

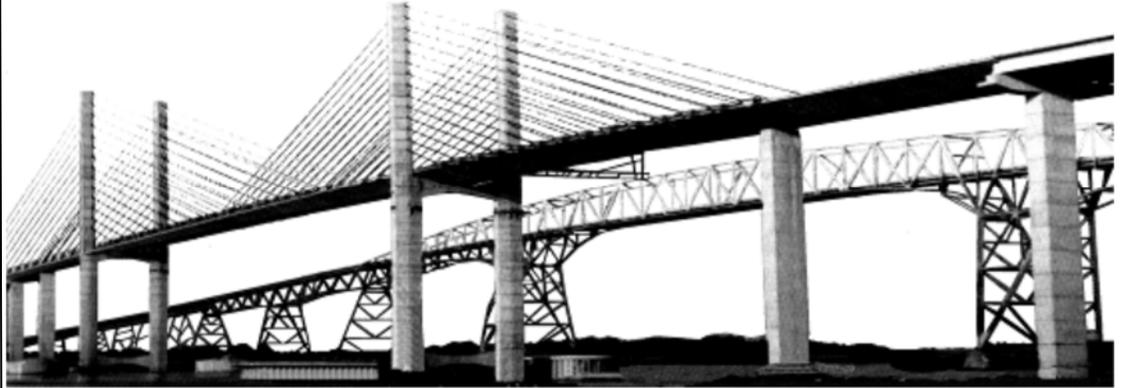
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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

The exhaustion was undeniable. His tousled hair, sweat drenched shirt, caked on dirt all alluded to his condition. Not one ounce of energy had been reserved. He had refused sleep, starved himself, and only sipped water when in desperation for the last few weeks as he pursued the x marked on the map. The paper was faded and its ragged edges threatened of it shredding to pieces. He was careful to unfold the map gently after removing it from the cloth it was wrapped in. He was close. His eyes blazed with zeal for what would be found. It promised to change his fortune, to transform his life. For a moment he was transported out of the stifling heat of the jungle, into a future of serene living in which the treasure could bring. The miles traveled hacking his way, climbing the mountainous peaks, traversing the swollen rivers all would be worth it very soon. His wife did not understand his passion, his need to secure this elusive treasure. She was devastated when he boarded the ship despite her pleas. She would forgive him, certainly when he showed up displaying his great find. His children would cease their tears over his abandonment once he returned victorious. Just a few more steps and he would be there. He gasped as the pulsating pain exploded in his chest. His air was being stripped from his lungs as the intensity grew. Not now when he was so close. The treasure was almost his, he had sacrificed everything in pursuit of it. As his body collapsed, the map broke loose from his grip falling to the ground. "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" Mark 8:36

Our series over the parables of Jesus continues Sunday with us considering what really matters in life. Our words can often declare one thing while our actions speak the truth. What we put our time, effort, and resources into demonstrates definitively what we treasure or consider important. Is our treasure in self? Do we see church as feeding and benefiting self or others? Christ came into the world, not for his sake, but for ours. His death, burial, and resurrection was for us, not him. We as recipients of God's grace must quit trying to make Christ about us and start making us about Christ. Talk is cheap. Are we ready to walk the walk?

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
Matthew 6:21

YOUTH NEWS

We Need You

With summer quickly arriving, and the continued resurgence of our student ministry program, we will be in great need for adult sponsors for both Wednesday night services and of course trips! We currently have a great need for someone just like yourself to step up and help connect students to Christ through our mission trip to Louisiana this summer in June, specifically a female sponsor who is at least 21 years old, can pass a common background check, and be certified ministry safe, all of which can be done in office. Both male and female sponsors are needed for youth camp in July as well! If you have a desire to lead some amazing students in some amazing opportunities, please speak up! The work will not be easy, but it will be worth it on many levels. Catch me around the office, at church, or call me to being our journey in the ministry!

Be Intentional,
Aaron



SOUP'S
ON!

WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
SUPPER

March 14
5:00 — 6:15 p.m.

