

First Baptist Church Newsletter

Nouns and verbs and faith in action

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The word “march” can be used in many ways:

Proper noun - the third month of the year in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars. It is one of seven months that are 31 days long. In the Northern Hemisphere, the meteorological beginning of spring occurs on the first day of March.

Verb (used without object) 1. to walk with regular and measured tread, as soldiers on parade; advance in step in an organized body. 2. to walk in a stately, deliberate manner. 3. to go forward; advance; proceed.

Verb (used with object) 4. to cause to march. noun 5. the act or course of marching. 6. the distance covered in a single period of marching. 7. advance; progress; forward movement: the march of science. 8. a piece of music with a rhythm suited to accompany marching.

It is one of a few words that can function as a noun, a proper noun, or as a verb, (an action). That’s pretty impressive, as not many words can fill so many grammatical slots.

Here’s another one for you: Faith. It is a proper noun, a name. Most of us know someone named Faith. It is also a noun. We speak of faith as a “thing” all the time. We speak of having faith, of being saved through faith, and of sharing faith.

And here is our problem: far too often, we leave faith as a noun, content to let it only be a person, place, or thing.

We *know* there is more to faith than just being a name for something we can’t really describe with words. And yet we never move outside of words to explore and more fully define faith.

The reason the faith of many Christians is incomplete and unfulfilling is because faith has never been turned from a noun into a verb.

I want to ask you two questions.

What is the shape of water? Think about that for a second. The only shape water has is its container. I ask you again, what is the shape of faith? Go look in the mirror. You are looking at the shape of faith. The Lord poured faith into you, giving it shape, even life.

What does the wind look like? And you can’t say water. What does the wind *look* like? It looks like what it does. It looks like leaves rustling and grass swaying. It looks like ripples on the water, windmills turning and a dust-devil. Wind may not have a shape, but it certainly is a force, isn’t it?

So now, how do you define *your* faith? Does it have shape and form, and does it have motion? Is your faith only a noun, a word without shape or form, without motion and effect?

Can your faith only be named or is it a verb, defined not just a name, but defined by who and what it looks like, defined by what it does (and does not) do?

Let this new month be a verb for you-march into, march by faith.

—Bro. Kevin

Josh and Faith plan two fundraisers for mission trip

Josh Collier and Faith Bean and their families will host a pancake lunch following church on March 15 and a bake sale at Ace Hardware on March 28.

The young people are raising money to fund their mission trip to Spain this summer,. Their trip is a part of iGo Global missions. Together they still need about \$2500.

If you would like to bake something for the bake sale it would be greatly appreciated!

Josh is available after school to work for you, doing yard work, furniture moving, or other jobs. Contact him at 792-8054, or Joyce Collier at 792-8181 or 792-4848.

Navajo Mission 2015

by Betty Smith

It is now time to seriously think about going on our Navajo Mission Trip. The dates are June 26 - July 5, or as you can go. We welcome families with children kindergarten age and above, couples, singles, youth, young people, and old people (yes, some of us are old).

We plan to have a planning meeting before long, and want you to be there. If you are at all interested or have any questions, talk to Betty Smith (597-0740) or Becky Martin (597-1372).

Welcome new member

By baptism

Betty Guthrie

Welcome new staff

Jerry Caraway was hired at the February business meeting to serve as Maintenance Supervisor. Jerry recently retired from his work as a truck driver.

Kim Galindo was recently hired as Nursery Director. She had previously served several years in this position .

Summer is coming!

- June 8-12: Youth Super Summer
- June 14-21: Day Camp in the Park, led by FBC Midland Rec Team
- June 26-July 5: Navajo mission trip
- July, dates TBA: VBS

The Beth Moore study of the book of Daniel will begin early in March on Tuesdays at 1:00. Facilitator for the study is Terri Lee Edwards. There’s a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Call Terri at 456-7556 FMI. Books have been ordered and should arrive soon.



Youth News

March 11 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!!!

- There is a lot that is going to be going on in the summer this year!
- Mission trip to Arizona will be June 26 – July 4-5.
- Super summer this year will be June 8-12.
- I ask that you all will be praying for these events. Pray for God to use these events to change the heart of youth, and ultimately help students to grow deeper in their personal relationship with God!
- 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.
- 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 *Breakaway* 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: opportunities to serve

by Kim Coleman

For the month of March the children will be learning about “Blast Off to Space”, the letters “S”, “R”, “Z”, the numbers “7”, and “17” the color “Yellow” and the shape of a “Star”.

The Bible lesson for the month is “God Is the Only God” featuring the story of “Jesus is Tempted In the Wilderness.” Our monthly Bible verse is “Surely God is with you, and there is no other; there is no other God.” Isaiah 45:14s

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.

The preschool is now taking donations for any gently used toys and books for the ages of birth to 5 years. The toys can be for indoor or outdoor use. If you are not sure if it is something we can use, just bring it up and if we cannot use it, then we will donate it to Helping Hands.

If you would like to donate snacks or juice, we would appreciate those items as well. The snacks can include: any cereal, graham crackers, Gold Fish crackers, Nilla Wafers, Cheez-It Crackers, pretzels, Ritz Crackers, cube cheese, string cheese, etc. The juice must be 100% juice and we will also take gallon jugs of drinking water. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 325-792-6529.

Thank you all for the prayers and support!

God bless,

—Kim Coleman, Preschool Director

News for parents and children:

Parents of children, (nursery through 5th grade), please mark the following two events on your calendar:

March 29th: Children’s Sunday School will celebrate Palm Sunday at the beginning of the Morning Worship Service at 10:50 a.m. They will practice during the Sunday School time.

