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## Dreamers in Kingdom work

by Dr. Kevin McDonald

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T. E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) said, "All men dream, but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds, wake in the day to find that it was vanity: but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act on their dreams with open eyes, to make them possible."

Lawrence gives new meaning and force to the word *daydreamer*, doesn't he? Lawrence knows that "those who dream at night" are not dreaming, they are wishing. And we must be clear about wishing: children wish; the mature among us dream. Wishes are weak and lack the energy needed to become reality; dreams have purpose, direction and power. If I am splitting hairs or being redundant, bear with me, for this is a hair I think needs to be split and a point that needs to be pressed. Paul said that when he became a man, he put childish things away. Wishing, to my mind, is childish and needs to be put away. Wishing looks at what we want but know we can't have. "I wish I was eighteen again," or "I wish I could lose 25 pounds." Saying "I wish..." is a preamble to what is **not** going to happen. But to dream – that is to invoke the future, to invite God. The Wright brothers dreamed of flight, Henry Ford dreamed of a nation on wheels, and John Kennedy dreamed of America going to the moon. Dreams are the seeds of reality, the seeds of the future. The Lord told Joel that one day the Spirit would be poured upon on all of God's people, and that they would prophesy, dream, or have visions. He did not say they would wish.

I want FBC to be a church of dreamers, a body of believers exercising their *sanctified imaginations*. To be Spirit-guided and Spirit-filled people who have decided not to settle for what is, but who insist we (can) discover what God can do - what can be, if we will reach out in the direction the Lord leads us. We have a small group of folks at FBC who have gathered to dream. To dream the dreams FBC needs to dream. We are not about wishing. If you would like to join us, feel free. We are a team, not a committee, so any and all are welcome. We need to hear your dream, to add it to our list of dreams. Dreams are the building blocks of reality, so bring us more blocks.

Let us be the dangerous men and women Lawrence spoke of, those "dreamers of the day". Let us dream, imagine, and ask "What if we...?" The Dream Team will meet January 17 at 5:00 to set the tone for 2016. Join us as we dream, as we prepare to join with God in discovering and creating our future.

—Bro. Kevin

## From Brady to Kaili Guizhou, China

Josh Collier thought he would be assigned somewhere in Western Europe for his summer mission with IGo Global, but he recently learned that he will be going to Kaili Guizhou, China! He will be leaving June 11, 2016, and will return home between July 5-7.

He will be part of an "Extreme Journey" team. They will be doing relational evangelism, prayer walking, and park ministry. They will also be participating in language classes in local schools and ministry all over the city. They will make friends and schedule

times to meet with them for conversation.

Thanks to everyone who helped with and attended the spaghetti lunch in December. The meal raised \$309.00, plus two large donations that day that brought the total to \$1009.00. Josh was able to make his first payment on the trip.

## December graduates

Congratulations to:

- Janis Groves, BA in Public and Media Communication from Howard Payne University
- Madison Jurrius, BA in General Studies from Texas Tech University

## Welcome new members

By statement

Gabe Rios

By letter

Jack Shelby

## FBC exceeds goal for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

I am so thankful for the great "Emphasis" on our Lottie Moon prayer for missionaries and the offering. Our goal was \$2000.00 and to date we have received \$2,778.00.

A very special "Thank You" to everyone who took part in our Missions Moment this month. Also RaNon Caraway was responsible for crafting our Christmas tree and decorations to remind everyone to give their offering.

It was a month of learning, praying and giving. Thank all of you for caring.

*Claudette Young,*

*Missions Prayer Chairman*

## News from LIBA

by Keith Simpson

Well, I hope and pray that you survived another Christmas, that you remembered the REAL reason for the season, and that you are looking forward to a New Year. 2016 will bring changes, whether we like it or not, as that always seems to be the case. A new year offers new challenges to our churches, and I hope and pray that you are prepared to reach the least, the last, the lost, and the lonely of this world, by whatever means you deem necessary.

Remember the Great Commission to go into all the world and make disciples of all peoples, and remember, we will give an account one day of everything we ever did, or didn't do, said or thought. Let us hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," and not "Depart from me, for I never knew you." Remember, our job is to BE THE CHURCH! Maybe every church needs to ask itself these three questions: What things are worth saving that we are doing in the church? What things are on life support in the church? And what things need to die in the church?

(Keith's article continues on page 2.)

