

First Baptist Church

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The Bridge Builder

Connecting Christ with People: The Why?

Connect: The Who?

Celebrate: The What?

Contribute: The How?

Invite 3: The Where?

Family Life Center

5:30 p.m.

April 8 – May 6

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Sunday night we will begin a five-week session (April 8- May 6) of family meetings in the Family Life Center to share, discuss, and position ourselves to be used by God. We will be looking at our purpose, **Connecting Christ with People**, and the concepts of **Connect, Celebrate, Contribute, and Invite 3**. 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.

Sunday we continue with the "Tell Me a Story" sermon series with Jesus' parable of the Wedding Feast. The king through a grand spectacle of a party to celebrate his son's wedding. The servants traveled far and wide inviting people to attend the royal feast. However, the people paid no attention to the invitation choosing instead to stay home, go to work, and others even attacked the servants. The king revoked his grace and acted in his righteous wrath to bring justice on the ones who scorned him and attacked his servants. In return, he sent servants to go and find the least deserving and invite them into the feast. When the king came, he found one who had entered the festivities without the proper attire, disrespecting the king and ignoring his requirements for attendance. The king had him removed and punished for in insolence. God has a standard which cannot be ignored. We must be clothed in righteousness to enter into the royal feast, but we are marred with sin. Our only hope is the righteousness of Jesus, his death, burial, and resurrection is our invitation when we surrender to him. How are you clothed? Have you surrendered?

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 22:14

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

Easter Sunday.....CELEBRATION!!

We lifted our voices in praise in celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The choir sang beautifully and our Pastor had a powerful message for us all. It was a great day to be in the house of the Lord!

I hope you were able to attend the Reflective Lord's Supper this past Good Friday evening at our church. The music brought to us by the group, ARK, was truly anointed by the Holy Spirit. It was a special evening listening to the Word and partaking of the Lord's Supper in remembrance of God's great sacrifice for us all.

Remember to mark your calendars for Friday, July 20, 2018 when The Hoppers will be at our church in concert. This family group was formed in 1957 in the rural-farm town of Madison, NC. They have grown continuously for decades, touching countless lives around the world. We will share more information about The Hoppers over the next few months as we begin preparations to host this great southern gospel group.

As First Baptist strives to reach out to the community to connect people with Christ, this coming Sunday we will share the song, God of This City. We have to have faith that God is still working through us to reach people and let them know that He is all of our only Hope.

"Greater things are yet to come and greater things are still to be done In this city."

*For His glory,
Debbie Anderson*

GOLDEN HARVEST

Golden Harvest
April Luncheon
Monday, April 9, at 11:00am

Hope to see you there!

YOUTH NEWS

Introducing POD Groups



As many know, it seems to be a tough challenge to get the younger groups to make it to church on Sunday mornings. The reasons for this is many such as school activities, little league sports, and much more are now on Sundays! We can choose to sit back and make excuses, complain about the new schedules students are made to have, or point fingers at whomever is convenient or simply get to work making Sunday School relevant to their lives once more. Over the last few months, FBC Students and Kids have made broad efforts to improve on this front. I am excited to say that this past Sunday showed much evidence to the improvement. For the first time in a LONG time we can now say that 40% of the total Sunday school attendance was aged 18 and below! That's an incredible statistic for any church anywhere! Hopefully this will challenge all adult classes to follow suit and not let us reach our goal of over 50%.

We, FBC Students, have installed POD groups for the purpose of Sunday school growth! These are effectively small groups that meet every Sunday morning and Wednesday nights for random challenges, fellowship, and Bible study! Each POD is responsible for themselves and can earn points based off attendance, scripture memorization, challenge wins, and more. We currently have 4 POD Groups, which POD #3 had 100% attendance this week alone! The POD group with the most points at the end of a specific time will be declared the winner and get to take a trip with the church to IFly in Houston to which they will participate in indoor skydiving and no cost to them or their group! Each group has elected its own "government" to which they most operate and the more participation the more likely they are to win! As of Sunday April 1st the standings are the following.

POD # 2 – 32,200 Points, POD # 1 - 31,700 Points, POD #3- 31,300 Points and POD #4- 25,150 Points
POD Group # 3 earned a whopping 31,100 points Sunday ALONE so it's any POD'S to win! For more information on POD Groups please do not hesitate to ask! Please continue to pray for FBC Students and FBC Kids and they continue to grow spiritually and numerically through Sunday School!

Be Intentional,
Aaron

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Spring is in full bloom around us, and with that begins preparations for VBS! This year, we are building VBS from the ground up, and have an exciting theme for the kids! We will be hosting a "Superhero Training Academy" VBS the week of June 17th thru the 21st and it is going to be a blast! I have assembled a special team of planners, and we have been working to build an amazing week! In the next week or so, I will be hanging out the sign-up sheets. Please be in prayer as to how you can help during this amazing community program! We will be looking for crafters, music lovers, story tellers, builders and coaches to help our future superheroes build up their strength on the obstacle course! Superhero costumes are welcome for kids as well as adults. I will be printing out flyers and other promotional materials to be passed out in the coming weeks!

During Children's Church, during the months of May and June, we will be learning about how "Life is Sweeter with Jesus". Each week we will be using an ice cream treat to teach the lesson. If you would like to help with this, we will be needing lots of vanilla ice cream, ice cream sandwiches, Klondike bars, cones, frozen yogurt and fixin's for banana splits, sundaes, and root beer floats. All of the things we will be doing use Vanilla ice cream, so that is the biggest need. If you think you can donate any of these items, please let me know, or bring them to the children's choir room or church office. Thanks in advance for all your help!

This year has seen a growth in our children's ministry, not just in number, but spiritually as well. Each item you donate or moment you spend helping in the children's ministry is another opportunity that these children have to see God at work. Over the past few weeks, they have seen our church come together and share God's love with them in many ways! I am so thankful for all that you do and for the time spent with these kids!

That the next generation may know,
Chris

NURSERY WORKERS April 8, 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 1, 2018

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| Projected Budget Need: | \$136,769.49 |
| Actual Budget Receipt to Date: | \$133,359.98 |
| Actual Budget Spending to Date: | \$130,991.23 |

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| Digital Sign Goal | \$20,000.00 |
| Digital Sign Receipts to date | \$10,547.00 |

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| ANNIE ARMSTRONG GOAL: | \$5,000.00 |
| Receipts to Date: | \$3,892.25 |

ATTENDANCE:

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| Sunday School Goal | 225 |
| Sunday School | 129 |

WORSHIP SERVICE:

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| Worship Service Goal | 300 |
| Worship | 179 |
| Nursery | 10 |
| TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE | 189 |

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, April 8, 2018

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| 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, Youth, Children & Preschool Classes |

Monday, April 9, 2018

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| 11:00 | Golden Harvest Luncheon |
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Tuesday, April 10, 2018

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

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

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

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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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