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Embracing change

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Often the preacher is tasked, not with change, but with preservation. I believe that many members think “changing the church” means that the preacher’s job is to change only the things (and people) that they don’t like, and to leave everything else alone. That is most church people’s understanding of “change” in the church.

Change has come to FBC. Not *is* coming, but *has* come. And not the kind of change I just wrote about. Real change.

We have a new youth and music director. His name is Gabe Rios, and he is exactly who we have been looking and waiting for, for a long time. The first thing I want you to know about Gabe is this: he has NOT been tasked with preserving *anything* in the worship hour, or making *anyone* happy. Gabe has been given the task of leading us into new expressions and forms of worship. With his help, we are going to explore the world of worship, not to continue to camp out on the little spot we have occupied for several decades. He is a *minister*, guiding us in the living worship of the living God, not a historian or the head of a musical museum.

I know how much we love the old music, but I wonder – is God tired of it? If not, why does He keep inspiring musicians and composers to explore their hearts and their craft to produce new songs of praise, century after century? I know that John tells us not to change Scripture in Rev. 22:18-19, and I know that since about the year 405 the canon of Scripture has been closed; but nowhere in the Bible is the canon of worship and music closed. Except in our hearts and minds, that is.

Change. Sometimes it comes upon us unexpectedly, like a wildfire: consuming everything we know, leaving us with nothing but ashes and memories of how it used to be. Sometimes change creeps up on us with the speed of a glacier, certainly not catching us by surprise, but still leaving us devastated as it slowly and surely bulldozes the landscape of our lives in ways that will never be undone.

I have seen Yellowstone before and after the wildfires burned off all the dead wood and underbrush. It came alive with new plants and animals. The fire consumed only what was already dead, and dead for a long time. It allowed the park to come to life in ways not seen for decades. Life leapt from the ashes of the old Yellowstone. I have climbed through the glacial moraines of the Tetons, amazed at what beauty the power of a glacier can leave behind as it carves a new path through the mountains.

Saul of Tarsus had a hard time with change, change being defined as Jesus Christ, the Savior. I love Jesus’ words to him in Acts 26:14. “... it is hard for you to kick against the goads.” He soon saw things God’s way, and went where God was going. That’s where we’re going. I hope you come along with us, and not waste your time on the goads.

—Bro. Kevin

God at work

- A women’s Bible study group is meeting at Eagle Spring Baptist Church in New Mexico, where our mission team ministered this summer. They are using a Beth Moore study provided by donations from our church. A church in Angel Fire, NM, has provided a TV. Eight women have been meeting.
- Someone from our congregation recently visited with a woman who had participated in our Christian Women’s Job Corps. This woman

said the classes had been a life-changing event for her and her family.

• **Fields of Faith** will take place in Brownwood on Oct.. 14. Pray for God to work in the lives of the teenagers who will attend. Donations for pizza and other expenses may be given to Terry Bean, FCA sponsor at Brady High School and Brady Middle School.



Gabe Rios called as Minister of Youth and Music

The church voted on Sunday, September 27, to call Gabe Rios as Minister of Youth and Music.

Gabe is a 2012 graduate of Texas Lutheran University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Church Music. Since graduation Gabe has served as Worship/Youth Pastor, planning and coordinating youth activities, camps, and mission trips. He has also led worship services and coordinated music for Vacation Bible Schools and Christmas cantatas.

Gabe plays piano, keyboard, and guitar and sings, but most of all, the Personnel Committee feels he has a passion for kids and music. Gabe feels his strength is in his ability to build relationships with kids and lead them to Christ.

Gabe comes to us from a church in San Antonio. His first Sunday will be November 1.

Welcome, Gabe!

And thank you, Personnel Committee, for your diligent, prayerful work over the last several months. Serving on this committee were Lynn Munden, Brad Woodard, Jackie Behrens, Bobby Williams, Gerald Nobles, Oralia Barrera, Norma Ridout, Jackie Maxcey, and Becky Bauer.

