

First Baptist Church Newsletter

Missional living in Brady, Texas

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I hope that you enjoyed (and GOT) Terry's message(s) on Sunday the 20th. More than that, I hope you will begin to live them out. I think the greatest difficulty of being missional is *becoming* missional. Being missional requires a new way of looking at and then responding to the world around us, and that is a hard habit to form.

This morning reminded me how hard it is to break out of our current rhythms (**rusts**) and begin to act in a missional way. When I got to my study, I was alerted to an overflowing commode. (I think all pastors should have a plumbing license.) So-Bible reading and prayer take a back seat (again) to the crisis *de jour*. As I was hustling across the parking lot, a parent showed up with his child for pre-school. In my rush to get the plumbing problem under control, I briefly spoke to the parent and hurried off to the FLC and do something really important.

After averting the micro-disaster, it occurred to me what I had done. I had missed an opportunity to visit (for maybe just 15 seconds more) with someone who is not a member here, who is a potential member (if not convert). I traded this one-time-only opportunity God had laid in front of me so I could sweep water down the drain. What really went down the drain was my opportunity to make a connection with this parent.

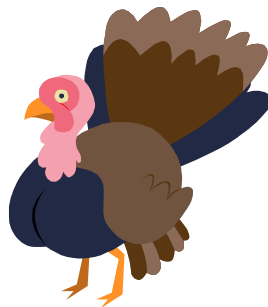
The railroads have reminded us for years that if we will "stop, look, and listen," lives can be saved. My sister failed to do that one time, and it cost her a 1965 Mustang. Thank goodness it wasn't a Chevy. Jesus stopped, looked and listened, and he saved many lives. Missional living requires that we too, stop, look, and listen. *Stop*. Stop running on auto-pilot. Stop being driven by external events. Stop talking and stop doing. Be still and be quiet. Then *look*. Look around. Look at others, the ones in your peripheral vision, the ones you barely notice, if you notice them at all. See them. See their needs, their hurts, and their struggles. *Listen*. Listen to the way they are asking for help, for hope. Listen to their story.

Then *go*. Just like when you come to a railroad crossing and have stopped, looked, and listened, you eventually have to go. But don't go home. Don't keep on following the same spiritually pointless and profitless rut. The train runs on tracks, but you don't have to. Go into their lives, go into their world, go into the mess they have made or have had given to them. Go. Go make disciples. Go and be a disciple. Go.

Generous donations taken to Bro. Banda

On Thursday, October 24th, after months of collecting gently used clothing items, and food items, the flatbed trailer and pickup truck bed were loaded with donations from across the association, and at 7:00am Ed Weber and Robert Reeves left London and headed down to Eagle Pass.

Brother Banda wishes to thank everyone who donated to his ministry along the Texas/Mexico border. He was very appreciative, touched and surprised at the large amount of items which were donated. *This photo shows just part of the donations.*



Thanksgiving meal Nov. 3 after church

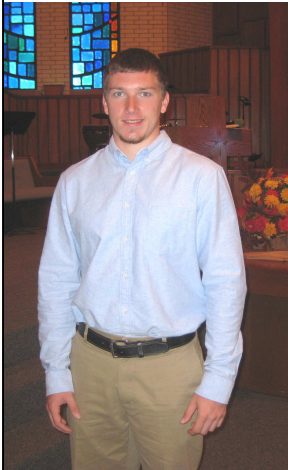
Our annual Thanksgiving meal and fellowship will take place November 3 following morning worship.

Thanks to those who have volunteered to provide turkeys and hams.

Each family needs to bring two side dishes: salad, vegetable, or dessert. Dressing, gravy, hot rolls, and drinks will be prepared by the Hospitality Committee: Susan Turk and Lynn Munden (church hostesses), Kathy Brandenberger, Bobbie Williams, Rick Kent, Donna Kent, Julie Armstrong, and Stefani McKay.

Church hires Jack Wells as youth minister

With the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and the Youth Committee, the church business meeting voted on October 13 to hire Jack Wells as youth minister.



Jack is a student at Howard Payne University, majoring in Christian education, with an expected graduation date of May 2015. Jack is from Forney, Texas. He has experience with youth ministry at Cornerstone

Baptist Church in Mesquite, Go Tell Camps in Nacogdoches, Lakeview Baptist Church in Brownwood, and FBC in Grand Prairie. He has gone on two mission trips to Bogota Colombia.

Welcome to FBC Brady, Jack!

Operation Christmas Child boxes ready for filling, deadline Nov. 22

Shoe boxes are available in the hall for everyone to take and fill with toys and other small items suitable for children. This ministry of Samaritan's Purse reaches children around the world.

Boxes must be returned to the church by Friday, Nov. 22, for delivery in San Angelo the next day.



Time change Nov. 3

Remember to set your clocks back an hour Saturday night as the country moves back to Standard Time at 2:00am.

