

First Baptist Church Newsletter

Stop the abuse

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There is a professional golfer named Erik Compton who has had three hearts. He is on his second transplant. Nathan Bedford Forrest was a Confederate general who had twenty nine horses shot out from under him in battle. Zsa Zsa Gabor had nine husbands, beating Elizabeth Taylor by one (or two, depending on how you count Richard Burton).

Some people are just hard on stuff aren't they? Some folks just abuse things. They don't care about them, so they just use something until it breaks, either get another one or do without. Then there are those who just don't get it. They slam on the brakes, close doors with a little too much authority, and treat the dishes and glasses as if they were made of iron. They are not uncaring, they just lack a soft touch with things.

Either way, things get broken. The first group says "So what?" and doesn't care that their abuse broke something, while the second group just says "They don't make 'em like they used to," and keeps on slamming stuff around.

Quite frankly, there is no excuse for not caring or not knowing when things get damaged, is there? And if we believe it is wrong to abuse or destroy the things entrusted to us, how bad is it to treat people poorly? Now I think I know where you think I'm going with this line of thought, but I think you are wrong.

One of the people we treat the worst is the one whose skin we wear. We give mercy, forgiveness, love, and hope to others. We are generous with our praise; we ignore or tolerate the intentional and accidental abuse of others: OUR love covers a multitude of sins-the sins of others toward us.

And yet: we often struggle with being forgiven. We do not know how to accept the same grace, mercy and love we so willingly give to others.

This kind of self- abuse is intolerable. It is unbiblical, it is unjustifiable, and it is ultimately, idolatry. Your sins are not greater than the work of Jesus Christ. Your sins are not immune to the blood of the Lamb. Your sins cannot cancel God's grace. Your sins cannot overwhelm God's mercy. If they can, your sins are greater than God. In that way of thinking, God is not God: you have given your past power that only God has, and your past sins are now your master.

So stop the abuse. Stop abusing your heart, your soul, your very self. Jesus said for us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Those words were meant to remind us that God loves THEM as much as He loves us. Sometimes we need to be reminded that God loves ME as much as He loves everyone else.

So give your heart a break. That's what broken hearts need the most, isn't it?
—Bro. Kevin

Experiencing God study nearing completion

The 13-week Experiencing God study will be completed this month. The study is held at church on Sunday nights at 6:00 and again on Tuesday nights at 7:00 for those who cannot attend on Sunday.

Welcome new members

By statement
Ron Francis
Suzanne Francis
Baylee Francis
Bryce Francis
Awaiting baptism
Jaelyn McKay

Bracken Bean to be ordained to Gospel ministry

Bracken Bean, son of Terry and Shelly Bean and a student at Howard Payne University, will be ordained to the Gospel ministry on Sunday, October 5, at 4:00 at Rochelle Baptist Church, where he serves as youth minister.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this special event in Bracken's life of service to the Lord.

Joshua Collier, Faith Bean accepted for iGo Global mission

Josh Collier and Faith Bean have been accepted by the mission organization iGo Global for a mission trip to Spain next summer.

Josh participated in this trip this past summer. Next year will be Faith's first trip.

Please pray for these two young people as they serve the Lord. If you feel led to help finance their trips, donations may be made through the church.

Bro. Banda ministry

Ed Weber is collecting donations for the Frank Banda ministry in Eagle Pass. Clothing, household items, and staple foods (beans, rice, canned fruits and vegetables) are used in Bro. Banda's work with the poor in Eagle Pass.

Ed will be taking a load of donations the first or second week of November.

Please bring your donated items to the men's Sunday School room at the east end of the Sunday School wing.

Godly Impressions Preschool to host spaghetti lunch

by Kim Coleman

Sunday, October 26th, the First Baptist Church Preschool will be having a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. The meal will be served right after church service. The meal will be for donation only. Please come and help support this wonderful ministry of the First Baptist Church.

For the month of October the children will be learning about "Weather All Around Us", the letters "U", "N", "C", the numbers "2", and "12" the color "orange" and the shape of a "rectangle".

The Bible lesson for the month is "God Asks Me to Be Brave" featuring the story "Esther Saves the People." Our monthly Bible verse is "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32

We celebrated the week of Homecoming by having a daily theme for dress-up. On Monday, we all wore camouflage, on Tuesday, we wore Silly Socks, on Wednesday we will wear our Class Colors, on Thursday we will dress up as cowboys and cowgirls, and of course on Friday we will wear our black and gold.

On October 10th, Melissa Regeon will be here to take fall pictures of all the children. We are so excited about the cooler weather and the change in the weather; it goes along great with our lesson this month.

Thank you all for the prayers and support!
God bless,
Kim Coleman

Deacon nominations

Deacons are now taking nominations for new Deacons. Forms are available for these nominations. Please complete a nomination form and give it to Bobby Williams, chairman of the deacons, or turn it in to the church office.

