

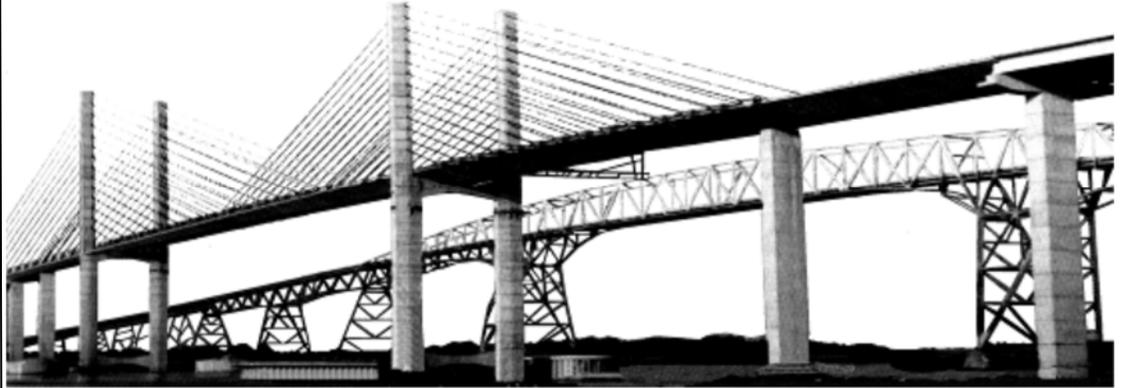
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The Bridge Builder

GODTALKS

TRUTHWORTHSPREADING

July 15 – Charles Hunt,
Director of Missions of the SETBA,
Pastor of Woodland Hills in Longview, Tx

6:00 pm

Missionary Focus

Brad Garret
Love Offering Received:
\$673

Deacon Ordination

July 22
Ordination Council 3:00 pm
Ordination Service 6:00 pm

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Sunday Night we held the first of two GODTalks this summer. Mike Tanner shared his experience of being called into church planting and challenged us all to see that we are all called to plant a church (Christ) in our families, neighborhoods, and workplaces. When we are obedient and faithful to share Christ we can have great confidence "something wonderful is going to happen." This Sunday we will have Charles Hunt, pastor and Director of Missions for the SETBA, sharing at GODTalks. Come and be encouraged with "Truth Worth Sharing."

Sunday morning we continue our sermon series through the Psalms by looking at Psalm 13. The writer, David, expresses himself in a full and open declaration of his emotions and struggles with his present circumstances. David is not happy and he knows who to target and blame for his predicament. It is God. The sovereign who controls and dictates all things, the one who has called him to be king, the God who sits silent as he suffers. David is more than hurt and confused, he is angry and belligerent toward God. Through his honest sharing of his emotions, David finds the release of his pains. David has not whined or complained to friends and neighbors, he has gone to the source and declared his displeasure. In doing so, David now is ready to receive from the one he has confronted. Exhausted from the emotional outpouring David can now confirm the reality and truth that supersede his emotions. God has a "steadfast love" for him in which he can trust. David can "rejoice" in his salvation. He can praise God for his bountiful goodness toward him.

Life is hard. Life is full of pain and suffering. God is in control. These truths seem contradictory. We expend great amounts of energy trying to understand and make sense of these things from our finite and limited perspective. The whole time God invites us to become intimate with him and share our hurts and pains with him in an unadulterated fashion. When we express ourselves openly, we open ourselves up to allowing HIM to express himself fully to us. It is in the tragedy and pain we can find just how sweet and good God truly is for us. God invites us to trust him which is the means for knowing him. Do you know God? Do you choose to trust God even in the pains of life?

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

Psalms 13:6

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

We had such a great time last Saturday during the Children's swim party, hosted at Ron and Missy Harbert's home. The rain and storms only kept us inside long enough to eat yummy hamburgers and hotdogs, but once the storms passed, it was back to the pool! We had 11 kids attend with their parents and grandparents. Thank you to the Harbert's for opening their beautiful home and pool to us and making us feel so welcome! Also, thank you to Ms. Wanda Crull for the scrumptious cookies that the kids went absolutely crazy over!!! All these things make the children feel very special and loved!

My family and I will be out of town over the next two weeks, as our singing group Footprints has been asked to sing in a two-day revival in Libby, Montana. Over the course of the coming two weeks, I will be keeping in touch with children in our church in a fun and hopefully challenging way. Beginning Wednesday, July 11th, I will be video chatting via Skype or going Live on Facebook to share where we are and share with them some of the special things we are seeing and doing including going into Canada! Each day I will give them a scripture reference clue as to something they will see on the video. If they write them all down, along with the scripture and the answer to the daily question I ask, they will receive something special that I will bring back from our journey. It's kind of like a video scripture scavenger hunt! Candace Todora will be helping us here at the church, so if there are any questions, feel free to talk to her! They will be passing out forms on Wednesday night to help the kids with this fun project. Because we will be kicking off and ending with a Skype call in the Children's Choir Room, all the children need to meet in there for the next two Wednesdays. Please lift our family up in prayer as we set out on this journey to spread the gospel and enjoy time spent in His presence seeing the beautiful world he has created!

