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The Bridge Builder

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!



JUNE 17TH-21ST
6-8:30 P.M.

Sign up now for this year's amazing Superhero Training Academy! Kids will learn about Superheroes of the Bible and how they can become a Superhero for God! Sign up sheets are located at by the Sanctuary, in the Church office, and in the Welcome Center!

Come join our Incredible team!

*GOD USES ORDINARY PEOPLE IN SUPER WAYS...
WILL YOU ANSWER THE CALL?*

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Sunday nights we have together pinpointed our purpose as **Connecting Christ with People** and two of the means of fulfilling our purpose, **Connect: The Who?** and **Celebrate: The What?** This Sunday we look at the concept of **Contribute: The How?** Every person matters and every person can contribute in helping fulfill our purpose of **Connecting Christ with People**. God in his sovereignty has brought each one of us together to make up the whole of FBCBC. There are no mistakes in this and there are no pieces (people) which do not fit into the great work God is doing here. The challenge is not trying to figure out if you can contribute, you can. The challenge and work required is to find how you can **best** contribute. To contribute is to invest. Will you invest in FBCBC where God has placed (invested) you to serve? 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 morning we will have the privilege of Dr. Scott Moody preaching and sharing God's Word with us. He has been here before and you will be well blessed by coming. We have been blessed the last few Sundays with a great Sunday Morning Bible Study and Morning Worship attendance. The last two Sunday's have been 176 and 163 in Bible Study so keep coming and keep inviting. Pray for the church and for our buildings to be filled with people. After doing that, Invite 3 people to come, fill the space, and experience the joy of worshipping together.

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
Romans 12:13

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

Each Monday, as I think about the past Sunday, the only words that come into my head is Holy-Spirit filled. It's so awesome to look out over the congregation and see so many people coming together in one accord to worship our Lord in song and listen to the very inspiring words from our Pastor.

As is our custom now, the choir loft was overflowing with adults, youth and children. It brings excitement during our call to worship as we open with lively, up-tempo music to bring glory to our Lord. Thank you to all who participate in this special time.

The Hoppers, the southern gospel group who will be in concert at our church this summer, was formed in 1957. Today the group is comprised of family members Claude and Connie, son Dean and his wife, Kim and son Mike Hopper. A cancer survivor, Connie has been honored with the prestigious Marvin Norcross Award, in addition to numerous industry and fan honors and she has been inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Hall of Fame. She is considered by many to be the cornerstone to this musical family. She is recognized for her pleasing vocal ability and song-writing talent. Connie's sincerity, warmth, charm and genuine faith in God is an inspiration to all those who become acquainted with the Hoppers.

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 and let me know if you would like to participate.

"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering and come before Him. Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness".

I Chronicles 16: 29

For His glory,
Debbie Anderson

YOUTH NEWS

Broken Record

When one tends to keep telling the same story over and over again, it tends to lend itself to sounding like a broken record. Not that the music is not sweet, but after a while it seems to get a bit old. This however is one broken record that I love to keep playing! This weeks 18 and under Sunday School report was once again very good as 66 of our 163 total meets that designation. Yes, that is correct, 66 were 18 and under which if my math is straight, that means 66 that are 18 and under and 97 over 18! How crazy awesome is that statistic? That's 41 % of our attendance is now 18 and under! Prayerfully, soon we will be at or above 50%, which at this point is not far from reality. Praise God!

This past Sunday you may have noticed the High School and Jr. High classes leaving Sunday morning in the church van! This is all part of our new strategy for our POD group initiative. One of our initiatives is to make Sunday School practical. Students often need to not only learn from hearing but by seeing and doing as well. Our new series is instructing students on exactly what it means to be created in the image of God! It is much more than just looking into the mirror! By leaving church this Sunday morning for Sunday School, students got to witness God's creation and study how that and the fall of man working into the Imago Dei (Image of God) principle. We took photos at the Park across from the BC Public Library, and then had to explain exactly why they felt it was in line with our lesson! It seems to me that this practice, although not permanent but occasionally, of getting into the community and out of our Sunday School room can be extremely effective as attendance and response was off the charts! If you would like to see these photos, many of which are very creative and beautiful, please make plans to attend our Sunday Morning youth led service on June 3rd as they will be on display that morning throughout the church and even on stage! This week, we will be back traveling on Sunday morning, but this trip will not take us very far, if anywhere at all. Students come prepared for a VERY special Sunday morning!

POD Group standings

POD #1- 144,026 – Leader Jacob Cunningham
POD # 2- 127,172 – Leader Kaylee Lambert
POD # 3- 112,026- Leader Saysha Milstead
POD # 4- 90,289 – Leader Adam Snyder

Be Intentional,
Aaron

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Sunday morning in Children's Church, we continued learning about the "Miracles of Jesus" and watched a video about Jesus healing the blind man. The kids really enjoyed it and were glued to the video! I asked questions at the end, and they were so eager to answer. Every Sunday on the Kids Facebook page, I will be posting a "Make It Stick" review sheet that is a tool for you to help keep Sundays lesson fresh in their mind. Kids learn through repetition, and this is a fun way to help them! If you have any questions about the sheet, please let me know.

Sunday night, was well... in a word.... messy! We learned about the mess sin makes in our lives. We talked about forgiveness and read about the woman who washed Jesus feet. Jesus forgave her sins and He is faithful to forgive ours is we sincerely ask. I shared about what it means to accept Jesus and even what it means to follow through with baptism. The kids listened so carefully, asked wonderful questions, we had a very lively discussion. After the lesson was through, we made slime to remind us of how messy and yucky sin can be in our lives!

I am currently finishing up the Summer schedule and am so excited! This summer we will be revisiting some of the things we did last summer, but I really feel lead to focus on things families can do together. In the next week or two, I will be scheduling a parent meeting to share about the upcoming events and share where I feel God leading the children's ministry. Stay tuned!

If you have any comments or questions about the events coming up, please feel free to reach out to me!

That the next generation may know,
Chris

THE PERFECT STUDY COMPANION



The FBC Cup is available for \$10.00. The purchase provides the proceeds for our Guest Retention Program and promotional efforts. Stop by the office and get yours today.

NURSERY WORKERS April 29, 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 22, 2018

Projected Budget Need: \$168,331.68
 Actual Budget Receipt to Date: \$159,184.17
 Actual Budget Spending to Date: \$169,082.30

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

ANNIE ARMSTRONG GOAL: \$5,000.00
Receipts to Date: \$4,732.55

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School Goal 225
 Sunday School 163

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship Service Goal 300
 Worship 177
 Nursery 10
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 187

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, April 29, 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, May 1, 2018

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

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

6:30 Mid-week Worship Service
 Children's Activities
 Youth Activities

Thursday, May 3, 2018

4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night



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 TIONAL GOAL: \$70 Million
First Baptist, BC Goal: \$5,000.00
Receives to date: \$4,732.55

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

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