



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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newsletter
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My Grandpa's flag

by Dr. Kevin McDonald

In my office there is a picture of an American flag. The picture is in black and white, and was taken in about 1916. The flag is made up of thousands of sailors, and was taken from an airplane. The ones wearing white uniforms make up the pole, stars, and stripes. My grandpa was one of the white stripes, which is why I have the picture. The sailors wearing blue uniforms are the other stripes and the field for the stars.

As you look at it, the pole, stripes and the field for the stars are very good. The lines are even, proportions are right, and it even looks like it is caught in motion. But the stars? Not so good. The last two are terrible. They are smaller than the others and are much closer to being blobs than stars. The ones on the top row are bigger than the rest, and have many more men in them than do the scrawny ones. It is not a perfect flag. And do you want to know why it is not perfect?

I already told you why: it is made up of people. They moved around, didn't get or stay in the right spot, they got tired waiting for the plane to take the picture, they got tired of being crammed together and holding a salute for too long, or probably, they wanted to go on liberty instead of having to make a stupid picture. And so the flag reflects all the attitudes and imperfections of those who made it. But it is a pretty good flag. You know immediately what it is and what it represents.

I hope you have drawn at least an analogy from this little (true) story. Church is made up of many people, trying to form some kind of picture of Jesus. But it is made up of flawed people, people who are all different from each other. Some of them are in the wrong place, but most are where they should be. And no one IN the picture can SEE the picture, because they ARE the picture. We forget the picture isn't for us to see. It is for our community to see Jesus. It is for the hurting and the lost to see Jesus. It reminds us we are a part of something that is bigger and better than the sum of its parts. It also reminds me that when that photo was finished and all those men went their own way, they still represented an entire nation to others.

I wonder if when the Lord looks down and sees us, he recognizes what we are trying to be, or if he says "That doesn't look anything like Me. I don't think those guys know what I look like." I sure hope he sees something of Himself in us – when we are together as well as when we disperse. I also hope I'm not like those guys who were in one of those two blobs that were supposed to be stars.

—Bro. Kevin

AWANA off to good start

Awana, our Wednesday night program for children, is in full operation!

So far we have 9 pre-K and kindergarten children registered, 10 first and second graders, and 24 third, fourth, and fifth graders.

The children meet in the sanctuary for pledges, songs, and prayer, then disperse to age group activities:

- Pre-K and kindergarten have their meal, then go to Cubbies and Mission Friends.
- First and second graders have their meal, then RA's and GA's, then Sparks.
- Third, fourth, and fifth graders go to RA's and GA's, then the meal, and then T and T (Truth and Training.)

Thanks to all the volunteers who work with these children. If you can't be there

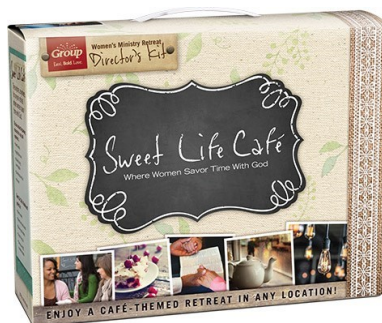
yourself, please remember to pray on Wednesday nights for this important ministry!



Sweet Life Café

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35

The Navajo ladies at Eagle Spring Baptist Church in New Mexico have sent their thanks for the Bible study books and videos, called "Sweet Life Café." This study was a gift from the Grace Sunday School class.



Frank Banda ministry

Ed Weber is planning a trip to Eagle Pass to take donations to the Frank Banda border ministry the first part of November.

He welcomes donations of clothing, household goods, tools, etc.

Gather up some "stuff" you haven't needed in a long time and share it with someone who needs it! God will bless you for your generosity. Donations can be taken to the men's classroom in the Sunday School wing.

