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## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Sunday night we began our class with a great group looking at what our purpose is individually and corporately as a church, **Connecting Christ with People**. This week we will look at **Connect: The Who?** We have to start with who are we to connect with and then determine what that entails along with how we go about doing this. Connecting is an intentional choice one has to make. We do not accidentally make connections. Every person desires connections and we all choose to connect to someone and/or something. The choices we make matter. FBC Bridge City has a reason for being here and there is a reason you are a part of FBCBC. Your presence matters and your participation is important. Don't miss the opportunity to join in the conversation and be involved in what God is doing at FBCBC.

The "Tell Me a Story" sermon series continues as Jesus tells the parable of the Ten Virgins. Jesus tells of a wedding party waiting on the coming of the bridegroom. The group of ten virgins are divided into two groups, one being the wise and the other being the foolish. The only thing which separates the two groups is the willingness to do work of preparing for the bridegrooms coming. The foolish think that when the time comes they will be able to depend on others for help or act quick enough to overcome their procrastination. The wise have spent the time and effort getting ready so in a moment's notice, without delay, they can respond to the call of the bridegroom. Being prepared in our heart, mind, and soul to respond to God's call cannot happen in the moment, but must take place long before the opportunity shows up. A farmer cannot harvest a crop when he is hungry, but must prep the field, plant the seed, and labor for the future harvest even while not hungry or in need. God has opportunities opening for us in the future which we must prepare for now. Are you willing to labor while you wait? Will you be ready when God is? Let us faithfully prepare for what God is doing.

FBCBC is where the "impossible" is a living reality every day and **Connecting Christ with People is Our Purpose**. Invite 3 people to **Connect, Celebrate, and Contribute** by being a part of what God is doing at FBCBC.

For His Glory,

Douglas Shows  
Matthew 25:13

## WORSHIP DIRECTOR

***GREATER THINGS ARE YET TO COME  
AND GREATER THINGS ARE STILL TO BE  
DONE IN THIS CITY.....***

*I believe this past Sunday morning was a perfect example of what we are all about at First Baptist. We started the service with a baptism and later watched a beautiful video of our Walk with Jesus that was held on Palm Sunday. We also watched a video of old and new pictures of various locations and people throughout our city while the praise team shared the song, God of This City. Along with worship and the Word, I believe the Holy Spirit was present and we were all touched.*

*As you know, we will be hosting The Hoppers, a southern gospel, multi-award winning family group in concert at our church on July 20, 2018. The Hoppers have appeared at presidential religious inaugural ceremonies and New York's Carnegie Hall. They have a unique blend of harmonies and song choices that has created a legacy of musical excellence embraced by leading pastors and event organizers. They are known as America's Favorite Family of Gospel Music and are favorites on the Gaither Homecoming videos and tours. Please be in prayer as we prepare to "get the word out" to make sure our sanctuary is filled to overflowing for a wonderful night of worship with this great group.*

*We will soon be planning our own "Night of Worship" on Sunday, July 29, 2018. There will be singers from other churches around our area come and join with us in worship. Please be in prayer as we look forward to this special night.*

*It is a joy each week to lead in worship, especially with the praise team and praise band the Lord has provided our church. Everyone has their specific gifts and talents which they bring to the table at each practice and worship service.*

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!  
Psalm 34:3

For His glory,  
Debbie Anderson



## YOUTH NEWS

### POD Group Update

Another week has passed, and more shake ups have occurred in our POD group challenge. As most of you know our students have taken on a major shift in our approach to ministry! While the message of Christ will remain steadfast and Gospel centered, the method of delivery will change! Enter the POD Group. Many have asked what POD stands for, well it can be seen from many directions as it means either Place of Distribution, Place of Discipleship, or simply Peas in a POD. The main Idea remains the same, it is a small group designed at reaching our community and church. This set up not only encourages students to be involved, but also aids in learning to be committed to a church and becoming more active within the church! Current POD Group standings as of April 8<sup>th</sup> are.... POD 3- 110,510 Pts, POD 1 -82,000 Pts , Pod 4- 62,475 Pts, POD 2- 53,500 pts. POD 3 continues to be on a roll as they have really separated themselves as the clear front runners! In over 10 years of student ministry, I have never seen a group as committed! This group has 5 members (our smallest group) and its members are Saysha Milstead, Ethan Morgan, Brandon Milstead, Kaydence Thibodaux, and Sadie LeBleu. This group has found out quickly that responsibility earns points much faster than the challenges! Each POD group now have POD Badges that must be present at every meeting for their group to earn points for that meeting. NO badge equals NO points for the day, and they are required to pass the badge around during the week to ensure it arrives to church on church day as the badge cannot be left at the church. If the badge is found at the church, intentionally or not, they lose ALL points to date! This teaches active communication outside of church, and of course responsibility within the church environment!

