

First Baptist Church Newsletter

God is at work around us

by Dr. Kevin McDonald

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Summer is just about over, and I think it's a good idea to look back at what you (we) have done with it. We have sent missionaries (if you go on a mission trip, what else can you be called?) to New Mexico, Spain, and a country whose name is like the bird you eat at Thanksgiving. We sent kids to youth camp and Super Summer, and some of our youth served as workers at the camp at Paisano again this year. Please note the great participation of our youth in these activities. We have a tremendous group of youth here. Our kids are great, PE-RIOD. And so are the adults who helped make the camps possible.

We also enjoyed a night at the Elliott's place, loving on and listening to Chinese students. FBC Brady went out into the world, and the world came to FBC Brady. In both cases, the love of Christ was shared, and God was glorified.

We organized and hosted our Experiencing God weekend. Not only was the weekend a great success, giving our Experiencing God study a great start, but I believe God was at work the entire time that our committee members were putting the weekend together. I believe this study will prepare and propel us into our Vital Church effort when we take up that opportunity.

Vacation Bible School was a lot of work and a lot of fun. Thanks to the hard work of all involved, we had 10 children indicate that they wanted to be baptized. One has done so, and we are following up on the rest.

Jose joined the Army, and Chris, Julie, and Collins Armstrong made a school/teaching move. Gene and Shirley Nelson relocated to Marble Falls. We sure don't like losing folks, so I prefer to think that God has called them to a new place of service and that we were a part of preparing and sending them out.

In short, I believe that God is at work at FBC Brady, and that He is at work ON FBC Brady. I continue to see our sails filling with the mysterious wind of the Spirit, Who blows us where He will. I am committed not to try to command the Wind, but to pray for sensitivity as to where to point the prow and for the Wind to continue to blow.

It has been a great summer because we have given God the opportunity to work among us, and because God is faithful. As we open more doors and as we make more room, He will continue to come in.

—Bro. Kevin

On mission in Madrid

by Josh Collier

So for those of you who don't know, I went overseas to the city of Madrid, Spain, to be a missionary for a week. As preparation, we used the first two days for cross-cultural training in Dallas. Among the friendly staff that volunteered to dress up and act like Moroccan immigrants, we learned the best ways to adjust to North African culture, and the culture of the Spanish people.

After the first two days, we left Base Camp, as we called it, and flew out of DFW International Airport, and arrived in Spain the next day. After almost 8 hours on the plane, we arrived in Madrid, where we were introduced to the leaders of our trek. Through that entire day, we were shown around part of the city and told where we would be working for the rest of the week. From that moment on, we would eat breakfast, ride the metro to our area, prayer walk around until about lunch, head back to the hostel we were staying at, take an hour-long siesta, and go back out to our areas. Later we would eat dinner, have trek time, (where we would share our experiences of that day) and if the opportunity arose, we would go out and try to talk with people we met. Afterwards, we would go to Celebration, where we shared the experiences of the day with everybody, and then take showers and go to sleep.

On the last day, we took the day off, and we went out for souvenirs to bring back to give to family. Of course we were told that if the opportunity arose, to try and share the gospel with people we met. The next day, we flew back to DFW, where we met out families who were ready to take us home, and hear all about what we did.

Frank Banda ministry update

by Ed Weber

Do you remember the TV shows, Sanford & Son and the Beverly Hillbillies, where they had their trucks and trailers with side boards, over loaded to the top? Well that was me last year in Nov., when I took donations to Eagle Pass for Bro. Banda. As you know we have continued to collect donations at the church throughout the months since Nov. So many items have been received that I thought I would have to put side boards on the trailer again this time when I took the latest load of donations to Eagle Pass this June.

With the threat of rain in the forecast, it was decided it would be best to rent an enclosed cargo trailer for one way, which is what we did and that way it could be returned in Eagle Pass. We barely had room enough to close the door. It was like a suitcase you have to sit on to zip it up. The bed of the pickup was also fully loaded and the area behind the seats stacked to the roof with food items.

