

First Baptist Church Newsletter

The scorched land will become a pool. . .

by Dr. Kevin McDonald

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You've most likely heard the expression that "the well has run dry." This month's column feels a lot like that. I could (should) write something about being thankful, but I don't know what to say that you haven't heard before or don't already know.

Back to the well. Has it really dried up, or just slowed to a trickle? There is an old Humphry Bogart movie, *Sahra* that I really like. It is about a tank crew lost in the African desert. They find an abandoned oasis with a nearly dried up well that will not keep them alive. Eventually a bunch of German soldiers show up, wanting the water too. The well is dry, but the Germans don't know it, and the Allies will only trade non-existent water for guns. After the climactic battle, (spoiler alert) the Germans surrender and an explosion during the battle has caused the well to open back up, flowing enough water to save everyone.

Maybe you think you don't have a lot to be thankful for. Maybe your well of thanksgiving has dried up, or just trickles a few drops now and then. This is how our hearts and lives become a desert, a trackless wasteland where nothing grows, and the only fate awaiting any one or anything that wanders in is to die of thirst.

Just like in the movie, we sometimes need the walls to rattle and the ground to shake, an explosion of some kind to open up the springs of thankfulness that should flow out of hearts, off of our lips, and into the desert that has become our heart. Do you need reminding that God has sent you his Son, redeemed you, forgiven your sin, given you a new life to be lived here and in all of eternity? Boom. There's your explosion. Now let the thanks-giving begin.

A little water can do amazing things. It can erode a channel and cause a river to form. Giving thanks is the same way. May your drought of thanksgiving be broken, and may your trickle of praise become a river, a river of life flowing out of you, bringing life to others.

Isaiah 35:6-7 tells us: *"Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will shout for joy. For waters will break forth in the wilderness and streams in the Arabah. The scorched land will become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water; In the haunt of jackals, its resting place, grass becomes reeds and rushes..."*

—Bro. Kevin

Joshua Collier, Faith Bean plan fundraiser for mission trip

Faith Bean and Joshua Collier have been accepted to be members of a short-term mission trip to Madrid, Spain during the summer of 2015. They will be traveling with the iGo Global organization.

iGo Global is an intra-church organization that partners with local churches to send high school students to places that are as yet unreached. iGo Global is the vehicle that local churches use to train and mobilize the next generation of missionaries and mission-minded adults. All iGo Global teams work with the International Mission Board and their missionaries in the areas where the students are sent.

Faith and Joshua each need to raise \$3300 for the trip. We are planning our first fundraiser lunch for December 7, 2014. Donations for their trip may be given to First Baptist Church, Brady, TX. please designate Spain Trip on any donation.

Annual church Thanksgiving meal Nov. 9

It's that time again. . . The holidays are just beginning. Our annual church Thanksgiving meal will be Sunday, November 9, immediately following the morning service.

The turkeys and hams have already been generously donated by our church Food Pantry. The Hospitality Committee is asking that you bring two side dishes: vegetables, salads, or desserts.

Homemade cornbread dressing, rolls, and drinks will be provided. Please come and enjoy the food, friends, and fellowship.

Thanks in advance to the committee members who will work so hard to make this event happen: Kathy Brandenberger, Bobbie Williams, Pete Barrera, Stefani McKay, Jerry Caraway, Jeanagayle Behrens, Susan Turk and Lynn Munden. And thanks to all our other great cooks!

Godly Impressions Preschool celebrates Thanksgiving

by Kim Coleman

For the month of November the children will be learning about "The Rainforest", the letters "M", "J", "D", the numbers "3", and "13" the color "green" and the shape of a "hexagon".

The Bible lesson for the month is "God Is Just" featuring the story of "Adam and Eve." Our monthly Bible verse is "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages." Revelation 15:3

The children will be given a cut out of a turkey and they will take it home and decorate it. We will be hanging these "Gorgeous Gobblers" in the hallway, so please come by and check them out!

Each class will prepare a dish to bring to snack time and they will present the dish and then share the dish with each class. This will be in honor of Thanksgiving and we will be teaching the children about the Pilgrims and Indians and how they shared their food for a feast.

The Preschool will be closed for November 27th and 28th. We hope that everyone has a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank you all for the prayers and support!

God bless,
Kim Coleman

Ed Weber to take our donations to Eagle Pass

Ed Weber will be going to Bro. Banda's ministry on Nov. 13, so all donations need to be at the church by Sunday, Nov. 9.

