



# 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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 4<sup>th</sup> – June 17<sup>th</sup>.** 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 are beginning our process of electing potentially four deacons to serve FBCBC. Packets are available across the church and at the office. These will contain information concerning the timeline, list of men, constitutional requirements, biblical qualifications, and ballot for voting. Please read over these carefully as you prepare to make your selection for nominating a person to this position. Each church member will be able to submit a single name for a deacon candidate with the ballot containing the voting church member's name as well. Also, be aware that we will be utilizing the historic practice of FBCBC in applying the "husband of one wife" (1 Timothy 3:12) clause to mean a deacon candidate cannot have been divorced. It is a humbling and exciting time as we elect new deacons to be a vital part of propelling FBCBC forward in connecting Christ with people.

Amy and I are on vacation this week taking a driving tour of places we have never seen. We intend on driving north then swinging through South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, etc. before heading back. We both are thankful to unplug and refill our tanks by being able to witness some of God's magnificent creation. We are blessed to serve Christ with all of you at FBCBC and are praying for God's continual blessing upon us as we follow Christ. Pray for us to be refreshed and renewed by God's presence and love during this time.

Sunday you will have the opportunity to hear one of our own preach God's Word. Billy Manning will be preaching in my absence. He is a powerful and passionate preacher so you do not want to miss it. Billy has been a gift from God to me personally and we are blessed to have him (and his family) as a part of FBCBC.

FBCBC is where the "impossible" is happening everyday through Connecting Christ to People. Let us continue to Connect, Celebrate, Contribute, and Invite 3.

For His Glory,  
Douglas Shows  
Colossians 1:28



**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**

## WORSHIP DIRECTOR

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW.....

Another Spirit-filled praise and worship service in the books for First Baptist Bridge City. I am so thankful for the adults, students and children once again filling our choir loft to lift up the name of Christ. It is such a special time when we all get together to worship our Lord. It's wonderful to see the look of joy on each face in our congregation as we let the Holy Spirit have His way in our midst.

We have much to celebrate, as the message from our Pastor reminded us that the Lord loves us so much, like the shepherd who goes after the one lost sheep, so He will leave the ninety-nine and pursue the one lost soul.

"Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God  
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away  
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God".

The Hoppers, Dean Hopper, the oldest son of Claude and Connie, has become recognized as one of the industry's most popular vocalist, receiving numerous award nominations for Favorite Lead Vocalist. He has enjoyed over two decades on the road with his family, singing and traveling across the country. We look forward to hearing Dean, 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. We plan to have the choir sing two songs that night and will be starting practice soon for this event. Please be praying about singing with the choir on this special night of worship and be looking for practice times to be announced soon.

Have a blessed week!

*For His glory,  
Debbie Anderson*

## YOUTH NEWS

First off, I would like to thank those who stepped up the past Sunday morning in my absence. From what I understand everything went very well! Our POD Group competition is winding down quickly, as June 2<sup>nd</sup> will be our final day! We will be continuing our PODS going forward through the summer but expect a few shake ups as we will add POD #5 to the mix and reshuffle the groups. All new Point scales will be introduced with a continued emphasis on Sunday Morning.

Speaking of Sunday morning, FBC Students and FBC Children led the way once again in overall attendance per class. This is also considering BCHS Prom was Saturday night. I am continually blown away by their efforts. POD group standings have been a juggling act as they continually switch back and forth in the standings. POD # 2 is still in the top spot, but POD #1 Really closed the gap. POD #3 had a rough week falling back into 4<sup>th</sup> place, but no worries as they and current 3<sup>rd</sup> place Group POD #4 Are just a good week away from being in the top slot.

Youth led service is still on schedule for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, I know many of you are really excited to attend. Students have even mentioned that a few of their teachers plan to attend, along with many other familiar faces. It looks to be building to a very high attendance and even better an amazing morning. Debbie and Suzonne have done a great job helping prepare for the service, as I must admit my abilities in the realm are very limited.

Our mission trip is just around the corner! 26 days, 10 hours, 54 minutes, and 41 seconds away to be exact as I am writing this sentence. We have a slot or two open for anyone who would like to attend, as long as they are currently in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade or above (adults included). We will accept registration through this coming up Sunday night the 20<sup>th</sup>. If your name has not been added to the list by then, then we cannot add you! Parents make double sure your student is registered! If not, they may be left behind. The cost is \$100, and we have a few that have yet to pay or bring their registration paperwork to me. PLEASE get it quickly as we are out of time.

Be Intentional,  
Aaron

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

There will be a VBS meeting this coming Sunday, May 20th at 5:30 p.m. in the 4th & 5th grade room (formerly Adult 1). We will be discussing this year's awesome VBS and getting info about things that have changed this year. If possible, please be sure to be here for this meeting! We are also looking for individuals to dress up as superheroes throughout the week. If you know someone who would be willing to do this, please let me know as soon as you can!

We will be making banana splits this Sunday in Children's Church as we learn about how Jesus can heal our broken hearts. We are still in need of ice cream (vanilla only please), bananas, ice cream sandwiches, Klondike bars (regular only please), and cones. If you would like to donate any of these needed items, please bring them to the church office during the week, or to the children's choir room on Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings. We appreciate any help you can give with these items!

Our summer calendar is full of fun events that are sure to keep the kiddos busy this summer. This years Summer Family Blowout kicks off on Friday, June 8th at 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. with a Parent's Night Out movie event for the kids. We will be watching Moana, eating pizza and talking about how following God can be an exciting journey! Throughout the summer we will be hosting events for the kids as well as for the whole family. Copies of the Summer children's ministry calendar are available in the foyer, welcome center, or the church office.

For more information on these or any upcoming events, please give me a call or come by and see me! Please be in prayer for how you can be a part of these fun and amazing events!

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 May 20, 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

**May 13, 2018**

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Projected Budget Need:          | \$199,893.87 |
| Actual Budget Receipt to Date:  | \$181,811.00 |
| Actual Budget Spending to Date: | \$189,766.82 |

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Digital Sign Goal</b>             | <b>\$20,000.00</b> |
| <b>Digital Sign Receipts to date</b> | <b>\$11,592.00</b> |

#### ATTENDANCE:

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| <b>Sunday School Goal</b> | <b>225</b> |
| Sunday School             | 133        |

#### WORSHIP SERVICE:

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Worship Service Goal</b>     | <b>300</b> |
| Worship                         | 173        |
| Nursery                         | 11         |
| <b>TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b> | <b>184</b> |

## First Baptist Church

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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**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### Sunday, May 20, 2018

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| 9:15  | Sunday School   |
| 10:30 | Worship Service<br>Children's Church<br>for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade |
| 5:30  | Vacation Bible School Meeting                                     |

### Tuesday, May 22, 2018

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

### Wednesday, May 23, 2018

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| 6:30 | Mid-week Worship Service<br>Children's Activities<br>Youth Activities |
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### DEACON CANDIDATE LIST

Please be aware the following names have been added to the Deacon Candidate List:

Roland Anderson  
Russel Anderson  
Brian Cart  
John Ellis  
James Ellis  
Ryan Jones  
Glen Ray  
Daniel Winfree

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