Welcome new members

By statement

Charles Ramsey

Carole Ramsey

Francis Schmaltz



And welcome home, Jim and Betty Smith, Charlie and Becky Elliott, and Bobbie Williams!



Thanks to all who are working in AWANA and mission organizations. Wednesday nights are off to a good start!

Please contact the church office if you could help with Cubbies (preschoolers) or Sparks (1st and 2nd grades.)

Godly Impressions Preschool welcomes new staff members

We would like everyone to welcome Sabrena Rushing, who is now the Assistant Director. Kim Coleman is still the Director while Sabrena works on getting all of her credentials. The Preschool Board has also hired Kayla Swenson, Kiliah Jolly, and Konay Price. Please help us to give these ladies a warm welcome!

The lesson theme for the month will be "In the Orchard". The children will be learning the color "green", the shape of a "rectangle", the numbers "3, 4", and the letters "A, O, R".

The Bible lesson for the month is based on "A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing" and "The Fruit of the Spirit." The Bible verse is "A tree is known by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad." Matthew 12:33

If you would like to donate snacks or juice, we would appreciate them. 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,
Kim Coleman

Church committees for 2015-2016 (The first person listed is the chair. Bro. Kevin is an ex-officio member of each committee.)

1. **Hospitality:** Stefani McKay, Church Hostesses Susan Turk and Lynn Munden (ex-officio), Wanda Burns, Jerry Caraway, Jeanagayle Behrens, Pete Barrera, Kay Holloway
2. **Constitution and By-laws:** Bobby Williams, Doris Collins, Mabel Jones, Parliamentarian Becky Martin (ex-officio)
3. **Finance-Budget-Stewardship:** Gerald Nobles, Jim Smith, Rod Young, Church Treasurer RaNon Caraway (ex-officio), Chair of Trustees George Matula (ex-officio)
4. **Missions/Outreach:** Becky Martin, Debbie Nobles, Ida Owens, Marsha Gainer, Missions Prayer Coordinator Claudette Young (ex-officio)
5. **Music:** Lynn Munden, Janet Guthrie, RaNon Caraway, Becky Weber, James Mallow, Minister of Music Gabe Rios (ex-officio)
- 5b. **Technology Subcommittee:** Jerry Caraway, Terry Bean, Bobbie Williams, Judye Oden
6. **Nominating:** Pat Matula, Joyce Hollingsworth, Nelda Martin, Claudette Young, RaNon Caraway, Bobbie Williams, deacon Bobby Williams, deacon George Matula
7. **Nursery:** Oralia Barrera, Cynthia Reeves, Shawnte Virdell
8. **Personnel:** Lynn Munden (also music chair), Brad Woodard, Jackie Behrens, Becky Bauer, deacon and finance chair Gerald Nobles, nursery chair Oralia Barrera, properties and services chair Ronnie Holloway, youth and recreation chair Shelly Bean
9. **Properties and Services:** Ronnie Holloway, Bobby Williams, Roy Guthrie, Charlie Bush, Daniel Virdell, Ed Weber
10. **Youth and Recreation:** Shelly Bean, Carson Brandenberger, Wellman Bauer, Terry Bean, Sharon McDonald, Charlie Elliott, Youth Minister Gabe Rios (ex-officio)
11. **Public Relations:** Joyce Hollingsworth, Betty Smith, Joyce Collier, Ida Owens, Joyce Scott, Lindsey Woodard
12. **Flowers:** Jackie Maxcey, Gwen Bush, Nelda Martin

Thank you to the 2014-2015 Nominating Committee for your hours of work and attention to the details!

Pat Matula (Chair), Bobby Williams, George Matula, Doris Collins, Kathy Brandenberger, Joyce Hollingsworth, Nelda Martin, and Claudette Young.