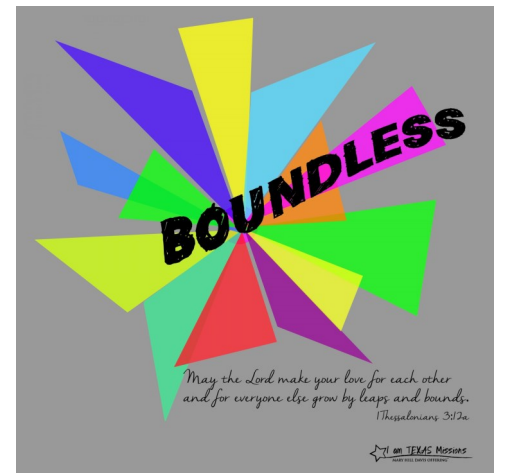
Welcome home

Jim and Betty Smith are home from New Mexico, and Charlie and Becky Elliott may be here by the time you read this. Welcome back, dear friends!

Thank you, Dr. Howard

If you are reading this, Dr. Howard, please accept our thanks for preaching at FBC on Sept. 18. We love you!

(Dr. Larry Howard of San Angelo is a former interim pastor at FBC.)



Mary Hill Davis Offering State goal: \$4,000,000

Our goal: \$2,000

Our giving as of 9-27:
\$1475.76

"May the Lord make your love for each other and for everyone else grow by leaps and bounds."

1 Thessalonians 3: 12a

The Mary Hill Davis Offering helps fund many mission projects around the state. There's still time to contribute to this important offering.

- ⇒ \$75 will provide a student's meal and lodging during a BOUNCE mission trip.
- ⇒ \$100.00 will provide cement to rebuild a home in the River Ministry region.
- ⇒ \$200.00 will provide a week of ministry for a summer missionary to tell someone about Christ.

Youth News

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. Kids are allowed to begin arriving at the church/ Family Life Center right after school on Wednesdays! We open at 3:30pm so all kids, middle school and high school, are welcome to come and do homework, play video games, play in the gym, outside, or play board games etc... 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 on time and PLEASE invite your friends from school to come join us.

Food is taken care of by Stephanie McKay, Matt Popnoe, Lynn Munden, Jeanagayle Behrens, and JerleneSmith 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).

Recurring events:

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

***Sunday Night Hoops** - every Sunday night starting at 7:30pm the gym will be 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.

***Sunday School** is ongoing every Sunday from 10:00 – 10:40am. I meet with the youth in the Family Life Center. We would like to have as many youth attend in the mornings.

Lunch - I've enjoyed attending middle school lunches and high school lunches and have met a bunch of new kids! For high school kids, every Monday I will be available to pick y'all up in front of the school and take y'all out to eat in town.

School Activities - I have been busy attending all the kids' extracurricular activities: football for freshman, JV, and varsity as well as cross country! Y'all are doing such an awesome job! I have yet to attend middle school football games but it's on my calendar.

Youth group - We've been growing every week since the start of school with 37 kids last weeks. The kids deserve a lot of credit because they are inviting friends from school. Hopefully we can see that number continue to grow!

Upcoming events:



Fields of Faith - will be in Brownwood, Texas, on October 12. Usually hundreds of kids from Brady attend this event. If you would like to help volunteer by being a sponsor or an usher please contact me. We would welcome any donations for the buying of pizzas for the kids after the event is over.

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/Music Minister

Godly Impressions Preschool and Child Care



We are off to a great start at Godly Impressions Preschool and Child Care! Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Holly Stewart, and I'm the new curriculum director at Godly Impressions. I am a Brady native, and I have an early childhood degree from the best university in the state — Texas A&M. My husband, James, and I have two children, Brynn (a freshman at Texas Tech) and Sam (a sophomore at Brady High). James and I own the local newspaper, which is why I'm only at the preschool part-time, but I'm so glad to be onboard.

We spent September getting into our routines, meeting new friends and studying the letters F, M, D and P. We heard the Old Testament Bible stories about the creation and Adam and Eve. We memorized the Bible verse “A friend loves at all times,” Proverbs 17:17, so the children will have God’s word written in their hearts forever.

