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Change and growth, time and life

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I spent some time at a cemetery recently, just walking around. I looked at names and dates, and that got me to thinking. Cemeteries are where time stops. Most of the headstones have two dates on them: the date that time started and the date that time stopped for an individual. We often think of cemeteries as places of death, and they are, but maybe for a different reason than we might think

Cemeteries are a place of the past. They are all about the past and the past tense. The people buried there were born in the past and died in the past. Cemeteries are about who and what those people *were*, and what they *did*, not about who they are, what they are going to be, or are in the process of becoming. There's neither a present nor a future to be found in the cemetery. That's what makes them places of death--the lack of life. You see, life *moves*. It moves forward, it moves backward, sideways, up and down, and sometimes several directions at once, but it is always *moving*. Nothing moves at the cemetery.

That brings us to this: is there any movement in your life? Are you growing, learning, being, doing and living? Are you changing, being changed, being a part of bringing movement and life to someone else? If we agree that one of the characteristics of a cemetery is that the people there are not growing, do not have or are not engaging the present, and do not have a future, what does that say about you? What does it say about First Baptist? Which is more important to you/us? The past, where nothing can be changed and where time has stopped, or the future, which is waiting to be written by us, as we journey toward it?

Don't let your life be a place where all change and growth have ended, where time and life have stopped. As long as you draw breath, your life is not finished. It has not yet become what the transforming power of Jesus Christ would have it be, and God's work of using your life to touch others is not finished. Go out and engage and enjoy the present, and in doing so, create the future. Live!

Godly Impressions Preschool off and running

by Kim Coleman

The month of January has gone by fast at Godly Impressions Preschool. We have a great group of children and parents. Ms. Kimberly Galindo has been teaching the children the letter "S", the number "9" and the color "yellow," among other things. The Bible story for the month of January was "Daniel in the Lions Den."

The preschool is looking for any nicely used or new outside toys or equipment for children ages 3 to 4. The following is a list of ideas: Little Tikes products, plastic picnic table, large cars or trucks, plastic basketball goal, bouncy balls, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, plastic play kitchen, plastic play house, plastic slide, plastic see-saw.

We are also asking for snack donations, which can include: bottles of 100% Juice, Graham Crackers, Gold Fish Crackers, fresh "Cutie" oranges, bananas, any dried fruit, raisins, Cheez-It Crackers, Nilla Wafers, Ritz Crackers, pretzels, veggie chips, mixed fruit cups, Chewy Granola Bars, Multi-Grain Fruit Bars, Strawberry Pop-Tarts, Cinnamon Pop-Tarts, Cheerios Cereal, and any gluten-free snack products. Due to allergies, we do NOT need anything made with

peanuts. We serve a snack 3 mornings a week to 9 students.

Any and all donations are greatly appreciated! A special "thank you" to Melissa Burkhart for snacks, metal trays, balls and the play kitchen. Thank you, Brad and Linsey Woodard, for the snack donation. Thank you, Curtis and Genna Jennings, for the apple slices and pretzels. Thank you, Mary Ann Wilton, for the donation. And for those of you that left snacks and we don't know who you are, "Thank you!"

Also, if anyone is interested in being on our "Substitute Teacher" list, please call Kim Coleman at [325-792-6529](tel:325-792-6529).

The next Preschool Board Meeting will be on Thursday, February 7, at 5:00 p.m. in the Library.

Thank you everyone for your continued support!



Youth Disciple Now weekend Feb. 8-10

Please be in prayer for our youth and their leaders during the DNow retreat this month.

A parent/student dinner meeting will be held on Thursday evening, Feb. 7, then the intensive weekend will begin after school on Friday the 8th and continue through noon on Sunday the 10th.

Four students from Howard Payne University will lead the small groups. Eighteen local students have signed up for the event.

Thanks to everyone who has provided funds and who will provide meals and snacks.

A special thank you to host families Kenneth and Claudette Young, Jim and Betty Smith, and Charlie and Becky Elliott.

Charlie and Becky Elliott on mission to China

Dear church family,

Once again we will leave for a six-week mission to China on February 26. We feel blessed to know that you will pray for us and the wonderful Chinese seekers we will work with. There are several mature Christians there who are ready to share the good news of salvation with their peers. This year when we take the little Gospel of John paper back books, we will be training our new Christian friends to witness. Last year five young people asked Jesus to come into their lives.