Donations of dry goods, canned goods, and gently used clothing are always appreciated. Lots of toys and some bikes have been donated already. If you have anything in good shape and working order, Bro. Banda probably knows someone who could use it!

If you would like to help load or deliver the load of gifts to Eagle Pass, please talk to Ed at church or call him at 325-475-3471.



Awana and missions groups are going well on Wed. nights. Around 70 children have enrolled, with 28 leaders and workers. FBC is the place for kids to be on Wednesday nights!

The following changes in the FBC Constitution and By-laws will be presented to the church at the regular business meeting on November 9, 2014. They will be discussed and voted on by the church at that time.

The phrases to be deleted are marked as shown:

~~mailed to the resident membership~~

Proposed additions are in italics:

emailed to resident members

Music Committee

Purpose: To be responsible for formulating, developing, and maintaining an overall church-centered, all-inclusive ministry of music.

Organization: This committee shall consist of ~~(6)~~ (4) members nominated by the nominating committee. The Music Minister will be an Ex-Officio (advisory/non-voting) member of this committee *and of the Technology Subcommittee.*

Duties:

Assist the Music Minister to formulate, recommend, and communicate to the Finance/Budget/Stewardship Committee a yearly budget for church approval.

Assist in recruiting ~~choir members~~ *participants in the music program* and promote regular participation.

Recommend the purchase and maintenance of all musical instruments.

Regularly inspect and maintain choir robes. This would include cleaning when necessary and/or replacement purchase of new robes.

Assist with purchase of new music ~~including hymnals~~ and maintenance of church music library.

In cooperation with the Nominating Committee and the church, recommend an organist and pianist.

In the event that there is no music minister, the committee will coordinate the music with the help of the organist and pianist.

~~Work with personnel when interviewing and recommending to the church a new music ministers for hire.~~

When a vacancy in the position of Music Minister occurs, the Music Committee will select and recommend to the Personnel Committee a prospective candidate. Recommendation to bring a Music Minister in view of a call will come from the Personnel Committee.

The Music Minister will, with the help of the Music Committee as needed, communicate to the computer technician the order of music for the coming week's service. (It is the responsibility of the Music Minister to ensure that the slide show is ready for Sunday morning.)

Technology Subcommittee

Purpose: To ensure consistent, high-quality sound, video, and radio broadcasts during Sunday morning worship and other events.

Organization: The Technology Subcommittee shall consist of (4) members nominated by the nominating committee and will have its own chair.

Duties:

The Minister of Music will work with the Technology Subcommittee to create written instructions for operation of sound board, video/computer, and radio transmission equipment.

The Technology Subcommittee will assist the Minister of Music in training (3) people to operate the sound board. One person will be the regular technician. The other two will be alternates.

The Technology Subcommittee will assist the Minister of Music in training (3) people to operate the computer for video and slides during worship. One person will be the regular technician. The other two will be alternates.

The Technology Subcommittee will assist the Minister of Music in training (3) people to operate the radio transmission equipment. One person will be the regular technician. The other two will be alternates.

The sound board, radio, and computer technicians may or may not be members of this subcommittee.

The alternates may be trained in all three areas as needed.

This subcommittee, with the assistance of the Music Minister, will recommend the purchase of all worship technology hardware and software as needed.

Article VIII. Amendments (Constitution)

This Constitution may be amended at any regular or called business conference of the church by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote of those members present and voting, with a quorum being the number of church members present, and that notice of such amendment stating the proposed change shall be read from the pulpit on at least one (1) Sunday prior to the church vote and that such notice signed by the Church Clerk or Assistant Church Clerk, stating the proposed change be ~~mailed to the resident membership of the church~~ *emailed to resident members who have provided such address,, put in bulletin, posted on bulletin board, put in the monthly newsletter, and posted on the church website* ten (10) days prior to the church vote.

Article VI. Amendments (By-Laws)

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November 2014



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Mike Martin

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Gunnar Roberts <i>Thanksgiving meal, noon, FLC, business meeting 6:00</i>	3 Ashleigh Voight	4	5	6 Daniel Mendoza	7 <i>Senior High lock-in after FB game</i>	8 Mary Ballew
9 Gunnar Roberts <i>Thanksgiving meal, noon, FLC, business meeting 6:00</i>	10 Dariel Carson Kolson Kirk <i>Triple S lunch, noon, Fellowship Hall</i>	11 <i>Grace class meeting, time and place TBA</i>	12 TaRell Day	13 JoAnn Martin <i>Ed Weber will take donations to Eagle Pass</i>	14 Drew Wilton Genna Jennings <i>Food Distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	15
16 Harold Underwood	17 Stacy Hudson	18 Grant Nobles	19 Rex Joslin	20 Ronnie Holloway Kenneth Young	21 Lisa Remini <i>Food Distribution, 10:00-12:00 Middle School lock-in</i>	22
23	24 Robert Reeves <i>Triple S meal and game night, 6:00</i>	25 Lauren Patton Madison Jurrius Rose Sherer	26 Joyce Blackwell <i>No Awana today</i>	27 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	28	29

