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Summer choices

by Dr. Kevin McDonald

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"Summertime, and the livin' is easy. Catfish are jumpin', and the cotton is high...."

That is a line from the classic musical *Porgy and Bess*. It has a lot of errors in it. Catfish don't jump (how could city-boy George Gershwin know that?), and the summer is a time of intense activity, not lying around. We have a lot going on over the summer. There is the mission trip to the Navajo reservation, the youth are going to Super Summer, summer camp, some will go to and work at Paisano Encampment, and then there is the recreation ministry at the park. There will then be a three day revival that will follow that effort.

I know that you have vacations to squeeze in, and for many, there are the sports and music camps that compete for the time, attention, and money of families. So-summertime is a busy time-of that there is no doubt.

I hope you will be sure to factor some non-negotiables into your summer schedule. Family time is of prime importance. So is rest and vacation. But don't neglect your spiritual life and the life of your church. I hope you will find a way to combine vacation and mission trips, spiritual rest and Kingdom work. Parents, you need to be making memories with your kids. Why not make ones that will have an eternal as well as a life-long impact on your kids? Go serve the Lord together on a mission trip. Go to a family Christian camp. Let your children see you put your faith to work. At the very least, get up on that Sunday you are on vacation and go to church. Participate in a different worship service. See that there are lots of believers out there, not just ones we see here every week. Learn that others may worship differently, but believe the same as we do. The same is true for the youth. You have a lot of groups and opportunities competing for your time this summer. Don't give it all to sports teams and other good and fun opportunities. You will live the vast majority of your life after you quit playing ball. What are you doing now to prepare yourself for a lifetime of serving Jesus?

Don't misunderstand me here. I'm all for vacations and extra-curricular activities. Just remember to incorporate your faith into them, and to above all, make your interests serve the Lord, not vice-versa.

Vacation is many things, but it is not a time to let your spiritual life be fallow. Rest is a serious pursuit. Scripture tells us to "do all things as to the Lord"-this includes how we use our leisure time. Have a great summer. Be sure to wear sun -screen, not Son-screen.

—Bro. Kevin

Rec Team Day Camp June 20-24

First Baptist Church will be hosting a weeklong day camp for all kids who have completed K-5th grade, June 20-24.

When: 9 am-12 noon Monday-Friday

Where: Richards Park

Admission: Free

The 2016 Traveling Rec Team from First Baptist Midland will be leading the camp, with help from our youth and other volunteers. (High school youth, 9th grade and up, will be in training for doing a Day Camp at Paisano in July.) The team will also lead a church-wide revival June 24-26. The Rec Team has three members:

- **Daniel Palacios**, from Kaufman, TX, is a senior at Howard Payne, majoring in practical theology. Daniel is involved on the BSM leadership team, chapel band, and has a worship internship at Coggin Ave. Baptist Church. The Lord has called him to full-time ministry. He will be leading a 3-night revival at our church on June 24, 25, and 26.
- **Aubrie Elliott** of Midland is a student at Howard College in Big Spring. Aubrie hopes to study veterinary medicine, but for now she says, "God has called me to be His representation anywhere and everywhere He sends me. . . . I am so excited to be able to spend time with and invest in the lives of children and youth this summer!"
- **Erin Roye** is also from Midland. She is studying kinesiology and psychology at the University of Texas at San Antonio and feels called to go into pediatric occupational therapy. Erin says, "I am excited to travel to each of the 8 cities this summer to have fun with the kids as well as hang out with the youth groups and excite them about the Word of God. My goal this summer is to lead people to Christ and have fun doing it. . . . I can't wait to see what God has planned for us in each city."

Recipes from the Heart will arrive in August

by Lynn Munden

The new FBC cookbook will be called "Recipes from the Heart". We have sold 79 cookbooks, and we received 334 recipes-yea, Ladies and Gentlemen!!!!