And, by the way, thank you First Baptist Church for purchasing those 50 little books. On Sunday, February 24, we hope you will sign your name in the back of a book and write a prayer to whomever receives it in China.

We will return to the USA on April 6 with six university students from China who will study for one month on a campus near Tyler. Green Acres Baptist Church there will host them. Every year the Chinese students go back home with a new understanding of who Jesus is. Pray that they will experience the joy of claiming Him as their Lord. They will come to Brady in early May, and we would love to host them and you to an outdoor picnic on the San Saba River.

Charlie and Becky Elliott

Welcome new members

By statement

Chris and Julie Armstrong

Super Bowl Party

Everyone is welcome at the church-wide Super Bowl party on Feb. 3 at 5:30.

Please bring snacks or sandwiches. Come and join the fun and fellowship!

Youth ministry: starting at the beginning

Skylar Maley, Youth Minister

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Totally Consumed

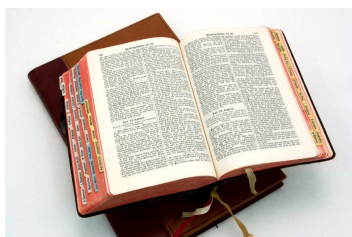
Since the beginning of the New Year the youth have started to learn from the Bible starting in Genesis 1. Many of our youth and people these days do not know much about the Bible. We want to give our kids a strong foundation of their growing faith and knowledge in God and Christianity. The same thing applies to our Disciple Now coming up: the theme is *Totally Consumed*. Its focus is on worship and how it is related to the life of the Christian as an individual and as a church body.

In all our lives we need to go back to the basics for a while. When we are in jobs, sports, hobbies and our faith, we need to sometimes take time to refresh ourselves in the simplest parts of our lives. I would suggest to every believer to take time to go back to the bedtime stories we know and really study them and refresh your faith. Also, I ask that each member of our church family be in prayer for the lives of youth and the building of their faith.

Women’s ministries: a place for everyone



“Sassy Sisters” will meet on Sunday afternoon, February 10, at 4:30 in Fellowship Hall for a planning meeting. (The group will meet each month on the second Sunday at 4:30, before the business meeting.) All women are welcome to attend this meeting. Plans are being made for a Ladies Retreat in the spring and a February get-together. The January pizza-and-games-night was well-attended and lots of fun!



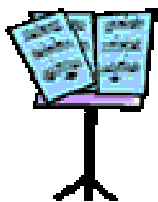
Mary Ballew’s weekly Bible study meets on Monday afternoons at 4:00 in her home. The group is studying Zechariah.

The **Bible study** meeting on Tuesdays at 6:00 in the library will conclude mid-February. This is a study by Lisa Harper called “Malachi: a love that never lets go.”

Music ministry: love and thanks from Tyler

Tyler Cooper, Minister of Music

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The past few months have been an eye opening and wonderful experience for me. I am surprised daily at how blessed I have become recently with this church. The many faces that I see each week stay with me throughout my day and make me smile as I remember the smiles on them while singing and worshipping with each other.

I am so thankful for this opportunity to be with everyone here at Brady FBC and I look forward to all of the times to come. I want to thank everyone, each and every member of our church, for the love and encouragement shown to me for quite some time now. I hold every moment leading worship with my new family dear to my heart, and will continue to do so as we sing and praise the Lord, Jesus Christ, together and come together as Christian brothers and sisters in Christ.

The AWANAs year is flying by! Thank you to all the volunteers that make this program possible. We have hit the time of year when we need floaters and helpers more than ever. If you have even 15 or 30 minutes, you could help a child learn a Bible verse! Seeds are being planted and we have had professions of faith. Please pray for these children and the workers!



Cynthia Reeves



Mission Friends

Girls in Action and Royal Ambassadors make a great pair! Find ways to bring your groups together this fall.

