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## Milestones and maturity

by Dr. Kevin McDonald

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We think of spring and summer as times of new beginnings. But they are also times when things end. Graduation is a big ending. We at FBC /Godly Impressions just graduated another pre-school class last week. They are no longer babies. The world of Kindergarten, the First Day of School, and public school await these children and their families. High School graduation is at hand. Society will no longer look upon the graduates as (old) children, but as (young) adults. We will no longer tolerate their child-like behavior like we did when they were freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. College graduation is really the end of youth. The expectations of adulthood are conferred upon the college grad with the diploma, like it or not.

These expectations are a bit arbitrary, aren't they? There are a few ninth graders who are already functioning adults, and we all know a college grad who still can't tie his or her shoes. Maturity comes at its own pace to each individual. We know this, and yet we still ask our children things like "How old are you?", "Don't you know better?", and "When are you going to grow up?"

Spiritual maturity is no different. There are Christians who have been believers for fifty years. The problem is they have repeated their first year of faith fifty times. The same graduation every year. The same childish (not child-like) behavior every year. Others are mature far beyond their years as a Christian. In 1 Cor. 13:11 Paul said that he put away childish things when he became an adult. He expects the same of those who have come to know Christ as their Savior and Master. What behavior, what ways of thinking and activities do you need to put away? What needs to come to an end if you are to move into Christian adulthood?

Growing up means moving. Moving is a sign of life. Moving in a circle is a sign of a life not yet figured out, a life starting over and over. Moving away is a part of maturing. Moving away from home, the past, moving away from childishness, selfishness, moving away from the excuses I, or others make for me. Moving on is a good sign of spiritual maturity. Moving on from past hurts and losses. Moving on from my failures (some of them sin and some of them not), and the failures of others. Growing up also means moving in. Moving into new territory: meeting new challenges, finding new ways of living, thinking and being. Moving into a new life means moving out from the old one. You can't live in two worlds at once.

Graduation marks the end of training and the application of what has been learned. Let this be the summer you faced the demands of Christ upon your life and became a spiritual adult. Put away the old things for good.

—Bro. Kevin

## Vacation Bible School

VBS will kick-off on July 12 and run through July 16 from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Classes will be for Pre-K (4 yrs of age) to 5th grade. All teacher spots have been filled and teachers are welcome to pick up their classroom packets in the church office.

We are still looking for helpers. If you're not available every day we would still love to have you on the days that you can help out. We definitely could use a few extra people on the first day to help out with registration and getting things running!

Childcare will be available in the nursery for those who have little ones and would like to volunteer!

If you have any questions please contact Shawnte Virdell at [325-456-2059](tel:325-456-2059) or the church office.



## Congratulations, graduates!



- Kristin Alonzo, B.S. in psychology, minor in mass media, Angelo State University
- Jack Wells, B.S. in Christian Education, Howard Payne University
- Brady, Rochelle, and Lohn classes of 2015
- Our Godly Impressions Preschool graduates

## Silent Retreat

You're invited to a Silent Retreat, a time of prayer and reflection for our church and for you as His disciple

Where: Be Still And Know (BSAK) Ranch, 25 miles NE of Brady (b/t Rochelle and Placid)

When: June 5-6, 5:00 on Friday through 3:00 on Saturday

Hosts: Brad and Linsey Woodard

Meals and overnight accommodations provided, no charge

FMI: Brad's cell: [325-456-4660](tel:325-456-4660)  
Linsey's cell: [325-226-9124](tel:325-226-9124)

## Weekly Events

### Sunday

- |          |                 |
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| 9:45 AM  | Sunday School   |
| 10:50 AM | Morning Worship |
| 6:00 PM  | Evening events  |

### Monday

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| 4:00 PM | Ladies Bible study  |
| 6:30 PM | home of Mary Ballew |
|         | CWJC, BMFC          |

### Tuesday

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| 1:00 | Beth Moore study |
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### Wednesday

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| 7:00 AM | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
|         | Presbyterian Church    |
| 6:30    | Youth Group            |
| 6:00    | Adult prayer meeting   |

### Thursday

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| 9:30-11:00 | Dorcas quilting ministry |
| 9:45-12:00 | Food Pantry work day     |

## Greeters for June

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|         | East Door                 |
| June 7  | Ken and Claudette Young   |
| June 14 | Tina and Rod Young        |
| June 21 | Glenda & Virgil Middleton |
| June 28 | Billy Whitaker            |
|         | West Door: Youth          |

## Greeters for July

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| July 5  | Becky and Welman Bauer  |
| July 12 | Judy and Gary Mitzel    |
| July 19 |                         |
| July 26 | Pete and Oralia Barrera |

## Deacons for June

- |               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| George Matula | 792-0430 |
| Kenneth Young | 597-2485 |

## Youth News

- Summer time is here!!! 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
- Navajo Mission trip 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 at 6:30!
- 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: Fundraiser June 7

*by Kim Coleman, Preschool Director*

For the month of June the children will be learning about “The Alphabet House”, reviewing letters, shapes, numbers, and colors. The review will cover everything the children have learned throughout the school year.