We ordered 200 books. We paid the cost of \$660.00 to get the cookbooks ordered, and we will send the rest of the money after we receive the books. We still have \$508.00 in the account, and at this point only owe \$862.20 (had to pay \$158.20 for shipping). Everything else is profit.

We all need to think of others (family, friends, community) who might want one. We should get a copy to proof sometime in July and will need help to accomplish this. After that, we should receive books in August!!! We will schedule a Tasting Party in late summer.

A big thank you to all who submitted recipes and bought and sold cookbooks!!

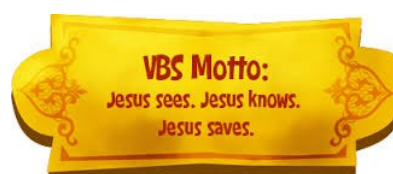
Vacation Bible School set for July 10-14

Attention, Brady kids from completed pre-K through 5th grade: Vacation Bible School is coming! Don't miss it! The theme is *Submerged*.



VBS will begin on Sunday, July 10, 5:30-8:00, and will finish on Thursday, July 14. Come and have fun with your friends as you learn about Jesus the Savior, do crafts, eat some new foods, play games, and learn some great songs.

Attention, all adults and youth at FBC: we need your help in all areas, including a director! Please sign up to help, one night or every night. It takes all of us to do VBS right!



More missions near and far

Redeemer Church has invited other churches in Brady to participate in the **Mission at Brady** June 3-5 and June 10-12. Projects include painting, window and siding installation, roof work, basic cleanup, food prep and meal service. Call Paden Behrens at 210-912-2138 or Phil Chavanne at 325-597-2602 to offer your help.

Josh Collier's mission trip to Kaili Guizhou, China, with iGo Global is scheduled for June 11-July 6.

McKenna Brandenberger is going on mission to Haiti June 21-28 with the Hands and Feet Project to help with construction, recreational, ministry, and in orphanages.

Marsha Gainer and **Lynn Munden** will join the Broadway Baptist Navajo Partnership on mission to Eagle Spring Baptist Church in New Mexico June 24-July 3.

Texas Mission of Mercy, providing free dental care to those in need, is set for July 9. Call Dr. Susan Joliff at 597-7441 FMI. We have been asked to provide snacks.



Keith's Konnections

by Keith Simpson, Ministry Director, Lake Ivie Baptist Association

By the time you receive this newsletter and article, I will have been in the position for two full years, and I am really looking forward to the next few years. I am so pleased to see our churches working for the Kingdom of God through various and sundry ways such as camps, VBS, revivals, evangelism events, and so on. We can never give up on the Great Commission nor the Great Commandment, but must, as Paul says, keep pressing onward to the prize that is before us. I have had the opportunity to fill the pulpit in several churches in the past two years, and I really enjoy doing such. I feel my primary role when I fill the pulpit is to challenge our churches to be more and do more, and to become the CHURCH, outside of the building in which we worship.

America is in a crisis, our churches are in crises, and our families are in crises and the only answer is through prayer. I want to encourage our churches to pray more than ever in these uncertain times. God still hears and answers prayers. If we lose hope in prayer, we have lost our purpose in life. II Chronicles 7:14 says, "If MY people, which are called by MY name, shall humble THEMSELVES, and PRAY, and seek MY face, and turn from THEIR wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive THEIR sin, and will heal their land." (KJV) This pretty well sums up the fact that part of the reason America is in the mess that it is, is because WE as Christians have stood by and let these things happen over the last 50-60 years. In 1966, prayer was taken out of school because one woman, Madelyn Murray O'Hare protested it, and Christians stood by and let it happen. In 1973, in the Roe v Wade case before the Supreme Court abortion was instituted and Christians stood by and let it happen. You could name several other laws and policies that have been enacted that are certainly contrary to the laws of God. We must choose to either follow God's word, or to follow the ways of the world. If we choose to follow God's laws, then we can certainly expect resistance and maybe even some persecution. James says in chapter 5, verse 16, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (KJV) Prayer is NOT our last resort, it should be our first course of action.

