



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pray and do

by Dr. Kevin McDonald

What do I write about for this newsletter? Do I write about the Manchester concert bombing - the latest atrocity to slink across the world stage? Do I comment on culture's continuing Kamikaze dive into oblivion as we eradicate the (biblical) notion of gender and where identity comes from? Do I ignore the big picture and give you a news update on how important is for this church that you attend the 4 X four training event June 11th, or do I remind you that Mission at Brady will be the first and second weekends of June? And don't forget our biggest missions/evangelism effort of the year, VBS. To what and where and whom do I guide your attention? Who gets the spotlight?

And what difference will this article make to the one-to-two hundred people who may or may not read it? I hope (that's all I can do) that one of these topics will touch your heart in a way that cannot be ignored. That the Holy Spirit will guide you to act in a world-changing way.

That might be to pray for Muslims. To pray they will abandon Islam and turn to the love of God and Jesus. Or you could study what the Bible says about who we are and how God expects us to express our humanity, and be able to give cogent, biblical answers to the social issues of our day. How about you cancel your busy Sunday appointments and spend the afternoon of June 11th learning how to share that Jesus you love so much with the people you love so much? Perhaps you'll participate in fixing up someone's house, or God will speak to you about serving cookies and telling a Bible story to kids at VBS.

Praying and doing. OUR praying and doing. Both often seem so small in a world that needs big answers to big problems. The big fix, the one-size-fits-all solution of God's love has to be applied to millions of hearts every day by millions of Christians. You have heard of death by a thousand cuts? That's our world. Millions and millions of hurts every day. The cure is millions and millions of band-aids on those wounds: fixing a house, clothing a naked body, feeding a hungry soul; each of us praying and doing what we can, our little contribution, our small act of love and compassion.

Do not be in awe at the evil and suffering of this world. Be in awe that it has been overcome by love and sacrifice, and that you are able to be a part of that ultimate victory. Pray and do.

—Bro. Kevin



The time has come for the Mission at Brady 2017! Work will be done during the weekends of June 3-4 and June 10-11 to make much-needed repairs to a number of homes in Brady.

All kinds of help is needed: prayer support, financial support, on-the-job workers, and support personnel. Please use your God-given gifts to contribute in some way to this multi-church mission effort.

Rod Young is in charge of the repairs to one of the houses. Please contact him in person or at 456-1175 if you can be on this team. You can also simply show up on Saturday, June 3, at 8:00 at Willie Washington Park on E. 11th St., behind Helping Hands and you will be given a job.

Lynn Munden is in charge of getting water and snacks to teams at 4 of the houses during those two weekends. To volunteer to help with that part, talk to Lynn or call or text her at 456-9029.

Congratulations, 2017 Graduates!

- *High school*
Weston Bauer
McKenna Brandenberger
Josh Collier
Brandon Childress
- *College*
Bracken Bean
Master of Theology
Howard Payne University

Jaysen Owens
B.A. in Commercial Music
South Plains College

Samuel Torres
Bachelor of Education
Tarleton State University
- *Godly Impressions Preschool*
Braelyn Brandenberger
Hadley Iedeza
Jordan Asbill
Braylon Hagan
Leia Jones
Raylee Keyser
Jacqueline Martin



Vacation Bible School will be July 9-13, 5:30-8:00 PM, for preschool through 5th grade. Let's pack the house with children!

Sign-up sheets are in the west entry. Thanks to everyone who has already volunteered! We still need helpers in each grade level, as well as someone to manage the children's snack time.

Call Melanie Couvillion, VBS director, at 325-716-5514, if you have any questions or concerns.

For a missions project, instead of cash donations, the children will be asked to bring canned meats or peanut butter for the Food Pantry ministry.

Day Camp in the Park

for children 1st-6th grades M-F July 17-21. The Rec Team from FBC Midland—3 young men— will be here from July 16-23 to lead this great camp at Richards Park. Some of our youth will serve as counselors-in-training and will meet with the Rec Team in the afternoons. The camp is from 9:00-noon. On Sunday the 23rd the kids from the camp will be invited to sing in the morning service, and they and their families will join us for lunch.



4XFour Training/Presentation
Sunday, June 11
2:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

4Xfourchallenge



Youth news

by Gabe Rios, Youth Minister

Hello to all the Brady and surrounding area youth (grades 6th-12th) and to your parents! The purpose of this section of the FBCB Newsletter is to let you know of upcoming events and the accomplishments of our youth.

