Dear Church Family,

God is working among us to see to it that we are a vibrant, authentic, expression of His Church on earth. I am confident of this because of the particular and privileged place from which I observe. As pastor, I am placed in a position to have a great view of the field for which I am responsible. It is a place that affords me the view of sacred details of peoples’ lives and the sacred evidence of God’s hand in those details. I am writing on this theme as a response to the hand of God in leading some of us to a conference in Idaho. This step is just one among many in seeing to it that we are a faithful people in the area of making disciples. I was blessed to accompany the following servants of our church:

- Mike & Andrea Brown
- Regina Densmore
- Stan & Nan Eldridge
- Charles Koenig
- Gary & Carlisa Krenek
- Gary & Patsy Parkey
- Ed Payne
- Doug Watson

Some of these are group leaders who gained much encouragement in continuing their ministry in that capacity. Others share a desire to help First Baptist in implementing a robust disciple-making ministry. As I said Sunday, they provided their own way to Idaho and for those who needed assistance, generosity was demonstrated. Why do I mention that? Because it says that they went as a result of a passion and calling to do so. I look forward to continuing to see the fruit of God’s hand upon our church.

Now, it is time to step away from the “how to” of ministry to pause at the well that gives forth water that “empowers” ministry. We have been afforded the privilege of a scheduled time at the water brook with one of God’s choice servants, Richard Owen Roberts. May we come to that brook panting like a very thirsty soul. Please note the special schedule of that Sunday morning. I hope you are able to join me in the Sanctuary at 8:00 am to pray for revival. See you there.

—in Corinthians 11:23-26

Come join us as we gather together in remembrance of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Behold Your God with Richard Owen Roberts

Sunday, June 11
8:15 & 10:50

“The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

—from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

From Our Pastor

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Behold Your God

Sunday, June 4
9 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Bro. Roberts (One Service)
6:00 pm—Bro. Roberts

Monday, June 5—Wednesday, June 7
11:30 am—Luncheon in the Gym
Noon—Bro. Roberts
6:30 pm—Bro. Roberts

First Baptist Church, 2321 Avenue F, Bay City, TX 77414
Website: www.fbc-baycity.org
Dear Church Family,

Congratulations to our two graduating seniors: Shannon Brown and Matthew Harris. I know they have worked extremely hard and will continue working hard in the next phase of their lives. We had the opportunity to have a senior lunch with them this past Sunday and I am excited for them as they journey forward!

Super Summer and ONE Camp are coming up soon so please be in prayer for the students that will be attending. Pray specifically that their hearts will be receptive to God’s Word as it is taught and also that they will learn to live more for Christ in their daily lives. The last date to register for ONE Camp is June 1st—Registration forms must be turned in before then.

Looking forward to a great summer!!!

In Christ, Adam

Important Dates:

Super Summer @ ETBU
June 12-16
Student Leadership Camp

One Camp @ Palacios
July 10-14
For All Youth

If you would like to donate to the FBC scholarship fund, you may do so at any time. This will help to support our own FBC members as they pursue a college degree. Please mark your check or envelope “Scholarship Fund”. Thank you!
Preachers Need the Prayers of the People

Prayer, to the preacher, is not simply the duty of his profession, a privilege, but it is a necessity. Air is not more necessary to the lungs than prayer is to the preacher. It is absolutely necessary for the preacher to pray. It is an absolute necessity that the preacher be prayed for. These two propositions are wedded into a union which ought never to know divorce: the preacher must pray; the preacher must be prayed for. It will take all the praying he can do, and all the praying he can get done, to meet the fearful responsibilities and the largest, truest success in his great work. The true preacher, next to the cultivation of the spirit and fact of prayer in himself, in their most intense form, covets with a great covetousness the prayers of God’s people.