And speaking of prayer, I feel like it is important to pray for your church members, for you pastor and leaders within the church, for your community, for our state and for our nation. I am not particularly pleased when I hear someone say, What America needs is revival. I disagree with this to say that what America needs is for Christians to be revived. We, as Christians, across denominational lines, have become apathetic and complacent in our beliefs. It is time to take a stand. God will not listen to our prayers UNTIL WE repent and ask for forgiveness for the sins that we have allowed to happen.

OK, I will quit preaching for a while now. I realize that summertime is a busy time for all of us, as we will start having camps, VBS, and going on vacations for the summer. My schedule is already getting full with filling the pulpit while pastors take some much-needed time of to be with their families. And speaking of needing time with our families, I will be out of the office from the 16 th of June through the 30 th of June for some vacation time after two years on the job. Please keep others in prayers as we all travel this summer. Speaking of others, have you ever wondered how many times in Scriptures it mentions ONE ANOTHER? Pray for ONE ANOTHER, bear ONE ANOTHER'S burdens, be kindly affectioned ONE TO ANOTHER, love ONE ANOTHER, FORBEARING ONE ANOTHER, be kind ONE TO ANOTHER, and so on. We, as Christians, are the only ones praying for other Christians. We need to do a good job of it. Be blessed this summer.

July 11-19 First Baptist Church, Eden will be going on a Mission Trip to Mexico. This trip is open to all churches for \$100.00 per person. If you have any donations, clothes, rice, beans etc. Please contact the LIBA office or FBC, Eden.

Youth News

by Gabe Rios, Minister of Youth and Music

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.

Wednesday night youth activities will continue through the summer except for June 1 and July 6. At 6:30pm we eat a great meal together and around 7pm we 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 and 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, Jerlene Smith and Alicia Williams 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

Seniors - Congratulations to our seniors Carson, Austin, Faith, and Jessica. We are proud of you and wish you all the best!

Youth Sunday - This was a great success on May 22 as kids ran every aspect of the service, from slideshows to music and prayers to the offering and greeting. It was great to see all the young people involved!

Fajita plate fundraiser - Thank you to all that helped this event be a great success for our youth wanting to go to camp! 23 kids showed up Sunday morning to help prepare and serve plates. They raised over \$1100! Thank you for supporting us.

Mr. Brady Middle School - This was a fun event featuring some of the 8th grade boys from our youth group. They were funny and entertaining and did a great job!

Ping-Pong – A small group of us have been playing ping-pong on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm. If you like to play please come out and join us and invite a friend.

Sunday Night Hoops - every Sunday night starting at 8 the gym is open to high school age and above, to come fellowship and play some basketball. We have been averaging 15-20 a Sunday and would love to have you! Occasionally we will also play during the week on a Tuesday or Thursday at 7pm. Text Gabe to get updates on when the gym will be open.

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 Sharon McDonald.

June 1st - no youth, off one week for summer.

Day camp sponsored by FBC Midland June 19th-24th

We will need as many youth kids to help with this at Richards Park from 9am to noon. Other activities will be planned for the youth that help throughout the week!

Movie Night - June 29th

Summer Camp - July 3rd-8th is the week we will be attending summer camp at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Camp. It is open to current 6th – 12th grade students. Sammy Lopez will be the speaker and the Nick Gainey Band will lead worship. This will be a blast and it would be great to take as many students as possible. Please get your forms turned in as soon as you can to secure your spot.

July 6th - no youth

August 5th - lock-in

August 10th - movie night

There will be other activities and outings scheduled throughout the summer. Youth will be notified in advance.

Game Room – We would like to turn the upstairs space above the gym into a game room and hang out area for the youth. To make it more functional we would like to lay carpet squares up top and build some cool stylish furniture. We would also like to add some video game consoles and small tvs for kids to enjoy. If you can help or would like to help in any way please contact Gabe so that we can get this vision off of the ground. This will hopefully be a summer project the kids can participate in.

