

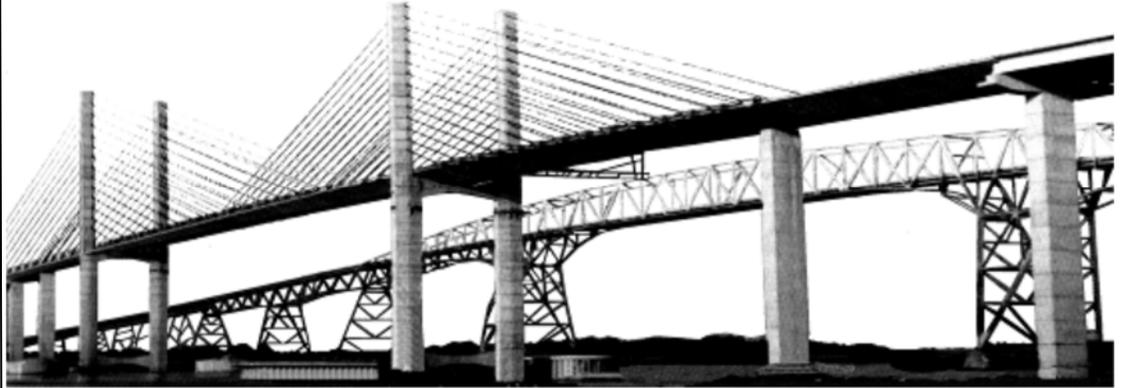
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# The Bridge Builder



## REFLECTIVE LORD'S SUPPER

March 30, 2018  
6:30 p.m.



Join us  
*Easter Morning*

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
No PM Activities

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

He heard the news, but could not believe it was possible. Even if it was, it would not change what he had done. Just days ago he stood among the crowd shouting, "Give us Barabbas." Just a few days before that he was delighted to finally see the one called Jesus. He was cheering and welcoming him into the town. He had heard all about Jesus, the healings, the feedings, the miracles, the words from God. He had been long awaiting the coming of the Messiah, and he knew Jesus must be the one. But when the priest approached him in the court, told him he would be barred from worshipped, and promised him enough coins to feed his family, if he chanted as the priest did, he gave in to his desperate need. He did it, but once seeing Jesus on the cross, the suffering, the shame, the words of promise given to the thief, he knew he had chosen wrong. Tears filled his eyes as he pictured Jesus suffering for his sin, his stupidity, his wrong, he was guilty. Hearing Jesus is alive, back from the dead, brought even greater shame as now the truth of Jesus as the Messiah could not be denied. He had cast his sin upon the righteous one. He was a fool. A hand touched his shoulder sending a chill through his whole body. It was no one he knew, but somehow he did. He turned, in amazement, his eyes locked onto the eyes of the one beside him, who smiled with the brightness of the sun. He cried muttering, "I .. I ...I ...failed." Jesus spoke deep into his essence, reaching into his heart and soul saying, "I didn't. You are forgiven."

The "Tell Me a Story" sermon series continues with Jesus sharing a parable on the verge of his impending death on the cross. He describes a familiar scene of an owner investing in his property, preparing it to produce income, and then leasing it to tenants while he is away. When he sends a servant to receive payment, the tenants refuse and beat the servant. When other servants are sent, the rebellious and malicious acts only increase even to murder. Even when the owner's son comes, the tenants attack and kill the son seeking to take over and control the vineyard for their own profit. We have been given a lease on a property God has invested in, our life. A payment is due to the owner and our life is for God's profit, not ours. But we rebel, we reject the payments, we want ownership, not a lease. God sent his son, Jesus, what now? Do we continue to rebel or surrender?

FBCBC is where the "impossible" is a living reality every day and Christ is who we seek to exalt. **Invite 3** people to **connect, celebrate, and contribute** by being a part of what God is doing at FBCBC.

For His Glory,  
Douglas Shows  
1 Cor. 15:3-4

## WORSHIP DIRECTOR

*Easter Sunday.....*

*The Easter Choir will sing on Sunday, April 1, 2018. If you are in the Easter Choir, please be in the sanctuary on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m. to run through our song. You will also fill the choir loft for the entire service and we can use this time to rehearse the worship music for that day.*

*The choir sang Oh the Blood this past Sunday and did a beautiful job. The Lord surely blessed all of your efforts and I thank you so much for using your gift in the service.*

*I hope you are planning to attend the Reflective Lord's Supper on Good Friday, March 30, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. We have a special guest group, ARK, coming in to lead us in worship. The members of this group are Amy Shows, Rick Golden and Kaye Drumm. Please be in prayer for them as they prepare to share with us.*

*During this Easter season we are reminded of what Christ did for all of us. Undeserving as we are, He gave His life for each one of us and rose again on the third day so that we can have hope of eternal life with Him.*

*Let us remember to tell others about what Jesus has done and also to invite them to come worship with us at FBCBC.*

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am....John 14: 1-3*

*For His glory,  
Debbie Anderson*

## GOLDEN HARVEST NOTICE

Due to Easter, the Golden Harvest  
April Luncheon is being moved to:  
Monday, April 9, at 11:00am

Hope to see you there!

