

First Baptist Church Newsletter

A lesson from an unlikely source

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Well, we are about done with the Plague of 2015. It wasn't as bad as the ten plagues God sent to the Egyptians, but it was bad enough. It came upon us suddenly, peaked, and as I write this, is beginning to taper off. If you haven't figured it out by now, I'm talking about the crickets.

I don't know where they all came from, or why there were so many, (I expect the good rains in early summer have something to do with it), but I know where I want them to go. Somewhere else, anywhere else. I am tired of them chirping, crawling, jumping and living. I want them all to die.

The garage here at church was absolutely full of them. We talked about killing them with poison, but then I remembered something from a previous (and worse) population explosion a few years ago. Dead crickets stink. They stink a lot. One dead cricket does not stink, but hundreds or thousands of them do. A dead mouse can stink up a room. A dead possum under the house (a family story I may share later) can run you out of the house. But a dead cricket doesn't stink. At least not one at a time, right?

Wrong. Small dead things stink. Don't kid yourself. And small sins stink just like big sins stink. We may not smell it, but others do. We may be able to ignore them, but others don't. God takes all sin seriously. And he says it stinks, that it offends Him. And those small sins have a way of stacking up and then causing a big stink, don't they?

Be careful how you live and what you think about sin. Most of us don't have "big sins" lurking and living in our lives. But what about our small sins, each one carrying death and the smell of death? Small sins matter. Either alone or as a group, they stink up our lives. No mercy—to the crickets or to our sins.

—Bro. Kevin

Mary Hill Davis Offering for State Missions, Week of Prayer, acts of kindness

The missions focus in September is Texas missions, which the Mary Hill Davis Offering supports.

The Week of Prayer is September 13-20.

Please make a gift, large or small, to this offering. Texas is a huge mission field, with many missions and ministries.

Also, consider doing a special act of kindness during the Week of Prayer. Here are some ideas:

- Write a "real letter" to someone who could use some extra attention. Or call them!
- Offer to pick up groceries for your neighbor.
- Take flowers to someone you know who is having a tough time.
- Cook a meal for someone.
- Read to a child at our preschool.
- Eat lunch with someone new.
- Donate time at Helping Hands.
- Forgive someone.
- Donate money or food to the Food Pantry, or help unload food on Thursday morning.
- Send a care package to a college student or someone in the military.
- Help someone with yard work.
- Give someone a book you think they would like.
- Visit someone you know at Brady West or Jubilee House.

Sunday night Bible study

Bro. Kevin is teaching a class on the book of Revelation on Sunday nights at 6:00. Come take an in-depth look at this challenging book—stretch your mind, your heart, and your imagination! A good group has been attending.

Gabe Rios coming in view of a call

The personnel committee will introduce Gabe Rios to the church on Sunday, September 27. He is coming in view of a call to be our youth/music minister.

Please be in prayer as the church considers this important step.

Thank you, personnel committee, for your diligence and patience in your search.

Welcome new members

By statement
Ned Cook
Melinda Cook
Gabriel Lingle

AWANA to begin Sept. 9

AWANA and children's mission organizations will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 5:30. All children from Pre-K through 5th grade are invited. A meal is provided for the children and workers each week.

Volunteers are still needed for these jobs:

- A co-teacher for Sparks (1st and 2nd grades) to work with Shelly Bean
- More helpers for T&T (3rd-5th grades)
- RA leaders and helpers (mission organization for boys)
- Pre-school teacher and helpers

Please sign up in the foyer or talk to RaNon ASAP if you can help.

Congratulations to Destani Roberts, who graduated in August from the Ranger College LVN nursing program. Well done, Destani!



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Godly Impressions Preschool's first day September 2

Our first day of Preschool will be Wednesday, September 2nd at 9:00a.m. We are very excited to welcome new and returning students!

The lesson theme for the month will be "Friends and Feelings". The children will be learning the color "blue", the shape of a "circle", the numbers "1, 2", and the letters "F, P, K". This is a great month to help the children learn and understand their different feelings and emotions. And it's a great time to make new friends!

On Monday, September 14th at 10:00a.m. the children will be hosting a special snack for their grandparents. This event is "Grapes for Grandparents", the grandparents are invited to come and eat grapes with the children. If anyone would like to donate grapes, you may leave them in the kitchen before Monday.

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

Note: This is Kim's last preschool article, as she has resigned as of August 31 to pursue a business venture with her parents. Thanks, Kim, for getting Godly Impressions Preschool off to a great start!

The Preschool Board of Directors is still accepting applications for the position of Preschool Director to take Kim's place. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact the church office.

Also, the Preschool is in need of substitute teachers and helpers. You can pick the age group you would like to substitute for. Please call the church if you would be willing to do this.

The Constitution and By-laws Committee proposes this amendment to the Church By-laws, to be voted on at the regular business meeting on Sunday, September 13, 2015.

