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Lamps, saws, hammers, and the Gospel

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There is an old Aladdin brass lamp in my office that has a nice Courier and Ives globe shade on it. I converted the lamp to use a light bulb, so it would be both functional and decorative. But I have never used it for a lamp. It's too nice, worth too much (to me) and in general is irreplaceable. If it were to fall, the globe would certainly break, and the lamp would most likely get dented or even bent. So it sits on a shelf, never being used for the purpose it was created.

Have you allowed some things in your life to become decorative rather than functional? Things that have value and are certainly worth protecting and preserving, but are no longer being used because you fear they are too valuable to risk being exposed to the dangers of everyday use?

I think the Gospel sometimes gets put in this category of "too precious to risk." Is it special? Certainly. Is it beautiful? Yes, it is. Is it valuable? Without a doubt. So we keep it safe, locked in our hearts and lives, where we know it will not be rejected, refused or abused by those who do not love it as much as we do.

I have a couple of other old "treasures." I have a Skil saw that was my Grandpa's. It was his birthday present in 1959. I also have one of his old, red fiberglass handled claw hammers. They do not stay on the shelf. They get used every time I need to ruin a piece of lumber. And every time I put them to work, I think of Grandpa: how he loved me, and how his eyes twinkled; the smell of chewing tobacco and how his whiskers scratched my face when he hugged me. I would give you the lamp, but I believe I would fight you over the saw and the hammer.

If you're not putting the Gospel to work, I doubt you're thinking very much about the one who gave it to you. The less you put the Gospel of Jesus to work, the less you get it out and use it, live it, and love it, the less you value it. The Gospel can't be broken, lost, or devalued if it used. In fact, the more you engage it, the more you put it to work, the more powerful and precious it becomes to you. So get the Gospel you love and treasure (and yourself) off the shelf, and put both of them to work. That's what they were made for.



Congratulations, graduates!

Alexa Paige Bean

Alexa is the daughter of Terry and Shelly Bean and sister to Bracken, Faith and Cooper. She has been a part of extracurricular activities including sports, pageants, singing for church services and youth events in the church, as well as being part of the community of Brady and being an FCA leader. Alexa was First Runner-up in the Miss Heart of Texas Pageant.

Alexa will be graduating from Brady High School. She plans to attend West Texas A&M in the fall to study in a field related to special education.

Payton Max Brandenberger

Payton is the oldest son of Carl and Kathy Brandenberger and brother to Carson and McKenna. Payton has been an active member of First Baptist Brady and the youth group. He plays the guitar for church services, has been a part of youth activities and the Navajo mission trip, and has been a servant leader to our church especially in his help with the Food Pantry. He has been a role model for other youth and for his siblings. He helps his parents in their ranching operation in Melvin.

After receiving his high school diploma through home schooling, Payton plans to take a gap year before college. Pray for Payton as he waits for God's guidance on which school to attend and what career path he should pursue.

Chris Nichols

Chris has graduated from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina, with a Masters of Divinity degree. Chris was ordained to the Gospel ministry in our church in June 2008 and began seminary in 2010. He and his wife Amy and sons Garrett and Grant—and a daughter Calista born since they left Brady—live in Tega City, South Carolina. Chris now plans to begin his doctorate studies.

CWJC and BMFC graduates

Eight individuals have recently graduated from our Christian Woman's Job Corps and Building Men for Christ programs.

Godly Impressions Preschool

Our first class of preschoolers graduated on May 29. See their picture on page 5.

Navajo mission trip

Fourteen people from our church will join a larger group from Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth for a week of mission work in Red Valley, Arizona, June 21-30.

The group will conduct VBS and help with home repairs.

Please keep the "Brady Bunch" in your prayers as they seek to serve the Lord on this trip: Betty Smith, Lynn Munden, Cynthia Reeves, Erica Reeves, Kevin McDonald, Becky Martin, Susan Turk, Seth Spurgin, Payton Brandenberger, Carson Brandenberger, McKenna Brandenberger, Dillon Roberts, Faith Magee, and Josh Collier.

Skyler Maley resigns as youth minister

Skyler Maley has submitted his resignation as Youth Minister effective May 29, 2013. He has accepted a position in youth ministry at Sterling Wood Church in Houston.