The Bible lesson for the month is “God Cares About My Home” featuring the story of “My Father’s House.” Our monthly Bible verse is “Let not your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” John 14:1-3

We will be celebrating Father’s Day by having a “Donuts for Dads” party on Friday, June 19th at 11:00. All preschool dads or a special person in your child’s life are welcome to attend.

Our annual End of the Year Preschool Program and Graduation was a success! We had 10 children graduate from preschool this year. The children sang songs, recited a Bible verse, and the Lord’s Prayer. The teachers passed out the progress reports and diplomas and then we all had cupcakes, cookies and punch that were provided by members of our Preschool Board.

One of our teachers has a daughter that is a Miss Heart of Texas Pageant Contestant this year. Julissa Burcholz has decided that for her community service project she will host a Roast Beef Meal, and a Silent Auction to benefit the playground that the preschool would like to build. It will be on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 in the Family Life Center. The Silent Auction items will include things donated by local businesses, preschool family members and items made by our preschoolers. The roast beef has been donated by Jacoby’s in Melvin. The meal tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased ahead of time in the church office. Please spread the word! All the proceeds will go directly to the preschool.

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!

## Summer missionaries prepare to serve

Perhaps you have noticed the “Footprints” in the hallways. They are to remind you that we have several members of our church who are making plans to go on mission trips in June and July. These members are on mission for Christ. Their goals are to touch lives with friendship, testimonies, and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. They are answering the call to “Go and tell.” Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to go, and pray for their safe travel and a fruitful ministry. **Note: we will have mission volunteers from FBC on the field continuously from June 26-July 28.**

- The “Brady Bunch” will join the Broadway Baptist Navajo Partnership mission in Eagle Spring, New Mexico to help with Vacation Bible School and other ministries. The dates of this trip are June 26-July 5. This group includes Carson and McKenna Brandenburger, Josh Collier, Marsha Gainer, Kevin McDonald, Lynn Munden, Jenny Powell, Dillon Roberts, Betty Smith, and Jack Wells.
- Alexa Bean and a friend from her Baptist Student Ministries group at West Texas A&M will be on mission in Thailand July 5-18. They will be ministering to girls and women affected by human trafficking and drugs. They will help at an orphanage, work in local schools, teach ESL classes, and minister to surrounding villages.
- Faith Bean and Josh Collier will leave Brady on July 18 to go to Camp Copass in Denton for two days of training before leaving for Madrid on July 20. After they have been in Spain for a day they will begin having posts to the Flight 963 blog at <http://igoglobal.org/blog/flight-963/>. (On the side menu select Madrid, Spain. Josh is in blue trek and Faith is in the yellow trek.) They will return on July 28.

# June 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 George Matula Pacey McKay	2 Amanda Huckins Linsey Woodard Lisa Spurgin	3 Tony Vinson Alesha Slone David Taylor	4	5 Gabby Moreno <i>Ed Weber takes donations to Banana ministries</i>	6 Kathryn Bishop <i>Silent Retreat at BSAK Ranch, 5-6</i>
7 <i>Preschool fund-raiser roast beef lunch in FLC, noon Deacons meeting</i>	8 <i>Triple S, noon Connie Nix Karson Munden Keith Pierce</i>	9 Whitney Gainer Karen Behrens	10 Laurie Slone Sharon Poe	11 Terry Bean Ron Francis	12 <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	13 Addyson Wilton
		<b>Youth Super Summer, June 8-12</b>				
14 <i>Father's Day Business meeting, 6:00 Shirley Nelson</i>	15	16 Marvin Tucker	17	18 Dorothy Reeves	19 Casey Poe Jason Behrens <i>Donuts for Dads, 11:00</i>	20 Bill Butts
		<b>Day Camp at Richards Park, led by FBC Midland, June 14-21</b>				
21 <i>Church fellowship, 6:00</i>	22 Joyce Scott <i>Triple S, 5:30</i>	23 Denise Owens	24	25 Cynthia Reeves	26 Daniel Gainer Louis Reyes <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	27
28	29 Jill Gossett James Bingham Mason Garner	30				
		<b>Navajo Mission Trip, June 26-July 5</b>				

