

First Baptist Church Newsletter

Reflections on the gift of rain

by Dr. Kevin McDonald

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The rain was great, wasn't it? I was thinking of all the lakes, tanks, and rivers that will benefit, and the ranchers, (maybe farmers too), as well as all the wild-life and vegetation that will find the next few weeks to be a lot easier.

But something else the rain did was not so welcome. It filled my car with water (and no, I did not leave the windows down or the (stupid) sunroof open). The (stupid) sunroof leaks, apparently. But only when it rains. Had it not rained, I would never have discovered (or had) a swimming pool on wheels. But it did rain (it always does, eventually, doesn't it?). So I really can't blame the rain, can I? It only exposed the problem, it didn't create it. The problem is the (stupid) sunroof.

Sometimes when it rains in our lives, we find things aren't in as good of a shape as we thought they were. Everything appears to be tight and weather-proof. But then a crisis comes, and a relationship, a firmly held belief, even our faith is found to be "leaky," unable to withstand the penetrating power of doubt (or sometimes, the truth). Here is a truth: it rains, and our lives leak. Stuff gets wet, even ruined, and we are faced with cleaning up the mess. In the midst of our clean-up, we often look for somewhere or someone to blame for the mess. Often we blame what happened (the rain), the leaky (stupid) sunroof, or the (stupid) engineers that designed the (stupid) sunroof, or just the (stupid) sunroof. The fault is never the fact that our lives are not water-tight.

But we should be glad for the rains that come to us and expose the leaky places in our lives. It shows us where we need to do some repair work in our hearts and habits, in our beliefs and our actions, and in our relationships with each other and with God. Leaks can guide us to problem places in our lives and allow us the opportunity to repair and reverse the damage before the roof and then the floors rot out and are ruined beyond repair.

So remember what your mama said: "Into each life a little rain must fall." It's not the rain's fault and it's not God's fault your (stupid) sunroof leaks. You have just been given an opportunity from God to fix a problem you never knew you had. Thank you for the rain, Lord.

—Bro. Kevin

Thanks, and please pray



Dear FBC Family,

This thank you note is long overdue and for that I am sorry. I want to say thank you for all the support you have given and will continue to give me. Thank you to all the donors who supplied money from their own pockets, for all the prayers, for those taking time out of their days to ask God to be with me as I get ready to do His will in Madrid, Spain. The trip is set for July 12-22.

Finally thank you to those who gave me encouragement in my time of doubt, made me laugh when times seemed so serious, and just told me how much fun I will have while there. Honestly, I hope that I do have fun and that I lead many people to the Light, but I also hope that while I am gone that you, the people of FBC Brady, can reach out to the community as I reach out to the people of Madrid. I hope and pray that you will do the same here.

As I get ready to leave for Madrid I ask you all to think of Romans 8:30, which says, "And those He predestined, He also called, those He called, He also justified, those He justified, He also glorified."

Sincerely,

Joshua Collier

Experiencing God weekend coming in July

Please mark your calendar and give priority to the Experiencing God weekend, July 11-13. This will be an important event for our church, both as a congregation and as individual Christians. There will be classes for all age groups, including youth and children. We are asking everyone to sign up in advance so plans can be made.

Vacation Bible School June 15-19

Hey Everyone! The time is here for Vacation Bible School, and what a time it will be! Any child from Pre-K through incoming 6th grade is welcome to come enjoy the fun and help us on our investigation adventure! Bible School runs from June 15th through the 19th from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm. See you there!

Navajo mission trip: money needed for a good cause

by Betty Smith

Money is needed for gasoline to and from Tinian, New Mexico, for the Navajo Mission Trip. It's also needed to help pay some camp fees. [Note: fees are \$175 for each person, plus travel expenses.]

Carson Brandenburger, Josh Collier, and Dillon Roberts are for hire to do any "hard labor jobs" you might have.

If you wish to make a donation, make it payable to the Navajo Mission Trip Fund.

We will leave Brady June 20th or 21th, and return June 28th or 29th

Your prayers are also much needed.

These youth have already made a positive impression on the Navajo people we know. And I believe their lives have been changed also. A big thanks to you for your support.

