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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Sunday nights we have together pinpointed our purpose as **Connecting Christ with People** and the concept of **Connect: The Who?** Being that we are to connect with Christ, connect with each other, and connect with the community. This Sunday we will consider the idea of **Celebrate: The What?** We have more to celebrate than the occasional holiday or special event. Life can be draining and rob us of the feeling of happiness causing us to sense we have nothing to celebrate. Celebrating is an intentional action, a choice we make and so is not celebrating. We celebrate what we hold dear and consider important. Those who are redeemed by the atoning work of Christ have plenty to celebrate. But does our life reflect this truth? Are we grumbling about life or celebrating it because of Christ? Together we will look at building in an attitude of celebrating which will affect every part of our life. 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 Sunday with Jesus' Parable of The Talents. The master gives three servants his resources to be used and conduct his business while he is away. Two of the servants stay busy doing the work needed and through their obedience produce a profit for the master. One decides to play it safe and not risk what has been released to him to use and hides it away till the master returns. The two productive servants are praised and rewarded for their obedience. The other servant attempts to excuse his behavior and tries to simply return what had been given. The master condemns the servant and sends him to his rightful due, a harsh punishment. Jesus is highlighting the idea of faithfulness. Two servants are faithful and one is not. The difference is obedience. The difference putting to use what the Master, God, has given for the benefit of the Master. We all have a way to contribute to the work God is doing within this church and this world. Are you investing or hiding?

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 25:21

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

GOD IS GOOD...ALL THE TIME....AND ALL THE TIME....GOD IS GOOD

We enjoyed a wonderful service this past Sunday with the choir loft full of adults and children singing the song God Is Good, All The Time. It's a beautiful sight to see everyone joining their voices together to worship our Lord. God blessed us with great attendance in Sunday School and church and there was much joy in the house of the Lord. We enjoyed a wonderful sermon from our Pastor. It's a great time to be a member of First Baptist Bridge City.

This coming Sunday we will open the service with the medley, I Saw The Light and I'll Fly Away. We invite you to come and join us in the choir loft once again to help open our service. We always receive a blessing during this time.

Our team has been working on the praise song, Come To The Table by Sidewalk Prophets. We will share the song in the near future. Give it a listen if you get the opportunity.

Come to the table
Come join the sinners
Who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table.

If there are any singers who have a special song they would like to share with us, please let me know and we will get you on the schedule.

Psalms 98:4 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth; make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

For His glory,
Debbie Anderson

PLEASE HELP!

We are collecting plastic medicine containers. Please remove the labels and bring them to the church office. If you have any questions please call Shirley Lynd 409-779-4525

YOUTH NEWS

The Big Announcement

As a few of you have already heard through the grapevine, FBC students are well underway in practicing for our next Youth Led service! The big announcement is for all of us to mark our calendars for Sunday morning, June 3rd as that morning students will be leading our entire congregation in worship. While I hesitate just yet in announcing a specific line up, be ready and make plans to attend that morning, as I know you will be blessed!

Our POD groups are doing very well as our Sunday morning students attendance has all but doubled in the last few weeks! God has truly worked a great work in our students and children over the last month! This past week our under eighteen attendances was 61! I cannot begin to tell you how special that is for our church and truly southeast Texas! That keeps us around the 40% mark once again! Be praying for these ministries as your week progresses.

Our new POD group standings continue to shift around, especially in the middle of the pack. POD # 3 continues to head up the challenge, however they had a rough Wednesday which allowed the other groups to really make up some ground. We also had a few students organize a mini local mission project which earned them mega points. Thank you, Ethan Morgan and Kaylee Lambert, for stepping up and showing out for God and representing your church!

POD Standings as of April 14th – POD # 3-143,810
POD # 1- 109,050 POD # 4- 96,700 POD # 2 85,000.

Be Intentional,
Aaron

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

We had an amazing turnout for our Sunday Morning pancake breakfast! We had 21 1st thru 5th graders come and join the fun! We are having so much fun on Sundays, exploring the 'Miracles of Jesus' in Children's Church! We learned about Jesus feeding the 5,000, and just like last week, when times got tough, after they weighed all their "human" options, they had to turn the situation over to Jesus.... What if they had done just the opposite, what if they had gone to Jesus first? Sometimes we get so busy trying to figure things out our ourselves, that we forget to turn to Jesus and turn them over to Him!

This lesson was reinforced in the Sunday night lesson, as we discussed the storms of life. Using a science experiment involving water, shaving cream and food coloring, we made a rain storm in a glass. By filling the glasses, topping them with a shaving cream "rain cloud" and dripping the food color in at the top, we waited to see the rain. Each child had their own color and were paired with a partner. What began to happen is the "rain storm" began to turn into something beautiful when the color broke through the "cloud". The kids discussed how something in their lives can start out as scary or rough, but Jesus can turn it in to something beautiful, or in their words... amazing.

Thank you for the snacks being provided for the kids...these go to help with Sunday mornings, Children's Church, and Wednesday night snacks... and they love them! Thank you again so much.

Finally, this Sunday we will be hanging out the sign-up sheets for VBS!!! I know you have been waiting and praying over how you can serve, right! Well the time has come! Look for the sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center, Church office, or above the water fountain outside the sanctuary (by the children's wing)! We will be having a meeting soon so stay tuned!!!

That the next generation may know,
Chris



**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**

NURSERY WORKERS April 22, 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 15, 2018

Projected Budget Need:	\$157,810.95
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$152,730.26
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$152,076.01

Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$10,792.00

ANNIE ARMSTRONG GOAL:	\$5,000.00
Receipts to Date:	\$4,212.55

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School Goal	225
Sunday School	176

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship Service Goal	300
Worship	176
Nursery	9
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	185

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, April 22, 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 24, 2018

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

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

6:30	Mid-week Worship Service Children's Activities Youth Activities
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
8:00 — 4:30
MONDAY — FRIDAY

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