Recurring events:

*Sunday Night Hoops - every Sunday night starting at 7:30pm the gym will be open to high school age and up, to come fellowship and play some basketball. We have been averaging 20-25 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.

School Activities - Congrats to all the kids that participated in football, cross country, basketball, baseball, tennis, track, power lifting, softball, and golf this year! Y'all killed it!

Our Fajita Fundraiser was a big success raising \$1600 dollars for kids to go to camp! The youth did an awesome job! Also a big thanks to the adults that helped with cooking and preparing the food: Toney Urban, Brad Woodard, Victoria Norrell, and Kristina Rodriguez.

Upcoming Summer Events

The Mission at Brady - first two weekends in June. All are welcome to sign up and help at one of the job sites in town over the two weekends!

Firework Stand - our youth will be running the firework stand as a fundraiser June 26th-July 4th! Any adults that would like to help out are welcome as well.

Summer camp - Mt. Lebanon July 2nd-7th. FORMS for summer camp are available and registration is online. Registration closes very soon so sign up ASAP.

VBS - July 9th-13th If any youth are interested in helping teachers with some the classes or some of the different stations, please sign up at the church or contact Gabe.

Rec Team Day camp - location will be Richards Park July 16th-21st. Camp will be for kinder-5th grade BUT the youth kids will help run all stations and classes under the direction of this year's rec team from First Baptist Midland.

Paisano encampment - July 23rd-28th. For those in High school only that participated in the day camp.

IMPORTANT – 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

Food Ministry Report

May 2017

- Families: 99
- Adults: 135
- Children: 50
- Adults over 65: 18



Food distribution day for the next two months are June 9 and July 14 from 9:00-12:00. All volunteers are welcome and needed.

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

Sunday morning: live broadcast at 11:00 AM

Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM

June and July devotionals will be done by Amy Pearson, Al Pearson, Pat Matula, George Matula, Bro. Kevin, Janis Groves, Bobbie Ann Williams, Norma Ridout, and Becky Bauer. Thank you!

Weekly Events

Sunday

- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:50 AM Morning Worship
- 6:00 Bible study
- 7:30 Sunday Night Hoops, FLC

Monday

- 4:00 Prayer meeting at Mary Ballew's
- 6:30 CWJC, Building Men for Christ

Wednesday

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Presbyterian Church
- 6:00 Adult prayer meeting

Thursday

- 9:45-12:00 Food Pantry: donated food brought from Walmart to the church
- 2:00-3:30 Dorcas quilting ministry

Greeters for June

- June 4 Debbie Nobles
- June 11 David and Lynn Munden
- June 18 Joyce Hollingsworth and Jackie Maxcey
- June 25 Farion and Laurie Morton

Deacons on call in June

- Ed Weber 325-475-3471
- Bobby Williams 597-7573, cell 456-4735

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

Goal has been exceeded

Our goal: \$2000

Our giving YTD: \$2498.62

Mary's Bible Study has become a prayer group for this summer, with emphasis on praying for our nation, our church, and our community. We will pray for the needs of our people listed on the prayer list and the prayer calendar. Join us at 4:00 PM each Monday at the home of Mary Ballew, 2215 Calf Creek Rd. Come and be knit together in love and prayer. The group is open to all.

June 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>The Mission at Brady: June 3-4 and June 10-11</i>				1 George Matula Pacey McKay	2 Amanda Huckins Linsey Woodard Lisa Collier	3 Tony Vinson Alesha Slone <i>The Mission at Brady</i>
4 <i>The Mission at Brady</i>	5	6 Kathryn Bishop	7	8 Karson Munden Keith Pierce	9 Whitney Gainer Karen Behrens <i>Food Pantry</i>	10 Laurie Slone Sharon Poe <i>The Mission at Brady</i>
<i>Houston HS Workcamp here, Paisano Mission Work Trip, June 4-11</i>					<i>food distribution, 9:00-12:00</i>	
11 Terry Bean <i>Father's Day</i> <i>Deacons meeting</i> <i>4xFour training</i> <i>The Mission at Brady</i>	12 <i>Triple S, noon</i>	13 Addyson Wilton	14 Shirley Nelson	15	16 Marvin Tucker	17
18 <i>Business meeting</i>	19 Casey Poe Jason Behrens	20 Bill Butts	21	22 Joyce Scott	23 Denise Owens	24
25 Cynthia Reeves	26 Daniel Gainer Louis Reyes <i>Triple S, 5:30</i>	27	28	29 Jill Gossett James Bingham Mason Garner	30	
			<i>Youth fireworks stand, June 26-July 4</i>			

