



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,

Amy and I had a wonderful time getting to see and experience portions of God's creation we have never seen. We drove over 3500 miles and spent lots of time just visiting and reflecting together. In our time together we expressed our thankfulness for being a part of FBCBC and the joy we have in serving Christ with each of you. Thank you all for your prayers and support in our time away.

Sunday we return to our sermon series, "Tell Me A Story", by looking at Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. It is a parable we learn early if we were a part of the church when we were young. It is a parable we have probably heard taught and preached numerous times. It is a parable we sense we know well and can easily miss the most important truth within it. Jesus tells this parable in conjunction with the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin countering the religious leaders arrogance and disdain toward Jesus befriending sinners. The previous two parables champion the one who recognizes one's sin and repents of it. The religious leaders believe themselves to have no need of repentance and do not see themselves as sinners. Jesus shares the story of the son who rejects the father and leaves to pursue his own pleasure. In doing so, the son finds himself destitute and in great despair realizing his folly. The son returns to great fanfare and a grand celebration hosted by the father. The son had experienced a change of heart and repented of his attitude and behavior. There was much to celebrate. But, one son never left and grumbled about the son who returned. The one who had stayed home kept his hardened heart and saw no need to repent. The question contained in the story is which son was really lost? Which son is really the prodigal? Where is our heart in relation to repenting?

FBCBC is where the "impossible" is a living reality everyday and we are about connecting Christ to people. Invite 3 to come connect, celebrate and contribute to what God is doing at FBCBC.

For His Glory,
Douglas Shows
Luke 15:24

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.....

Another glorious Sunday at First Baptist Bridge City as we opened the service with the song All Things Are Possible. Everyone joined in, young and old and lifted up our Lord Jesus Christ. We then heard a wonderful sermon from Brother Billy Manning. It was a great day to be in the house of the Lord!

The Hoppers, Mike Hopper, the youngest son of Claude and Connie, first began playing drums for The Hoppers at the age of 13. He is now respected as one of the industry's most talented percussionists. Michael is also a talented vocalist and is featured on several songs recorded by The Hoppers. We look forward to hearing Mike, along with the rest of the group when they are in concert at FBCBC on Friday, July 20, 2018.



FBCBC Night of Worship – Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 29, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. We already have a good number of singers signed up to sing for us that night. This was such a success last year and we expect the same this year, all for the glory of God.

FYI Choir Singers – We will start choir practice on Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. to start practice for our Night of Worship in July. We will learn two songs to perform. All you singers please make plans to come and participate. It is a wonderful time of singing and fellowship with a little laughter thrown in for good measure.

Psalm 104:33 "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being".

For His glory,
Debbie Anderson

YOUTH NEWS

Our world promotes dissatisfaction with our lives. We are constantly bombarded with newer and better things that will make our lives more complete if only we would obtain them! If we listen, we will always be comparing the lifestyles and possessions of others with our own, and we will always be dissatisfied. If our contentment comes from possessions, activities, or other people, these can be altered or removed. If our contentment comes from our relationship with Christ, there is absolutely nothing that can take that away. Paul had enjoyed power and status among his people. He had also been imprisoned and bound in stocks in the depths of a jail cell. He had stood before a king and been stoned almost to death by an angry mob. Paul had enjoyed the benefits and pleasures of life, yet he could give them all up and still be filled with the joy of the Lord. His contentment did not depend on his environment but on his relationship with Christ. Contentment frees you to enjoy every good thing God has given you. Discontent stems from the sin of ingratitude and a lack of faith that God loves you enough to provide for all that you need. Strive to be grateful for all that God has given you. A grateful heart has no room for envy. This is what Philippians 4:13 is all about! I can be content despite my circumstances, because God has already supplied my needs in Christ. This is what the Gospel is all about!

Be Intentional,
Aaron

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.

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

I came across this article in *Share Faith Magazine* and thought I would share a few excerpts...

1. VBS IS NOT... entertainment, but VBS IS... an opportunity to reveal God. Throughout the years many VBS programs have made flashy graphics, eye-popping decorations and silly games the focus. While none of these things in and of themselves are bad, they are not the focus of VBS. VBS is about revealing God to children, not 5 days of entertainment. We are entirely missing the point of the VBS exercise if the children put in our care walk away without taking home at least one revelation of who God is. We have all of creation and His written word to work with, so there is no excuse.

2. It's not just a theme, but VBS IS... an opportunity to present the Gospel. Children love to ask questions, and the more they learn, the more they desire to learn. These themes are fun ways to bring about curiosity in the children to begin their experiences with Christ. Statistics show that an overwhelming majority of Christians first became followers of Jesus between the ages of 4 and 14; after that, numbers drop off exponentially. Behold, today is the day of salvation.

3. VBS IS NOT... a cotton candy event, but VBS IS... an opportunity to lay a foundation of truth. Cotton Candy looks amazing, but the moment it touches your mouth, it disappears. Instead, VBS should be like a juicy steak where kids are presented with life-changing Biblical truth that they chew on for the whole of VBS week and take with them long after Vacation Bible School is over. Here is your chance to help build a framework that will aid these kids in interpreting the world around them; something sturdy enough to build everything else in their lives upon. It is a battle for the mind that we should do everything we can to protect them from losing.

4. VBS DOES NOT... replace parents, but VBS IS... outreach to parents. The primary teachers of children are their parents. The very best VBS program intentionally creates opportunities to connect parents with the content of Vacation Bible School. Keep the parents involved; and this isn't just about utilizing skills, gifts and abilities either. It is about encouraging them in their call to be ministers in their children's lives. To encourage parents to reinforce the biblical truths presented throughout the week. Try to let parents know you are there for them as a church, through kids and family ministries and events, as well as extending any other family resources you have available.

5. VBS IS NOT... a performance, but VBS IS... an opportunity to demonstrate Christian life. Vacation Bible School is not a show where leaders pretend to be perfect Christians and encourage kids to become like them. Rather, VBS is a time for leaders to be real and open with their kids. The more leaders share their struggles and God's triumphs, the more kids will be drawn to the Gospel. Share what God has done in your life and what you've seen God do in the lives of those around you. Give kids the opportunity to share what God has done for them. Be living examples throughout the week of service, love, discipline, preparation, and organization. We need to lead by example, so these children can also grow up to see the value of being good role models to others

Please pray about how you can be a part of our upcoming VBS June 17th-21st from 6-8:30 p.m. For more information, please give me a call!

That the next generation may know,
Chris

NURSERY WORKERS May 27, 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 20, 2018

Projected Budget Need:	\$199,893.87
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$194,629.28
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$198,232.95

Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$11,802.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School Goal	225
Sunday School	137

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship Service Goal	300
Worship	124
Nursery	6
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	130

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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 27, 2018

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
Children's Church
for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade

NO PM Activities

Monday, May 28, 2018

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

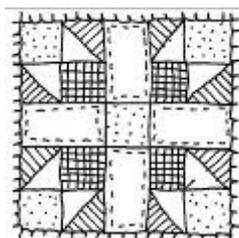
10:00 Ladies Prayer Meeting
7:00 Men's Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

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

Thursday, May 31, 2018

9:00 Quilting for children at Boys Haven



QUILTING FOR BOYS HAVEN

Join us on Thursday mornings from 9:00 am till noon in the old Adult 7 Sunday school class room. . We are working on quilts to be donated to the children at Boys Haven. We need anyone who can snip threads, sort fabric, press seams or just fellowship with us. For more information call Imogene Ernst at 409.313.3468.

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