Skyler began work here as youth minister in November 2011. He graduated from Howard Payne in May 2012. He and Ashley were married last June.

We love you, Skyler and Ashley! May God continue to bless and guide you.

Skyler's letter to the church is on page 2.

Baby dedications planned for Father's Day, June 16

We now have 5 babies scheduled to be dedicated on Father's Day, June 16th, during the morning Worship Service, at 10:50 am.

They are Collins Grace Armstrong, Easton Ray Nichols, Jeremiah Blane Woodard, Jack Halla Jennings, and Jett Samuel Jennings.

This will be a special Sunday for these families. It is not too late to have your baby, grandbaby, or young child included in this presentation. Please call Maurice Mallow, 325-597-2373 for more information. We will need a picture of the child, preferably a baby picture, and some information about the child, and also the name you would like to put on the New Testament each participant will receive.

Come celebrate Father's Day, and also support these families who are involved in this special service.



Skyler's words of thanks

Dear Church Family,

Over the past year and a half Ashley and I have grown to love and admire the people of this church. We have been blessed with the opportunity not only to serve the youth of Brady but to become a part of this church family. Many friendships were formed and many memories have been made.

Over the last several months it has become clear to us through prayer and listening to God that he is now calling us to serve elsewhere, in a youth ministry position at Sterling Wood Church in Houston, Texas. While we are excited about this new phase in our lives, it is bittersweet because it means leaving so many that we have come to love.

In our time here at Brady, we have grown so much. Kevin has been understanding and helpful when new situations arose, giving advice and counsel when needed. He has always been supportive of me and of the youth ministry. Thank you, Kevin.

RaNon has been there from the beginning as well, from the complicated business part of ministry to making sure that I picked up my mail. She has always been so helpful and someone that we could turn to when we had questions. Thank you for everything that you do.

I also thank everyone who has played a part in the youth ministry. Those who have been involved with teaching the children who would enter into the youth group, providing meals, helping with D-Now, driving the bus, doing youth visitations, and everything in between, thank you all.

Also, we want to express how much we will miss our youth. We will cherish the memories made and have enjoyed getting to know each of you on a personal level. You have been the blessing to our lives in ministry. We love you guys.

My official last day will be May 29, 2013. Even as we leave, know that we will continue to pray for you and for the person God leads to serve the youth next. We love you all and pray God's blessing on this church family.

Thank you,

Skyler Maley, Youth Minister

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Women's ministries: A place for everyone

Upcoming events for "Sassy Sisters":

- Game night at home of Mary Ballew, June 7, 6:00
- June planning meeting, 4:30
- July 12-13: retreat at Staten Creek Ranch: *When Wallflowers Dance: Becoming a Woman of Righteous Confidence*, a study by Angela Thomas. Cost is \$25.00 for workbook and extras. Deadline to sign up is June 15. The retreat will begin at 5:00 on Friday and conclude around 4:00 on Saturday. The ranch is two miles from Brady. Come and be a part! Lynn Munden (243-5306) is coordinating this event and several committees are at work to prepare a wonderful time of fellowship, worship, and renewal.

Former church member loses home in Moore, OK, tornado

Note: Sam Telford is the third son of Mike and Sandra Telford of Arlington, formerly of Brady. Mike was our youth minister and FLC director for several years. Sam is married to Brandi. They have two children: Ryleigh Madison (2 yrs. old) and Cade Christopher (3 weeks old). The following information is from Sandra:

Sam and his family lost everything during the massive EF5 tornado that hit Moore, Okla on May 20, 2013. Their home took a direct hit...they were in a neighbor's storm cellar, and we are so thankful for that! When they were finally able to get out of the storm cellar due to all the debris, they realized that the only possessions they had left, literally were the clothes on their backs and 2 diapers for baby Cade. They didn't even have shoes on their feet!! They lost their 2 vehicles too....one was thrown 125 yards from their house, the other was in their garage.

We have spent the last week digging through all the rubble...our main goal was to find Dallas (Boxer) the family pet, Sam's discharge papers from the Marines (DD214) and Brandi's wedding ring...by God's Grace we were able to find them all...yes, even the wedding ring. We give God all the praise and glory for leading us to each!!! Dallas was found by a family who took him in, bathed him, and fed him...he has some injuries but the vet took care of him. He told Sam that Dallas is one tough dog!!