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.

God bless,

Gabe Rios, Youth Minister

Summer Missions

Please pray, give, and go!

The Mission at Brady June 3-5 and June 10-12



Josh Collier, Kaili Guizhou, China, June 11-July 7



Paisano Baptist Encampment, July 24-29: Charlie and Becky Elliott and our high school youth will be providing a Day Camp for 125 children at Family Camp.

The Great Commission
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.
Matthew 28:19-20 NIV



Rec Team Day Camp, Richards Park, Brady, June 20-24

McKenna Brandenberger, Haiti, June 21-28

Vacation Bible School, FBC Brady, July 10-14



Texas Mission of Mercy, providing free dental care to those in need, July 9



Navajo Mission: Marsha Gainer and Lynn Munden, Eagle Spring Baptist Church, New Mexico, June 24-July 3

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
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 June and July

East Door	
June 5	Jim and Betty Smith
June 12	Jackie Maxcey and Joyce Hollingsworth
June 19	Darlene Friar and Lois Patton
June 26	Joyce Collier
July 3	Joyce Scott and Darlene Friar
July 10	Terry and Shelly Bean
July 17	Pete and Oralia Barrera
July 24	Welman and Becky Bauer
July 31	Virgil and Glenda Middleton

Birth Announcement

Liam James D. Shaw
 Born April 28 at Abilene Regional Hospital
 5 lb, 18 1/2 in
 Parents: Jonah and Ashlee Shaw
 Grandparents: Rick and Rhonda Aguirre, Ray and Karen Henicke



Golden Wedding Anniversary

Everyone is invited to the 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration for Jim and Betty Smith, June 25, from 2:00-4:00 (come and go) in the Family Life Center.
 Jim and Betty were married on June 26, 1966, in First Baptist Church, Brady.



Congratulations to more of our 2016 graduates

William Collier (son of Susan Miller, grandson of Joyce and Larry Collier) graduated from Brady High School on May 27.
Crockett Jurrius (son of Lisa Remini, grandson of Jim and Norma Ridout) received his Master's in Accounting from TCU on May 6.
Gregory Torres (son of Raymond and Linda Torres) graduated from Texas A&M School of Law on May 21.
Laura Nazarenus (granddaughter of Bill and Wanda Burns) received her BS in health at the University of Texas at Austin on May 21.



June 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 George Matula Pacey McKay <i>No youth meeting today</i>	2 Amanda Huckins Linsey Woodard	3 Tony Vinson Alesha Slone David Taylor	4
5 <i>Deacons meeting</i>	6 Kathryn Bishop	7	8 Karson Munden Keith Pierce	9 Whitney Gainer Karen Behrens	10 Laurie Slone Sharon Poe <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	11 Terry Bean
12 <i>Father's Day Business meeting, 6:00</i>	13 Addyson Wilton <i>Triple S, noon</i>	14 Shirley Nelson	15	16 Marvin Tucker	17	18 Dorothy Reeves
19 Casey Poe Jason Behrens	20 Bill Butts	21	22 Joyce Scott	23 Denise Owens	24 <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	25 Cynthia Reeves
Day Camp at Richards Park, led by FBC Midland, June 20-24, revival June 24-26						
McKenna's mission trip to Haiti, June 21-28						
26 Daniel Gainer Louis Reyes	27 <i>Triple S, 5:30</i>	28	29 <i>Youth movie night</i> Jill Gossett James Bingham Mason Garner	30		
Navajo Mission Trip, June 24-July 3						