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Experiencing God 13-week study has begun

Many of our FBC family have begun the 13-week Experiencing God program, with the first session on July 27. The study will be held at church on Sunday nights and will include a video and then small group discussion.

It's not too late to be a part of this powerful study. Just come on Sunday nights at 6:00 and "get on board."

Navajo mission trip: serving at Tinian, NM

Thank you to FBC for providing financial and prayer support for the mission trip to New Mexico June 20-29.

The group spent a week serving at Tinian Baptist Church on the Navajo Reservation northwest of Albuquerque. We were part of a larger group from several churches, with Broadway Baptist of Fort Worth as the organizing church.

Six from Brady went this year: Betty Smith, Carson Brandenberger, McKenna Brandenberger, Josh Collier, Dillon Roberts, and Becky Martin. They helped with ministries including painting, VBS, and women's Bible study and crafts.

Food Ministry Report



June 2014

- 155 families
- 193 adults under 65
- 58 children under 18
- 68 adults 65 and older

July 2014

- 140 families
- 185 adults under 65
- 73 children under 18
- 33 adults 65 and older

August food distribution will be Friday, August 8, and Friday, August 22, from 10:00 to noon. Help is needed every Thursday morning from 9:45 to noon to bring donated food from Walmart to the Food Pantry in the FLC.

Welcome new members

by letter

Judye Oden

Jeremy Edwards

Terri Lee Edwards

by statement

Kelli Medrano

Jessica Medrano

by baptism

Tessa Moreno

Gabby Moreno

Gage Behrens

Youth events: a summer of fun and service

It has been a great summer for the youth so far!

- June 9-13 Youth went to the Dallas Baptist University campus for Super Summer! The theme this year was "Speak His name".

- July 6-10 the youth went to church camp this year at the Heart of Texas Baptist Encampment in Brownwood! We had lots of fun getting to hear Scott Venable preach, playing some gaga ball, playing paintball, getting blobbed, and hanging out as a youth group!

- July 20-25 the youth went to the Paisano Baptist Encampment to help with the day camp for the kids. Because of God's work through the kids' day camp 35 children made the decision to accept the Lord as their personal Lord and Savior! Praise be to God!

Upcoming events

- Come and join us on Sunday mornings! Sunday school starts at 10:00am. We are going through 1 Peter as a group sharing what God reveals to us personally in order to help each other grow in our walk with Christ!

- Come and join us on Wednesday nights. We have been starting Wednesday night services at 6:30pm, but once school starts the junior high service will start at 5:45 and the senior high service will start 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 keep us on track! Don't miss this opportunity!

- *Jack Wells, Youth Minister*



Women's ministries

The Ladies Retreat "Cafe Chocolat," on June 20 and 21. We had a great Ladies Retreat! Cafe Chocolat! Thanks to all who led sessions and brought snacks. We had such a good time and made warm wraps for some special people!

We had a wonderful wedding shower for Ashlee Aguirre and Jonah Shaw on July 20. Thanks to all who supported this young couple!

Godly Impressions Preschool

The preschool has been closed for the summer but will reopen on August 18 for childcare and on September 3 for preschool classes.

Contact Kim Coleman at 792-6529 or the church office for more information

Frank Banda ministry update

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I met Bro. Banda at his store, and because he is now having Bible study in the area that was used for the donations we were bringing, we put everything in a storage building next door.

The unloading went fast as Jeff, the youth minister at Eden FBC, also brought down a stock trailer loaded with donations. Jeff brought family members and some young people from his church. Jeff was going to unload his stock trailer the next day so they all helped to unload my trailer and pickup. It only took about twenty minutes to unload what had taken me all day to pack up. Praise the Lord for Jeff and the youth.

Jeff and I are grateful for all the people who gave items, throughout the LIBA, in June to Bro. Frank Banda's ministries. All of these items can touch many lives in a way we may never realize in our life time. Scriptures speak to us in Mat 25:35-40, and remind us who we are doing it for. It is Jesus.