The holier a man is, the more does he esteem prayer, the clearer does he see that God gives himself to the praying ones, and that the measure of God’s revelation to the soul is the measure of the soul’s longing, importunate prayer for God never finds its way to a prayerless heart. The Holy Spirit never abides in a prayerless spirit. Preaching never edifies a prayerless soul. Christ knows nothing of prayerless Christians. The gospel cannot be projected by a prayerless preacher. Gifts, talents, education, eloquence, God’s call, cannot abate the demand of prayer, but only intensify the necessity for the preacher to pray and to be prayed for. The more the preacher’s eyes are opened to the nature, responsibility, and difficulties in his work, the more will he see, and if he be a true preacher the more will he feel the necessity of prayer; not only the increasing demand to pray himself, but to on others to help him by their prayers.

Paul is an illustration of this. If any man could project the gospel by dint of personal force, by brain power, by culture, by personal grace, by God’s apostolic commission, God’s extraordinary call, that man was Paul. That the preacher must be a man given to prayer, Paul is an eminent example. That the true apostolic preacher must have the prayers of other good people to give to his ministry its full quota of success, Paul is a preeminent example. He asks, he covets, he pleads in an impassioned way for the help of all God’s saints. He knew that in the spiritual realm, as elsewhere, in union there is strength; that the concentration and aggregation of faith, desire, and prayer increased the volume of spiritual force until it became overwhelming and irresistible in its power.


With Heartfelt Sympathy

The FBC Family extends sympathy to the following members and their families in the loss of their loved ones:

- Vicki Jo Horne—loss of father
- Kyy Minkert—loss of grandson

Thinking of You and Sharing in Your Sorrow

Dear FBC,

Thank you for your gift of bag items, books, periodicals and $1,391.00 to the Texas Port Ministry. We are extremely grateful for your support. Your donation will be very useful in our ministries to the people of the Freeport Harbor community.

The continuation of our ministry is dependent on the gifts of churches and individuals like you who are willing to partner with us in Shipping the Good News around the World. We also appreciate your prayers for us. I would encourage you to pray for us as we strive to fulfill Acts 1:8. Pray also that God will call out more workers into His harvest field. There are so many people who still need to hear about God’s love.

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New Babies!

Congratulations

⇒ To Sharon Mead on the birth of her great-granddaughter! Oaklee Shei was born to Chris & Leesha Goben on May 3 and weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz.
⇒ To Barbara Moore on the birth of her granddaughter! Molly Sue was born to Will & Angie Moore on March 14 and weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz.
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Video Ministry Opportunity

Would you like to help run video in the 8:15 am and 10:50 am worship services? We need you! No experience or special skills are required—just a willingness to serve.

If you are interested in being trained to help in this area, please contact Darlyne in the church office, 245-5518, or email dward@firstbaycity.org.
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- Barbara Middleton—Memorial
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**Jet Set**

**Breakfast at Diamond S**

Tuesday, June 13  
8:30 am

*Bring a friend and your appetite and come enjoy the fellowship!*

**Lunch**

Tuesday, June 27  
11:30 am  
Place TBA

*Mark your calendar for great fun and great fellowship! For more information, call Carolyn Hale at 245-5109.*

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**Information Center**

**Men’s Breakfast in June**

Saturday, 6/3  
7:30 am in the Gym

**Jet Set**

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**June Mission Focus for VBS:**

**Operation Christmas Child - The Greatest Journey**

After receiving a shoebox gift, children have the opportunity to enroll in The Greatest Journey, our dynamic, 12-lesson Bible study course guiding them through what it means to faithfully follow Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV) “Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”

Since 2009, millions of children around the world have learned what it means to faithfully follow Jesus Christ through The Greatest Journey. As a result, lives are being changed for eternity and new churches are springing up in communities across the globe.

We praise the Lord for making The Greatest Journey one of the largest discipleship programs in the world today. But there are many more boys and girls we still urgently need to reach with the truth of God’s Word.

It only costs $6 to send a kid through this exciting 12-lesson Bible study course! How many kids can we help to disciple around the world?

$600 means that 100 kids would spend time in the 12-lesson study! That’s 1,200 lessons about faithfully following Jesus Christ! We can DO IT!

While FBC, being prayerfully led by the Focus Team, is studying discipleship throughout the summer, and this church is locally making disciples through our local VBS, we can also help to disciples make locally around the WORLD through Samaritan’s Purse!

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