



The Bridge Builder

Deacon Nominations

Douglas Shows, Pastor
David Shows, Deacon Chair
Donnie Stanton, Deacon Vice-Chair
Darrell Segura, Deacon Secretary

We are preparing for electing **potentially four deacons** to serve FBCBC. A list of all male church members of First Baptist Church Bridge City and important information regarding qualifications/procedures will be made available beginning May 9th. These will be available at the Welcome Center, Foyer, and Church Office to aid church members in selecting one's candidate. **Each church member will be able to nominate one individual to serve as a deacon between the dates of June 4th – June 17th.** Please take time to prayerfully review the church expectations, the biblical qualifications, and consider the candidate you would select. Below is the expected schedule we will be following during this process.

May 9 – June 17 - List of male church members, portion of church constitution relating to deacons, passages concerning biblical qualifications, and voting procedure made available for prayerful study and consideration

June 4 – June 17 – Each member may vote once to nominate one individual as a deacon candidate during this time

June 17-July 10 - Pastor and Deacon Officers investigate and interview nominated candidates to determine ability to fulfill church expectations, meeting of biblical qualifications, and a desire to serve in this capacity.

July 11 - Vote to confirm verified candidates at the regularly scheduled Business Meeting

July 22 - Ordination Council and Service for newly elected deacons

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

We finished our Sunday night class discussing our purpose, **Connecting Christ with People** and our areas of emphasis **Connect, Celebrate, Contribute and Invite 3**. I am thankful for all who came and were a part of putting the pieces together as we, the church, are doing the prep work for God's blessing. We are continuing to see God move in each of us and drawing others to FBCBC for the work He desires to do through us. Our church attendance continues moving upward setting new averages as we pursue reaching our goal of **225/300**.

Sunday morning the sermon series "Tell Me a Story" continues with a look at Jesus' parables of the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin. Jesus uses these parables to counter the arrogant and prideful religious leaders who consider it despicable for Jesus to build relationships with sinners. The tragedy is not Jesus' actions, but the heart of those who are condemning Jesus. Their error is twofold. One is the idea that sinners need to clean themselves up, by religious standards, before coming to God. The other more egregious error is the leaders think this is what they did for themselves. They earned their right to be counted as righteous and do not consider themselves sinners in need of repentance or forgiveness. Jesus confronts them with the truth that God and angels will celebrate the sinner who repents, but there will be no joy for those who do not and think they need not. Jesus only saves sinners and no one saved is anything but a sinner. Are we willing to follow Jesus and build relationships with sinners, people like us, who are in need of Christ? Will you be a part of the celebration of connecting Christ with people?

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 15:7

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH.....

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heaven! Psalm 150:1

We lifted up our Lord and Savior this past Sunday at FBCBC. We sang and praised Him and spent a little time connecting with others in the congregation. We heard a wonderful sermon from our Pastor about the story of the Good Samaritan. If we are too busy to stop and help someone in need, we are too busy! A timely reminder to us all as we continue to connect with others in our congregation and with our community.



The Hoppers, Karlye Hopper, daughter of Dean and Kim, now stands alongside her parents and grandparents sharing the good news of

the gospel. We look forward to hearing Karlye, along with the rest of the group when they are in concert at FBCBC on Friday, July 20, 2018.

FYI Choir Singers – As mentioned before, we will be holding our Night of Worship on Sunday, July 29, 2018. It would be wonderful for the choir to prepare a selection to share that night. Look for details of choir practice in the near future.

Also, if there are any of you who would like to sing a solo that night or maybe a small group, please contact me.

Have a blessed week!

*For His glory,
Debbie Anderson*

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

Sunday morning POD groups was once again very strong as students 6th-12th grade had the second highest attendance per class as only the Children's division did better! Eighteen and under is quickly becoming a true strength at FBC! I know that this excites everyone, as many have continued to have many good things to say, we pray that this will become the fire needed to help continue to grow FBC!

Students are working hard preparing for their youth led service. Please, if you haven't already, mark your calendars for Sunday morning June 3rd. BCISD Junior Adam Snyder, one of our longer serving church members in the youth department, will be bringing the Word. A host of other students will be leading the church in singing praise, greeting, collecting the offering and much more. There will even be a very special presentation, all of which you will not want to miss.

I would also like to take just a few moments to thank Cody Manning for stepping up this coming Sunday to teach our morning class in my absence as my family will be headed to Dallas for a good portion of the week. I know he will do great and will have not only the blessing but great support from his family in this task. One of the greatest measuring sticks of a healthy student ministry isn't the number in to which is attending but the attitude and willingness to serve the exist amongst the group as a whole. Mr. Manning was never asked to teach, he offered to help without hesitation.

Be Intentional
Aaron

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

We had a great time in Children's Church leaning about Sundays and Sundaes!!! We learned about when Solomon dedicated the temple, and the great 7-day celebration that ensued! We talked about how we should be excited to go to church and how God wants church to be a joyful place, not a chore. It makes me so happy to see the kids up in the choir on Sunday mornings singing, smiling, and having a good time praising God. I hope that we all have that same joy each time we are able to come to church. This is such an exciting time for our church and I can't help but get excited to see what God is doing each and every Sunday! Share your excitement with others! Believe me, it's contagious, and will make others want to come and see what's going on!

Speaking of Sundays (Sundaes) we are still needing Vanilla Ice Cream, Ice Cream Sandwiches, Klondike bars (plain), cones, and Root Beer for children's church. This Sunday, we will be making "Blizzards and Flurries" so we will be adding candies or Cookies to our vanilla ice cream. If you would like to donate any of these items to Children's Church, please let me know!

We finished up our last "Hands on Faith" lesson with the Parable of the Sower. We talked about what it means to grow our faith, and how that can happen. We have so many kids that are hungry to learn about God, and it is such a blessing to be able to sit and talk with them, teach them, and answer their questions. We have such great kids in our church! Take a moment and stop and talk to them... they would love to hear from you!

Finally, we will be having a VBS meeting on Sunday May 20th at 5:30 p.m. in the 4th & 5th Grade Room (formerly Adult 1). You are welcome to dress in your favorite Super Hero costume for the meeting. Please come ready to share ideas and thoughts as well as maybe see VBS in a new and exciting way!

There are so many exciting things going on here and I hope that you are praying about how you can be a part of all or some! Don't miss out on such a special blessing. We are training up tomorrow's missionaries and spiritual leaders... just think how much they can learn from you!

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 13, 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:	\$189,373.14
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$177,416.15
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$178,127.26

Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$11,432.00

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

ATTENDANCE:	
Sunday School Goal	225
Sunday School	159

WORSHIP SERVICE:	
Worship Service Goal	300
Worship	174
Nursery	8
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	182

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, May 13, 2018

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
Children's Church
for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
5:30 NO PM Activities

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

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

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

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

Thursday, May 17, 2018

4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night

THANK YOU

Thank you First Family for always being there when there is a need. We collected many empty medicine bottles and they were very much appreciated.

Shirley Lynd

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8:00 — 4:30
MONDAY — FRIDAY

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