July 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Christy Everett Misty Urban
2 Jo Haynes Zenida Paradise <i>Deacons meeting</i>	3	4 Amy Pearson	5 Wanda Cude	6 Georgina Partin Brandon Hayman Gage Behrens	7	8 Nate Bernal
<i>Youth fireworks stand, June 26-July 4</i>			<i>Youth Camp at Mt. Lebanon Encampment, July 2-7</i>			
9 <i>Business meeting, 6:00</i>	10 <i>Triple S, noon</i>	11	12 Linda Torres Pete Barrera	13 Claudette Young	14 <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-12:00</i> Payton Brandenberger Betty Sutton	15 Frieda Chew Joey Partin
<i>Vacation Bible School, July 9-13, 5:30-8:00 PM</i>						
16 Becky Lohn	17	18 Andrea Adame	19	20	21	22 Velma Hendley
<i>Day Camp at Richards Park, July 17-21</i>						
23 Billy Raybion Janet Guthrie	24 Anthony Castillo <i>Triple S, 5:30</i>	25 Billy Jack Harper	26 Gary Bishop	27	28 Alexa Bean	29 Kaysen Alonzo
<i>Family Camp at Paisano Encampment</i>						
30 Becky Bauer	31 Jaysen Owens					

Pray without ceasing. . .

[The Lord says,] “Enlarge the place of your tent, Stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; Lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. . . “ *Isaiah 54:2*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 2017 FBC missions near and far, including Betty Smith to the Navajo, McKenna Brandenberger to Uganda, and Faith Bean as a Super Summer intern • BMS trip to Washington, D.C, | Joseph Aguirre
B.J. Anderson
Don Ash
Louise Baker
David Bishop
Frances Caraway
Melanie Couvillion
Sherry Cox
Susan Davenport
Fayrene Easley
Marilyn Evans
Daltyn Farris
Darlene Friar
Linda Granberry
Holly Groves
Tony Groves
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Charles and Jerry Jordan
Janie Lowery
Mike Lowery
Becky Martin
Gary Matula | Betty McMillan
Carol Newport
Brian and Judy Owen
Gwen Ragsdale
Dillon Roberts
Michael & Tazee Shedd
Starr Sims
Edith Slaughter
Joe Solis
Tinsley Thompson
Jackson Tijerina
Jane Tomlinson
Sue Tucker
Jack and Susan Turk
Mackie Jo Walters
Tess Warren
Kay Dawn Wilson
J.R. Winston
Claudette Young
<i>In military:</i>
Jon Bradshaw
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
Daniel Virdell
Justin Williams
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend sympathy to the families of Latricia Doyal, Aneta Doyal, and Pete Lopez (Pete Barrera’s brother-in-law). |
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The newsletter is available on the church website: fbcbrady.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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Be knit together by strong ties of love.



VBS Scripture: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for him.

Colossians 1:15-16

News from Godly Impressions Preschool
by Holly Stewart, director

We have successfully completed another school year at Godly Impressions Preschool. Our end-of-the-year program and graduation ceremony was great fun. A big thank you to the Dorcas Quilters for the amazing quilts given to each graduate. Also a huge shout out to Susan Turk for helping with all the decorations for the program and celebration.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire board of directors for their tireless efforts and abounding support throughout this school year. Our successes would not have been possible without them! Thank you Susan, Carol Bedwell, Ida Owens, Shelly Bean, Victoria Norrell, Cynthia Reeves and Kevin McDonald.

The day care portion of our program will remain open throughout the summer months providing child care for working parents. Be proud that the First Baptist Church is the only full-time state licensed day care in McCulloch County. Way to go, church!

In His Service,
Holly Stewart, director



Thank you to everyone who helped with and attended the LIBA Spring Ladies Luncheon on May 6. Special thanks to the Millersview Gospel Band, the missions representatives from our church who did the program, the Flower Committee who decorated Fellowship Hall, the Hospitality Committee who prepared and served the delicious meal, and to all who made the great desserts.

Also, thank you to my church family who have surrounded me with love, prayer, and help after my fall. I have been sidelined for a while but am doing well, and I praise God for His healing and care. Thank you to everyone who has called me, visited me, texted me, sent a card, ran an errand, or brought food. (This looks to be about a 10-pound recovery!) Scott and I have been touched by the outpouring of love. I pray God’s blessing on all of you.

Love in Christ,
Becky Martin