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Doing the small stuff

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As I write this, I am at the (lack of) mercy of oak and pecan pollen. Those invisible little spores are killing me. You may have heard the expression “Don’t sweat the small stuff, and it’s all small stuff.” Don’t you believe it. Small things often pack a punch that is far out of proportion to their size. Gulliver learned about the power of small when he met the Lilliputians, and in *War of the Worlds*, it was the common cold virus that brought down the unstoppable Martian invasion. If you still don’t agree with me about the power of the small thing, go stand in a fire ant mound for a few seconds.

So-we know there is power in small things. Why do we ignore them and their power? There is great power in a simple compliment or a sarcastic remark. Both are small, done in passing, but one heals, the other wounds. One builds up, the other tears down. There is great power in either an act of kindness or in ignoring the need of another. One says, “I recognize your existence and your value;” the other says, “I refuse to recognize your existence or your value.”

We all have the opportunity to give dozens of blessings every day. Almost all of these blessings are small. Or at least they seem small to us. They cost us little, if anything. But the kind word, the little act of kindness, the smile or phone call you make--that small thing—may be the highlight of someone’s day. Jesus turns our value system upside-down when he remembers and values the small blessings in Matthew 25:35-36. That meal, visit, change of clothes or a cup of water take on eternal significance and become valued all out of proportion to their cost as He continues in verses 40-46.

So I tell you this truth: Don’t just sweat the small stuff, do the small stuff. Life is made up of small stuff, of small moments, small opportunities taken by small people, of small mercies extended by and to small people. Greatness is conferred by Christ Himself on those who recognize that Kingdom work and Kingdom opportunities are all around them, looking like small things.

—Bro. Kevin

Baby dedications on Mother’s Day

by Maurice Mallow

A Baby/Child Recognition Service will be a part of the Mother’s Day activities, May 10, during morning worship .If you have a child under the age of two who has not participated in a similar service, you are welcome to participate in this very meaningful service.

You will need to pick up a registration form from Maurice Mallow, or RaNon, in the church office, as soon as possible. Complete the form and return it to either the church office, or Maurice, together with a baby picture of the child. The picture will be on the screen while the child is receiving their Bible and their parents, grandparents, and siblings are being recognized. The pictures will be returned.

Remember....we need to have the form completed as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Maurice & RaNon

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering: still time to give

Please help us reach our church goal of \$2,000. Giving as of April 30 was \$1472.40.



These six Chinese college students and their teacher (on the right) were guests at the Elliott Ranch on Sunday, May 3. Sponsored by Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, they are touring Texas and experiencing American culture firsthand. The FBC family joined them Sunday night for hamburgers and hot dogs and homemade ice cream as they enjoyed a beautiful evening on the San Saba River. Thank you, Charlie and Becky, for hosting this church picnic and cultural exchange!



Vacation Bible School

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to help in Vacation Bible School, July 12-16. Director Shawnte Virdell reports that all teacher positions are filled except kindergarten/first grade. Helpers are needed in every area. Please sign up and mark VBS on your July calendar! There is a place for everyone..

Youth News

- April was a fun month for the youth! We did small groups with the youth on Wednesday nights! We had a lock-in on the 24-25!

- Summer is right around the corner! Be sure to check out the different events that we will be doing!

Upcoming events for the summer

- Super summer June 8-12.

- The day camp/missions with the team from FBC Midland is June 14-21.

- Mission trip to Arizona will be June 26 – July 5.

- Paisano camp is July 26-31.

- I ask that you all will be praying for these events. Pray for God to use these events to change the hearts of youth, and ultimately help students to grow deeper in their personal relationship with God!

Also...

- Come and join us on Sunday mornings! Sunday school starts at 10:00am. We are going through Titus 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: Mother's Day, graduation, summer plans

by Kim Coleman, Preschool Director

For the month of May the children will be learning about "Growing Gardens", the letters "F", "R", "Y", the numbers "9", and "10" the color "Pink" and the shape of a "Diamond".

The Bible lesson for the month is "God Asks Me to Forgive" featuring the story of "The Parable of the Lost Son." Our monthly Bible verse is "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

We will be celebrating Mother's Day by having a "Muffins for Moms" party on Friday, May 8th at 11:30. All preschool moms or a special person in your child's life are welcome to attend. There will be fresh baked muffins by members of our Preschool Board.

Our annual End of the Year Preschool Program and Graduation will be on Tuesday, May 26th at 11:00 in the church sanctuary. Afterwards, we will be serving refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend this celebration. Godly Impressions will be open the rest of the week for child care.

The preschool will be closed for Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th.

Godly Impressions Preschool will be open for the summer months. Our hours of operation will remain the same. We will still have preschool classes Monday thru Friday 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. Registration forms are available in the church office or the Directors office. We are also currently registering for the 2015-2016 school year; spaces are limited, so sign up today.

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

Awana kids compete to help support Josh and Faith



In April the Awana kids competed to see who could raise more money for Faith Bean and Josh Collier's mission trip to Spain. The total raised was \$72.48. The girls raised more—so on April 22 Faith got to smash a whipped cream pie in Josh's face!



Both Faith and Josh really appreciate what the church has done to send them to Spain. They will be leaving on July 18, 2015. Please continue to pray for them and for the people they will encounter on their mission.