Can you answer this question? —If you forget to set your clock back, will you be early or late for church?

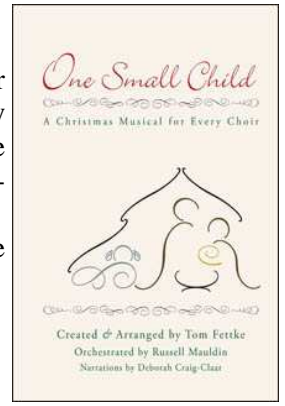


Music Ministry: *One Small Child* in rehearsal

This month has been full of blessings for our music ministry here at Brady FBC. Our choir for the Christmas cantata (*One Small Child*, created and arranged by Tom Fettke) is going very well and sounding beautiful. We are joining with First United Methodist Church soon and the choir will more than double in size! We are still looking for more singers for the group so anyone is welcome! Cantata rehearsal is every Wednesday at 7:30.

I am looking forward to introducing new music for us to sing on Sundays as well, so be ready to learn some new songs to praise God with!

Love and Blessings—Tyler Cooper, Minister of Music



Youth events

October was a great month for the youth group!!!

- On October 9th we had a blast going to Brownwood for fields of faith! There were around 200 students from Brady that attended this event. There were several students that made life changing decisions at this event. I ask and encourage you to pray for these students that made decisions to continue to grow in their walk with Christ!!!

- November 10 at the Church we will be having a S.M.A.C. (Sunday morning after church). This is a youth activity where the youth will meet in the FLC building after the morning church service and have lunch and then play different games. This is a great opportunity for the youth to know each other better and grow closer as a group. I encourage you to come and to bring a friend. It's going to be a blast!

- Come and Join us on Wednesday nights at 5:15!!! The junior high service starts at 5:45 and the senior high service starts at 7:15. Come get challenged and encouraged as we dig into God's Word for strength to make it through our busy and difficult weeks. We need each other to stay focused on our mission in life as followers of Jesus Christ, and what that should look like in our everyday lives. We are so easily distracted, and this is one tool to keep us on track! Don't miss this opportunity!

—Jack Wells, Youth Minister

Women's ministries: A place for everyone

Report from the "Sassy Sisters":

The next meeting is Sunday, November 10 at 5:00. We will discuss our next service project for December and decide on a date for a "Sisters Night Out" in either November or December.

Thanks to all the Sassy Sisters who helped make the "Staff Appreciation Lunch" a success and the Sisters who contributed to the "goodie bags" we gave them. We had over 100 people at the lunch—a great success! We invite all ladies to participate and join in on the fun!!!



The Awana year is well underway and things are going great. We have had great participation and wonderful volunteers. We could still use one or two people for as little as 30 minutes per Wednesday. If you're interested contact the church office or Cynthia Reeves.

—Cynthia Reeves, Children's director

Preschool needs real-life "community helpers"



The children at Godly Impressions Preschool wish everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving!" May everyone take this time to count their blessings and be thankful.

For the month of November the children are learning about "Community Helpers", and we are looking for volunteers to come and visit with us any day of the week (Mon.-Fri.)

at 10:00a.m. dressed in your work uniform and come and show us your "tools" of your trade. This will take 5 to 10 minutes. We are looking for a **mail carrier, firefighter, doctor, dentist, police officer, construction worker, bus driver, coach, garbage collector, plumber, office manager, waiter, banker, hair dresser, shopkeeper, musician, actor, and dancer.** Please contact Kim ASAP to let her know

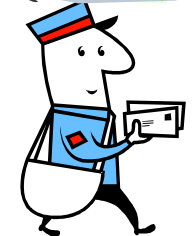
Along with learning about community helpers the children will also be working on the letters: D, Z, and V, the numbers: 3 and 13, the colors: yellow and orange, the shape of a star.

Our Bible lesson for the month is "God asks me to work for him" and the lesson is centered around the story "The Tower of Babel." The Bible verse the children will be learning is "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31 The children are still attending chapel once a week in the church sanctuary. Ms. Kim reads them a story from a children's bible and then they discuss what they read, (this can be very entertaining)!

Please join us on Sunday November 10th at 6:00p.m. for the Church Business Meeting. One of the things to be discussed that evening will be the growth and the expansion of the preschool.