Seven Realities of Experiencing God

1. God is always at work around you.
2. God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.
3. God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.
4. God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.
5. God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.
6. You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.
7. You come to know God by experience as you obey Him, and He accomplishes His work through you.

Youth events: come and get involved!

- On Wednesday October 29th the youth will be having a Halloween party! Bring friends and be prepared to have a terrific time!
- The youth will be going to a concert in Abilene to see the Newsboys and others Thursday October 30th! It is free, so be sure to bring friends and be ready to have a great time!
- *Fields of Faith* is coming up on October 8. Don't miss this life-changing event!
- Come and join us on Sunday mornings! Sunday school starts at 10:00am. We are going through 1 John as a group sharing what God reveals to us personally in order to help each other grow in our walk with Christ!
- Also come join us on Wednesday nights! Junior high service starts at 5:45 and the senior high service starts at 7:15.
- 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 this 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

AWANA, mission groups off to great start

Wednesday nights are "hopping" once again at FBC as over 75 children and adult teachers and helpers gather for Awana and mission groups. Thanks to all the volunteers, both new and returning. Without you this important children's work could not happen!



Officers and Committees, 2014-2015 (October 1-Sept. 30)

Church clerk: Glenda Middleton Treasurer: RaNon Caraway
Parliamentarian: Becky Martin Trustees: Susan Turk (chair), Jim Smith, George Matula
Hostesses: Susan Turk, Lynn Munden LIBA Board member: Charlie Elliott
Missions Prayer Coordinator: Claudette Young

(Note: the first person listed for each committee is the chair. The pastor is an Ex-Officio member of each committee.)

1. **Hospitality:** Kathy Brandenberger, Bobbie Williams, Pete Barrera, Stefani McKay, Jerry Caraway, Jeanagayle Behrens; Susan Turk and Lynn Munden, Church Hostesses, Ex-Officio
2. **Constitution and By-laws:** Doris Collins, Ed Weber, Bobby Williams; Becky Martin, Parliamentarian, Ex-Officio
3. **Finance/Budget/Stewardship:** Gerald Nobles, Judy Mitzel, Jim Smith; RaNon Caraway, Treasurer, Ex-Officio; Susan Turk, Chair of Trustees, Ex-Officio
4. **Missions/Outreach:** Bobbie Williams, Sharon McDonald, Debbie Nobles, Ida Owens; Claudette Young, Missions Prayer Coordinator, Ex-Officio
5. **Music:** Norma Ridout, Jody McKay, Janet Guthrie, Payton Brandenberger, Jerry Caraway, RaNon Caraway, Becky Weber; Tyler Cooper, Music Minister, Ex-Officio
6. **Nominating:** Pat Matula, Doris Collins, Kathy Brandenberger, Joyce Hollingsworth, Nelda Martin, Claudette Young; Bobby Williams and George Matula, Deacon representatives
7. **Nursery:** Oralia Barrera, David Munden, Kim Howard
8. **Personnel:** Lynn Munden, Brad Woodard, Jackie Behrens, Bobby Williams, Gerald Nobles, Oralia Barrera, Norma Ridout, Jackie Maxcey, Becky Bauer
9. **Properties and Services:** Jackie Maxcey, Kenneth Young, Ronnie Holloway, Bobby Williams, Roy Guthrie, Charlie Bush
10. **Youth and Recreation:** Becky Bauer, Destani Roberts, Payton Brandenberger, Wellman Bauer, Shelly Bean, Terry Bean; Jack Wells, Youth Minister, Ex-Officio
11. **Public Relations:** Joyce Hollingsworth, Oralia Barrera, Jeanagayle Behrens, Betty Smith, Joyce Collier, Ida Owens
12. **Flowers:** Cynthia Reeves, Jackie Maxcey, Gwen Bush

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to serve on a committee this year! "Yes, I'll do that!" is a wonderful response to an opportunity to serve!

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Erica Gerstenburger, Austin Paradise <i>Dobson simulcast, 6:30-8:00</i>	3 Wendy Clark	4
5 Bracken Bean's ordination, 4:00, Rochelle Baptist <i>Experiencing God study, 6:00</i>	6	7	8 Alysa Lacy Doris Whitaker <i>Fields of Faith</i>	9 Susan Turk Brad Woodard	10 Samuel Torres Kaitlyn Everett Walker Bauer <i>Food Distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	11 <i>Erica's baby shower, 10:00-11:30, FLC</i>
12 <i>Experiencing God study, 6:00</i>	13 Elmer Nelson <i>Triple S lunch, noon, Fellowship Hall</i>	14	15 Jack Turk Logan Harper	16	17 Nelda Martin	18 Kameron Roberts
19 Benjamin Galindo Caleb Galindo <i>Experiencing God study, 6:00</i>	20 Patsy Finley	21 Travis Gary Becky Weber	22 Hillary Najera	23	24 <i>Food Distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	25 Jamie Taylor Dana Walker Helen Pierce
26 Bill Johnson Opal Smyrl Judy Mitzel <i>Spaghetti dinner fundraiser for pre-school, noon</i>	27 Howle Maddux <i>Triple S meal and game night, 6:00</i>	28 Lovie Nowlin Dillon Roberts	29 Geneva Joslin Susan Lohn <i>Youth Halloween party</i>	30 <i>Youth trip to Abilene concert</i>	31 Gary Mitzel	