Family Night on April 28 completed the year for the Awana program. Thanks to all who have helped! Here is a list of the Wed. night team: Kevin McDonald, RaNon Caraway, Joanna Coston, Laurie Morton, LaVonta Harper, Jeanagayle Behrens, Deryl Bishop, Shelly Bean, Sherri Pierce, Judy Mitzel, Becky Bauer, Russell Pierce, Betty Smith, Joyce Hollingsworth, Claudette Young, Gerald Nobles, Rod Young, Maurice Mallow, Bobbie Williams, Lynn Munden, Carson Brandenberger, Nelda Martin, Matt Popnoe, Joyce Scott, Darlene Friar, Stefani McKay, Susan Turk, Jenny Powell, and Cynthia Reeves.

May 2015

Silent Retreat
 Saturday, June 5
 Watch for more information
 about place and time.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	Deacons on call for May Jim Smith 597-0740 Bobby Williams 597-7573					1	2 Wes Avant Tim Owens
3 Ethel Blackwell	4 Oleta Weaver Matthew Bishop	5	6 Alton Roberts	7 Daniel Virdell	8 Edith Slaughter Blane Woodard <i>Food Distribution, 10:00-12:00</i> <i>Preschool "Muffins for Mom" 11:30</i>	9	
10 Terry Virdell <i>Mother's Day Baby Dedications</i>	11 Dewey Young Josh Collier Emily Spurgin <i>Triple S lunch, noon, FLC</i>	12 Cody Munden Crockett Jurius <i>Grace Class brunch, 10:00am, FLC</i>	13 Patricia Gary Jack Jennings Jett Jennings	14 Wes Virdell	15 Norma Ridout	16	
17 Lynn Munden	18	19	20	21 Sharon McDonald	22 <i>Food Distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	23	
24	25 <i>Triple S meal and game night, 6:00, FLC</i>	26 Jeanagayle Behrens <i>Preschool program and graduation, 11:00</i>	27 Teresa Felts Layne Avant	28	29	30 Arlan McBee Daryl Booth	

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The ministries of **Christian Women's Job Corps and Building Men for Christ** are in need of a volunteer teacher for the parenting class through the summer, beginning in June. This group meets on Monday evenings and serves 5-6 adults. Contact RaNon FMI.

The **Grace Ladies Sunday School Class** has scheduled their quarterly class meeting for Tuesday, May 12th, at 10:00 am, in the Family Life Center. This will be a brunch, and all Grace Class members are encouraged to attend and bring a guest. Hostesses are Wanda Burns, Kay Holloway, Norma Ridout, and Maurice Mallow.

News from Texas Baptist Men: In February, the Water Ministry struck water in India, providing a hospital in the village of Ukhrul with a steady supply of water.


Weekly Events	
Sunday	9:45 AM Sunday School 10:50 AM Morning Worship 6:00 PM <i>Your Church Experiencing God Together</i>
Monday	4:00 PM Ladies Bible study home of Mary Ballew 6:30 PM CWJC, Building Men for Christ
Tuesday	1:00 Beth Moore study of Daniel
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 May	
May 3	East Door Gwen and Charlie Bush
May 10	Judy Oden and Rhonda Aguirre
May 17	Joyce and Josh Collier
May 24	Linda Torres
May 31	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 Janet Guthrie, Cynthia Reeves, Becky Martin, and Susan Turk for recording radio spots for April. May devotionals will be done by Joyce Scott, Shawnte Virdell, Jenny Powell, and Jeanagayle Behrens.

Food Ministry Report



April 2015

- 144 families
- 160 adults under 65
- 91 children under 18
- 44 adults 65 and older

May food distribution will be Friday, May 8, and Friday, May 22, 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.

Ed Weber will be taking donations to Bro. Banda's ministry in Eagle Pass on Friday, June 5. Donations of non-perishable food, clothing, and household items may be brought to the Men's Sunday School room on the east side of the church. Thanks to all!

Pray without ceasing. . .

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him Who called us by his own glory and goodness.
2 Peter 1:3

- 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
 Ray Brahier
 Big John Campbell

- April Carson
 Doris Collins
 Carrie Currie
 Dayton Dennard
 Fayrene Easley
 Mary Holubec
 Josh Hudson
 Curtis and Genna Jennings
 Rex and Geneva Joslin
 George Koehl and wife
 Mary Beth Lewis
 Janie Lowery
 Mike Lowery
 Sue Lubke
 Charles Miller
 Louise Morrow
 Paul and Connie Nix
 Gerald Nobles
 Nicholas Palacio
 Noah Palacio
 Kathy Parsley
 Tracy Parsley

- James Patton
 Russell Pierce
 Ann Roberts
 Joyce Scott
 Harry Sellers
 Mildred Seward
 Red and Kay Simpson
 Larry Slaughter
 Mike and Laurie Slone
 Bud Stamm
 Barbara Tschirhart
 Jack and Susan Turk
 Richard Valdez
 Tess Warren
 Doris Whitaker
 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 Jon Randles, and Betty Waite.

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith, goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness, and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.
2 Peter 1:5



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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.

Please pray for our Navajo mission team:
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It would also be great if you would send a note to let them know that we are supporting them in prayer as they prepare for the trip June 26-July 5.

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

Paul and Connie Nix have been a part of our church family for many years. Paul is a Deacon Emeritus, who served our church faithfully. Because of health problems, he and Connie can no longer join us in worship. A visit would really encourage them and let them know they are not forgotten. If you wish to visit, please call 597-3680 before you go. Cards and prayers would also be appreciated. (203 W. 17th St.)

Thank you, First Baptist! Mother loved the church.
 The meal provided for our family was nourishment and refreshing for our bodies.
 The love from people like Becky Martin and James and Maurice Mallow is nourishment for our souls.
 Thank you for all you do!
 The family of Joyce Blackwell