October 2015

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|--|--------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| | | | | 1 | 2 Erica Gersten- burger Austin Paradise | 3 Wendy Clark |
| 4 <i>Deacons meeting</i> | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Alysa Lacy | 9 Susan Turk Brad Woodard <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00 -12:00</i> | 10 Samuel Torres Kaitlyn Everett Walker Bauer |
| 11 <i>Business meeting, 5:30 before Bible study</i> | 12 <i>Triple S, noon</i> | 13 Elmer Nelson | 14 <i>Fields of Faith, Brownwood</i> | 15 Jack Turk Logan Harper | 16 Bryan Martin | 17 Nelda Martin |
| 18 Loreta Hiller Kameron Roberts | 19 Benjamin Galindo Caleb Galindo | 20 | 21 Travis Gary Becky Weber | 22 Hillary Najera | 23 <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00 -12:00</i> | 24 |
| 25 Helen Pierce <i>Mission Committee meeting, noon</i> | 26 Bill Johnson Judy Mitzel <i>Triple S. 5:30</i> | 27 Howle Maddux | 28 Dillon Roberts | 29 Geneva Joslin Susan Lohn | 30 | 31 Gary Mitzel |
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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
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

9:45-12:00 Food Pantry: donated food
brought from Walmart to the
church

Greeters for October
East Door
Oct. 4 Joyce Collier and Josh Collier
Oct. 11 Glenda and Virgil Middleton
Oct. 18 Betty and Jim Smith
Oct. 25 Brad and Lindsey Woodard
West Door: Youth


Food Ministry Report

September 2015

- 140 families
- 124 adults under 65
- 65 children under 18
- 46 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 purchases 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 Debbie Nobles, Gerald Nobles, Lynn Munden, and Kenneth Young for recording radio spots for September.

October devotionals will be done by Jeanagayle Behrens, Tim Owens, Cynthia Reeves, and Claudette Young.

Deacons on call in October
Kenneth Young
597-2485
Virgil Middleton
597-2629

Pray without
ceasing. . .

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;
the old has gone, the new has come!
2 Corinthians 5:17

- 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
 - AWANA and missions organizations
- 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
Betty Guthrie
Holly Groves
Charity Harper
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
J.R. Stewart
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 Gail Lohn, Novella Roberts, Berry Crudg-
ington, George Teague, Leon
McBee, and Alan McNeely.

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church website: fbcbrady.org. It
can also be sent to your email ad-
dress each month; just send your
address to Becky Martin:
becky@scottmartin.net.

He put a new song in
my mouth,
A hymn of praise to
our God.
Many will see and
fear
And put their trust in
the Lord.

Psalms 40:3



October 14, 2015,
in Brownwood

★ I am TEXAS Missions
MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING*

Our giving to date: \$2666.86

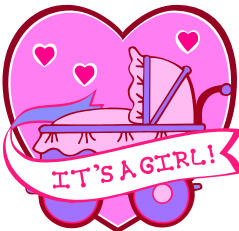


Dear Church Family,
Thank you to everyone for
your help, gifts, and prayers. I
thank God every day for my
apartment and for all of you.
Love in Christ,
Janie Lowry

Thank you, church hostesses and
the Hospitality Committee, for
the great Tailgate Party! Thanks
to Susan, Lynn, Bobbie, Pete,
Kathy, Stefani, Jerry, Jeanagayle,
and everyone else who planned,
cooked, helped, and cleaned
up—and to Kenneth and Bro.
Kevin for the pickup! And the
fire truck!

Operation Christmas
Child boxes are available
in the west hallway. Dead-
line for returning them is
November 15. Be a bless-
ing to a child this Christ-
mas!

FMI go to
www.samaritanspurse.org



Birth Announcement

Mia Kinley Alonzo
Born September 2, 2015,
in Fredericksburg
21 inches, 7 lb 10 oz
Parents: Kristin and Reno Alonzo
Big brother: Kaysen Alonzo
Grandparents: Tim and Ida Owens
and Rose Morquecho

Congratulations to all!