## Youth News

Hello to all the Brady and surrounding area youth (grades 6th-12th) and to your parents! The purpose of this section of the FBC Newsletter is to let you know of upcoming events and the accomplishments of our youth. Kids are now allowed to begin arriving at the Family Life Center right after school on Wednesdays! We will open at 3:30pm so all kids, middle school and high school, are welcome to come and do homework, play in the gym, play outside, play games etc... Snacks will be provided until dinner. At 6:30pm we eat a great meal together and around 7pm we will head back to the youth room for worship and a lesson. Youth group ends at 8pm, so please make the proper arrangements to get home. PLEASE invite your friends from school to come join us.

Food is taken care of by Stephanie McKay, Matt Popnoe, Lynn Munden, Austin Reeves, Jeanagayle Behrens, and Jerlene Smith and we are very grateful! If anyone is interested in helping out with the youth or special events call or text Gabe @ [830-391-4367](tel:830-391-4367).

### Past Events

**\*Youth Room** - We have recently renovated our youth room. New paint, stage, and sound system, so come by and see how it looks.

**\*Christmas Party** – We had a great time at our first Christmas party on December 16<sup>th</sup>! We played some fun games, ate an amazing home cooked meal, and everyone who attended went home with a small Christmas gift. A total of 47 youth attended this Wednesday night. Special thanks to all the youth that invited a friend.

### Upcoming Events

**\*Sunday school** is ongoing every Sunday from 9:45 – 10:35am. The youth meet in the Family Life Center. We would like to have as many youth attend as possible. Youth Sunday School is currently taught by Francis Schmaltz and Charlie Elliott.

**\*January 6th - New youth night schedule starts**

**\*Youth Lock-In** – I have been asked about having a lock-in by a ton of kids. A date will be announced very soon.

**D-NOW retreat** - plans are in the works to have this retreat in the spring (early March) at our church. More information will be available soon.

**IMPORTANT** – If a Wednesday is not listed here as a special event or as “no youth,” we are having a regular youth night

If there are any concerns that you as students or parents may have please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your prayers and support.

*Gabe Rios, Minister of Youth and Music*

## News from Lake Ivie Baptist Association

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We have (as usual) several items coming up this month such as our regular, monthly breakfasts at the various locations. This is a great time of fellowship, networking, and food, and seems to be enjoyed by one and all that attend. Also, on January 11 (Monday) at 5:00 p.m., we will be having our Associational Meeting in Eden with Dr. David Hardage, Executive Director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, bringing our message that evening after the meal at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Hardage will bring us up to date of what is going on in the Baptist life across this great state, and what BGCT can do to facilitate the local churches. If you have not met Dr. Hardage, this would be a wonderful time to meet him and hear what the vision and goals are for the BGCT in 2016.

I am proud to announce that during the past few months, we have started two new churches with the help of the BGCT. These are Lighthouse Community Church in Winters, with Danny Martinez serving as pastor, and Coke County Cowboy Church, with Robert Lemmond serving as interim pastor as of now. We also had Millersview Baptist Church join our association at the Annual Meeting in October and they are actively involved in the work of the Association. Don Sessom serves as pastor at Millersview. We also want to welcome Ryan Buck to FBC, Mason as their new pastor. Welcome to one and all.

We are looking at several workshops/seminars for the upcoming year to keep our churches apprised of current events. There is a possibility of having some workshops on Vital Church, Autopsy of a Deceased Church, a workshop on Apologetics (defending the faith), and very possibly a Weekend to Remember, which is a video marriage seminar, which would start on Friday evening and conclude on Saturday. If you would like to see other topics presented, please let the office know, and we will see what we can do. We may also offer another Financial Workshop later in the year.

And lastly, I want to wish all of you a very Happy New Year. May God continue to guide your every thought and action as we strive to be the New Testament Churches that God intends us to be. Be blessed.

*Keith Simpson, LIBA Ministry Director*

# January 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Betty Daugherty Oralia Barrera	2 Stefanie McKay
3 Amelia Britteon <i>Deacons meeting</i>	4 <i>LIBA Brady breakfast, 8:30, El Flamingo</i>	5 Avery Virdell	6	7 Ann Roberts Kay Holloway	8 Jaelyn McKay <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	9
10 Terri Virdell <i>Business meeting, 5:30 before Bible study</i>	11 Damian Everett <i>Triple S, noon Associational meeting, Eden, 5:00</i>	12 Joanna Coston Weston Bauer	13 David Munden	14 Janis Groves	15	16
17 Joyce Hollingsworth <i>Dream Team meeting, 5:00</i>	18 Ida Owens	19	20	21 David Bishop Kathy Brandenberger Pat Matula	22 Marsha Gainer <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	23
24 Fayrene Easley Ashlee Shaw Sharon Poe 31 Doris Collins	25 Braden Kolb <i>Triple S. 5:30</i>	26	27	28 McKenna Brandenberger Albert Pearson, Jr.	29 Nadine Hinshaw	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  
3:30 FLC opens for all youth  
5:30 AWANA, missions organizations  
6:00 Adult prayer meeting  
6:30 Youth meal  
7:00-8:00 Youth worship and Bible study