I am also super excited to announce that the students will have an exciting announcement in the coming week! Please be looking in the next bridge builder or any FBCBC Students social media platforms for this announcement to be made! Funny, as I think this may be our first announcement about an announcement!

Be Intentional,  
Aaron



**FBC  
SCHOLARSHIP  
COMMITTEE**

**FBC Bridge City  
Scholarship Committee is taking applications  
for 2018. Applications can be picked up and  
returned at Church Office**

**Deadline: May 21, 2018**

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Exciting things are happening in the Children's ministry this month! We are learning about the miracles of Jesus in Children's Church, beginning with Jesus calming the storm. The children learned that in times when they are afraid, stressed or worried, they can always turn to Jesus, just like the disciples in the boat did. Next week they will learn that God can do miracles through us. We will be sharing the story of the fishes and loaves, and how Jesus used a child (and his lunch) in amazing ways!

Sunday nights are something different! We are learning about having "Hands on Faith". Each week, we are using science experiments to help the kids learn about what faith is, how to grow it, and how to share it. Last Sunday, we learned about the first disciples who set out on a journey to follow Jesus. We made special Styrofoam boats that when we added a bit of dish detergent, set out on a journey across the water. The younger kids enjoyed doing skits, and the older kids wrote in their journals about an amazing trip they had been on, and what made it so amazing. We learned that God does not want us to just stay where we are, but to walk on a journey with Him outside the walls of the church and share His truth and love with others. Finally, we also learned that just like anyone can be a scientist, ANYONE can be a messenger for God. Jesus didn't call religious leaders to follow Him, he called normal everyday people to leave their comfort zone and follow Him on an amazing journey! Are you willing to do the same?

We are still in need of snacks for the kiddos on Sunday mornings and Wednesdays. We appreciate all donations, but please try to avoid nuts, incase of allergies. We are also in need of helpers on Sunday nights... no teaching required, just assistance with crafts and such.

We will be having a pancake breakfast for the kids this Sunday morning beginning at 9:15 p.m. in the Children's Choir room. If you would like to help serve pancakes, please let me know!

Finally, VBS sign up time is almost here! Hopefully, you have begin praying about your part in this years amazing VBS. I will be posting the sign-up sheets this week. I will also be scheduling a volunteer's meeting soon, so stay tuned!

That the next generation may know,  
Chris

## NURSERY WORKERS April 15, 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

**April 8, 2018**

Projected Budget Need:	\$147,290.22
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$143,825.65
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$141,786.12

<b>Digital Sign Goal</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>Digital Sign Receipts to date</b>	<b>\$10,692.00</b>

<b>ANNIE ARMSTRONG GOAL:</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Receipts to Date:</b>	<b>\$4,025.25</b>

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	
<b>Sunday School Goal</b>	<b>225</b>
Sunday School	152

<b>WORSHIP SERVICE:</b>	
<b>Worship Service Goal</b>	<b>300</b>
Worship	164
Nursery	6
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>170</b>

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### Sunday, April 15, 2018

9:15	Sunday School
10:30	Worship Service Children's Church for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
5:30	Adult, Youth, Children & Preschool Classes

### Tuesday, April 17, 2018

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

### Wednesday, April 18, 2018

6:30	Mid-week Worship Service Children's Activities Youth Activities
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### Thursday, April 19, 2018

4:30	Golden Harvest Game Night
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**Connect/Celebrate**

**Breakfast**

**Adult 6 Sunday School Department  
is preparing a**

***BREAKFAST BUFFET***

**For Adult Sunday School Members  
and guests!**

**Sunday, April 15th**

**8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.**

## 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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