Finally, on Saturday, July 28th we will be hosting a Pizza, Paint, and Praise Party. The cost of this event is \$25 per family. In the previous Bridge Builder, I stated \$20, but that is incorrect. The event will be 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. in the Gym. We will be creating Pizza masterpieces, a little fun beach artwork, and singing and lifting praises to God for His amazing love! I hope that you will join us for this fun time with the family! For more information, or to sign up for this event, please call the office!

That the next generation may know,
Chris

YOUTH NEWS

SETBA Youth camp was great! I have been to many mission trips, camps, and retreats over the years and without hesitation I can say that this camp was by far my most favorite! Twelve students accepted Christ, about twenty rededications, and several more decisions were made that will impact the lives of so many going forward. A big thanks to Tim Ramsey for bringing the word of God to us and Frank Aragon's family for providing the best music I have ever heard on the camp level! Charles Hunt and the SETBA churches for their prayerful support and financial backing. What a great planning group we had in Terri and Scott Foneville (Circle Drive in BC), Kerri Overton (FBC Winnie), Adam McIntyre (7th Street Baptist in Nederland) and of course Charles Hunt who is our associational DOM. This group will begin planning camp 2019 very soon. We were blessed with the following churches who attended FBC Bridge City, FBC Winnie, 7th Street Baptist Nederland, Circle Drive Bridge City, MacArthur Heights in Pinehurst, Latexo Baptist near Crocket, Magnolia Baptist in Cleveland, and The Source in Vidor.

Thanks to all these churches for helping us put on a great Camp and most of all we will thank God for it was only by His grace and provision that the SETBA camp was such a success.

No rest for many of us from the group and Real Life is NOW! If you would like to help out let me know as we will have plenty to do! Don't forget to bring a few boxes of Little Debbie cakes, Lemonade mix, individual bags of chips, and cookies! This will help dramatically defray the cost of this conference! If you would like to donate an item but have little time to shop for them, you can donate the money and we will do the shopping for you!

I am really excited to see what all God will continue to do through these ministries and more in the coming months! Look for next week's article for new information on our summer POD groups and their new point standings!!

Be intentional,
Aaron

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

Glory, glory Hallelujah
Our God is marching on!

What an exciting morning of worship and the Word at First Baptist Bridge City this past Sunday. We sang some great old hymns from the past, Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord and God of Our Fathers. We continued with our praise and worship and ended with Chris Tomlin's, Come to the Table which reminds everyone that they are welcome to come to the table and leave their sin and shame at the door. So thankful to our heavenly Father for his grace and mercy extended to us all.

We held our Hopper's concert meeting after church on Sunday and I appreciate so much everyone who attended. I am thankful for all who have volunteered to help the night of the concert. What a great opportunity for us to host such a large group of people in our sanctuary and to share with many the love we have at FBCBC.

The Hopper's concert will be held on Friday, July 20, 2018 and we still have a few tickets left in the church office. Be sure to get you one! We expect the sanc-



tuary to be full! Also, please be in prayer for the Hopper family in all their travels and especially as they come to us for this great night

of this great gospel music. Pray for open hearts for anyone who needs a touch from the Lord.

Choir practice - We have two more choir practices, on Sunday, July 15th and Sunday, July 22nd at 5:00 p.m. before our performance at the Night of Worship. Thank you to all singers who have come and worked so hard to prepare for this great night of praise and worship.

Summer Night of Worship – Sunday, July 29, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Be sure and plan to attend to hear all these great singers and instrumentalists from other churches in the area, plus our Worship Team, along with our children and adult choirs.

Everything we do is.....
For His glory,
Debbie

NURSERY WORKERS July 15, 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

July 8, 2018

Projected Budget Need:	\$284,059.71
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$253,544.57
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$268,623.83

Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$13,114.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School Goal	225
Sunday School	134

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship Service Goal	300
Worship	111
Nursery	4
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	115

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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, July 15, 2018

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
Children's Church
for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
5:00 Choir Rehearsal
6:00 God Talks - Charles Hunt, Guest Speaker

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

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

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

9:00 Quilting for Buckners
6:30 Worship Service
Children & Youth
7:30 Instrumentalist Rehearsal

Thursday, July 19, 2018

4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night

Friday, July 20, 2018

7:00 The Hoppers Concert

Nursery Coordinator Needed

First Baptist Church of Bridge City, TX is seeking a Nursery Coordinator for regular scheduled services and special events. A complete job description can be found at www.fbcbc.org. Candidates will be expected to comply with the Ministry Safe training and screening program, background checks and social media policy. Applicants should be a member of FBC, Bridge City and 18 years or older. Those wanting to apply can pick up an application at 200 West Roundbunch, Bridge City, TX or complete the application found at www.fbcbc.org. Applications will be accepted through Monday, July 30. For more information, call First Baptist Church at (409) 735-3581.

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