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Godly plans for FBC

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“Planning is an unnatural process; it’s much more fun to get on with it. The real benefit of not planning is that failure comes as a complete surprise and is not preceded by months of worry”. —Sir John Harvey-Jones.

I keep this quote in my office to remind me of one of my greatest weaknesses. I hate planning - I like doing. I am one of those people who thinks he can make it up as he goes along, flying by the seat on my pants, adjusting on the fly. The problem is, I can.... No, the real problem is I can, *most of the time*. There comes a time when all of the tactical skills in the world will not overcome a strategic error. A little planning on the front end often saves the back end, doesn't it?

Planning is important. Even God has plans. Remember Jeremiah 29:11.

So I am going to plan a little this year. In February I will be preaching from the book of Ruth. I never let myself get locked into a sermon series, because I might not be able to get out. But I am committed to my little plan, so I hope you will read Ruth (more than once) this week, and join me as we study this wonderful story.

If I have had one big plan for FBC, it is that we would become a better church by being spiritually formed. That was the focus on my doctoral project and of *Experiencing God*. We will continue to practice and pursue spiritual formation in March and April, as we undertake *Your Church Experiencing God Together*.

This new study will emphasize the corporate nature of the church, helping us to see and seize the opportunities and obligations we have to one another as members of the body of Christ. **I hope that you will make every effort to participate in this important opportunity to understand how Christ sees the church, and you can find your role in the church.**

Last of all, in the summer/fall of 2015, we will begin the *Vital Church* process as we explore and then express who and what God is leading FBC to become and do in the next few years.

My Daddy once told me “Fail to plan, plan to fail.” My Father has said “The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.” Pr. 21:5

Both of them are right. I hope you will plan to join in the work of planning and preparing in 2015. —Bro. Kevin

Super Bowl Fellowship Sunday night

Let's watch the Super Bowl together! This is your invitation to enjoy the “Big Game” with your church family in the Family Life Center this Sunday night at 5:00. Bring a snack or drinks to share. This is for the whole church: children, youth, and adults.



Welcome new members

By letter

Randy Bedwell

Carol Bedwell

Awaiting baptism

Betty Guthrie

Day Camp in the Park June 8—12, 2015

by Becky Elliott

We, here at FBC Brady, are excited about the Rec Team from FBC Midland coming to Brady, June 14-21. There will be 3-4 college students leading a Day Camp in the Park along with the youth and adult volunteers who will help with this outreach to our city.

The Rec Team will meet the church on Sunday evening, June 14 at 6:00. Then there will be a youth fellowship afterwards to enlist and train (very important) the youth to be counselors for the 1st--6th grade children from all over the city who will be invited to Day Camp in the Park.

Day Camp will meet from 8:30-12:00 each morning June 15-19. In the afternoons and evenings, Monday--Thursday, the Rec Team, will work with the youth of our city in recreation, fellowship, food and Bible Study. Adults, can you feed the Rec Team (4 college students) each day at lunch, and provide snacks for the fellowships?

The Rec Team will lead out in a church-wide revival on Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday morning, June 19, 20, 21. We'll call it a Youth-led Revival!

Please pray for this outreach to the city and a “revival” of our love and service for Jesus.

Texas Baptist Men, missionaries to Nigeria, visit FBC

Four representatives from the Texas Baptist Men's Water Ministry visited our church on the weekend of January 17-18.

Harold Patterson, Tim Wind, Phil Davenport, and Julio Campo demonstrated their well-drilling operation on the Elliott's ranch on Saturday. Their portable, simple machine is used to drill water wells in Third World countries.

The team also shared information about their ministry following a fellowship meal Saturday night and during Sunday School.

Also visiting were Fred and Mary Kay Posey, missionaries in Eku, Nigeria, through Walking in Love Ministries. During worship on Sunday morning the Poseys shared about their ministry in this village in southern Nigeria. They are involved with work in a hospital, school, seminary, orphanage, and leper colony.

Mary Kay was born in Nigeria to SBC missionary parents. She and her husband returned to work there after his retirement. They live in Forney, TX, but go to Nigeria frequently.

The TBM team has drilled wells in Eku, training local men to use the equipment to drill additional wells. They are currently in India on mission to drill more wells and share the Gospel.