Food Ministry Report

May 2014

- 117 families
- 131 adults under 65
- 53 children under 18
- 55 adults 65 and older



June food distribution will be Friday, June 13, and Friday, June 27, from 10:00 to noon.

Food distribution goes to twice a month

Food Pantry food distribution days will be the second and fourth Fridays, beginning in June.

The change is necessary because of the volume of food being donated by Walmart and the difficulty in storing it. The church freezers fill up, as well as home freezers of some of the volunteers, and excess food is given to the Haven and the Senior Center.

Recipients in May were given a letter explaining the change and telling them which Friday would be their time to come. The plan is for about half of the recipients to come on the second Friday and the other half on the fourth Friday.

A big thank you to the volunteers who move and store the donated food every Thursday. More help is always needed and appreciated!



Youth events: a busy summer ahead

May was a great month for the youth group, I am excited about Super Summer that is going to take place June 9th-13th! I just ask that you pray as some youth prepare to go on this trip! Also in the summer the youth group dies down and a lot of students get busy and don't make time for church. I ask that you will pray for the summer and that youth will continue to seek God throughout it even if they are not able to show up on Wednesday nights. We also have youth going on mission trips this summer, so I ask that you would keep those youth who will be traveling this summer in your prayers as well.

Summer events

- June 9-13 youth will be going to the Dallas Baptist University campus for Super summer!
- June 27-28 youth will be going to Y.E.C.!
- July 6-10 the youth will be going to church camp this year at the Heart of Texas Baptist Encampment in Brownwood!
- All these events are going to be extremely fun, and most importantly are going to challenge the youth to grow in their walk with God. I ask that you pray for these summer events and that God will work in the lives of the youth through these events.

-Come and join us on a Wednesday night for a youth worship service! The doors are open at 5:15pm and the youth service will start at 6:00pm. After the service will we be hanging out in the gym and playing games. But most importantly 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 keep us on track! Don't miss this opportunity!

- Jack Wells, Youth Minister



Women's ministries: Ladies Retreat June 20-21

The Ladies Retreat entitled "Cafe Chocolat," will be held at the FBC Family Life Center on Friday, June 20 from 6:00-10:00 p.m.-Saturday, June 21 from 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Cost is \$25.00. Please sign up in advance if you plan to attend! Invite a friend!

Weekly Events

Sunday

- 9:30 AM Special prayer time, parlor
- 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
- 6:00 PM Community choir, Choir Room
(every other Monday)
- 6:30 PM CWJC, Building Men for Christ

Wednesday

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
Presbyterian Church
- 5:45 Youth group: middle school
at 5:45, high school at 7:15
- 6:00 Prayer meeting/Bible study

Thursday

- 9:30-11:00 Dorcas quilting ministry

Greeters for June

- East Door
- June 1 Terry and Shelly Bean
- June 8 Jim and Betty Smith
- June 15 Rex and Geneva Joslin
- June 22 Joyce Hollingsworth and
Velma Hendley
- June 29 Charlie and Gwen Bush
West Door: Youth

Greeters for July

- East Door
- July 6 David Bishop and
Billy Whitaker
- July 13 Bobby & Bobbie Williams
- July 20 Virgil & Glenda Middleton
- July 27 Pete & Oralia Barrera
West Door: Youth

Godly Impressions Preschool summer news

Well, we have finished off the preschool year with a BANG! We had 8 children graduate from our preschool and they will be attending Kindergarten at Brady Elementary in the fall. It was a great program and party as well as a sad time to say goodbye. But, we do know that God will be watching over them and we will continue to keep up with them as well.

We will be closed through the summer months and we will start providing childcare again on Monday, August 18th. On Wednesday, September 3rd, we will start our Pre-school Classes once again.

Registration is underway for the 2014-2015 school year. As of print time on this newsletter, there is 1 spot available in the 3 year old class and 1 spot available in the 4 year old class. It is a first come, first serve!

Have a safe and happy summer! Thank you all for your continued support!

God bless,

—Kim Coleman, Preschool Director

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

Sunday morning: live broadcast at 11:00 AM

Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM

Thanks to Maurice Mallow, Susan Turk, Betty Smith, and Wanda Burns for recording radio devotionals in May. June devotionals will be done by Joyce Collier, Becky Bauer, Gwen Bush, and Tim Owens.