Weekly Events

Sunday	
9:45 AM	Sunday School
10:50 AM	Morning Worship
6:00 PM	Experiencing God study
Monday	
4:00 PM	Ladies Bible study home of Mary Ballew
6:30 PM	CWJC, Building Men for Christ
Tuesday	
7:00 PM	Experiencing God
Wednesday	
7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast Presbyterian Church
5:30 to 7:15	AWANA, mission groups
5:45	Middle School Youth group
7:15	High School Youth group
6:00	Adult Prayer meeting/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 October	
	East Door
October 5	Joyce Hollingsworth & Velma Hendley
October 12	Charlie and Gwen Bush
October 19	Lisa Remini and Linda Torres
October 26	Joyce and Josh Collier
	West Door: Youth

Deacons on call for October
Kenneth Young 597-2485
Rex Joslin 286-4526

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM
Sunday morning: live broadcast at 11:00 AM
Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM
Thanks to Rod Young, Pat Matula, Joyce Scott, James Mallow, and Kevin McDonald for recording radio spots for September.
October devotionals will be done by Gerald Nobles, Debbie Nobles, Maurice Mallow, and Betty Smith.

**Mary Hill Davis
Offering for Texas
Mission**
Giving to date:
\$1000.00
Church goal:
\$2000.00

Food Ministry Report

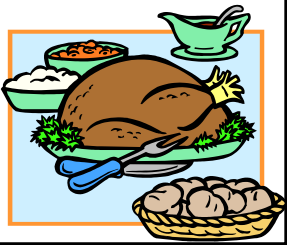
September 2014

- 114 families
- 179 adults under 65
- 75 children under 18
- 61 adults 65 and older

October food distribution will be Friday, October 10, and Friday, October 24, from 10:00 to noon. 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.



**FBC Thanksgiving
dinner**
Sunday, November 9
Immediately following morning worship.
Please plan to bring two side dishes.



Pray without ceasing. . .

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."
—John 14:23, NIV

- Experiencing God study
 - 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
- Richard Aguirre
Mary Ballew
Maggie Behrens
David Bishop
Joyce Blackwell
Michelle Bradshaw
Marcus Burell
Chris Burkhart

- April Carson
Sue Crow
Dayton Dennard
Fayrene Easley
Terri Lee Edwards
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Robert Kibbe
George Kohl and wife
Mike Lowery
Moses Marmolejo
Louise Morrow
Carol Newport
Paul and Connie Nix
Kathy Parsley
Tracy Parsley
James Patton
Jon Randles
Ann Roberts
Harry Sellers

- Mike and Laurie Slone
Opal Smyrl
Jim Spurgin
Jennifer Thomas
Jack Threadgill
Jack and Susan Turk
Richard Valdez
Tess Warren
Bob and Jana Watts
Chelsea Watts
Billy and Doris Whitaker
Lilly Williams
Kristan Wilson
Wes Woodard
Alice Young
- In military:*
Daryl Booth
Jon Bradshaw

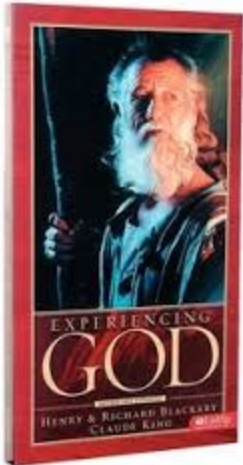
- Brandon Haymon
Talisha Hendley
David Hernandez
Jose Lopez
Concho Moore
Jace Telford
Jonathan Torres
Alisha Slone
Wes Stark
Justin Williams
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend sympathy to the families of Mike Caldwell, Bill Boswell, and James Allen Williams.

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In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.
Romans 12:5, NIV



BUILDING A FAMILY LEGACY
SIMULCAST
OCTOBER 1-5
2014

Building a Family Legacy
In this simulcast featuring the new film “Your Legacy,” Dr. James Dobson examines the legacy that was set before him, and in the process gives insight on what is most important in leaving our own legacies.
Thursday, October 2
6:30-8:00pm
First Baptist Church
Childcare provided
Cost: Free

First Baptist Church,
Thank you so much for the cookie platter. We greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Brady High School faculty

Please join us for a
brunch baby shower
in honor of
Ty and Erica (Reeves) Gerstenberger
Saturday, October 11, 2014
10:00-11:30
Family Life Center