February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Charlie Bush	2 Mildred Seward
3 <i>Deacons meeting, Super Bowl party, 5:30</i>	4 <i>Mary Ballew's Bible study 4:00</i> Rick Kent Brenda McBee	5 Codi Walters	6 Deryl Bishop	7 <i>Preschool Board Meeting, 5:00</i> Shane Owens Michael Easley	8 <i>Food Distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	9 Emily Brandenberg Betty Smith
10 <i>Sassy Sisters, 4:30, Fellowship Hall Business Meeting, 6:00</i>	11 <i>Triple S lunch, noon, Fellowship Hall</i>	12	13 Carson Brandenberger Tiffany Garner	14 Ray Ash	15 Betty McMillan	16 Kim Galindo Bracken Bean
17 <i>All-church fellowship, 6:00.</i>	18	19	20	21 David Hernandez	22	23
24 <i>Visitation, 6:00</i> Bobbye Petty	25 <i>Triple S meal and game night, 6:00</i>	26 Joe Remini Brian Springer	27 Annie Roberts	28 Virginia Vinson (29th)		

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
Tuesday	
6:00 PM	Ladies Bible study, library (will be completed mid-February)
Wednesday	
7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast Presbyterian Church
5:30	AWANA, mission groups
6:00	Prayer meeting/Bible study
5:45-6:30	Middle School Youth
6:30-7:00	Youth snack time
7:00-8:15	High School Youth
Thursday	
9:30-11:00	Quilting ministry . Grace Class Sunday School room

Deacons on call for February

Virgil Middleton	597-2629
Rex Joslin	286-4526, 456-8080

Greeters for February

	East Door
Feb. 3	Pete and Oralia Barrera
Feb. 10	Bobby and Bobbie Williams
Feb. 17	Roy and Janet Guthrie
Feb. 24	Bryan and Carrah Sparks

West Door: Youth

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

Sunday morning: live broadcast at 10:55 AM

Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM

Thanks to Pat Matula, George Matula, Becky Martin, Claudette Young, and Shirley Nelson for recording radio devotionals in January.

February devotionals will be done by Bobbie Williams, Becky Elliott, Charlie Elliott, and Oralia Barrera.

Food Ministry Report

January 2013

- 77 families
- 124 adults
- 55 children under 12
- 33 adults 65 and older

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



Can you solve this mystery? Two of the large electric cookers have been missing from the church since the Thanksgiving meal. Both kitchens have been thoroughly searched, but the cookers are gone. Any clues?

Pray without ceasing. . .

But in keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.
2 Peter 3:13

- 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
- Godly Impressions Preschool
- Charlie and Becky Elliott on mission to China
- Disciple Now weekend

Catherine Adams
Pam Beasley
Joyce Blackwell
Marcus Burell
Dariel and Glenda Carson

Doris Collins
Brianna Danford
E.L. Dossey
Bill and Patsy Finley
Louise Hammett
Lloyd Harris
Gail Hodges
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Doris Jones
Tammy Kirkland
Mike Lowery
Wadena McAlister
Tommy Moorman
Edna Myers
Paul and Connie Nix
Tracy Parsley
Bobbye and Jerry Petty
Sharon Pickett
Cruz Ramirez
Dorothy Reeves

Alton and Destani Roberts
Ann Roberts
Jerry Slaughter
Mike and Laurie Slone
Opal Smyrl
Patrick Tingle
Joyce Torres
Jack and Susan Turk
Richard Valdez
Billy and Doris Whitaker
Skylyn Whitaker
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.

Please remember in your prayers the families of David Murrah, Ruth Carson, Juanice Spencer, Jim Sherer, Viola Gary Taylor (Travis Gary’s mother,) and Beulah Hofstetter (Susan Turk’s mother.)

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Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the many prayers, food, and thoughtful deeds we received during Jim’s lengthy illness. On January 15, 2013, he left us and went to be with our Lord and Savior. He is now free of all pain and sickness. God bless each and every one of you for accepting us and letting us be a part of this wonderful church family.

Sincerely,
Rose Sherer
Kathi, Tim, and Nicholas Loesch
of San Antonio

WMU winter outreach project
The Associational WMU is collecting hygiene kits for Love and Care Ministries of Abilene, a group that ministers to the poor and homeless of that city. Donations of travel-sized items will be received through Sunday, Feb. 17. The collection box is near the west entry. These items are needed:
Shampoos and Conditioners
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
Deodorants
Combs
Soap bars
Razors and Shaving Cream
Quart or Gallon sized zip lock baggies (must have zipper style closing)



Keep them coming!
The children have really enjoyed the variety of children’s sermons in the past few weeks. It’s a blessing to them to hear from different people in our church family.
Go for it! If you have an idea for a children’s sermon, please contact Cynthia Reeves at 597-2322.