Frank Banda Ministry

Remember that Ed Weber will be taking donated items to Frank Banda ministries on June 3. He will finish loading everything Sunday, June 1. So if you're reading this in May, there's still time!

June 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 George Matula Pacey McKay <i>Deacons meeting</i>	2 Amanda Huckins Linsey Woodard Lisa Spurgin	3 Tony Vinson Alisha Slone David Taylor <i>Ed Weber to Banda mission</i>	4	5 Gabby Moreno	6 Kathryn Bishop	7
8 Connie Nix Karson Munden Keith Pierce <i>Business meeting 6:00</i>	9 <i>Triple S, noon</i> Marguerite Threadgill Whitney Gainer Karen Behrens	10 Laurie Slone Sharon Poe	11 Terry Bean	12	13 <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i> Addyson Wilton	14 Shirley Nelson
<i>Youth Super Summer, June 9-13, Dallas Baptist University</i>						
15 <i>Father's Day: Justin Trevino will sing</i>	16 Marvin Tucker	17	18 Dorothy Reeves	19 Casey Poe Jason Behrens	20 Bill Butts	21
<i>Vacation Bible School, June 15-19</i>			<i>Ladies Retreat, FLC</i>			
22 Joyce Scott <i>Visitation, 6:00</i>	23 Denise Owens <i>Triple S, 5:30</i>	24	25 Cynthia Reeves	26 Daniel Gainer Louis Reyes	27 <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	28
<i>Navajo Mission Trip, Tinian NM, June 20-29</i>						
<i>Youth Evangelism Conference</i>						
29 Jill Gossett James Bingham Mason Garner	30					

July 2014

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 Behren <i>Deacons meeting</i>	7	8 Anita Doyal Nate Bernal	9	10	11 <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	12 Linda Torres Pete Barrera
<i>Youth Camp, HOT Baptist Encampment, Brownwood</i>						
<i>Experiencing God weekend, July 11-13</i>						
13 Claudette Young Julie Armstrong <i>Business meeting, 6:00</i>	14 Payton Brandenberger Betty Sutton <i>Triple S, noon</i>	15 Frieda Chew Joey Partin	16 Wynona Adams Becky Lohn	17	18 Andrea Adame	19
<i>Josh Collier's mission trip to Madrid, Spain, July 12-22</i>						
20 <i>Church-wide fellowship, 6:00</i>	21	22 Velma Hendley S a m a n t h a Springer	23 Billy Raybion Janet Avey	24 Anthony Castillo	25 Billy Jack Harper <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	26 Gary Bishop
<i>Josh's mission trip concludes</i>						
27 Patricia Burkhart <i>Visitation, 6:00</i>	28 Alexa Bean <i>Triple S. 5:30</i>	29 Kayson Alonzo	30 Becky Bauer	31 Stephen Spence Jayson Owens		

Alexa returns from mission trip

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for providing me the opportunity to go to Central Asia on this mission trip. Without your prayers and financial support this trip wouldn't have happened. There were a few small bumps along the way but your prayers got me through. There was a small mishap with my passport as we left the first airport but it was quickly resolved, we made it through some fairly peaceful riots over a mining accident and also a small earthquake but the blessings I received far outweighed any problems.

One awesome opportunity we had while there was to travel to Ephesus. We sat in the Coliseum and read from Acts about Paul being in that very place. It was a great experience.

My eyes were really opened to just how lost the people there are and they don't even know it. Most of the people we talked with there just really have no beliefs at all. The missionary that has been there for 10 years has seen a few people accept Christ but I didn't see that on my trip. Our main job was to build relationships so that the people will be open to continuing a relationship with the resident missionaries. We went to local universities for English tea time. The students love practicing their English with Americans. Please pray for the people of Central Asia and the full time missionaries that are there.

Love,
Alexa Bean



Thank you!



The children of Ethel Blackwell wish to thank the ladies of First Baptist Church of Brady for the lovely 90th birthday party for our mother recently. We regret that the daughters were not able to be there; however, the sons were there: Zane and Sarasu Blackwell and Pete and Nila Blackwell.