## YOUTH NEWS

### FBC Students

#### Back on Top

I am pleased to announce that this past Sunday FBC Students was back on top in Sunday School attendance! Actually, the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest class in total attendance next to FBC Kids! How awesome is it that our church can have such a blessing, as for many churches this is not the case. Hurricane Harvey has really placed a damper on student ministry throughout Southeast Texas! I am so excited to see our students and Kids rebound so quickly. I would like to continue to encourage everyone to do what it takes to grow in Christ through Sunday School. Many new things are on the horizon at FBC, including the introduction of POD groups within our student ministry! Our goal is to create an atmosphere where student's can choose from select 'niche' small groups within the frame work of the student division. Each class / small group / POD Group will have different topics that seek to be more practical to their everyday life! Our goal is not just numerical in nature, but to become a relevant Sunday school program that exist to prepare students for the decisions in which they will be facing. Prayerfully preparing them to choose wisely from a spiritual and yet practical means. We will also from time to time come back together for group studies and what we are calling the 'community circle' for which we will invite different personalities from our community to discuss why it is so important to have Christian leadership in our communities. Students will also take time to interview these leaders and prayerfully learn from them, as future leaders of not only our community but this nation. Our first community leader will be Lucy Fields at a date to be determined! Thank you, Mrs. Lucy, for being there for our students and church in so many ways! We will be on the look out for church members to give their testimonies about their life and how Christ has eternally changed their lives, marriage, business practices, and more. This is only just the tip of the iceberg, as students are already in the early stages of preparing to lead the entire church in worship one Sunday morning in early summer and much more! Please pray for our students and kids ministries and we all seek them to not only be more prepared to lead out in life as young Christian leaders, but to be more active within their church!

Be Intentional,  
Aaron

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Amazed, encouraged, and thoroughly blessed. Those are the words that come to mind when I think about last Sunday's "Walk with Jesus". I am amazed at what was accomplished, for God's glory, by our church in such a short time. Just four weeks ago, I proposed a huge idea, and watched as our church joined together to accomplish this amazing event! I am encouraged by the time spent at work and amazing detail of every station and lesson, as well as the attention shown to make the kids feel a part of the "walk". Finally, I feel thoroughly blessed to be part of FBC Bridge City! I am so glad to be a part of a church that was so excited about sharing the gospel with the families of our church this year and potentially to families in our community next year! So, I want to hear from you. Let me know your thoughts about doing this again next year (with more time to prepare), but opening it up to other churches and families in the area. I have already had one church ask about possibly bringing a group through. I believe this would be wonderful outreach for our community to come to grow closer to a relationship with Christ. God is so good, and though we may not see an immediate response, I know that this experience has planted seeds of the hearts of the children and families that participated. Thank you for the Easter Eggs and candy that were brought to the church as well!

Sunday evening classes will begin on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. We will once again be feeding the children a light supper, and then separating into our classes. I will be printing out a menu to let you know what we will be eating. If you child does not like the menu item, they are welcome to bring a meal, or eat before they arrive. This 5 week unit will be called "Hands On Faith". Each week we will be learning about what it means to have faith, the results of our faith, that it gives us strength and can grow, as well as learning a bit about grace. I am excited about these upcoming lessons, as well, because they use simple yet fun science experiments to help learn about faith. I am so excited to begin this fun series of lessons, and help the kids to learn more about life changing faith in Christ.

I am needing snacks for Children's Church as well as Wednesday nights. I appreciate the snack donations that you send, and know that the kids love them too!

That the next generation may know,

Chris

## NURSERY WORKERS April 1, 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 25, 2018

Projected Budget Need:	\$126,248.76
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$124,608.17
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$124,963.87

<b>Digital Sign Goal</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>Digital Sign Receipts to date</b>	<b>\$10,477.00</b>

<b>ANNIE ARMSTRONG GOAL:</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Receipts to Date:</b>	<b>\$3,497.25</b>

#### ATTENDANCE:

<b>Sunday School Goal</b>	<b>225</b>
Sunday School	139

#### WORSHIP SERVICE:

<b>Worship Service Goal</b>	<b>300</b>
Worship	148
Nursery	6
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>154</b>

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### Sunday, April 1, 2018

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

### Tuesday, April 3, 2018

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

### Wednesday, April 4, 2018

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

### Thursday, April 5, 2018

4:30	Golden Harvest Game Night
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**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 30**

## First Baptist Church

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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**

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