### Thursday

9:30-11:00 Dorcas quilting ministry  
9:45-12:00 Food Pantry: donated food  
brought from Walmart to the Church

## Greeters for January

East Door

Jan. 3 Jackie Maxcey and Joyce Hollingsworth  
Jan. 10 Travis and Pat Gary  
Jan. 17 James and Maurice Mallow  
Jan. 24 Randy and Carol Bedwell  
Jan. 31 Joyce Collier and Josh Collier  
West Door: Youth

## Food Ministry Report

### December 2015

- 133 families
- 148 adults under 65
- 69 children under 18
- 40 adults 65 and older



Food distribution days for January are the 8th and the 22nd 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.

Thank you to everyone who contributed Christmas goodies to the Food Pantry Christmas receptions! We had an abundance of food—and live music, provided by Gabe, Norma, and Deryl. It was a festive time and much appreciated by our Food Pantry friends.

### Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

*Sunday morning:* live broadcast at 11:00 AM  
*Weekdays:* Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM

Thanks to Gwen Bush, Pat Matula, Kevin McDonald, and Maurice Mallow for recording radio spots in December.

January devotionals will be done by Becky Elliott, James Mallow, Jenny Powell, and Susan Turk.

### Deacons on call in January

James Mallow  
597-2373  
Rex Joslin  
286-4526

*Pray without ceasing. . .*

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.  
*Luke 2:52*

- 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

Richard Aguirre  
Jerry Bean  
Jackie Behrens  
Jim Benson  
David Bishop  
Kaleigh Bishop

Alton Bradshaw  
Diane Bradshaw  
April Carson  
Pres. Jimmy Carter  
Misty Chandler  
Sherry Cox  
Fayrene Easley  
Charlie Elliott  
Laurie Evans  
Holly Groves  
Linda Hendley  
Theda Henniger  
Josh Hudson  
Eva Little  
Curtis and Genna Jennings  
Mary Beth Lewis  
Janie Lowery  
Mike Lowery  
Louise Morrow

Carol Newport  
Tracy Parsley  
Bobbie Petty  
Max Schmidt  
Linda Seago  
Edith Slaughter  
Mike and Laurie Slone  
Sue Steelhammer  
Sherry Thomas  
Elia Tibbetts  
Barbara Tschirhart  
Jack and Susan Turk  
Tess Warren  
Kristan Wilson

*In military:*  
Jon Bradshaw  
Howard Brown  
Brandon Haymon

Talisha Hendley  
David Hernandez  
Jose Lopez  
Moses Marmolejo  
Concho Moore  
Brandon Pfannenstiel  
Jace Telford  
Jonathan Torres  
Alisha Slone  
Wes Stark  
Justin Williams  
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend sympathy to the families of Barbara Ray, Elmer Nelson, Lydia Harper, Maxine Boggs, and Dominga Perez.

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Being confident of this, that He Who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 1:6*



Thank you for your gifts of 56 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. You have brought great joy and love to many children. In the Concho Valley Area, 5,487 boxes were collected, a 7.8% increase from 2014.



*Fred Koehn  
OCC Area Coordinator  
San Angelo*

Dear First Baptist Church,  
Thanks for providing the ham for our lunch.

*Nelda Martin  
Family of Bryan Martin*

### Godly Impressions Preschool begins the new year

The lesson theme for the month will be "Going on a Safari". The children will be learning the color "yellow", the shape of a "oval", the numbers "9, & 10", and the letters "E,S and Z".

The Bible lesson for the month is based on "God is Everywhere" featuring Daniel in the Lion's Den. The Bible verse is "The Lord goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:8

Our Christmas program was awesome. Thanks for coming and watching. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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 Sabrena at 325-792-4675.

Thank you all for the prayers and support!

God bless,

*Sabrena Rushing, Assistant Preschool Director*