Chili with all the fixin's and cornbread
Includes dessert and drink.

\$3.00 per person with \$12 family max.



REFLECTIVE
LORD'S SUPPER

March 30, 2018

6:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

We have started the Easter Emoji Unit in Children's Church and kicked it off with the "Happy Face" Emoji. This smiling face reminds us of Palm Sunday and how happy the crowds were to see Jesus. They cheered and call out to him as he humbly rode through the streets of Jerusalem. Next week we will be talking about the "Money Eyes" Emoji... Any idea what we will be discussing??? Stay tuned!

I am so excited about the response to the "Walk with Jesus" event coming up on Palm Sunday, March 25th. All of our stations have been filled! If your class is one that has agreed to work a station and you need decorations, please see Lynn Richard, she has lots of props and decorations to help with whatever you may need. I am, however, still looking for a few individuals (or a class) willing to prepare/set out a light lunch in the FLC immediately after church. Following lunch, we will break out into two groups (younger and older kids and their families) to experience this amazing journey. I am also looking for one other "guide" (for the younger group) who would be willing to lead the groups to each station and walk them through the experience. I have a packet that will help you know what to do at each station. This position has a script to read, and you would need to be willing to direct the activities in the stations. If you would be interested in preparing the meal, or leading the younger group in this amazing event, please let me know as soon as possible!

Finally, we are still collecting eggs and candy for the egg hunt that will follow the "Walk with Jesus". Weather permitting, it will be held in two areas outside. Younger kids will gather on the playground, and older kids on the field near the playground. Filled eggs can be dropped in the bins located at the church office, welcome center, and Sanctuary foyer.



For more information on any of these upcoming events, please contact me at the church! I am praying that hearts will be changed, and the true meaning of Easter will resonate with all who attend our Palm Sunday Event.

That the next generation may know,
Chris

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

The Joyful Noise.....

Our Pre-K and 1st grade choirs, The Joyful Noise, will share with us this next Sunday, March 11, 2018. Please make every effort to come and listen and worship with our children. It's always a blessing to see our young ones get up and sing.

*It was a beautiful sight to see our children and adults together fill our choir loft to lift up praise to our Lord this past Sunday!! We raised the roof with some good old gospel songs with lots of hand clapping and smiling. It's a wonderful time of fellowship and worship **when we all get together** to sing!*

Our Easter choir is still hard at work preparing our offering for our celebration of Resurrection Day. We have moved our practice into the sanctuary and we now meet each Sunday at 4:45 p.m. We have a few more practices, so if you would like to sing with us, you are welcome to come.

We are planning for a Reflective Lord's Supper on Good Friday, March 30, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Please make plans to attend as the church body comes together in remembrance of the day our Lord gave His life for all of us.

The Lord has brought together a very diverse group of believers at First Baptist Bridge City and He wants to use us to make a difference. We are not here by accident but we are here for "such a time as this" to use our gifts and talents to love others and let them know that Jesus is the answer. This is our time! Let's not waste it!

Ephesians 3:16-18 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the LORD's holy people.....

*For His glory,
Debbie Anderson*

NURSERY WORKERS March 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

March 4, 2018

Projected need to Date:	\$94,686.57
Actual Offering Receipt to Date:	\$99,646.42
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$86,701.59

Weekly Projected need:	\$10,520.73
Weekly Giving:	\$14,627.12
Weekly Spending:	\$ 8,969.65

Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$9,932.00

ATTENDANCE:	
Sunday School Goal	225
Sunday School	146

WORSHIP SERVICE:	
Worship Service Goal	300
Worship	146
Nursery	6
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	152

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Chris Bailey	Director of Children's Ministry
Debbie Anderson	Worship Director

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, March 11, 2018

9:15	Sunday School
10:30	Worship Service
	Children's Church
	for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
4:30	Easter Choir Rehearsal
5:30	No pm Activities

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

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

Thursday, March 15, 2018

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



**MEN'S SUNDAY
 SCHOOL CLASS**

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



DON'T FORGET
 to
SPRING
FORWARD
 Saturday evening!

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