

# First Baptist Church Newsletter

## God's perspective is not ours

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It is amazing to me how green it has been this summer. I expected everything to be burned up by now, but it isn't. In fact, the Klien grass around the house is three feet tall. That may not be "as high as an elephant's eye" but it sure beats looking at dead grass and dirt.

I was talking to Joey Ranne about the pastures at the house, and how good the grass looked. He said that while it did look good, if I looked down at the grass from above, I would see that it was "pretty thin". So I did, and he is right; there is not nearly as much grass as it looks like there is. That got me to thinking about my faith and my Christian life.

What does my life look like from above? What does God see when He looks at your life? From down here at eye level, I think that my faith and my expression of the gospel look pretty good, and that you would agree with me. Looking at your life, I might think the same. Our lives look pretty good in a world that is often brown and shriveled up, right?

But what does the Lord say as he looks *into* instead of *at* our lives? What does the Shepherd know about a pasture that the city-dweller doesn't? We don't see our life or the lives of others like God does. We don't have his expertise or his point of view.

So be careful about how you evaluate your life and the lives of others. I learned that there's more to grass and pasture-land than just how green or how tall it is. The same can be said of our lives. I don't want my life to be "pretty thin" as I live it out on this earth, and certainly don't want that to be the Lord's assessment of it when I stand before Him.

*Note: Bro. Kevin and Sharon have been with us two years this month. They have been a huge blessing to our church. We love you, Kevin and Sharon, and thank God for calling you here!*

## Tribute to a Godly Pastor

We appreciate our pastor,  
 Do you ask the reason why?  
 It's for the godly life he lives  
 As months and years go by.  
 It's for the prayers he prayed for us,  
 Who might have gone astray,  
 When Satan sorely tried us  
 And rugged seemed the way.

For comfort which he sought to bring  
 When our hearts were wounded sore;  
 He told us of the Savior's love  
 And grace abounding more.  
 It's for correction which he gave  
 When we had missed God's best;  
 We appreciate his sound advice;  
 We feel it will stand the test.

It's for the timely messages  
 Backed up by prayers and tears;  
 That feed our souls and give us strength  
 For storms of future years.  
 It's for his steady, humble walk.  
 Let fame and riches call;  
 He caught a higher vision  
 And freely gives his all.

It's for interest that he shows  
 In one and all the same;  
 It's for the souls he seeks to win,  
 In Jesus precious name.  
 We appreciate his godly wife  
 Who gladly does her part;  
 And day by day her kindly way  
 Endears her to our hearts.

## A good time was had by all: news from the Children's Sunday School

by Maurice Mallow

Squeals of laughter could be heard from the Family Life Center on Friday afternoon, August 16<sup>th</sup>, as 30 of our children from Sunday School gathered to have a fun time before school began. All of our classes were represented from Nursery through Fifth Grade.

Most of the laughter came from the two jumping houses provided by Denise Owens. The children really did get a good workout and a fun time in these jumping houses. Thanks, Denise! There were also games to play and it was fun to watch the Potato Sack races. Thanks, Bracken Bean, for helping.

Another favorite activity for the afternoon was the Face Painting. Thanks to Stefani McKay, Jennifer Tarr, Leanna Davis, Mikayla Springer, and Rhian Cunningham. They all did a great job and there was a continuous line waiting for their turn, and also some strange faces.

Cynthia Reeves was in charge of the food as she met with each group and helped them make their own individual pizzas. Some of these did look rather strange, but edible. After baking them she served them with cookies and lemonade. Thanks, Cynthia.

The last part of the afternoon involved everyone meeting in the Youth Room as Bracken Bean, with his guitar, led the children in some Vacation Bible School songs. Even after 2 hours of playing, they could still sing. Rick Kent, who along with his wife, Donna, teaches the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>,

## Preschool expands to 5 days, ready to start Sept. 4

by Kim Coleman, Preschool Director

Godly Impressions Preschool is geared up and ready to go! We are starting the school year off with a full classroom (10 students) and we are operating 5 days a week. Parents now have the choice of sending their child 3 days or 5 days a week to our preschool program.

On Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, we had "Meet the Teacher" night. It was a complete success. All the students came and they were able to see their classroom, meet their teacher, Mrs. Sterling Roddie and myself and drop off their school supplies. Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, will be our first day of school.

In honor of grandparents day, on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, the students are inviting their grandparents to come share a special snack with them. At 11:00 we will be serving "Grapes for Grandparents."

The preschool would appreciate any grape donations from church members. The grapes can be dropped off Monday morning before 10:00 in the fellowship hall.

On Sunday, September 22, immediately following church service, we will be hosting a spaghetti lunch to help raise money for the preschool. The plates will be sold by donation only. Invite everyone you know! Please keep your eyes and ears posted for more information.

God bless,  
 Kim Coleman

and 5<sup>th</sup> grade class, presented a short devotional which children could relate to. Thanks Rick and Donna. They were both a great help at the party.

Promotion time was last. This year we had five boys promoting from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class to Middle School, 6<sup>th</sup> grade. They are now a part of the Youth Department. We will miss Cooper Bean, Walker Bauer, Jacob Jeffries, Benjamin Galindo, and Caleb Galindo. They received their promotion certificates and a gift from the Children's Sunday School Department.