The home was rental property and thankfully they had renter's insurance!! As for now they are going to stay in a garage apt at her dad's house in Moore. They plan on looking for a new home there...mom isn't liking that decision but will support them and continue to pray for them daily!!

Sam is an Aviation Mechanic at the OKC airport...he has to return to work tomorrow. Brandi is a stay-at-home mom. Brandi and the kids are here in Arlington and plan on returning to Oklahoma this weekend to be with Sam.

There has been an abundance of clothes new and used given to them. Not to sound ungrateful, but we are running out of room!! Cade had been blessed with a ton of diapers and baby wipes too! :)

It still feels like a dream and any minute they are going to wake up...we still cry when we talk about it!

We praise the Lord that He has allowed us more time with our loved ones and we aren't having to plan 4 funerals....as many families in Moore are. We are praying for all in Moore during this heartbreaking time!

The Telfords' address is available from Maurice Mallow or Becky Martin.

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
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 June

Jerry Caraway 792-1299
George Matula 792-0430

Deacons on call for July

TBA: Check the website in July.

Greeters for June

	East Door
June 2	Fayrene Easley & Virginia Vinson
June 9	James and Maurice Mallow
June 16	Robert and Cynthia Reeves
June 23	Charlie and Gwen Bush
June 30	Jason and Karen Behrens
	West Door: Youth

Greeters for July

	East Door
July 7	Gary and Judy Mitzel
July 14	Joyce Hollingsworth & Velma Hendley
July 21	Bobby and Bobbie Williams
July 28	Kenneth and Claudette Young
	West Door: Youth

Congratulations to Joyce Scott on the birth of her great-granddaughters:

- Alexa Jade Barcelona, born April 17 in Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Hattie Joan Scott, born May 24 in Mansfield, Texas

Birth Announcement

Jack Halla Jennings, 5 lb 14 oz

Jett Samuel Jennings, 6 lb


Born May 13 at San Angelo Community Medical Center

Parents: Curtis and Genna Jennings

Siblings: Jace, Joel, and Joy

Grandparents: Kenneth and Mary Ann Wilton and Doyle and Sandra Jennings

Congratulations to everyone!



Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

Sunday morning: live broadcast at 11:00 AM

Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM

Thanks to Jeanagayle Behrens, James Mallow, Gwen Bush, and Lynn Munden. for recording devotionals in May.

June devotionals will be done by Janet Guthrie, Kevin McDonald, Kay Holloway, and Ed Weber.

July devotionals will be done by George Matula, Pat Matula, Cynthia Reeves, and VBS children.

Food Ministry Report

May 2013

- 87 families
- 101 adults
- 51 children under 12
- 42 adults 65 and older

June food distribution will be Friday, June 14, from 10:00 to 12:00. July’s date will be Friday, July 12, at those same times.

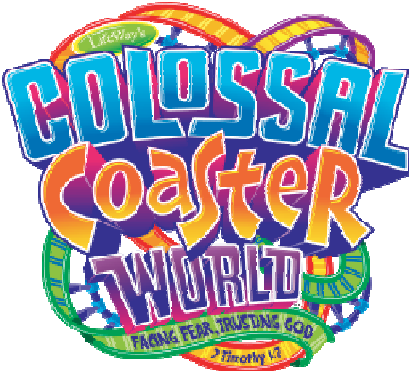


Church-wide summer fellowship

The Third Sunday Fellowship in June will be in James and Maurice Mallow’s backyard, on June 16th. Everyone is invited to come. Bring a favorite snack and a lawn chair and make your way to 805 W. 15th Street, at the corner of W. 15th and Wall Street, at 7:00 pm. There are several gates to use...one on the W. 15th side, and two on the Wall Street side.

This is a church-wide fellowship and will give us a chance to get to know each other better. See you there!

Of course, if it is raining, we will move the fellowship to the Family Life Center.



Vacation Bible School dates have been changed to July 14-18, Sunday through Thursday evenings. Many volunteers are needed to make VBS a success for the Lord. Please make this a part of your summer!

