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The Bridge Builder

AN INVITE FROM THE PASTOR:



**ENGAGING THE WORD:
A BASIC INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE
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 night we had a tremendous turnout for the Luther Rice class *Engaging The Word*. We viewed Lesson 1 "How did we get the Bible?" and Lesson 2 "How do I select a Bible?" Together we learned some of the history of the Bible and the unfathomable process and sacrifice endured by individuals to bring God's Word into the English language making it accessible to us all. We got to understand the difference in the variety of English translations and determine the type best for our personal use. Join us this Sunday as we view Lesson 3 "How do I approach the Bible?" and Lesson 4 "How do I make sense of the Bible?" These lectures will introduce us to the process of reading and understanding Scripture better.

Sunday our sermon series "Songs for the Soul" continues by looking at Psalm 2. Our tendency, and our modern Christianity, follows the prevalent cultural view of God as a benevolent grandfather figure who only wants to spoil us. The writer of the psalm displays a different image of the Lord and his Anointed One, the Son. The warning to everyone is to not contend against the Lord because his victory is certain along with the destruction of those who oppose him. God laughs at the folly of those who resist his rightful rule. Every person born deserves only one action from this great God and it is their own destruction as God pours out his just and holy wrath upon all, us who are sinners and rebels against God. But this all-powerful God, who rightfully can destroy all of humanity, provides a place of refuge for the treasonous creatures called humans. He provides the Son. "Kiss the Son" cries the psalmist. Divert God's wrath from yourself. Take refuge in the gift God has given, the Son. For this is the essence of being "blessed" by God. Are you "blessed" by God? Have you "Kissed the Son?"

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 2:12

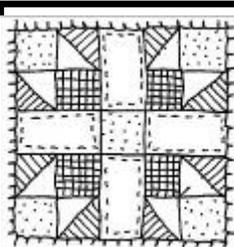
CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

We had so much fun at Vacation Bible School this year! When the final numbers were counted, we had a total of 72 children come through our doors, and 71 workers that came and guided, taught, and served! That is amazing! Throughout the week, the children learned what it means to be a C.A.D.E.T. When we become followers of Jesus, we are Called, Altered, Diligent, Excited, and want to Testify to others about what He has done in our lives. Among other activities, we had a contest that allowed kids to use their creative super powers to create a superhero shirt for our very own Big "E" the Sasquatch (thanks Aaron)! Kaitlyn Juneau won the contest, and Big "E" wore the shirt on the last night. We also had a contest to see who brought the most visitors. Rylan Thompson was our winner and got to take home a HUGE Hulk figure! I also want to say thank you to Texas Roadhouse and "Super Andy the Armadillo" for coming out and making our event extra special! They brought brownies, candy and gift cards for all the children! We had so much fun and created lots of amazing memories that will be cherished for years to come! I know that valuable lessons were learned about God's love and what it means to be a follower of Christ.

We have kicked off our Sunday evening Bible Studies! The Pre-K to 3rd graders are doing a fun series called Pool Party, and the 4th & 5th graders are going through the book of Daniel, in the Dare to Be a Daniel Bible Study. These classes will be going on until July 27th.

For more information about these and other upcoming events, give us a call at the church!

That the next generation may know,
Chris



QUILTING FOR BUCKNERS

The quilting group has changed their day. Join us on **Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m.** in the old Adult 7 Sunday school classroom. We are working on quilts to be donated to the children at Buckners. 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

I was walking down the church halls last week distributing a few Real-Life flyers allowing my mind to calmly think about various items to do and items that have already been accomplished when it struck me. No, I'm not talking about a random flying object or a VBS decoration that was hanging down from overhead. I'm talking about the absolute craziness of summer ministry. Yes, I know as an 11 years experienced student minister I should have realized this by now, but it seems like this year is different. It seems as if that as one event wraps up, another event is beginning. We went from a crazy, out of the ordinary, mission trip to New Orleans straight into VBS and now church camp is upon us. June always seems to be the busiest month of the year with only maybe December as its rival. July can be seen as just as busy as we welcome the Hoppers. Then straight into Real Life and then Breakfast of Champions. Thrown in between is promotion Sunday and a few day trips. Fall festival is always crazy and it always seems as if Winter Retreat, which is mostly the last few days of December through the first few days in January, is always just right around the corner. Once you really survey the amount of work that goes into a full year of ministry, one really realizes and appreciates the number of workers that FBC contains. While most every church can host an event or two, it is truly a blessing to be able to host multiple events, even at the same time. What I guess I am getting at is simply, THANK YOU! VBS was really well done, and I know there are many tired people still processing the week that was VBS. But on to the next event we go, and while we may be a bit tired, I know that I can always count on you and God to give each and everyone of us the strength to carry on because there is something more at stake! I will end simply with a quote from Loyola, one of many that I look to when I'm tired and see the mountain in front that has still yet to be conquered. "Teach us 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 or Lord." May this be our prayer as we look at the mountain!

Be Intentional
Aaron

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

OPEN UP THE HEAVENS

Open up the heavens
We want to see You
Open up the floodgates
A mighty river
Flowing from your heart
Filling every part of our praise

The Lord did fill every part of our praise this past Sunday at FBCBC, from the children sharing their VBS theme song through our time of praise and worship and the wonderful message from our Pastor. It was a great day to be in the house of the Lord.

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 got back to our choir practice on Sunday and let me tell you, they sound better than ever. I am so grateful for these singers God has placed at First Baptist and for their willingness to come out each week to prepare for our presentation at our Night of Worship on July 29th.

Summer Night of Worship – Sunday, July 29, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. I hope you are making plans to come and hear some wonderful singers from our area and to lift up our Lord in praise. The line-up is taking shape and there is something for everybody. I praise God again for the willingness of those to use their gifts and talents for Him.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17.

For His glory,
Debbie Anderson

JULY GOLDEN HARVEST MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, July 2
11:00 a.m.
In the Family Life Center

We are having hot dogs for the main dish. Please bring chips, dips and desserts.

Entertainment by: The Sassy Girls

NURSERY WORKERS July 1, 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

June 24, 2018

Projected Budget Need:	\$263,018.25
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$232,680.44
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$249,900.98

Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$12,854.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School Goal	225
Sunday School	132

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship Service Goal	300
Worship	130
Nursery	6
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	136

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	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, July 1, 2018

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
Children's Church
for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
4:30 Choir Rehearsal
5:30 Sunday Classes

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

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

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, July 7, 2018

Children's Swim Party

THERE WILL BE NO
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS
UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for your love, prayers, cards,
phone call and kind words during my illness. You are
all so very precious to me. I did not have cancer and
am recuperating quite well. I praise God and give him
the glory for all things! What a mighty God we serve!

*Love in Christ,
Kathy Young*

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