Youth News

- Sunday, February 1, there will be a church wide Super Bowl fellowship starting at 5:00. The game starts at 5:30. The youth are invited to come and join the church and have some fun! There will be various activities to participate in at the fellowship. Be sure to bring food and show up ready to have a good time!
- We are still in the process of planning, but here is a heads up. Over spring break high school students will have the opportunity to go on a ski trip to New Mexico. The trip will happen if students are able to go!
- February 18 is the date that small groups will begin! So students, be ready! I encourage you to invite your friends and get ready for a great change on Wednesday nights at Breakaway!!!
- Come and join us on Sunday mornings! Sunday school starts at 10:00am. We are going through 1 Timothy as a group, sharing what God reveals to us personally in order to help each other grow in our relationship with Christ!
- Also come join us for BREAKAWAY on Wednesday nights! Junior high service starts at 5:45 and the senior high service starts at 7:15.
- "Breakaway" is our Wednesday night service where junior high and senior high students can come and worship God! Students, 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

Godly Impressions Preschool appreciates prayer partners

by Kim Coleman

For the month of February the children will be learning about "It's a Small World", the letters "G", "K", "Q", the numbers "6", and "16" the color "Red" and the shape of a "Heart".

The Bible lesson for the month is "God Asks Us to Love Our Neighbors" featuring the story of "The Good Samaritan." Our monthly Bible verse is "Love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:31

On Wednesday, February 11th, Ms. Megan's Class will be having a "100 Days of School" party. They will be celebrating that we have made it 100 days!! The children will be having a Valentine Party on Friday, February 13th; we will be sharing and loving on our neighbors.

We would like to remind everyone that the black boxes in the Sunday School rooms that are labeled "Preschool Prayer Partners" are a way for the First Baptist Church members to minister to their preschool children, their families, and the preschool staff. Please find time to pray for at least one child in the box a week. The preschool families really appreciate this ministry. The other ministry we have is the "Rocking Readers." This is a time for anyone to come and read to one child or several children any day of the week between 9:00 and 12:00. We have books available for you to use. Reading a small book to a child and sharing the love of Christ with them only takes a couple of minutes, but the impression you make can last a lifetime.

We currently have 48 children enrolled in our FBC Godly Impressions Preschool and childcare program. As of January 28th, we only have one spot available for a four year old. Please keep this ministry in your prayers as we continue to do the Lord's work.

Thank you all for the prayers and support!

God bless,

—Kim Coleman, Preschool Director



Birth Announcement

Raegyn Faith Virdell
 Born December 30, 2014, at Community Medical Center in San Angelo
 8 lbs 13 oz
 20 inches long
 Parents: Daniel and Shawnte Virdell
 Grandparents: Terry and Terri Virdell of Brady, Cliff and Elia Tibbetts of Fredericksburg
 Big sisters: Layla and Avery Virdell



February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Charlie Bush <i>Deacons meeting, 5:30; Super Bowl fellowship, 5:00</i>	2 Mildred Seward	3	4	5 Codi Walters	6 Deryl Bishop Kelli Medrano	7 Mike Easley Shane Owens
8 <i>Business meeting 5:30</i>	9 Betty Smith <i>Triple S lunch, noon, Fellowship Hall</i>	10	11 <i>Grace Class lunch meeting, 2106 Menard Highway</i>	12	13 Carson Brandenberger Tiffany Garner <i>Food Distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	14 Ray Ash
15 Betty McMillan <i>Fellowship following evening Bible study</i>	16 Bracken Bean Kim Galindo	17	18	19	20	21 David Hernandez
22	23 Justin Pierce <i>Triple S meal and game night, 6:00</i>	24 Bobbye Petty	25	26	27 Annie Roberts <i>Food Distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	28 Virginia Vinson (29th)

Deacons on call for February
 Rex Joslin 286-4526
 Virgil Middleton 597-2629

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
Thursday	
9:30-11:00	Dorcas quilting ministry
9:45-12:00	Food Pantry: donated food brought from Walmart to the church
Greeters for February	
	East Door
Feb. 1	Gerald and Debbie Nobles
Feb. 8	Travis and Pat Gary
Feb. 15	Ed and Becky Weber
Feb. 22	Jackie and Jeanagayle Behrens
	West Door: Youth
Thanks to Ed and Becky Weber, Kathy and Carl Max Brandenberger, Billy Whitaker, and Tim and Ida Owens for serving as greeters in January. Their names were accidentally left off last month.	


Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM
Sunday morning: live broadcast at 11:00 AM
Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM
 Thanks to Ida Owens, Kenneth Young, Tina Young, and Lynn Munden for recording radio spots for January.
 February devotionals will be done by Debbie Nobles, Judy Oden, Linsey Woodard, and Jeanagayle Behrens.

Food Ministry Report

January 2015

- 126 families
- 143 adults under 65
- 70 children under 18
- 49 adults 65 and older

February food distribution will be Friday, Feb. 13, and Friday, Feb. 27, from 10:00 to noon. More volunteers are always welcome. 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.



Pray without ceasing. . .

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.
2 Corinthians 4:17

- 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
 - Navajo mission trip
- Richard Aguirre
 Pam Beasley
 Maggie Behrens
 David and Deryl Bishop
 Marcus Burell
 Tim Campbell
 April Carson
 Doris Collins
 Sue Crow

- Bill Curry
 Dayton Dennard
 Fayrene Easley
 Terri Lee Edwards
 Glenn Elliott
 Roy Guthrie
 Curtis and Genna Jennings
 Rex and Geneva Joslin
 Leroy Keese
 Robert Kibbe
 George Koehl and wife
 Mary Beth Lewis
 Lisa Linder
 Mike Lowery
 Sue Lubke
 Nelda Martin
 Charles Miller
 Louise Morrow
 Paul and Connie Nix
 Kathy Parsley
 Tracy Parsley
 James Patton

- Jeffery Perkins
 Jon Randles
 Ann Roberts
 Michael Sandoval
 Harry Sellers
 Red and Kay Simpson
 Mike and Laurie Slone
 Bud Stamm
 Braden Summer
 Jack and Susan Turk
 Richard Valdez
 Tess Warren
 Bob and Jana Watts
 Chelsea Watts
 Billy and Doris Whitaker
 Coleman Williams
 Lilly Williams
 Tanya Wilks
 Betty Wilson
 Kristan Wilson
 Wes Woodard
 Alice Young

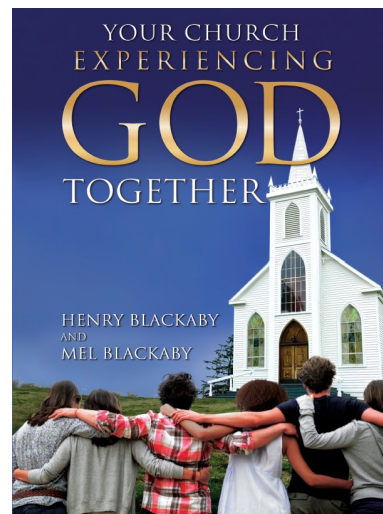
- In military:*
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 Brandon Haymon
 Talisha Hendley
 David Hernandez
 Jose Lopez
 Moses Marmolejo
 Concho Moore
 Jace Telford
 Jonathan Torres
 Alisha Slone
 Wes Stark
 Justin Williams
 Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend sympathy to the families of Hazel Honig, Larry Smith,, Joyce Blackwell, John Ed Weaver, Bernice Roddie, Mike Byrd, L.H. Manning, Doris Jones, and Polly Frost.

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So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.
2 Corinthians 4:18



I am available to do yard work and other odd jobs to raise money for the mission trip to Spain. Call me at 792-8054, 792-8181, or 792-4848. —*Josh Collier*

- Love offering for the Gideons on 1-11-15 totaled \$1198.
- Love offering for Texas Baptist Men’s Water Ministry and Fred and Mary Kay Posey’s Walking in Love Ministries on 1-18-15 totaled approximately \$2400.
- Our total giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions was \$2769.99.
- Thank you to our generous, missions-minded church!

Please be in prayer for the study *Your Church Experiencing God* that will begin on March 1. This will be on eight Sunday nights and will include video segments from Henry and Richard Blackaby followed by small group discussions. Small group facilitators will be needed. Would you like to lead a group? Talk to Bro. Kevin.