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The Bridge Builder

AN INVITE FROM THE PASTOR:



LUTHER RICE
COLLEGE & SEMINARY

**ENGAGING THE WORD:
A BASIC INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE
JUNE 24TH AND JULY 1ST
5:30 PM**

Luther Rice, where I am currently attending for my Doctor of Ministry, has a unique program to bring seminary education to everyone. Through their program called Project Focus they offer free introductory and condensed versions of some seminary courses. Join me as we watch and take the course together. For more information or to take courses on your own: <http://projectfocus.education/>

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Sunday we start a new sermon series, "Songs for the Soul", which will be highlighting the Psalms. The Psalms contain powerful theological content wrapped in highly emotionally expressions. They comfort. They confront. They lift up. They tear down. They exalt God. They humble man. We can easily identify with many of the writings because we have experienced the emotions which drive them. The writers are committed to the truth of Scripture and the truth of God, but find themselves wrestling with the reality of living these out in a fallen world while battling one's own corrupt nature. The Psalms are real feelings being contended with by focusing on the real truths about God.

We will begin our journey by looking at Psalm 1. The writer provides a comparison between the righteous, those who trust in God, and the wicked, those who trust in oneself. One brings life and hope while the other brings death and destruction. Every day we must choose how we will live. Will we live plugged into God drawing our strength and purpose from Him? Will we live for self, bemoaning life when it does not feed our ego? As followers of Christ we can persevere in the storm or the drought because He is our source of refreshing. As followers of Christ we can be an oasis for others wandering in the desert. Are you planted by the stream of living water

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,

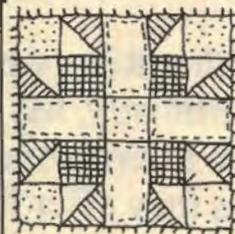
Douglas Shows
Psalm 1:3

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

VBS is off and running! We've had a "Super" time so far! I am so thankful for all those who have come out this week and helped to reach out to these children! Without your commitment and sacrifice, we couldn't have done it! Everything came together, the amazing decorations (thanks so much Lynn), super crafts, great food and most of all the sharing of the gospel, to create and experience that I hope will stay with these kids for a lifetime. I am so thankful to be a part of a church that is so supportive of their children! Thank you again, and please continue to pray for this ministry!

This Saturday, we will be holding a Baptism class for children and their families. This is an opportunity for children that may have questions or concerns about salvation and baptism to come and learn more and take a tour of the baptistry. Please pray for kids and families that may be participating.

This Sunday, we will be hosting a Superpals and Pancakes breakfast for families and children who attended VBS. Everyone is invited to attend! This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet families who may be visiting for the first time! It all starts at 8:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center! For more information on any of these events, please contact me at the church!



QUILTING FOR BUCKNERS

Join us on Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. 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.

YOUTH NEWS

If there is one thing that I have learned over the span of my 11 years in ministry I have learned that ministry is costly. When the heavenly Father wanted to save His creation from sin, He could find no other way except the sacrifice of His Son. Scripture gives a stark picture of the price our Savior paid to obtain our salvation: "He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief". If Christ is your model for ministry, you cannot avoid going to the cross for the sake of others. Salvation comes with a great price, and if we are going to "take up our cross" and follow Jesus, then we must be prepared to go with Him to the place of suffering if that's what it takes to bring salvation to those around us. If our goal is to bring others to Christ we must be willing, as He was, to risk rejection. People may disappoint us, misunderstand our motives, even despise and persecute us. Our Savior did not let suffering prevent Him from being used by God to bring salvation to those He loved. Love for His Father provided all the motivation that was necessary. Take a moment to reflect on the price God was willing to pay to bring salvation to you. Are you glad He was willing to do what was necessary? I am reminded of a quote from Ignatius Loyola "Teach us, good lord, to serve thee as thou deserve; to give and not count the cost; to fight and not heed the wounds; to toil and not ask for rest; to labor and not ask for any reward save knowing that we do thy will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Be Intentional
Aaron

THANK YOU

I am deeply grateful and very thankful for your prayers on my behalf.

With brotherly love,
James "Buster" Scales

WORSHIP DIRECTOR GOD OF THIS CITY

We shared again the song, God of This City, which is a reminder to us that God still has plans for our church in its efforts to reach the community to connect people to Christ. Make sure you come and be a part of what the Lord is doing at FBCBC.

We had a great day in worship and the word. We had a good crowd in spite of the threat of rain. The sanctuary was decorated for VBS, so it looked like we were standing in Gotham City, instead of Bridge City. Everyone is excited to be a part of the superhero-themed Vacation Bible School. I hope you will come and be a part of this special time as we strive to reach the children in our community for Christ.

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. If you have any questions, please call me at 409-738-5302.

We didn't have choir practice on Sunday due to Vacation Bible School getting into full swing. We will start back with practice on Sunday, June 24, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. preparing to share at our Night of Worship scheduled for Sunday, July 29, 2018.

Remember to mark your calendars for Sunday, July 29, 2018 for our Night of Worship. Plan to come and bring someone and join us in praise and worship.

Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name for imperfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago. Isaiah 25:1

For His glory,
Debbie Anderson

NURSERY WORKERS June 24, 2018

Sunday School Brittany Ernst
Connie Claus

Worship Service Thelma Wheelis

Volunteers always needed. Please call
Brittany Ernst at 409.313.1215.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, June 24, 2018

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

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

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

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

- 6:30 Mid-week Worship Service
Children's Activities
Youth Activities
- 7:30 Instrumental Practice

Thursday, June 28, 2018

- 9:00 Quilting for Buckners

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

June 17, 2018

Projected Budget Need:	\$252,497.52
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$227,367.99
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$239,404.71

Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$12,684.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School Goal	225
Sunday School	139

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship Service Goal	300
Worship	137
Nursery	6
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	142

THERE WILL BE NO
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS
UNTILL SEPTEMBER.

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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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