The preschool will have an early release on Wednesday the 27th at 11:30, following a special snack and a short little program of the "5 Little Turkeys". There will be no preschool on Thursday the 28th and Friday the 29th. We will see everyone again on Monday December 2nd. Please have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

—Kim Coleman, Preschool Director



November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Mike Martin	2
3 Thanksgiving meal, noon Evening worship 6:00; deacons meeting, 7:00 Ashleigh Voight	4	5 Van Virdell	6 Daniel Mendoza	7 Madden Virdell	8 Food Distribution, 10:00-12:00 Mary Ballew	9 Gunnar Roberts
10 Youth SMAC, noon; Sassy Sisters, 5:00; business meeting, 6:00 Dariel Carson Kolson Kirk	11 Triple S lunch, noon, Fellowship Hall	12 Grace Class meeting, 3:00, FLC TaRell Day	13 JoAnn Martin	14 Drew Wilton Genna Jennings	15	16 Harold Underwood
17 Church wide fellowship, 6:00 Stacy Hudson	18 Lois Hulsey Grant Nobles	19 Rex Joslin	20 Ronnie Holloway Kenneth Young	21 Lisa Remini	22 Deadline for returning Operation Christmas Child boxes	23
24 Visitation, 6:00 Robert Reeves	25 Triple S meal and game night, 6:00 Lauren Patton Madison Jurrius Rose Sherer	26 Joyce Blackwell	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29 Susan Lohn	30

Weekly Events

Sunday
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 10:50 AM Morning Worship
 6:00 PM Evening Services/Events

Monday
 4:00 PM Ladies Bible study
 home of Mary Ballew
 6:30 PM CWJC, Building Men for Christ

Wednesday
 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Presbyterian Church
 5:15 Youth group: Jr. high at 5:45, high school at 7:15
 5:30-7:15 AWANA, missions organizations
 6:00 Prayer meeting/Bible study
 7:30 Christmas cantata rehearsal

Thursday
 9:30-11:00 Dorcas quilting ministry

Deacons on call for November
 Shane Owens 456-4895
 Jim Smith 597-0740

Greeters for November
 East Door
 Nov. 3 Roy and Janet Guthrie
 Nov. 10 Jim and Betty Smith
 Nov. 17 Joyce Hollingsworth and Velma Hendley
 Nov. 24 David Bishop
 West Door: Youth

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM
Sunday morning: live broadcast at 11:00 AM
Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM
 Thanks to Cynthia Reeves, Betty Smith, Maurice Mallow, and Joyce Collier for recording radio devotionals in October.
 November devotionals will be done by Bobbie Williams, Deryl Bishop, Velma Hendley, and Kevin McDonald.

Food Ministry Report
October 2013

- 128 families
- 171 adults
- 97 children under 12
- 37 adults 65 and older

November food distribution will be Friday, November 8, from 10:00 to 12:00.



Notice to families and friends of military personnel: please send updated information (branch of military, place of service, etc.) to becky@scottmartin.net or to the church office. We will put this information in a future newsletter.

Pray without ceasing. . .

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
Psalm 100:4

- our nation’s leaders
 - our members in the nursing homes
 - our homebound members
 - the lost and un-churched in our community
 - Brady children & youth
 - Our Sunday School
 - Josh Collier’s mission trip to Spain
- Catherine Adams
Don Ash
Pam Beasley
Maggie Behrens
Ricky Bentley
David Bishop
Dorothy Bishop
Joyce Blackwell

Marcus Burell
Carla Bratton
Amelia Britteon
Alan Brown
April Carson
Sandra Carson
Sue Crow
Fayrene Easley
Patsy Finley
Marty Flores
Janet Gloria
Louise Hammett
Jimmy Hodges
Kenneth House
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Mike Lowery
Colton Lane McMullin
Paul and Connie Nix
Brian Owen

Tracy Parsley
James Patton
Ann Roberts
Betty Schaffner
Jerry Slaughter
Mike and Laurie Slone-
Marcell Smith
Opal Smyrl
Jim Spurgin
Joy Taylor
Jack and Susan Turk
Jim Underwood
Richard Valdez
Chelsea Watts
Billy and Doris Whitaker
Skylyn Whitaker
Lilly Williams
Alice Young
Kaelie Dawn Young

In military:
Daryl Booth
Jon Bradshaw
Brandon Haymon
Talisha Hendley
David Hernandez
Concho Moore
Tyler Remini
Jace Telford
Jonathan Torres
Alisha Slone
Wes Stark
Justin Williams
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend sympathy to the families of Maria Beam, Frances Tybo, and Betty Caraway.

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For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.
Psalm 100:5



Deadline for returning filled shoeboxes is Friday, November 22.

Dear Sassy Sisters and Church Members,
Thank you so much for the gift baskets and the delicious lunch. It was a wonderfully sweet thing to do for us. May you all be blessed as you have blessed us.
With love and thanks,
Your church staff

Dear Sassy Sisters & Church Family,
Thank you so very much for my basket of wonderful goodies and gift cards. And thank you all for the delicious lunch ! Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!
God bless,
Kim Coleman

Congratulations to . . .

James and Maurice Mal-
low: 60th wedding anni-
versary, October 24
Gary and Judy Mitzel:
30th wedding anniversary,
November 12

Dear church family,
Thank you all so much for the wonderful wedding shower. I have organized recipes, dishes and food supplies and have been humbled by your generosity. I am so happy to be back in Brady.
Again thank you so much,
Erica Reeves