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## No-win situations

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Have you ever had a problem you couldn't solve? That could describe my senior year in high school, taking Algebra, Chemistry 2 and Physics. I left a lot of test questions unanswered that year, because I didn't know where to start or how to continue. But at least those problems had answers, even if I couldn't solve for them. Sometimes life gives us problems that have no solutions.

It is frustrating to find yourself or those you love in a no-win situation, caught between the familiar rock and the good old hard place. The frustration, pain and sense of unfairness can easily overwhelm us. So what do we do? What can we do, when we have no choices, when the only option available to us is to lose?

Do we cheat? Do we quit? Do we fight to the death, even though we know it's a lost cause? While I don't recommend cheating, there is a case to be made for cutting your losses and giving up as well as for going down swinging. But sometimes we don't even have those choices. Life (or death) forces itself upon us, and we are carried off to a place we did not want to go.

A man left my office who needed answers, and I had none to give him. He is not in control of some of the most basic relationships in his life. He has no power, and the only answers I am aware of are not the ones he wants to hear.

I am thinking of Jesus praying in the garden as I write this. He had no good options, no second or third choices, and no way out of the garden. Except the cross. And that wasn't the choice He wanted--it was the choice He wanted to avoid. But He couldn't, so He took the cross. He carried it, He embraced it, and He came to own it, rather than it owning Him. The cross did not defeat Jesus, He defeated sin and Satan with the cross. The cross did not define Jesus--He defined the cross.

So when you face your no-win situation, don't curse it, don't shirk it, don't look for a parachute, or a way out. Submit yourself -- not to the situation, but to Jesus, who has been where you are and came out the other side; not only alive, but glorified, changed beyond description. I don't know what Jesus knew about His future when He prayed in the garden, but I know He trusted in the Father to meet Him in the cross and to see Him through the cross. And if God did that for Jesus, He will do it for you too.

I still don't know how to solve for X, compute how many grams of product a chemical reaction will produce, or how to figure the resultant vector of two intersecting forces. "But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I've committed unto Him, against that day." You don't have to win, you don't have to solve it --it's already been done.

## Navajo mission trip

The cross in the photo was made by Seth Spurgin using aspen logs from the area around Red Valley, AZ. Behind the cross you can see the edge of a dust storm that blew in during the outdoor Lord's Supper service on the last night of the trip.

The second photo is of Pearl Nahkai, the pastor's mother and matriarch of the Nahkai family. She welcomed the adult Bible study into her home during the week.

Fourteen people from FBC joined a group from Broadway Baptist in Fort Worth for the week of mission work June 21-30. The group conducted VBS for 80 children and 20 adults, helped with home repairs, and made home visits. FBC representatives were:

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.

## Christian Women's Job Corps, Building Men for Christ classes continue

Five individuals are enrolled in the new CWJC/BMC class meeting on Monday evenings.

RaNon Caraway, director of the program, coordinates with the local CPS social worker to contact those needing parenting classes.

Cynthia Reeves teaches the parenting class (in the absence of Betty Smith), and Rick Kent teaches the Bible study.

Please be in prayer for this ministry.



## Colossal Coaster World VBS a summer highlight

VBS was a great success this year, thanks to all! You made a difference whether you taught a class, worked in the kitchen (it takes two kitchens to successfully facilitate VBS), registered children, helped decorate, or were a prayer warrior. We had leaders and helpers in crafts, missions, music, recreation and the nursery. The wonderful food brought in for the leaders and workers was so very much appreciated!

A personal thank you to those that filled in and adjusted at the last minute when my dad was in the hospital.

Around 80 children enrolled this year. Seeds were planted and watered at VBS. We will wait on God's will in the harvest.



The classes sang for their families on Family Night at our Brady VBS: Colossal Coaster World.



## Music Ministry sings around scaffolding!

This month has been full of blessings and challenges, as usual! The main thing that most of you probably already have noticed is that our projector has been sent away for repairs. Also we have a giant scaffolding in front of the pulpit (That I really want to put Jose and his drums on! HaHa) Despite all of the challenges we have had this month, we still have managed to have great services and powerful times of worship!

When we get our projector back and can put words on the screen again, we will be learning new songs to sing together like "Never Once", "Healer", "Sing, Sing, Sing", and many others. They are all wonderful songs and I can't wait to share them all with you!

Thank you all for your wonderful contributions during our worship service. Whether it is your voice, your hands uplifted, or just a smile on your face, YOU ALL make this church what it is.

With love and hope,

—Tyler Cooper, Minister of Music

## Youth have action-packed summer

The Youth have had a busy summer!

During June four of our youth attended Super Summer camp. Super Summer is a Christian leadership camp. The session that we attended was held on the campus on Dallas Baptist University. Lives were touched and one student even volunteered for an over-seas mission trip while there!