In October we are looking forward to a visit from the Brady fire fighters during Fire Prevention Week and a visit from Dr. Susan Jolliff for Dental Hygiene Week. We will also be learning about the fall season as we explore with the letters A, S, L and P. We will hear Bible stories about Noah, Joseph and Moses, and we'll memorize the verse "Love one another," John 13:34.

If you would like to be involved in Godly Impressions in any way — by substituting, by reading to our children, through monetary donations, or some other way — please let me know. And, of course, we covet your prayers as we pour into our future generations.

In His Service,
Holly Stewart, Curriculum Director

Keith's Konnections

by Keith Simpson, Ministry Director, Lake Ivie Baptist Association

It's getting to be that time of year again where we have been and are preparing for our Lake Ivie Baptist Association Annual Meeting to be held at FBC, Eden beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 23. Starr has been inputting and compiling the information that we received via the ACP's (Annual Church Profiles), and in order to get the material to the printer on time, we must finish all of this and have it ready to go to the printer by October 7th. If you haven't sent in your church letter it is not too late to get it to us. If we do not receive it, then we must show 0's across the page. And speaking of the Annual Meeting, I am excited to inform you that, once again, we will be having break-out sessions like we did last year. We have two break-out sessions on Apologetics (how to defend your faith), one on Discipleship and one on Evangelism. Joshua Fee, from San Angelo, will be doing an Apologetics session entitled, "Do Christians and Muslims Worship the Same God?" from 4:30-5:15 p.m. Dr. Toby Irwin, from San Angelo, will also be presenting an Apologetics session entitled, "Can A Loving God Send Anyone to Hell?" and will be held from 5:15-6:00 p.m. I know both of these gentlemen and truly believe they will do a fantastic job. Dr. Danny Johnson, from San Antonio, will be doing a session of discipleship entitled, "Longing for His Presence" which will be held from 4:30-5:15 p.m. The fourth session will have an Evangelism emphasis and is entitled, "Take the 4XFour Challenge" which will be held from 5:15-6:00 p.m. and will be led by me. This tool is great for any size church and can work well in all areas, whether rural or suburban.

The business session will begin at 4:00 p.m., the meal will be at approximately 6:10 and the worship service will begin approximately at 6:45 p.m. Cynthia Hickey and her group will be bringing the praise and worship music and James Miller, from San Angelo, will be delivering our message for the evening. All are invited and encouraged to attend this important meeting. Remember that we will be voting on a calendar for 2017, leadership nominations, and a budget, and we will have a memorial service for those who have gone to be with the Lord in this past year from all our churches.

Also, there is another VERY important date to remember and that is November 8, election day. Please be in prayer about this election as never before. Psalms 33:12 says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance." II Chronicles 7:14 also 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." It seems to me that, one of the reasons we are in the mess we are in, is because we have stood idly by and allowed the powers that be to pass laws that are quite contradictory to God's law. When some 22 million Christians stay away from the voting booth, we have a problem. I strongly urge you again to be in prayer about this upcoming election, as it may very well be THE most important one of our lives. If we take II Chronicles 7:14 to heart, it appears to me that MY PEOPLE (Christians) should humble ourselves and pray and seek God's face more so now than at any other time in history. If we want Christianity to continue to be an influence in the country, then we MUST vote.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Annual Meeting on October 23 in Eden, and if you could, please RSVP to the office in order that we get an accurate count of how many people will be attending. This will help FBC, Eden and me better facilitate the meeting. May God bless each and every church and person in this Association as we strive to continue to do God's will and His work in a hurting and dying world.

Lake Ivie Baptist Association
Annual Meeting will be held on Oc-
tober 23rd at
First Baptist Church, Eden
Executive Board and WMU will
begin at 4:00 with breakout sessions
beginning at 4:45.
4:45: Joshua Fee "Do Christians and
Muslims worship the same God"
4:45: Dr. Danny Johnson "Longing
for His Presence"
5:15: Dr. Toby Irwin "Can a Loving
God Send Anyone to
Hell"
5:15: Keith Simpson
"The 4xFour Challenge"

The meal is scheduled to begin
around 6:10 with the worship service,
led by James Miller and worship music
by Cynthia Hickey and band.