The trip to Eagle Pass was a real blessing. I saw appreciative smiles on the faces of the people involved. Bro. Banda was so grateful for all the generous people giving to his ministry. He gave thanks to the Lord for all the people, and how it could increase his ministries.

First, I would like to thank God for giving so many wonderful people a giving heart. Secondly, I would like to thank our church family for being so generous in their giving, to meet the needs of people that have little or nothing at all. It is wonderful that you want to be involved in what God is doing in Eagle Pass and along the border. You are great examples of what Christianity is all about. Contributing gives every one of us a warm feeling inside to know we are helping people we may never meet.

I am sure there are those who wanted to give something for the June trip to Eagle Pass, but missed that date. You can still bring your donations, whatever they are, for the next trip planned for the month of Nov. 2014.

People in Eagle Pass, especially Bro. Banda, and those who help him in ministering to others, will appreciate your gifts, great or small, which will benefit people in different ways. Your response makes Becky and I proud to be members of FBC Brady. This has become "Our (the church's) Ministry" not just mine. God bless you. Love you all,

— *Ed & Becky Weber*

August 2014

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3 <i>Experiencing God study, 6:00</i>	4 Destani Roberts	5 Tess Warren Brian Owen	6 Melody Huckins Carl Max Brandenberger Hannah Bishop	7 Charlie Douglas Jacob Jeffreys	8 <i>Food Distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	9 Glenda Middleton
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10 Kingston Virdell <i>Nominating Committee meeting, 5:00</i> <i>Experiencing God study, 6:00</i>	11 Kirk Vinson <i>Triple S lunch, noon, Fellowship Hall</i>	12	13	14 Spencer Morris	15	16
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17 <i>Experiencing God study, 6:00</i>	18 Alma Davis Jessica Medrano	19	20	21 Jefferey Davis Tony Groves	22 Matthew Paradise <i>Food Distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	23 Gene Nelson
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24 <i>Experiencing God study, 6:00</i>	25 Scott Martin Jackie Harper <i>Triple S meal and game night, 6:00</i>	26	27 Terri Lee Edwards	28 Matthew Ruiz	29 Kaleigh Bishop	30
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Emily Moreno
Chris Armstrong
Experiencing God study, 6:00

Deacons on call for August
Rex Joslin 286-4526
Ed Weber 475-3471

Thank you to everyone who came to my birthday party! I am blessed by an abundance of friends in the Lord!
Sincerely,
Alice Young

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM
Sunday morning: live broadcast at 11:00 AM
Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM
Thanks to Joyce Collier, Becky Bauer, Gwen Bush, Becky Elliott, Deryl Bishop, Bobbie Williams, Maurice Mallow, Tim Owens, and Claudette Young for recording devotionals in June and July. August spots will be done by Becky Martin, Lisa Remini, Rod Young, and Lynn Munden.

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
	6:30 PM CWJC, Building Men for Christ
Wednesday	7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Presbyterian Church
	6:30 Youth group
	6:00 Prayer meeting/Bible study
Thursday	9:30-11:00 Dorcas quilting ministry
	9:45-12:00 Food Pantry: donated food brought from Walmart to the church

Greeters for August

	East Door
August 3	Roy and Janet Guthrie
August 10	Bill and Wanda Burns
August 17	George and Pat Matula
August 24	Ed and Becky Weber
August 31	Carl Max & Kathy Brandenberger
	West Door: Youth

- Volunteer opportunities**
- Thank you to Cynthia Reeves for teaching parenting classes in Christian Women's Job Corps this summer.
 - Thank you to Gerald Nobles for stepping up to lead the RA's this fall.
 - The Nominating Committee is at work recruiting members to serve on various committees in the new church year. Please check the form in the August 3 bulletin to volunteer for your committee of choice!

The Brady Community Ensemble will perform a patriotic program at the Episcopal Church on Monday, September 1, at 7:00 PM.
The Ensemble is directed by Tyler Cooper.