Next, several of our youth went on the Navajo mission trip to Arizona. While there they contributed to the activities by developing relationships with the Navajo and helping put on a Vacation Bible School for the tribe in that area.

In July our youth were a valuable part of our own VBS here at First Baptist. Youth could be found as helpers in many areas...Recreation...Music...Classrooms...Missions... They were indispensable during this time.

On the heels of VBS came Paisano camp. This is a children's camp that some of our youth attend in order to be camp counselors.

Our youth are using their talents to bring others closer to God and they are taking opportunities to learn about Him to bring themselves closer to God as well.

—Sharon McDonald, Youth/Recreation Committee Chair



## Women's ministries: A place for everyone

### Report from the "Sassy Sisters":

- Game night at Mary Ballew's on June 7 was a big success. Thanks, Mary, for your gracious hospitality. It was a fun evening.
- About 30 ladies attended the retreat at Staten Creek Ranch on July 12-13. It was a remarkable time of worship, fellowship, and study. Thanks to all who worked before the event on the planning teams; to Denise O'Dell, Tara Drake, and Lynn Munden for leading the music; to all who shared their testimonies; to the leaders of the small groups; to everyone who prepared the delicious meals and snacks; to Alma Davis for all her help; to everyone who stayed to clean up; to the owners of the ranch for allowing us to use their beautiful facilities free of charge; to Seth Spurgin for moving the aspen cross to the Lord's Supper location near the river; and to Lynn Munden and Susan Turk for their gracious leadership in every aspect of the retreat.
- Tentative plans are being made to offer the Angela Thomas study *When Wallflowers Dance: Becoming a Woman of Righteous Confidence* as a 7-week study this fall. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the west foyer. Everyone is welcome, including those who attended the retreat and those who did not.
- The August planning meeting will be on Sunday afternoon, August 11, at 5:00.

## Project "Military Bible Sticks"

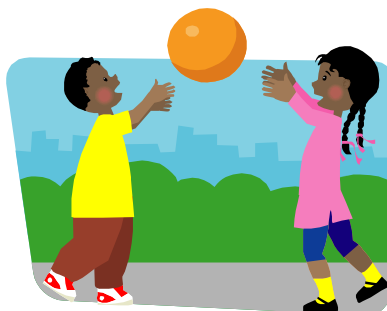
On behalf of the Lake Ivie Baptist Association (L.I.B.A.) Women's Missionary Union (WMU), I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated to this very worthwhile mission outreach project. Because of our congregation's generous donations, 10 Military Bible Sticks can be purchased for this outreach project. As a whole, the churches in the Lake Ivie Baptist Association (including FBC Brady) collected donations totaling a little over \$3000.00 which will purchase 120 Military Bible Stick kits. This donation will be sent to the organization "Faith Comes By Hearing" and they in turn will purchase the Military Bible Stick kits and send them to the Chaplains to distribute to our military men and women. Thank you again and God bless you for helping with this much needed outreach project.

## Lake Ivie Baptist Associational Quarterly Business Meeting

Mark your calendars now to attend the next quarterly business meeting and WMU meeting of the Lake Ivie Baptist Association. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at the First Baptist Church in Robert Lee. The associational business meeting and WMU meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. Meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by the associational missions program at 6:45 p.m. All are welcome to attend either meeting. Come and find out what has been going on in your association. Hope to see you there. God bless.

—Becky Weber, Assoc. WMU leader

## Children's Special Summer Activity First Baptist Church



### You are invited to a Children's Sunday School "Back to School Party"

WHEN? Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013

TIME? 2:30 – 5:00 PM

WHERE? First Baptist Church – Family Life Center

WHO? All children from the nursery through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children from the 3 & 4 year olds class and the nursery must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Also, each child attending will need to be registered by a parent/guardian.

WHAT? To honor our 5<sup>th</sup> graders moving to the Youth Department and others promoting to a new Sunday School class.



Games, bounce houses, (one for the younger children and one for the older ones), face painting, pizza making, promotion for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders and others, and more! Don't miss it. Bring a friend.



**What about AWANA? GA's?  
RA's? Mission Friends?**

Enjoy the rest of the summer, get settled in school, say goodbye to summer in September, and we will see you for AWANA and missions organizations in October!

For students, teachers, coaches and administration: Your church is praying for a successful, safe and blessed school year

### **Godly Impressions Preschool**

Fall registration is now underway for Godly Impressions Preschool. Parents may bring their children 3 days a week for \$140 per month or 5 days for \$180 per month. There is a discount for more than one child in a family. Children must be potty trained to attend. Contact the church office for a registration form or call Kim Coleman at 792-6529.