Upcoming Events!
October
3rd Brady Breakfast
10th Coleman Breakfast
17th Ballinger Breakfast
17th HAPPY BOSSES DAY!!!
22nd Christoval Cowboy Church
Fall Festival
23rd Annual Meeting FBC, Eden

November
7th Brady Breakfast
14th Coleman Breakfast
21st Ballinger Breakfast
Association Office will be closed
Thursday the 24th and Friday the 25th
HAPPY THANKSGIVNG!!!!

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Church committees for 2016-2017 (The first person listed is the chair. Bro. Kevin is an ex-officio member of each committee.)

1. **Hospitality:** Jeanagayle Behrens, Church Hostesses Susan Turk and Lynn Munden (ex-officio), Wanda Burns, Pete Barrera, Kay Holloway, Alisha Williams, Carol Bedwell
2. **Constitution and By-laws:** Bobby Williams, Mabel Jones, Pete Barrera, Parliamentarian Becky Martin (ex-officio)
3. **Finance-Budget-Stewardship:** Rod Young, Jim Smith, Lisa Remini, Church Treasurer RaNon Caraway (ex-officio), Chair of Trustees George Matula (ex-officio)
4. **Missions/Outreach:** Becky Martin, Ida Owens, Marsha Gainer, Sharon McDonald, Missions Prayer Coordinator Pat Matula (ex-officio)
5. **Music:** Karen Behrens, RaNon Caraway, Becky Weber, James Mallow, Minister of Music Gabe Rios (ex-officio)
- 5b. **Technology Subcommittee:** Jerry Caraway, Judy Oden, Jody McKay, Brad Woodard
6. **Nominating:** RaNon Caraway, Nelda Martin, Claudette Young, Bobbie Williams, Jason Behrens, Melanie Couvillion, deacon Bobby Williams, second deacon TBA
7. **Nursery:** Oralia Barrera, Betty Smith, Joanna Coston
8. **Personnel:** Becky Bauer, Jackie Behrens, Joyce Collier, deacon chair Jerry Caraway, finance chair Rod Young, music chair Karen Behrens, nursery chair Oralia Barrera, properties and services chair Jackie Maxcey, youth and recreation chair Wellman Bauer
9. **Properties and Services:** Jackie Maxcey, Charlie Bush, Ed Weber, Charlie Elliott, Jerry Caraway, Farion Morton
10. **Youth and Recreation:** Wellman Bauer, Shelly Bean, Terry Bean, Sharon McDonald, Charlie Elliott, Josh Collier, Youth Minister Gabe Rios (ex-officio)
11. **Public Relations:** Joyce Hollingsworth, Ida Owens, Joyce Scott, Lindsey Woodard, Laurie Morton, Misty Urban
12. **Flowers:** Cynthia Reeves, Gwen Bush, Debbie Nobles

Thank you to the 2015-2016 Nominating Committee for your hours of work and attention to the details!

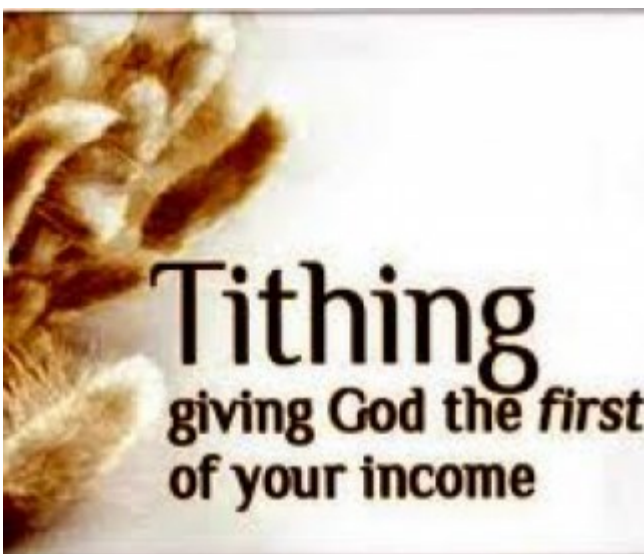
Pat Matula (Chair), Joyce Hollingsworth, Nelda Martin, Claudette Young, RaNon Caraway, Bobbie Williams, Bobby Williams, George Matula

Church budget for 2016-2017 (approved at September 11 business meeting)

Total budget: \$294,111 Detailed copies of the budget are available in the church office.