Thanks to others who helped during the afternoon: Julie Armstrong, Shelly Bean, Kim Galindo, Claudette Young, and Maurice Mallow. I'm sure I've left someone off this list of helpers, but you are appreciated for your love and concern for our First Baptist Church Sunday School children. See you next Sunday!

**Only you can give your children the gift of Sunday School. It will make a tremendous difference in their lives.**



## Music Ministry: back to school one more time!

This month has reminded us of the all-too-familiar "Back to School" time! Along with all of the excitement comes the stress of homework as well, even at Howard Payne where I am starting my last fall semester as a full time music education major.

I am very excited for our music program here in Brady and cannot wait to get all of our new music up in the air for us all to worship and fellowship together. As the Christmas season gets closer, I am working through what we are going to do for our Christmas program, which is very exciting!!



Love and Blessings,  
Tyler Cooper, Minister of Music

## Thanks, Bracken!

During August the youth group enjoyed some activities that spun from the brain of one of their own alums, Bracken Bean! Bracken is a Youth Director in Rochelle and we partnered with his group for a fun day filled with Brownwood movies, pizza, and much fellowship. It is a positive for Christian teens to get to know other Christian teens. Around 15 attended.

Next, Bracken put together a Back to School Youth Rally for our whole area. Churches as far away as Ballinger came. There were about 75 in attendance. Many games were played, a Christian band was heard, and a speaker's message was listened to. All in all, it was a great day!

Youth -- Come to Sunday School and we will continue to talk about our upcoming September activities. We have a good start on a plan for a cool Sept. activity. Come and give us some good feedback on how you and it fit together! See you soon!

Don't forget -- See You At The Pole is coming up on Wed, Sept 25 at 7:00am at your school flagpole! Bring yourself, bring others, and bring Christ to your school with prayer!

—Sharon McDonald, Youth/Recreation Committee Chair

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SEE YOU AT THE POLE

## Women's ministries: A place for everyone

### Report from the "Sassy Sisters":

- A back-to-school fellowship is being planned for Saturday, Sept. 21, at Mary Ballew's home. Bring a brown bag lunch (sandwich, chips). We will put numbers on the bags and then draw to see who gets what! Bring a friend! Dessert and drinks will be provided.
- We need more feedback about when to have the Angela Thomas study *When Wallflowers Dance: Becoming a Woman of Righteous Confidence* as a 7-week study. What day of the week would be good for you? Is this fall a good time or not? Everyone is welcome, including those who attended the retreat and those who did not. Please let Lynn know your preference for scheduling.
- The September planning meeting will be on Sunday afternoon, September 8, at 5:00.

## Christmas in August

The Lake Ivie Associational W.M.U. has adopted as our last mission outreach project of the year, Bill and Bettye Roberts of Whitewright, Texas, one of the North American Mission Boards Recipients for 2013.

"We are honored to receive help for our small Native American Baptist Churches. We serve churches in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona. Some are on reservations, others in small towns. Their resources are limited, so we try to help with the needs of the congregations. We send teams with items requested, as well as persons to hold revivals and Vacation Bible Schools, if requested. The Indian people are from small babies to the very elderly in the churches. Their needs are great, but the need for Jesus is most important. We make sure they know each item comes from someone who sends it with love from Jesus".

The outreach project which actually began last Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, will end on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

We will be collecting cash to purchase GIFT CARDS, or you may purchase a gift card in any amount to donate. They are requesting gift cards from WAL-MART, TARGET or K-MART. A donation container is available in the main hallway. If you will be making a donation by check, please make the check out to L.I.B.A. – WMU. Thank you and God bless.

—Becky Weber, Assoc. WMU leader




A brief Awana volunteer/teacher meeting will be held Sunday, September 8, immediately after the morning service. We need to see what positions will need to be filled for the new school year. Our Wednesday night children's ministry brings in many children every week, and we need lots of help! If you would like to help in any way, please attend this meeting or talk to Cynthia

Reeves or RaNon. Awana and missions organizations (GA's, RA's, and Mission Friends) will begin on Oct. 2.

—Cynthia Reeves, Children's director

# September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<sup>1</sup> Evening worship 6:00; Deacons meeting, 7:00 Welman Bauer	<sup>2</sup> Jamaica Villarreal	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>5</sup>	<sup>6</sup>	<sup>7</sup> Mackie Ranne Joyce Collier
<sup>8</sup> Awana planning meeting, noon; Sassy Sisters, 5:00; Business Meeting, 6:00	<sup>9</sup> Triple S lunch, noon, Fellowship Hall	<sup>10</sup> Grace class meet- ing, 3:00, FLC Virgil Middleton	<sup>11</sup> Joshua Torres	<sup>12</sup> Collins Arm- strong	<sup>13</sup> Food Distribution, 10:00-12:00 Melissa Burkhart	<sup>14</sup>
<sup>15</sup> All-church fellow- ship, 6:00. Jody McKay	<sup>16</sup> Sue Tucker	<sup>17</sup> Rodney Simmons	<sup>18</sup>	<sup>19</sup>	<sup>20</sup> Leslie Ranne	<sup>21</sup> Sassy Sisters fellowship, 6:00, home of Mary Ballew
<sup>22</sup> Spaghetti lunch fundraiser for preschool, noon Visitation, 6:00 Serena Alexander	<sup>23</sup> Triple S meal and game night, 6:00 Judy Owen	<sup>24</sup> Gregory Torres	<sup>25</sup> See You at the Pole, 7:00 am	<sup>26</sup> Gracie Galindo Shelby Gothard	<sup>27</sup>	<sup>28</sup>
<sup>29</sup>	<sup>30</sup>	Awana will begin Oct. 2.				

