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## Get out from under the porch!

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July 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 11th is known as “the dog days of summer.” I always thought it was called that because the dogs went to live under the porch until it cooled off. The phrase is actually a reference to the fact that the sun and Sirius, often referred to as the “Dog Star,” are in the same part of the sky this time of year. The ancient Romans believed Sirius gave off heat adding to the heat.

Well, the heat hasn’t driven us under the front porch. The youth have had a full summer, with VBS, youth camp, Super Summer, joining FBC Midland’s recreation team, the Navajo mission trip and serving as workers at Paisano. Alexa just got back from Thailand, and Faith and Josh just got back from Spain. These young men and women are proving to be leaders of today, not waiting for tomorrow.

VBS was a great success, thanks the leadership of Shawnte and Joanne, and the awesome servanthood of our teachers and support staff. We had a great VBS. At the silent retreat hosted by Brad and Linsey, the Lord spoke clearly to those who went, and we all say “thank you” again for the hospitality and generosity of our hosts.

So I think we can safely say that the dog days of summer have not kept FBC Brady under the porch. The Great Commission was engaged all summer long, as we went and either made disciples, or were made into better disciples.

And now, if I may quote Jesus—“but one thing you lack”. Our (your) giving *has* gone and hid under the porch. Summer is hard on lots of things—the land, animals, air conditioners—but it is especially hard on church budgets. We are either going to have to buy a color copier and start printing our own hundred dollar bills, or you are going to have to start parting with a few more of your own. I hope it will be the latter, as the former guarantees our tax-exempt status will be revoked.

That you have given much this summer is undeniable. God knows and smiles, and will bless the work done in His name. But get your wallets and check books out from under the porch too. It ain’t that hot.

—Bro. Kevin

## Staff changes

**Tyler Cooper**, FBC Minister of Music, has resigned to take a position as band director at Jayton ISD. He graduated from HPU in December 2014. Thanks, Tyler, for your service to the Lord at FBC!

**Gary Tapley** is serving as interim while the Personnel Committee continues its search for someone for this position. Gary’s leadership and special music have already been a blessing.

**Kim Coleman**, director of Godly Impressions Preschool, will be leaving us at the end of the summer to pursue a business venture with her parents. She has done a wonderful job with our preschool and we wish her well.

The preschool position has not been filled. Anyone interested should contact the church office as soon as possible.

## Welcome new member

Janie Lowry (July 26)



### Sportsman Expo Saturday, August 8, 2015 Wells Fargo Pavilion San Angelo, TX

Sponsored by the West Texas Men of Courage  
Speaker: Andy Peterson (Lion attack survivor)

Doors open at 3:00pm — Tickets \$25.00

Ticket includes Ribeye Steak Meal

Silent and Live Auctions and Gun Drawings  
at 4:30 and 5:30pm

Men and Boys 7 years and up

Purchase tickets @ Barbed Wire and Roses  
(in Sunset Mall)

or Grogan’s Farm & Ranch (3744 Summer Crest Drive)

FMI contact [wtxmenofcourage@gmail.com](mailto:wtxmenofcourage@gmail.com)

[www.wtxmenofcourage.com](http://www.wtxmenofcourage.com)

Justin Jetton 325-374-1547

Casey Alexander 325-895-0650

## “Sweet Hatalines” to present program

The “Sweet Hatalines” from the Vintage Rose Red Hat Society in Brownwood will present a program in Fellowship Hall at 2:00 on August 18.

This light-hearted group includes Loreta Hiller, former member of FBC. They perform Broadway show tunes.

Everyone is welcome for this fun afternoon. Refreshments will be provided by the Grace Class after the show.

Invite a friend and come and enjoy the music and fellowship!

*Be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.*  
—Ephesians 6:18b

Mildred Seward is one of our very dear shut-ins. Having been a member of our church for many, many years, she served as one of our nursery workers as long as she was physically able. She loved and nurtured many little babies and toddlers at First Baptist. She is one of the most humble, loving, and caring persons that I know. She resides at Brady West. The address is Brady West, P.O. Box 551, Brady, attention Mildred Seward. You will be blessed if you choose to visit with her. She always has a sweet smile and kind words for her visitors.

*By Claudette Young*

**Godly Impressions Preschool and Child Care Fun for Food/Silent Auction** on June 7 raised over \$5000.00. We want to say a big “Thank you” of each one of you who took part in this worthy cause. We are so fortunate to have this ministry as a part of our church. We have touched many children’s lives with the stories of Jesus and helped to teach them Godly principles.

Thank you again for your help and the support of another ministry of First Baptist Church.