# July 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Christy Everett	2 Jo Haynes Zenida Paradise	3	4 Amy Pearson
5 <i>Wanda Cude Deacons meeting</i>	6 Georgina Partin Brandon Hayman Gage Behrens	7	8 Anita Doyal Nate Bernal	9	10 <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	11
		<b>Alexa Bean on mission in Thailand, July 5-18</b>				
12 <i>Linda Torres Pete Barrera Business meeting, 6:00</i>	13 Claudette Young <i>Triple S, noon</i>	14 Payton Brandenberger Betty Sutton	15 Frieda Chew Joey Partin	16 Wynona Adams Becky Lohn	17	18 Andrea Adame
		<b>VBS, July 12-16</b>				
19 <i>Church-wide fellowship, 6:00</i>	20	21	22 Velma Hendley	23 Billy Raybion Janet Guthrie	24 Anthony Castillo <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	25 Billy Jack Harper
	<b>Faith Bean and Josh Collier on mission in Madrid, July 18-28</b>					
26 <i>Gary Bishop Brynn Francis</i>	27 Patricia Burkhart <i>Triple S, 5:30</i>	28 Alexa Bean	29 Kaysen Alonzo	30 Becky Bauer	31 Jaysen Owens	
	<b>Youth Camp at Paisano, July 26-31</b>					

**Pray without ceasing. . .**

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.  
*Psalm 84:5*

- 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 and VBS
  - Our preschool
  - Our summer mission volunteers
- Richard Aguirre  
Oralia Barrera  
James and Mary Bates  
Pam Beasley  
Diane Bradshaw

Ray Brahier	Joyce Scott	Jose Lopez
Big John Campbell	Harry Sellers	Moses Marmolejo
April Carson	Mildred Seward	Concho Moore
Carrie Currie	Red and Kay Simpson	Jace Telford
Fayrene Easley	Larry Slaughter	Jonathan Torres
Josh Hudson	Mike and Laurie Slone	Alisha Slone
Curtis and Genna Jennings	Bud Stamm	Wes Stark
L.D. Land	Sherry Thomas	Justin Williams
Mary Beth Lewis	Barbara Tschirhart	Ricky Williams, Jr.
Janie Lowery	Jack and Susan Turk	
Mike Lowery	Richard Valdez	We extend sympathy to the
Charles Miller	Tess Warren	families of Marguerite
Louise Morrow	Tanya Wilks	Threadgill, Mary Holubec,
Paul and Connie Nix	Kristan Wilson	Doris Whitaker, and Alice
Kathy Parsley	<i>In military:</i>	Young and to Debbie Nobles
Tracy Parsley	Jon Bradshaw	in the loss of her mother.
James Patton	Brandon Haymon	
Russell Pierce	Talisha Hendley	
Ann Roberts	David Hernandez	

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**Norma Ridout**, Pianist

**Deryl Bishop**, Organist

## Food Ministry Report

**May 2015**

- 129 families
- 166 adults under 65
- 105 children under 18
- 32 adults 65 and older

Food distribution days are the second and fourth Fridays of each month from 10:00 to noon. in the FLC.

## Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

*Sunday morning*: live broadcast at 11:00 AM

*Weekdays*: Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM

Thanks to Joyce Scott, Shawnte Virdell, Jenny Powell, and Jeanagayle Behrens for recording radio spots for May.

June devotionals will be done by Susan Turk, James Mallow, Ida Owens, and Judy Mitzel. Ones for July will be by Karen Behrens, Maurice Mallow, Judy Oden, and Deryl Bishop.

Thank you so much to our church family for the prayers and support during Russell's surgery and as he continues to recover. The meals brought to us the week we got home were wonderful and such a great help. And a special thank you to Kevin for making the very early morning trips to San Angelo twice in one week to be with us. We are very grateful to all of you!

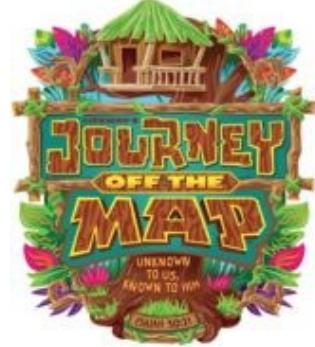
The Pierce Family

Congratulations to Austin Reeves and his team for placing 3rd at the UIL State Meet in Current Events. Austin placed 9th individually. Well done!

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!

And whenever you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear this command behind you:  
"This is the way. Walk in it."

**Isaiah 30:21**



Vacation Bible School  
July 12-16

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

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

Do you know Ann Roberts? She is one of our dear members who is now residing at Jubilee House. A long-time member of our church family, in past years she worked faithfully with the GA girls. She also served in the Sunday School office and was a member of the Grace Class. She would be blessed by a visit or card, just to let her know that we care and are praying for her. The mailing address is Jubilee House, 104 E. 5th St.

Your kind thoughts and sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you.  
We all enjoyed the ham and chicken. Thanks to the ladies who served and coordinated every step!

Nita Groves  
Family of Warren Groves