Article VIII

Marriage and Human Sexuality

Marriage is a biblical institution established by God as described by Scripture. We believe that biblical marriage can only occur between one man and one woman. This church recognizes that marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. Accordingly, this church, its pastors, staff and members will not participate in same-sex unions or same-sex marriages or other same-sex celebrations, nor shall its property or resources be used for such purposes.

The Bible teaches that legitimate sexual relations are exercised solely within marriage. Hence, this church opposes all forms of sexual abuse and all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, extramarital behavior, homosexual behavior, and pornography.

September 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Welmann Bauer	2 Jamaica Villarreal Bryce Francis <i>1st day of pre-school</i>	3	4	5
6 <i>Deacons meeting</i>	7 Mackie Ranne Joyce Collier	8 Raymond Torres	9 <i>AWANA begins, 5:30</i>	10 Virgil Middleton	11 Joshua Torres <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	12
13 Melissa Burkhart <i>Business meeting, 5:30 before Bible study</i>	14 <i>Triple S, noon</i>	15 Jody McKay	16 Sue Tucker	17 Rodney Simmons	18	19
<i>Week of Prayer for Texas Missions and Mary Hill Davis Offering, Sept. 13-20</i>						
20	21	22 Serena Alexander Laurie Morton	23 Judy Oden	24 Gregory Torres	25 <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	26 Gracie Galindo Shelby Gothard
27	28 <i>Triple S. 5:30</i>	29	30			

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 AWANA, missions organizations
(begins 9-9)
- 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
(resumes 9-10)
- 9:45-12:00 Food Pantry: donated food brought from Walmart to the church

Greeters for September

- East Door
- Sept. 6 Carol and Randy Bedwell
- Sept. 13 Joyce Scott & Darlene Friar
- Sept. 20 Ed and Becky Weber
- Sept. 27 Maurice and James Mallow
- West Door: Youth

Food Ministry Report

August 2015

- 139 families
- 153 adults under 65
- 72 children under 18
- 40 adults 65 and older



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

The Food Pantry is now purchasing some food from the Concho Valley Regional Food Bank at a minimal cost. Donations to the Food Pantry are always welcome, as it is funded entirely by special gifts.

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

Sunday morning: live broadcast at 11:00 AM

Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM

Thanks to Bobbie Williams, Jeanagayle Behrens, Gwen Bush, Kay Holloway, and Jenny Powell for recording radio spots for August.

September devotionals will be done by Debbie Nobles, Gerald Nobles, Lynn Munden, and Kenneth Young .

Deacons on call in September

- George Matula
792-0430
- Jerry Caraway
792-8749

Pray without ceasing. . .

He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. —*Revelation 21:6*

- 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
 - AWANA and missions organizations
 - Personnel committee
 - Nominating committee
- Richard Aguirre
Serena Alexander
James and Mary Bates
Jerry Bean

- Jim Benson
David Bishop
Diane Bradshaw
Jerry Brown
Big John Campbell
April Carson
Pres. Jimmy Carter
Doris Collins
Sherry Cox
Carrie Currie
Fayrene Easley
Jack Faulkner
Holly Groves
Josh Hudson
Curtis and Genna Jennings
L.D. Land
Mary Beth Lewis
Janie Lowery
Mike Lowery

- Charles Miller
Louise Morrow
Tracy Parsley
James Patton
Bobbie Petty
Ann Roberts
Dale Sierman
Mike and Laurie Slone
Sue Steelhammer
Sherry Thomas
Barbara Tschirhart
Jack and Susan Turk
Tess Warren
Kristan Wilson
- 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 Willeen Dunning, Cleta Allen, Judy Gott, Jennifer Thomas, Richard Valdez, LaRue Samuelson, Ann Clark, Tim Garcia, Mildred Seward, and Mike Eastwood.

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Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

John 4:-13-14



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.

Thank you, James and Maurice Mallow, for hosting the summer fellowship in your backyard in August. It was great! May God bless you for your hospitality.

Thank you to the Sweet Hatalines of Brownwood for their show on August 18. We had a good audience for this fun time of Broadway show tunes, emceed by Minnie Pearl herself!

Thank you so much to our church family for the prayers and support during my brother's long struggle with cancer. He is at peace now and I am eternally grateful and blessed to have such a loving support group. Your kind words will always be remembered.

Oralia and Pete Barrera

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

Sherry Cox is one of our members who is not able to attend our services. She was a kind and loving caretaker for her mother, Louise Hammett, for many years. She has always been an encourager and witness to her neighbors. She does a weekly mail out to the homebound.

Please pray for Sherry as she is dealing with health issues at present.

Her phone number is 597-2103 and her address is 102B Willow St. in Brady. A phone call or cheery card would certainly be appreciated.

by Claudette Young