July 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Christy Everett Misty Urban	2 Jo Haynes Zenida Paradise
3 <i>Deacons meeting</i>	4 Amy Pearson	5 Wanda Cude	6 Georgina Partin Brandon Hayman Gage Behrens <i>No youth meeting</i>	7	8 Anita Doyal Nate Bernal <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	9 <i>Texas Mission of Mercy dental clinic</i>
Youth Summer Camp, Mt. Lebanon Baptist Camp, July 3-8						
10 <i>Business meeting, 6:00</i>	11 <i>Triple S, noon</i>	12 Linda Torres Pete Barrera	13 Claudette Young	14 Payton Brandenberger Betty Sutton	15 Frieda Chew Joey Partin	16 Wynona Adams Becky Lohn
VBS, July 10-14						
17	18 Andrea Adame	19	20	21	22 Velma Hendley <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	23 Billy Raybion Janet Guthrie
24 Anthony Castillo	25 Billy Jack Harper <i>Triple S, 5:30</i>	26 Gary Bishop	27	28 Alexa Bean	29 Kaysen Alonzo	30 Becky Bauer
Paisano Family Camp, July 24-29						
31 Jaysen Owens						

Pray without ceasing. . .

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father. . . encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. *2 Thessalonians 2:16a-17*

- 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
- Summer missions

Joseph Aguirre
 Louise Baker
 Dr. Alton Bishop
 Misty Chandler
 Tammy Child
 Joyce Collier
 Sherry Cox
 Isla Dodds

Fayrene Easley
 Jacque Elliott
 Tina Feemster
 Mary Sue Fields
 Frankie Fore
 Faith Gray
 Chuck Green
 Holly Groves
 Roy Guthrie
 Theda Henniger
 Eva Little
 Curtis and Genna Jennings
 Leroy Keese
 Bill Johnson
 Mary Beth Lewis
 Peggy Lohn
 Mike Lowery
 Maurice Mallow
 Evelyn Martin
 John McFall

Betty McMillan
 Cliff and Angel Mills
 Louise Morrow
 Tracy Parsley
 Diane Peavy
 Bobby Petty
 Dorothy Reeves
 Edith Slaughter
 Mike and Laurie Slone
 Sherry Thomas
 Sissy Trevino
 Jack and Susan Turk
 Jack B. Waide
 Tess Warren
 Kristan Wilson
 Kenneth Young

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 Howard Brown

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

We extend sympathy to the families of Gene Nelson and Jerry Simpson

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

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Be knit together by strong ties of love.
Colossians 2:2

Food Ministry Report

May 2016

- 133 families
- 170 adults
- 60 children under 18
- 39 adults over 65



Food distribution days for the next two months are June 10 and 24 and July 8 and 22.

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

Sunday morning: live broadcast at 11:00 AM

Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM

Thanks to Joyce Hollingsworth, Kay Holloway, Jerry Caraway, Becky Elliott, and Jeanagayle Behrens for recording radio spots in May.

June devotionals will be done by Kevin McDonald, Becky Martin, Rod Young, and Bobbie Williams. July devotionals will be done by James Mallow, Lynn Munden, Susan Turk, and Joyce Collier.

Melanie Cook has graciously volunteered to do Children’s Church for the summer. She will begin in June. Thank you, Melanie, for your servant heart.

Position open: Godly Impressions is hiring a preschool director. Applicant must be able to pass an FBI background check and must have 2 years experience in childcare and/or a CDA. Applications may be picked up at the church.

Godly Impressions Preschool finished the school year with a program and graduation ceremony for the 9 graduates on May 25. Kim Coleman, whose last official day as director is May 31, was thanked for her loving service to the children and parents. The Dorcas Quilting Ministry presented quilts to each of the 9 graduates. The day care will be open all summer. Substitute teachers are needed. Requirements are a high school diploma or GED and passing a background check.



I would like to thank Susan Turk and Lynn Munden for giving Ashlee a baby shower. I would also like to thank everyone for coming and blessing Ashlee and Jonah with all the wonderful gifts for Liam. We had a wonderful time. I’m so grateful and thankful to each one of you! God has truly blessed me with such a loving church family. Thank you, Rhonda Aguirre