*From the board members: Susan Turk (Chair), Shelly Bean, Cynthia Reeves, RaNon Caraway, Kevin McDonald.*

## Youth News

As the newsletter goes out, Jack and the youth group are serving at Paisano Baptist Encampment. Please pray for them as they end their work there and head home.

## Godly Impressions Preschool prepares for new year

We are so excited to be gearing up to start another Preschool Year! Our first day of preschool will be Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and we currently have only one spot left for a three/four year old. This puts our total at 49 children, which we believe to be fantastic! Our preschool teachers are Ms. Mary Ann Wilton, Ms. Jennifer Roberts, and Ms. Krissy Morton. Ms. Marisol Bucholz and Ms. Nichole Roque are the teachers for the two year old class, and Ms. Jennifer Roberts and Ms. Andrea Torrez are the teachers in the one year old class. In our Infant Room, the teachers are Ms. Haylie Deans, Ms. April Kaskus, Ms. Staci Norvell, and Ms. Cayla Elliston.

There will be a "Meet the Teacher" event on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. This is a great opportunity for the parents and the children to visit the preschool, see their classroom, and meet their teacher. The teachers and I are extremely excited to see where the Lord leads us this next school year with this wonderful ministry.

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 me at 325-792-6529.

Thank you all for the prayers and support! God bless—*Kim Coleman, Preschool Director*

## Summer missions reports

### Eagle Spring, New Mexico —by Marsha Gainer

*Note: FBC volunteers on this trip were Carson and McKenna Brandenburger, Josh Collier, Marsha Gainer, Kevin McDonald, Lynn Munden, Jenny Powell, Dillon Roberts, Betty Smith, and Jack Wells.*

The Navajo mission trip was a wonderful experience full of opportunities to share the love of Christ. The Navajo people were warm, gracious, and appreciative. We were up close and personal with children and adults. We learned about their culture and their desire to serve Jesus. The VBS children were adorable, totally involved, and knowledgeable. We were able to explain sin and the need for a Savior and take it to a deeper level of understanding.

For me, the most inspiring sight was the women who came to Lynn's class. There were so many who just wanted deeper Bible study and an understanding of the role of women in the church.

It was such an amazing honor to work with Jenny Powell and our young people. They worked so hard and they had such dedication to the children.

I hope I get to go back. I will treasure this memory forever.

### Follow-up mission effort —by Lynn Munden

As a result of our mission trip in June, the Navajo Ladies are wanting to start a Bible study. Lorraine, who is the preacher's wife, asked if we might provide a DVD player for them. Their church will purchase the TV. They will be using Bible studies that we have in our church library and then send them back to us. If you would like to help buy them a DVD player and purchase the books for the Bible study, please make checks out to FBC Brady and note that it is for the Navajo Ladies Group. I feel pretty sure there were some of the ladies who were not Christians just by the response I got when we talked about salvation. This Bible study would be a way to bring them to know the Lord, not to mention provide a way for the ladies to fellowship together.

Thank you in advance for your contribution.

### Thailand —by Alexa Bean

My trip to Thailand was incredible! Thank you all so much for helping Sarah and I get there. We taught English classes at an elementary school most days, and at night we stayed at the orphanage to play with the little girls there. We got to share the gospel many times at the orphanage.

We also met and encouraged some believers that were there in Thailand already spreading the good news. Sarah and I got to share our testimonies while we were at the school, and they were all very excited to learn that there were lots of Americans (mainly Texans) that were praying for them and that want them to succeed.

Thank you again for all of your help. Please continue to pray for the people of Thailand and that God will help reach this amazing country.

### Madrid, Spain—by Faith Bean and Josh Collier

*From Faith:* Madrid was nothing like what I expected, but even more than I hoped for. Sharing God's love with lost people and making new friends will be something I'll always remember! Thanks for all the prayers and support. *From Josh:* So this past week I have seen God work in mysterious and extraordinary ways. Perhaps the best story from the week would have to be how some of my friends got the opportunity to share the Gospel with a young North African woman named Diana. They first met her at a small bakery where she worked and every day that week they would go to this bakery and talk to her. They became almost immediate friends and through that relationship they got the opportunity to share. Diana was extremely interested in what my friends Brooke, Holly, and Emily had to say, and though she didn't come to be a Christian, we were able to plant that seed. God will nurture that and eventually lead her back to Him. —*Psalms 96:3*