June 2013						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 George Matula Pacey McKay
2 Amanda Huckins Linsey Woodard <i>Deacons meeting</i>	3 Tony Vinson Wesley Smith Alisha Slone David Taylor	4	5 June Cates Gabby Moreno	6 Kathryn Bishop	7 <i>Sassy Sisters game night at Mary Ballew's, 6:00</i>	8 Connie Nix Karson Munden Keith Pierce
9 Marguerite Threadgill Whitney Gainer Karen Behrens <i>Sassy Sisters meeting, 4:30</i> <i>Business meeting 6:00</i>	10 Laurie Slone Sharon Poe <i>Triple S, noon</i>	11 Terry Bean <i>Grace Class brunch, 9:30, 113 Parkview</i>	12	13 Addyson Wilton	14 Shirley Nelson <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	15
16 Marvin Tucker <i>Father's Day & Baby dedications Church-wide fellowship, 805 W. 15th, 7:00</i>	17	18 Dorothy Reeves	19 Casey Poe Jason Behrens	20 Bill Butts	21	22 Joyce Scott
23 Denise Owens <i>Visitation, 6:00</i>	24 <i>Triple S. 5:30</i>	25 Cynthia Reeves	26 Daniel Gainer Louis Reyes	27	28	29 Jill Gossett James Bingham Kathy Smith Mason Garner
	<i>Mission Trip to the Navajo, Red Valley, Arizona, June 21-30</i>					
30 Sara Virdell						

July 2013						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Christy Everett	2 Jo Haynes Zenida Paradise	3	4 Amy Pearson	5 Wanda Cude	6 Georgina Partin Brandon Hayman Gage Behrens
7 <i>Deacons meeting</i>	8 Anita Doyal Nate Bernal	9	10	11	12 Linda Torres <i>Food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	13 Claudette Young Julie Etheredge
					<i>Women's Retreat,</i>	<i>Staten Creek Ranch</i>
14 Payton Brandenberger Betty Sutton	15 Frieda Chew Joey Partin	16 Wynona Adams Becky Lohn	17	18 Andrea Adame	19 L.A. Gotcher	20
	<i>Vacation Bible School, July 14-18</i>					
21 James Smith <i>Business meeting</i>	22 Velma Hendley Samantha Springer	23 Billy Raybion Janet Guthrie	24 Clarence Friar Anthony Castillo	25 Billy Jack Harper	26 Gary Bishop	27 Patricia Burkhart
28 Alexa Bean <i>Visitation, 6:00</i>	29 Kayson Alonzo	30 Michele Derrick Becky Bauer	31 Stephen Spence Jayson Owens			

*Pray without
ceasing. . .*

- 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
- Navajo mission trip
- VBS
- Sam and Brandi Telford and all affected by the tornadoes

Catherine Adams
Pam Beasley
Joyce Blackwell
Chelsea Brown
Marcus Burell
Betty Caraway

April Carson
Doris Collins
Patsy Finley
Kim Galindo
Amanda Gutierrez
Louise Hammett
Lloyd and Patricia Harris
Jimmy Hodges
Wesley Hyatt
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Tammy Kirkland
Amy Lott
Mike Lowery
Pearl Nahkai
Paul and Connie Nix
Brian Owen
Tracy Parsley
Bobbie and Jerry Petty
Dorothy Reeves
Robert Houston Reeves

Alton and Destani Roberts
Ann Roberts
Betty Schaffner
Red and Kay Simpson
Jerry Slaughter
J.H. Slaughter
Mike and Laurie Slone
Opal Smyrl
Joy Taylor
Joyce Torres
Jack and Susan Turk
Richard Valdez
Makie Jo Walters
Billy and Doris Whitaker
Skylyn Whitaker
Margaret White
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 Edna Myers and Joy Reeves.

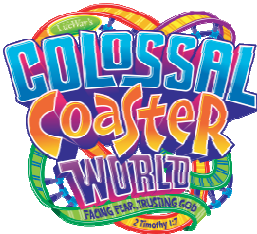
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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.
2 Corinthians 1:3



**Mission to the Navajo
June 21-30**



**Vacation Bible School
July 14-18**

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15: 58b



Godly Impressions Preschool

These sweet children have completed our first term of preschool and presented a program for their families on May 29.

Fall registration is now underway, with the new option of 3-day or 5-day classes.

Contact the church office to register, or call Kim Coleman at 792-6529 for more information.