Easter Sunday, April 5th: Children’s Sunday School will have an Easter Egg Hunt on the baseball field in back of the church building during the Sunday School time. Your child will need to bring a basket or container. More information on this event later.

The children will learn the meaning of both of these events during their Sunday School classes in the next several Sundays.

Brady Community Ensemble rehearses at FBC

New singers are welcome to join the Brady Community Ensemble, led by Tyler Cooper and Norma Ridout. The group rehearses every other Monday at 6:30 in our choir room.

Rehearsal dates for this month are March 2, 16, and 30. Come and enjoy the music and the fellowship! The group is currently singing some Broadway tunes in preparation for a concert later this year.





Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 8.

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Deacons meeting, 5:30; Your Church Experiencing God Together, 6:00 Jackie Behrens	2	3 Roger Villarreal	4 Mike Slone Darlene Friar Becky Martin Joy Jennings	5 Wanda Burns Shelly Bean	6	7 Gerald Nobles
8 Business meeting 5:30; Your Church Experiencing God Together, 6:00 Leanna Davis	9 Triple S lunch, noon, Fellowship Hall Emily Burkhart Seth Spurgin	10 Dillon Munden	11 Tessa Moreno	12 Bobbie Williams Debbie Nobles	13 Food Distribution, 10:00-12:00	14
15 Pancake lunch after church (mission trip fundraiser); Your Church Experiencing God Together, 6:00 Fellowship following	16 Joel Jennings	17	18	19	20	21 Paige Bauer
22 Your Church Experiencing God Together, 6:00 Jeanine Willis Brannon Kolb	23 Triple S meal and game night, 6:00	24 Faith Bean Jerry Jordan	25	26	27 Food Distribution, 10:00-12:00 Bobby Williams	28 Bake Sale at Ace Hardware (mission trip fundraiser)
29 Palm Sunday Your Church Experiencing God Together, 6:00 Liam Burkhart	30	31	Deacons on call for March Terry Bean 792-6399 Jim Smith 597-0740			

Weekly Events

Sunday	
9:45 AM	Sunday School
10:50 AM	Morning Worship
6:00 PM	Your Church Experiencing God Together
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 March	
	East Door
March 1	Bobby and Bobbie Williams
March 8	James and Maurice Mallow
March 15	Bill and Wanda Burns
March 22	Terry and Shelly Bean
March 29	Joyce Scott and Darlene Friar
	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 Debbie Nobles, Judy Oden, Linsey Woodard, and Jeanagayle Behrens for recording radio spots for February.

March devotionals will be done by Rod Young, Deryl Bishop, Joyce Hollingsworth, Bobbie Williams, and Wanda Burns.

Food Ministry Report

February 13, 2015

- 61 families
- 49 adults under 65
- 24 children under 18
- 36 adults 65 and older

Note; these are the numbers for only one distribution day.

March food distribution will be Friday, March 13, and Friday, March 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. . .

If one part suffers, every part suffers with it;
if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.
1 Corinthians 12:26

- 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
James and Mary Bates
Pam Beasley
Maggie Behrens
David and Deryl Bishop
Diane Bradshaw
Amelia Britteon
Marcus Burell
Tim Campbell

- April Carson
Doris Collins
Sue Crow
Bill Curry
Dayton Dennard
Fayrene Easley
Terri Lee Edwards
Glenn Elliott
Bill and Merle Granville
Roy Guthrie
Mary Holubec
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Rex and Geneva Joslin
Leroy Keese
Robert and Karen 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
Terry Starks
Jack and Susan Turk
Richard Valdez
Tess Warren
Bob and Jana Watts
Coleman Williams
Lilly Williams
Tanya Wilks
Betty Wilson

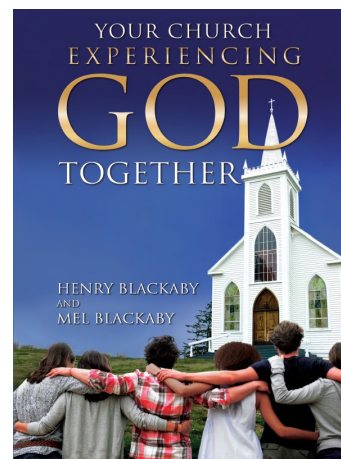
- Kristan Wilson
Wes Woodard
Alice Young
In military:
Jon Bradshaw
Brandon Haymon
Talisha Hendley
David Hernandez
Jose Lopez
Moses Marmolejo
Concho Moore
Jace Telford
Jonathan Torres
Alisha Slone
Wes Stark
Justin Williams
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend sympathy to the families of Chelsea Watts, Henrietta Castañeda, Braden Summer, and Amy Lott.

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The newsletter is available on the church website: fbcbrady.org. It can also be sent to your email address each month; just send your address to Becky Martin: becky@scottmartin.net.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.
1 Corinthians 12:27



This study begins Sunday, March 1, at 6:00 and continues for 8 weeks. Please plan to be a part!

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*

Our family is truly grateful for the use of your facility for my sister Henrietta Castañeda’s funeral. We really appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Raymond and Linda Torres

We are collecting vegetable seeds for the River Ministry during March. Please put your seed packets in the basket in the West Entry. These will be sent to missionaries who work with families along the Rio Grande River. Thank you!



The San Angelo Chamber Singers will be performing at the First United Methodist Church in Brady on Sunday, March 1, at 4:00. Judy Owen, our former Minister of Music, is a member of this group. The concert is free and open to the public.

Be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. —Ephesians 6:18b

Mary Ballew is one of our homebound members. She is a faithful supporter of our church, a prayer warrior, and hosts a Bible study in her home each Monday. She loves to have visitors and if you go to her home, you will be the one blessed. She lives at 2215 Calf Creek Road. Please call before you visit: 597-1393. She would also enjoy receiving cards and calls.