Our mother has been the best mother anyone could have. She always put our needs ahead of her own, loved us unconditionally and truly reflected the love of Christ. We are very grateful for all of the ways you have reached out to her and helped her during these trying times of health issues. May God richly bless each of you.

In Christ,

Marilyn Arneson and Nadene Vigesaa, Cooperstown, North Dakota

Janice Olk, Missoula, Montana

Zane and Sarasu Blackwell, Eden, Texas

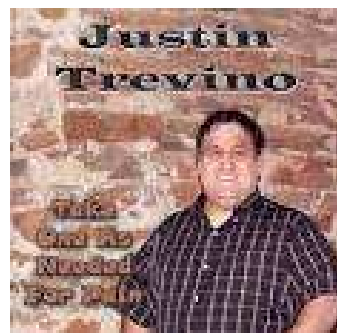
Pete and Nila Blackwell, Brady

Justin Trevino to provide special music

First Baptist Church, Brady, announces a special music for the Father's Day service, Sunday morning, June 15th, at 10:50 a.m.

Justin Trevino, son of Oralia Barrera, a member of FBC, began singing at the age of 13. He won a FFA Talent Contest and competed at the State level while in high school. Justin recorded his first record when he was 17. He has become a favorite among traditional country and gospel music fans, and now lives in Brady and records at the Heart of Texas recording studio.

He will be singing, by request, "How Great Thou Art", plus another gospel song. You will miss a blessing if you miss this service.



Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. —James 1:17

Pray without ceasing. . .

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiencing God week-end, July 11-13 • 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 • Josh Collier’s mission trip to Spain July 12-22 • Navajo mission trip June 20-29 • VBS June 15-19 <p>Catherine Adams
 Jamie Akins
 Dale Anderson
 Oralia Barrera
 Maggie Behrens</p> | Rick Bentley
David Bishop
Dorothy Bishop
Joyce Blackwell
Michelle Bradshaw
Amelia Britteon
Alan Brown
Marcus Burell
Mike Caldwell
April Carson
Larry Collier
Sue Crow
Maria De Luna
Dannielle DeLeo
Dayton Dennard
Fayrene Easley
Patsy Finley
Louise Gainer
Roger Geise
Janet Gloria
Wesley Hyatt
Arch Jacobson
Juanita Jacobson | Curtis and Genna Jennings
Mike Lowery
Jerry McDonald
Hazel Medders
Paul and Connie Nix
Brian Owen
Tracy Parsley
James Patton
Ann Roberts
Logan Roberts
Betty Schaffner
Mike and Laurie Slone
H.V. Smith
Opal Smyrl
Jim Spurgin
Jack Threadgill
Jack and Susan Turk
Richard Valdez
Makie Jo Walters
Makayla Walters
Chelsea Watts
Billy and Doris Whitaker
Lilly Williams | Alice Young
Claudette Young

<i>In military:</i>
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.

We extend sympathy to the families of Kenneth House and Buddy Hiller. |
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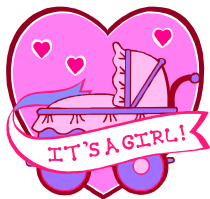
I will bless them and the places surrounding my hill. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing.
Ezekiel 34:26



Thank You, Lord, for the abundant rain!

Birth announcement

Olivia Marie Najera, born May 22 in San Angelo
 6 lbs 2 oz, 20”
 Parents: Hillary and Oscar Najera
 Big sisters: Natelie and Madalyn
 Grandparents: Jack and Susan Turk
Congratulations to all!



Volunteer opportunities

- We need someone to teach parenting classes in Christian Women’s Job Corps this summer, one class a week on Monday evenings
- We need an RA leader for fall. Men, please pray about this important ministry.

**Congratulations to our graduates
 Jaysen Owens
 Robert Reeves
 and all the Class of 2014**



The quilt that the Dorcas Quilters have been working on since last fall is finished! It will be on display in the sanctuary on June 8. The plan is to send it to Fritch, Texas, to a family whose home was destroyed in the recent wild-fires.

This quilt has stitches in it by Lois Patton, Becky Martin, Carol Henderson, Alice Young, Donna Kent, Bobbie Williams, Tina Young, and Doniene Fullagar.