<p><b>Weekly Events</b></p> <p><b>Sunday</b> 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:50 AM Morning Worship 6:00 PM Evening Services/Events</p> <p><b>Monday</b> 4:00 PM Ladies Bible study home of Mary Ballew 6:30 PM CWJC, Building Men for Christ</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> 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</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> 9:30-11:00 Dorcas quilting ministry</p> <p><b>Deacons on call for September</b> Bobby Williams 597-7573 George Matula 792-0430</p> <p><b>Greeters for September</b> East Door Sept. 1 Jack Selly, David Bishop Sept. 8 Billy Whitaker, David Bishop Sept. 15 Tim and Ida Owens Sept. 22 Mabel Jones, Joyce Scott Sept. 29 Kenneth and Claudette Young West Door: Youth</p>	<p><b>Food Ministry Report</b></p> <p><b>August 2013</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 112 families</li> <li>• 136 adults</li> <li>• 58 children under </li> <li>• 54 adults 65 and older</li> </ul> <p>September food distribution will be Friday, September 13, from 10:00 to 12:00.</p> <p><b>Welcome new members</b></p> <p><i>By letter</i> Tony and Janis Groves Seth, Lisa, and Grace Spurgin</p> <p><i>By baptism</i> Cameron Roberts</p> <p>To First Baptist Church, Thanks for the newsletter. Thank God for the ones that I know who are still serving now. God bless you, Aberdeen Jeschke San Angelo, TX (former member)</p>	<p><b>Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM</b></p> <p><i>Sunday morning:</i> live broadcast at 11:00 AM <i>Weekdays:</i> Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM</p> <p>Thanks to Kathy Brandenberger, Penny Williams, Judy Mitzel, and Tim Owens for recording radio devotionals in August.</p> <p>September devotionals will be done by Claudette Young, Becky Martin, Shirley Nelson, and Lynn Munden.</p> <p><b>Coming in October</b></p> <p>Ed Weber will be taking a load of food and clothing to the Frank Banda ministry in late October. Please consider making a donation of nonperishable food and gently-used clothing. Bro. Banda ministers to people living along the border in Piedras Negras.. You can be part of this effort to help people in need of the essentials and enable Bro. Banda to share the Gospel with them in word and deed.</p>
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*Pray without ceasing. . .*

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.  
The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.  
*Isaiah 12:2*

- 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  
Dorothy Bishop  
Joyce Blackwell  
Marcus Burell  
Melissa Burkhart

- Betty Caraway  
April Carson  
Fayrene Easley  
Robert Evans  
Patsy Finley  
Janet Gloria  
Louise Hammett  
Lloyd and Patricia Harris  
Jimmy Hodges  
Wesley Hyatt  
Curtis and Genna Jennings  
Mike Lowery  
Paul and Connie Nix  
Brian Owen  
Tracy Parsley  
Rick Penny  
Ann Roberts  
John and Liz Rudder

- Betty Schaffner  
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 family of June Cates.

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With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.  
*Isaiah 12:3*



This is an open invitation to everyone to participate in the weekly Bible study at the home of Mary Ballew. Beginning Monday, Sept. 9 at 4:00, the group will be studying “A word from the Word,” an in-depth exploration of key words from the Bible. The first word we will study is *covenant*. Meetings last an hour and include a time of intercessory prayer. Please consider making this special time a part of your walk with the Lord.

To the FBC Quilting Club,  
Thank you for the beautiful quilt for Agnes and Adolph. They loved it! It truly is a work of art and love. Your beautiful stitching along with your prayers make the quilt extra special. The Zatopeks lost all their material possessions and are displaced from their home forever. They have struggled with their loss, and your generous gift of love brought some happiness to them.  
  
Your friends in West,  
Nancy Isaacs and Agnes and Adolph Zatopek

The Dorcas Quilters will begin meeting for the fall on Thursday, Sept. 5, from 9:30-11:00 in the Grace Sunday School room. We are “starting from scratch” again as we have given away all the quilts we have made so far! Beginning quilters and anyone who would like to help in any way will be made welcome. We are not a group of experts—just people who enjoy serving the Lord by making something beautiful and useful for His children.

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for the food, cards, phone calls, visits, and prayers during our mother’s illness.  
Bro. Kevin was very comforting to our family throughout this difficult time.  
Thank you also for the delicious meat and cheese tray, cheesecake slices, chips, and bread. We appreciated your kindness so much.  
God bless you,  
Jan, Ann, and family of June Cates