### Brady, Texas: VBS—by Shawnte Virdell

This year's VBS was a huge success! We had 81 children registered with our biggest nightly attendance totaling 71. The kids enjoyed making various crafts including walking sticks, binoculars, and journals just to name a few. They also enjoyed learning the songs Journey Off the Map, Jesus is Our Guide, Follow, The Way, and Stay On Track. To stay with our theme of Journey off the Map the kids were treated to creative foods like Ants on a Log, Bugs in a Blanket, and Butterfly Cupcakes. We also had 2 girls that were interested in becoming missionaries and we hope to help them reach that goal. All around I would say this year's VBS was a huge success and we look forward to next year!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 <i>Deacons meeting</i>	3	4 Destani Roberts	5 Tess Warren	6 Carl Max Bran- denberger Melody Huckins Hannah Bishop	7 Charlie Douglas Jacob Jeffreys	8 <i>Sportsman Expo, San Angelo</i>
9 Glenda Middleton <i>Business meeting, 5:30 before Bible study</i>	10 Kingston Virdell <i>Triple S, noon</i>	11 Kirk Vinson	12	13	14 <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	15
16 <i>Church-wide fel- lowship after Bible study</i>	17	18 Alma Davis Jessica Medrano <i>Sweet Hatalines program, 2:00</i>	19	20	21 Jefferey Davis Tony Groves	22 Matthew Paradise
23 Gene Nelson	24 <i>Triple S. 5:30</i>	25 Jackie Harper Scott Martin	26	27	28 Matthew Ruiz <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 10:00-12:00</i>	29 Kaleigh Bishop
30	31 Emily Moreno					

### 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  
5:45 Middle School Youth group  
7:15 High School Youth group  
6:00 Adult prayer meeting

**Thursday**  
9:30-11:00 Dorcas quilting ministry (*on break until September*)  
9:45-12:00 Food Pantry: donated food brought from Walmart to the church

**Greeters for August**  
East Door  
August 2 Travis and Pat Gary  
August 9 Robert and Cynthia Reeves  
August 16 Joyce Hollingsworth and Velma Hendley  
August 23 Jackie Maxcey and Judy Oden  
August 30 Tim and Ida Owens  
West Door: Youth

### Food Ministry Report

**June 2015**

- 136 families
- 160 adults under 65
- 82 children under 18
- 35 adults 65 and older

**July 2015**

- 156 families
- 193 adult under 65
- 88 children under 18
- 35 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 is now purchasing 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 Susan Turk, James Mallow, Ida Owens, Judy Mitzel, Karen Behrens, Maurice Mallow, Judy Oden, and Deryl Bishop for recording radio spots for June and July.

August devotionals will be done by Bobbie Williams, Jeanagayle Behrens, Gwen Bush, Kay Holloway, and Jenny Powell.

### Deacons on call in August

Gerald Nobles  
597-1869  
Bobby Williams  
597-7573

Pray without  
ceasing. . .

For God, Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.  
*2 Corinthians 4:6*

- 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
  - Personnel committee
  - Nominating committee
- Richard Aguirre  
Serena Alexander  
James and Mary Bates  
Jim Benson  
David Bishop  
Diane Bradshaw

Jerry Brown  
Big John Campbell  
April Carson  
Doris Collins  
Sherry Cox  
Carrie Currie  
Fayrene Easley  
Jack Faulkner  
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  
Shannon Rader  
Ann Roberts  
Mildred Seward  
Mike and Laurie Slone  
Sherry Thomas  
Barbara Tschirhart  
Jack and Susan Turk  
Richard Valdez  
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 Paul and Connie Nix, David Taylor, Sonnie Davenport, Sue McAnelly, Lloyd Harris, Walter “Skip” Kiklowicz, Frances Bingham, and Kathy Parsley

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For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.  
Ephesians 5:8-10



Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for the meal you provided for my family following Mother’s memorial service. The “comfort food” and time to visit helped us all.  
Thank you too for all the phone calls, cards, and visits. Your prayers and support over the last couple of years meant so much to me.  
I love you all.  
In Christ,  
Becky Martin  
Family of Alice Young

Tess Warren will be in Fort Worth the next few weeks receiving treatment for a serious infection in her leg.  
Her address is:  
Tess Warren  
Kindred SW LTAC  
7800 Oakmont Blvd.  
Fort Worth, TX 76132

Please send her a card or note! Tess’s birthday is August 5.

Your kind thoughts and sympathy will always be remembered.  
Thank you.  
The sandwiches were great!  
The Family of David Taylor

Dear Friends,  
It was truly an honor and a privilege to have filled the pulpit at FBC Brady these past two Sundays. Thank you for the opportunity to share God’s Word and offer a challenge to the church. May God continue to bless you all.  
Keith Simpson  
Lake Ivie Baptist Association

The Dorcas quilters have finished quilting a quilt they began in June 2014! This is not a fast project! This one will be given to an individual in Van, TX, who was affected by the tornado there in May. We will have the quilt on display in the sanctuary before we mail it off.  
The quilters will now take a break until September!