Dear Dorcas Quilters of FBC Brady,
Thank you all for the beautiful hand-made quilt. You all are so talented, and I appreciate your hard work so much.
The real treasures I lost were my handmade spreads and afghans and doilies.
It warms my heart to know someone would be so considerate.
Thank you again.
Respectfully,
Joyce Smith
Fritch, Texas
(Mrs. Smith was one of over 200 people who lost their homes in wild fires in the Panhandle this spring.)

Pray without ceasing. . .

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." —John 15:5

- *Experiencing God* study
 - 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
- Richard Aguirre
 Jamie Akins
 Maggie Behrens
 Rick Bentley
 David Bishop
 Dorothy Bishop
 Joyce Blackwell
 Michelle Bradshaw
 Marcus Burrell

Mike Caldwell
 April Carson
 Sue Crow
 Sherri Cox
 Fayrene Easley
 Terri Lee Edwards
 Charlie Elliott
 Patsy Finley
 Wesley Hyatt
 Juanita Jacobson
 Curtis and Genna Jennings
 George Kohl and wife
 Mike Lowery
 Jerry McDonald
 Hazel Medders
 Louise Morrow
 Carol Newport
 Paul and Connie Nix
 Brian Owen
 Kathy Parsley
 Tracy Parsley

James Patton
 Jon Randles
 Ann Roberts
 Betty Schaffner
 Harry Sellers
 Mike and Laurie Slone
 H.V. Smith
 Jim Smith
 Opal Smyrl
 Jim Spurgin
 Jennifer Thomas
 Jack Threadgill
 Jack and Susan Turk
 Richard Valdez
 Tess Warren
 Chelsea Watts
 Billy and Doris Whitaker
 Lilly Williams
 Alice Young
 Claudette Young

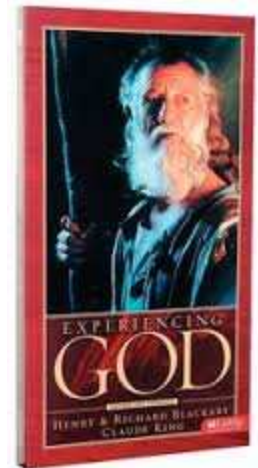
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 Jon Bradshaw
 Brandon Haymon
 Talisha Hendley
 David Hernandez
 Jose Lopez
 Concho Moore
 Jace Telford
 Jonathan Torres
 Alisha Slone
 Wes Stark
 Justin Williams
 Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend sympathy to the families of Arch Jacobson, Cecil Wayne Pitcox, Jim Wright, Paula Robinett, Juanita Lively, Mayme Ables, and Geneva Stanley.

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"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, But we trust in the name of the LORD our God." *Psalm 20:7*



Our family was so grateful to the church for providing the meal after Mother's funeral service. These ladies at First Baptist have always been great cooks with BIG hearts!
 Mother moved from Brady in 2003 but never quit missing her involvement at FBC. She attended church for many, many years and her closest friends continued to be from her FBC Sunday School class. She always looked forward to receiving the church newsletter each month.
 Your support after her passing has meant a great deal to our family. We would like to make a donation to the church in her memory.

Sincerely,
 Family of Mayme Ables

We at First Baptist are so blessed to have such wonderful brothers and sisters! I want to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to each of you who have been concerned for my health. Your prayers, phone calls, cards, and each contact I have had with you have been so encouraging. I have missed being with you in worship. I do praise the Lord that I am so much better; an answer to all those prayers.

Sincerely,
 Claudette Young

Dear First Baptist Church,
 Thank you for providing me with the Bible, as well as love and guidance throughout my time here. It has all been greatly appreciated, and will be thought of as I go on my quest of becoming a professional recording artist.
 Thank you all!

Sincerely,
 Jaysen Owens

Dear church,
 Thank you so much for the prayers offered up on my behalf. We have no doubt that God works through the powerful prayers of His people.
 We continue to pray for you as you work toward serving Him through your church and beyond.

Jerry and Janet McDonald