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# The Bridge Builder

## CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!



**JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>-21<sup>ST</sup>**  
**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,

This past weekend 10 guys from FBCBC as a part of the Men's Bible Study were on a houseboat in the Atchafalaya Swamp. Close quarters and a unique environment allowed us to be challenged, fellowship, and learn together. We had five study sessions geared for and directed to a man's heart. The subject was tough, but God's grace and provision was more than sufficient. I am honored to know these men and serve with these men as we together seek to follow Christ faithfully. If you haven't been yet, join us for Bible Study on Sunday mornings.

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 will have our last session together combining **Contribute: The How?/Invite 3: The Where?** Every person matters and every person can contribute in helping fulfill our purpose of **Connecting Christ with People**.

Sunday morning we will return to our sermon series "Tell Me a Story" by looking at the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus is posed a question from a lawyer looking to earn eternal life. Jesus asked him to share his knowledge of the Law which he did perfectly. Jesus then tells the story of the Good Samaritan to demonstrate the area where people most often fail. Knowledge is necessary, but application of the knowledge is crucial. Knowing what to do is not the same thing as doing it. Jesus stuns the people by declaring the one who does the action is the one who makes a difference. Are you a difference maker?

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  
Luke 10:37

## WORSHIP DIRECTOR

*THE JOYFUL NOISE.....*

*The Pre-K children, the Joyful Noise, did a wonderful job Sunday morning of leading out and getting the excitement going in our worship service. The response of the congregation was thrilling to see and I know the Lord was lifted up and was pleased. Thank you to Jennifer Quist and Lynn Richard for all the time and effort spent on teaching these little ones to praise!*

*The Hoppers, Kim Hopper, married to Dean, has one of the country's most dynamic voices. As a small child, Kim first began singing with her brothers as a part of the talented musical family, The Greenes. She sang with her family for ten years and the year after she married Dean, Kim joined The Hoppers singing group. She has enjoyed many industry and fan awards, as her anointed vocal talent is respected by fans and industry peers alike. We look forward to hearing Kim, along with the rest of the group when they are in concert at FBCBC on Friday, July 20, 2018.*

*We will open our service this coming Sunday morning with the exciting praise song, Every Praise. I invite adults, students and children to fill the choir loft once again to lead out on this great call to worship song.*

*Also, the Praise singers and band will be leading the congregation in singing "God of This City". We shared this as a special a few weeks ago in anticipation of what the Lord is doing at FBCBC, in our efforts to connect Christ with the people in our community.*

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things...Psalm 98:1

For His glory,  
Debbie Anderson

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## 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.**

## YOUTH NEWS

It was another great week for FBC Students as our Sunday morning attendance continues to rise! I, as well as many others, am excited to see where God leads in the near future as well as in the long term. Continue to pray and support our students!

The summer is quickly approaching, students have already been preparing for our 2018 mission trip to New Orleans! Many have already paid and turned in their paperwork. Parents, please make sure to complete this process soon as our final payment is due very quickly. The cost is \$100 and the permission forms must be notarized and accompanied by a photo copy of your health insurance card (front and back). The trip is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> so no time to delay!

Our POD group standings have seen a lot of changes over the week with groups falling and passing up others in the standings. This makes for a very intense yet satisfying competition. After this past Sunday the standings are as follows! POD 1- 179,697, POD 2- 176,322, POD 4- 142,489 and last but certainly not least POD 3-142,176. POD 4 made just over 45,000 pts this Sunday alone, which makes them the top point earning group for the week! It was just enough to move up in the standings it certainly put them into great position to knock it out this week and be the top group. Being top point group this week, I'd like to introduce to you the members of POD 4- Leader Adam Snyder, Aaron Jones, Tyler Bailey, Madison Juneau, Josh Eckerlee, Sammy Castro, Zach Soden, Tyran, Kelley, and Kenzie. This group has gone from the smallest POD group and 2<sup>nd</sup> largest POD Group in a week! SUPER JOB GUYS!

Be Intentional,  
Aaron

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

VBS is right around the corner and if you haven't signed up, there is still time! We will be holding a VBS meeting on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. We will be discussing this year's theme and exchanging ideas. If you are considering being a part of this year's Superhero Academy VBS, be here for this meeting! This is an idea we are building from the ground up, and it is sure to be an amazing time of Bible learning for the children as well as lots of fun! Don't miss out on being a Hero of the Faith in a child's life!

Sunday morning the children continued learning about the "Miracles of Jesus". They learned about Lazarus being raised from the dead, and that God has power over all things, including death! Thank you, Lynn, for sharing this great lesson with the children while I was gone!

Each Sunday and Monday following the morning and evening service, there are review sheets posted on our FBC Kids Facebook page! Please feel free to download these and use them throughout the week to help instill these valuable lessons in your child's heart. It is so important to reiterate these lessons at home each week by blending them into everyday life. By doing this, children see that being a Christian, is not just another activity we do on Sundays and Wednesdays, like baseball and dance and so on, but it's a way of life that is our foundation in everything we do! If you would like more ideas on talking about Christ with your children or helping your children to see Him in your everyday busy lives, come and talk to me! I will be putting out more ideas on the Facebook page, as well as uplifting and encouraging things for you, the parents. You are the most important spiritual influence in your children's lives, and I want to come along side you and be your cheerleader as you face the daily craziness of life... GO TEAM!!!

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 May 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

**April 29, 2018**

Projected Budget Need:            \$178,852.41  
 Actual Budget Receipt to Date:    \$165,518.85  
 Actual Budget Spending to Date:   \$172,150.33

**Digital Sign Goal                                \$20,000.00**  
**Digital Sign Receipts to date                \$11,282.00**

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG GOAL:                    \$5,000.00**  
**Receipts to Date:                                \$5,188.76**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Sunday School Goal                            225**  
 Sunday School                                160

**WORSHIP SERVICE:**

**Worship Service Goal                        300**  
 Worship                                        155  
 Nursery                                        5  
**TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE               160**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### Sunday, May 6, 2018

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

### Tuesday, May 8, 2018

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

### Wednesday, May 9, 2018

5:15    Monthly Supper  
 6:30    Mid-week Worship Service  
           Church Conference  
           Children's Activities  
           Youth Activities

### Thursday, May 10, 2018

4:00    Blood Drive in Family Life Center



**NATIONAL GOAL:                                \$70 Million**  
**First Baptist, BC Goal:                        \$5,000.00**  
**Receipts to date:                                \$5,188.76**

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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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