

First Baptist Church

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The Bridge Builder

THE
NEXT  GENERATION
WORSHIP

Youth-Led Worship

Sunday, June 3

10:30 a.m.

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

We are approaching our period of nominating deacon candidates. If you have not yet, pick up the deacon packet which contains all the pertinent information and ballot for voting June 4th – June 17. This is an exciting time for the church as we have the privilege and responsibility of electing potentially four deacons to serve at FBCBC. Don't miss being a part of this important process.

Sunday we will get to **Connect Christ with People** in a unique way. We will have our youth lead us in worship with the Next Generation 2.0 service. They have put together a beautiful service. For months they have invested time, prayer, and practice anticipating this responsibility to lead the congregation in worship. As we seek to **Connect, Celebrate, and Contribute** together during this time, there are two great ways to do it. One is to be certain you are present, because your presence matters. Just being here is an encouragement to the youth and for others who are attending as well. The other is to **Invite 3** people to join you for this unique and humbling celebration time. Be here, but bring others. We have the privilege to encourage and inspire the next generation of leaders within the church by expressing our gratitude though showing up and bringing others.

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 14:27

DON'T FORGET!

Please don't forget to gather old literature and place in store room in Adult 4-5.

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

COME TO THE TABLE.....

Come to the table
Come join the sinners
Who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table

We had a wonderful day at FBCBC this past Sunday. We shared a new song, Come to the Table. The lyrics reminds us that we are all sinners saved by grace and that no one is beyond the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

As the Pastor pointed out in his sermon about the prodigal son, we have to remember the son who stayed behind thought he had earned his fathers' love because he stayed and never left, and the prodigal, when he returned, realized the mercy and the grace of the father. He certainly had not earned it. Let's be careful that we don't think so highly of ourselves that we believe our good works and service are saving us.



The Hoppers are set to be in concert at FBCBC on Friday, July 20, 2018. It is a free concert, with a love offering being received. We have tickets in the office if you would like some.

FYI Choir Singers – We will start choir practice on Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. to begin learning our songs for our Night of Worship in July. All you singers please make plans to come and participate. We will meet in the sanctuary for the first practice.

We invite everyone to come and join us at First Baptist each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Come as you are and leave your sin and shame at the door. Come and be set free!

For His glory,
Debbie Anderson

YOUTH NEWS

Human strength is a strong deterrent to trusting in Christ. When we rely on our own strength, resources, and knowledge, we assume we can handle situations without help from God. We tend to divide problems into two categories: problems that we know require God's help and problems we think we can handle on our own. Paul had a tenacious personality and an exceptionally strong will. He courageously faced angry mobs as he traveled far and wide to promote the cause of Christ. He had spent the first half of his life serving God in his own strength. However, once God gained his attention, Paul had to learn to rely on God's strength and not his own. Paul was afflicted with a thorn in the flesh. Whatever this was, it humbled him. He had performed incredible miracles, even raising the dead, but he could not remove the affliction that God had given him, an affliction that made him depend on God. The world had seen what Paul could do in his own strength, and it was horrifying! Now God wanted to exercise His power through Paul's life. When Paul thought he was strong, he neglected to rely upon God's strength. Only in his weakness did Paul fully trust in God. Often our strength, rather than our weakness, hinders us from trusting God. God will bring us to a point of weakness if that is what it takes to bring us to trust in Him. Do not despise your weakness, for it leads you to trust in God's strength.

Please be in prayer for our students as they prepare for their mission trip to New Orleans! Students, if you have not turned in your paperwork, make sure and get it taken care of quickly!

Be Intentional
Aaron

THE PERFECT STUDY COMPANION



and get yours today.

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

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

VBS is right around the corner, and we are still looking for team members to join us! We are looking for a Music leader for the 4 yr. old – first graders, as well as helpers for the various classes and areas they will be going to. I just can't stress enough how important VBS is to those in our community. Please be thinking and praying about your part in VBS. As it stands now, we are just over two weeks away from the start of VBS. If you are interested in taking part in this year's Superhero VBS, please attend the meeting on Sunday, June 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the Children's Choir room. If you did not make it to the first meeting, please try to attend this one so that you can receive instructions.

We will also be having a VBS work day on Saturday, June 16th at 10 a.m. We will be setting up and decorating rooms for VBS. For more information call the church or look for me in the children's wing!

Next Friday, we will be hosting our first event of the summer with a "Parents Night Out Movie Night"! The fun will begin at 6 p.m. and kids will be ready for pick up at 8:30 p.m. We will be watching "Moana" and serving pizza and dessert. Kids are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a pillow and blanket! Children Pre-K to 5th grade are welcome.

We have lots of fun events going on this summer, but we can't do it without your help! Come have some summer fun with us!

That the next generation may know,
Chris

DEACON NOMINATIONS

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.

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:	\$220,935.33
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$199,717.62
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$216,852.17

Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$11,897.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School Goal	225
Sunday School	126

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship Service Goal	300
Worship	125
Nursery	6
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	131

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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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, June 3, 2018

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

NO PM Activities

Monday, June 4, 2018

11:00 Golden Harvest Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

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

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

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

Thursday, June 7, 2018

4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night

LADIES PRAYER GROUP

The Ladies Prayer Group will have a special guest, Tuesday, June 12 at 10:00 a.m. All ladies invited to attend.

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