited about our upcoming concert featuring **The Hoppers** on **Friday, July 20, 2018**. We are still in the early planning stages, getting contracts signed, etc., but will soon be sharing much more information about this great group. There are a lot of preparations that will have to be made to host a group such as **The Hoppers** so I will be scheduling a meeting in the near future for anyone interested in using your gifts and talents in helping to make this concert a success.*

*We introduced a new praise song on Sunday, **No Longer Slaves**. We look forward to leading this one this coming Sunday.*

*"Therefore, you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God".....Galatians 4:7.*

*As always, it is...*

*For His glory,  
Debbie Anderson*

## Thank You

***Shirley and I would like to thank First Baptist, Bridge City for their prayers, thoughts and cards in the loss of our granddaughter, Jamie.***

***Pete & Shirley Lynd***

**NURSERY WORKERS February 18, 2018**

**Sunday School**      **Brittany Ernst**  
                                  **Connie Claus**

**Worship Service**    **Thelma Wheelis**

**Volunteers always needed. Please call**  
**Brittany Ernst at 409.313.1215.**

<b>LOOK AT THE RECORDS</b>	
<b>February 11, 2018</b>	
Average Weekly Needs	\$ 10,520.73
Sunday Receipts	\$ 16,931.60
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$ 11,622.67
<b>Digital Sign Goal</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>Digital Sign Receipts to date</b>	<b>\$8,195.00</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	
<b>Sunday School Goal</b>	<b>225</b>
Sunday School	134
<b>WORSHIP SERVICE:</b>	
<b>Worship Service Goal</b>	<b>300</b>
Worship	145
Nursery	5
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>150</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**Sunday, February 18, 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

**Monday, February 19, 2018**  
**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**PRESIDENT'S DAY**

**Tuesday, February 20, 2018**  
 10:00 Ladies Prayer Meeting  
 7:00 Men's Prayer Meeting

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018**  
 6:30 Mid-week Worship Service  
       Children's Activities  
       Youth Activities

**Thursday, February 22, 2018**  
 9:00 Quilting for Buckners



**MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

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

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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**

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