# August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Destani Roberts <i>Evening worship 6:00; Deacons meeting, 7:00</i>	5 Tess Warren Brian Owen	6 Melody Huckins Carl Brandenberger Hannah Bishop	7 Charlie Douglas Jacob Jeffreys	8	9 Glenda Middleton <i>Food Distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	10 Kingston Virdell
11 Kirk Vinson <i>Nominating Committee, 3:00; Sassy Sisters, 5:00; Business Meeting, 6:00</i>	12 <i>Triple S lunch, noon, Fellowship Hall</i>	13 <i>LIBA quarterly business meeting, FBC Robert Lee, 5:00</i>	14 Spencer Morris	15	16 <i>Children's Sunday School back-to-school party, FLC, 2:30-5:00</i>	17 Logan Roberts
18 Alma Davis <i>All-church fellowship, 6:00.</i>	19	20	21 Jeffery Davis	22 Matthew Paradise	23 Gene Nelson	24
25 Scott Martin Jackie Harper <i>Visitation, 6:00</i>	26 <i>Triple S meal and game night, 6:00</i>	27	28 Matthew Ruiz	29 Kaleigh Bishop	30	31 Emily Moreno Chris Armstrong

## 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

### Deacons on call for August

Jerry Caraway 792-1299  
Kenneth Young 597-2485

### Greeters for August

August 4 East Door  
Rick and Donna Kent  
August 11 Billy Whitaker and David Bishop  
August 18 Pete and Oralia Barrera  
August 25 Shane and Denise Owens  
West Door: Youth

## Food Ministry Report

### June 2013

- 109 families
- 117 adults
- 82 children under 12
- 50adults 65 and older

### July 2013

- 92 families
- 130 adults
- 47 children under 12
- 39adults 65 and older

August food distribution will be Friday, August 9, from 10:00 to 12:00.

A special thank-you to Terry Lang for donating a freezer to this ministry.

### Welcome new members

*By letter*  
Scotty and Kari Nichols  
*Awaiting baptism*  
Cameron Roberts



Thanks to Jerry Caraway and Russell Pierce for mowing and edging!

If you could take a turn doing this summertime chore, please contact Jerry Caraway.

### Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

*Sunday morning:* live broadcast at 11:00 AM

*Weekdays:* Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM

Thanks to Janet Guthrie, Kevin McDonald, Kay Holloway, Ed Weber, George Matula, Pat Matula, Cynthia Reeves, and Patricia Burkhart for recording devotionals in June and July.

August devotionals will be done by Kathy Brandenberger, Penny Williams, Judy Mitzel, Shane Owens, and Tim Owens.

*Pray without ceasing. . .*

And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.  
*Philippians 4:19*

- 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
- Catherine Adams  
Pam Beasley  
Ricky Bentley  
David Bishop  
Joyce Blackwell  
Marcus Burell  
Betty Caraway  
April Carson

June Cates  
Fayrene Easley  
Robert Evans  
Patsy Finley  
Janet Gloria  
Louise Hammett  
Lloyd and Patricia Harris  
Jimmy Hodges  
Wesley Hyatt  
Curtis and Genna Jennings  
Mike Lowery  
Pearl Nahkai  
Paul and Connie Nix  
Brian Owen  
Tracy Parsley  
Rick Penny  
Ann Roberts  
Betty Schaffner

Red and Kay Simpson  
Jerry Slaughter  
Mike and Laurie Slone  
Opal Smyrl  
Jim Spurgin  
Joy Taylor  
Joyce Torres  
Jack and Susan Turk  
Jim Underwood  
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 Pat Sellers, Rosa Cross, Gayle Hodges, Margaret Engdahl, Marvin Sanders, Sherry Friar, and Pat Knotts.

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Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

*Philippians 2:3*



First Day of School  
August 26

Dear Friends at FBC Brady,  
Thank you for your kind expression of love for Pat Sellers and your hospitality towards her family.  
We so appreciate your hosting the meal and providing the drinks, fruit, and cheese for the family and out-of-town guests before her graveside service.

Blessings,  
The Family of Pat Sellers

Dear FBC,  
Thank you for the Bible, the quilt, and the baby dedication service. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a loving church family. Thank you also for the support as we raise our daughter, Collins.  
And to the quilting ministry—the quilt is absolutely beautiful! Thank you for the time you spent making this precious treasure!

Love,  
Chris, Julie, and Collins Armstrong

Wow! We were so blessed by this beautiful quilt presented to us on Father’s Day for the celebration and dedication of our little Blane and the other babies.  
I am not sure which ladies worked on little Blane’s blanket. We want to thank each one of them personally. This was such an act of love and service. We know it is no easy chore to create such beauty, and we recognize the sacrifice of time and work that went into it. We are thankful to be a part of this church family and the quilt will be a precious reminder of your love and thoughtfulness.  
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,  
Brad, Linsey, Laney and Blane Woodard

Thank you so much for the cookies and fruit trays! We appreciate your thoughtfulness and hard work. Everything was delicious.

God bless you—  
Sincerely,  
Brady High School Faculty

