

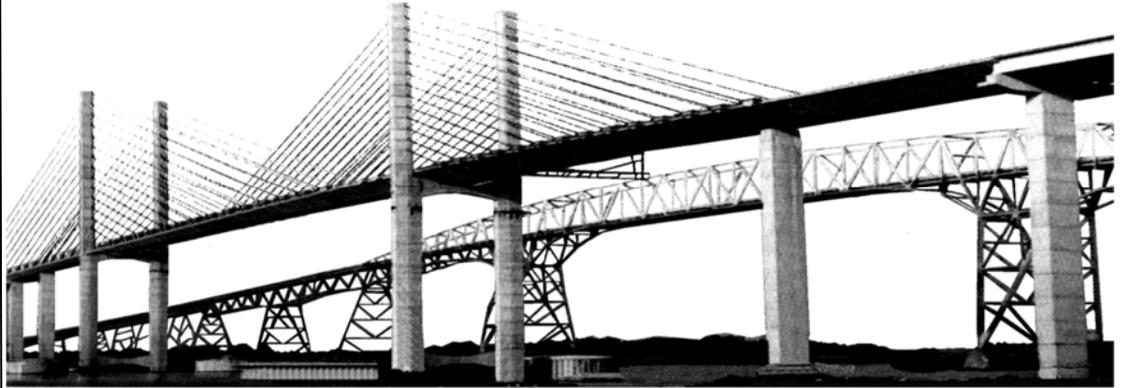
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STORY

Real Life 2018
August 5th - 8th

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Music- Michael Rodriguez / Pastor- Cody Hogden

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

Let me introduce you to Samantha. Some of you may have noticed her Sunday night at the community service sitting with Amy and me. Samantha is an eighteen year old girl that was dropped off at our church with no place to go and no family willing or able to help her. The person dropping her off told her we had a shelter and could take care of her. Samantha was horrified to find out that this was incorrect and may have been a reference to the sheltering we did during Hurricane Harvey. She had fled a drug infested home life and been turned out by other family members and now faced no where to go and no one to care. Well, FBCBC did care.

We were able to coordinate a place for her to stay the night and provide her a meal. Even more important to Samantha's desperate situation we were able to offer her friendship and kindness. Monday morning we started tracking down possible avenues to provide her long term care and a fresh start. Through the contacts Chris Bailey made we found the best option and helped her make contact. After the whole church staff had lunch with Samantha, we prayed for her and her future. She was filled with hope seeing someone cared and expressed her gratitude for our small acts of kindness. Samantha was driven to a "safe spot" to facilitate the exchange to the group who could take over helping her transition. Would you join me in continuing to pray for Samantha?

I am very thankful for our church and the way we were able to respond to this one who was scared and hurting. I want to commend our safety team for assisting Samantha and helping to facilitate her care. Also, I want to thank my wife, Amy, and Chris Bailey for comforting her and befriending her. Others were a help in various ways and it all made a visible difference in a young girl's life. Church, do you realize that Samantha is one of many who are desperate for someone to care. Can we and will we open our eyes to see the hurt in others and extend Christ to them?

Sunday we return to our sermon series through the Psalms by looking at Psalm 19. David proclaims, "The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul." (v.7) There are things in God's Word we will not like and we will disagree with often. We have a tendency to want to twist God's Word to accommodate our sensibilities, but this is wrong, always. God's Word is meant to twist, or transform, us into

Pastor's Paragraph . . . (continued)

what God has called us to be. Do you see God's Word, the Law, as perfect and yourself as needing correction? Does God's Word revive your soul where you can declare the Law as good?

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
Psalm 19:14



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fbcbc.org or get and use the new
Easytithes app

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

We had a wonderful time last Saturday at our Pizza, Paint, and Prayer Party! We had a total of four families attend and build pizza masterpieces and create beautiful toes in the sand works of art! It was wonderful to see families spending time together around the table sharing and worshipping together! I consider it a wonderful success and look forward to doing more of these in the future!

As summer begins to wind down, we come to the end of our summer events. On Friday August 17th, we have our last Parents Night Out. We will be serving a pasta dish, bread and dessert, and watching "Ratatouille". Kids are welcome to bring a blanket, pillow and stuffed animal.

Our summer will close out with promotion Sunday on August 19th. We have several 5th graders that will be promoting to the Youth, and a few 2nd graders that will be graduating to "Big Church"! This is such an exciting time to see the young hearts growing in Christ! We want to invite you to come be a part of this very Special Sunday!