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Deacons on call for November
Charlie Elliott 597-0066
Ed Weber 325-475-3471

Weekly Events

Sunday

9:45 AM Sunday School
10:50 AM Morning Worship
6:00 PM Bible study

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
5:30 to 7:15 AWANA, mission groups
5:45 Middle School Youth group
7:15 High School Youth group
6:00 Adult prayer meeting
7:15 Christmas choir practice

Thursday

9:30-11:00 Dorcas quilting ministry
9:45-12:00 Food Pantry: donated food brought from Walmart to the church

Greeters for November

East Door

Nov. 2 Gerald and Debbie Nobles
Nov. 9 Kenneth and Claudette Young
Nov. 16 Gary and Judy Mitzel
Nov. 23 Charlie and Becky Elliott
Nov. 30 Rex and Geneva Joslin
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 Gerald Nobles, Debbie Nobles, Maurice Mallow, and Betty Smith for recording radio spots for October.

November devotionals will be done by Gwen Bush, Kay Holloway, Judy Mitzel, and Kevin McDonald .

Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Mission

Total giving:
\$1739.86

Church goal:
\$2000.00

Food Ministry Report

October 2014

- 139 families
- 193 adults under 65
- 124 children under 18
- 60 adults 65 and older

November food distribution will be Friday, November 14, and Friday, November 21, from 10:00 to noon. Help is also needed on Thursday mornings from 9:45 to noon to bring donated food from Walmart to the Food Pantry in the FLC.



Christmas Choir

You are invited to be a part of the Christmas Choir that has begun rehearsing on Wednesday nights at 7:15, after Awana. Come and get in the Christmas spirit as we prepare to celebrate the Savior's birth!

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
- Our preschool
- Faith Bean and Josh Collier: mission trip

Richard Aguirre
Mary Ballew
Pam Beasley
Maggie Behrens
David Bishop
Joyce Blackwell
Michelle Bradshaw
Marcus Burell

Chris Burkhart
Francis Caraway
April Carson
Sue Crow
Dayton Dennard
Fayrene Easley
Terri Lee Edwards
Glenn Elliott
Roy Guthrie
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Robert Kibbe
George Kohl and wife
Lisa Linder
Mike Lowery
Louise Morrow
Carol Newport
Paul and Connie Nix
Kathy Parsley
Tracy Parsley
James Patton

Butch and Nan Pesh
Jon Randles
Ann Roberts
Michael Sandoval
Harry Sellers
Mike and Laurie Slone
Opal Smyrl
Jim Spurgin
Jennifer Thomas
Jack and Susan Turk
Richard Valdez
Tess Warren
Bob and Jana Watts
Chelsea Watts
Billy and Doris Whitaker
Lilly Williams
Tanya Wilk
Kristan Wilson
Wes Woodard
Alice Young

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

We extend sympathy to the family of Ryan Robinett.

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

Psalm 100:5



Navajo Mission Trip 2015

June 26-July 5

Eagle Springs Baptist Church (near Cuba, NM)
Volunteers from FBC will join others from Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Families are encouraged to make this a family mission; children kindergarten age and over are welcome.

Contact Betty Smith FMI 597-0740.

Youth Events

- We had a good time at the Halloween party on October 29th! Three students won prizes in the costume contest and there was plenty of candy for everyone. We played games and really enjoyed getting to hangout as brothers and sister in Christ.

- November 7th immediately after the football game there will be a lock-in for senior high! We will play multiple games and food will be provided. The cost is \$10 per student. Show up and be ready to have brilliant time!

-November 21st there will be a lock-in for middle school! The cost is \$10 per student. Food will be provided and we will be playing different games! Be prepared for a wonderful time and be sure to bring your friends!

- Come and join us on Sunday mornings! Sunday school starts at 10:00am. We are going through 1 John as a group sharing what God reveals to us personally in order to help each other grow in our walk with Christ! Also come join us on Wednesday nights! Junior high service will 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 help keep us on track! Don't miss this opportunity! I look forward to seeing you there! - *Jack Wells, Youth Minister*