That the next generation may know,
Chris

YOUTH NEWS

Real Life is here! Yes, you read that correctly. I cannot believe that its already August! It is not too late to make a last-minute donation to help defray the cost of Real Life. We are still taking lemonade mix, snack cakes, cookies, and individual bags of chips! Many of you have chosen to donate money, which of course is always accepted as we will be glad to do the shopping for you!

This year we will have an enormous amount of student ministry experience teaching and leading students from all over SETX! Not only that, we have assembled a team that comes from many regions throughout SETX. This will hopefully ensure that we will have representatives from many new churches in attendance, along with being able to help minister to students from all backgrounds. The following is a list of those that will be in attendance and teaching.

Cody Hogden – Pastor (FBC Orangefield),
Michael Rodriguez- Worship (Common Ground, BC)

6th/7th grade- Kerry Overton- (FBC Winnie),

8th grade- Terri Foneville (Circle Drive, BC)

9th grade- Justin Marcantel (Pine Forrest, Vidor)

10th grade- Adam McIntyre (7th Street, Nederland)

11th grade- Nicholas Coleman

(Little Cypress Baptist)

12th College- Josh Roam (FBC Hampshire)

Adults/Invitation leader – Doug Shows, (FBC Bridge City)

Added together, this will represent over a century of youth ministry experience! While we have had many great teams over the years, this one is right up there with the best we have ever had! I am truly excited to see what all God can do with such a group! We have also had several businesses to team up with us this year as well, some as far away as Houston! I will be mentioning these businesses in a later article. I am also thankful for the SETBA, who has now for the second year in a row, sponsored our efforts with a sizeable donation! Thank you FBCBC for your continued support of this event! Without you, this type of event would be nothing more than a dream. Thank you for your continued commitment to God and of course His will for Real Life!

Be Intentional,
Aaron

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

OH WHAT SINGING....OH WHAT SHOUTING

Our 2nd Annual Summer Night of Worship has now come and gone. It was a wonderful night of praise and worship with our choir at FBCBC opening the evening with Heaven's Jubilee. They did a fantastic job and set the tone for the rest of the night. Every singer and instrumentalist, one after the other came up and brought their very best for the Lord. There were smiles on the faces of the congregation and a song in their hearts. Many thanks to all who shared their gifts and talents.

Thank you to the sound crew, James, Austin and Donnie and thank you to Suzonne for all she does helping with the sound equipment on the stage to make this night happen. Without them, you wouldn't hear a thing!

Thank you to every singer in the choir who gave of their time every Sunday afternoon to practice our presentations for N.O.W. We are going to take a break from choir practice for a few Sundays. I will let you know when we will start back up in the near future.

Please contact me if you have a special song you would like to share on Sunday mornings.

Psalm 95:1 O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD,
Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

For His glory,
Debbie

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for blessing me with this scholarship! I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT God has planned in the future! Your consideration and gift mean so much to me. Thank you once again.

Much love,
Kaylee Flannigan

Jim and I were so impressed with the kindness shown to us by the wonderful folks in your church. We had to park quite a distance from the door and my husband suffers from Parkinson's disease. One of your precious parking attendants picked us up on a golf cart, bringing us and his walker to the entrance. What a God-send. There is a sweet sweet Spirit in your church. Thank you.

Jim and Kathy Roberts

NURSERY WORKERS August 5, 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 29, 2018

Projected Budget Need:	\$315,621.90
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$276,109.28
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$308,267.53

Digital Sign Goal	\$20,000.00
Digital Sign Receipts to date	\$13,599.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School Goal	225
Sunday School	126

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship Service Goal	300
Worship	117
Nursery	5
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	121

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, August 5, 2018

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
Children's Church
for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
6:00 Real Life 2018 — The Story

Monday, August 6, 2018

6:00 Real Life 2018 — The Story

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

10:00 Ladies Prayer Meeting
6:00 Real Life 2018 — The Story
7:00 Men's Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

9:00 Quilting for Buckners
6:00 Real Life 2018 — The Story

AUGUST GOLDEN HARVEST MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, August 6 at 11:00 a.m.
in the Family Life Center

Local legend, Jesse Domingue will provide
the music. Bring sandwiches, chips, salads
(potato/jello/etc) and desserts.

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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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