(Budget in 2015-2016: \$318,306.30)

Thank you to the 2015-2016 Finance/Budget/Stewardship committee: Gerald Nobles, Jim Smith, Rod Young, and ex-officio RaNon Caraway and George Matula for persevering through this challenging job!



COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM **ONE BY ONE.**
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT **GOD** HAS DONE.

October 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 Erica Gerstenberger Austin Paradise	3 LIBA Brady breakfast, 8:30, El Flamingo Wendy Clark	4	5	6	7	1 <hr/> 8 Alysa Lacy
9 Deacons meeting Susan Turk Brad Woodard	10 Triple S, noon Samuel Torres Walker Bauer	11	12 Fields of Faith, Brownwood	13 Elmer Nelson	14 Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00- 12:00	15 Jack Turk Logan Harper
16 Business meeting, Jacqueline Martin	17 Nelida Martin	18 Loreta Hiller Kameron Roberts	19 Benjamin Galindo Caleb Galindo	20	21 Travis Gary Becky Weber	22 Hillary Najera
23 LIBA annual meeting, 4:00, Eden First Baptist Church	24 Triple S, 5:30	25 Jamie Taylor Dana Walker	26 Bill Johnson Judy Mitzel	27 Howle Maddux	28 Lovie Nowlin Dillon Roberts	29 Geneva Joslin Susan Lohn
30	31 Gary Mitzel					

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 Ladies Bible study
home of Mary Ballew
- 6:30 CWJC, Building Men for Christ

Tuesday

- 6:30 Tuesday night ping-pong

Wednesday

- 7:00 AM Men’s Prayer Breakfast
Presbyterian Church
- 3:30 FLC open for youth
- 5:30-7:15 AWANA
- 6:00 Adult prayer meeting
- 6:30 Youth meal
- 7:00-8:00 Youth worship and Bible study

Thursday

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

Greeters for October

- Oct. 2 Judy Oden
- Oct. 9 Jackie Maxcey and Joyce
Hollingsworth
- Oct. 16 Ed and Becky Weber
- Oct. 23 Farion and Laurie Morton
- Oct. 30 Joyce Scott and Darlene Friar

Deacons on call in October

- Gerald Nobles 597-1869, 432-553-9772
- Bobby Williams 597-7573, 456-4735

Food Ministry Report

September 2016

- 102 families
- 121 adults
- 51 children under 18
- 23 adults over 65
- Total fed: 195



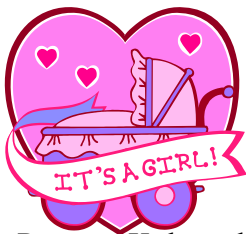
Food distribution day for this month is October 14 from 9:00-12:00. The door is always open for more volunteers!

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

- Sunday morning: live broadcast at 11:00 AM
- Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM

Thanks to Gerald Nobles, Judye Oden, Randy Bedwell, and Kevin McDonald for recording radio spots in September.
October devotionals will be done by Pat Matula, Misty Urban, George Matula, Betty Smith., and Amy Pearson.

Birth Announcement



Allie Dae Timmerman
Born September 22, 2016
7 lbs 4 oz, 20 1/2 inches
Abilene, Texas

Parents: Kyle and Shelby Timmerman
Grandparents: Rod and Tina Young
Great grandparents: Kenneth and Claudette Young

Congratulations to all!

Pray without ceasing. . .

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. Acts 2:42

- 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
- Joseph Aguirre
Louise Baker
David Bishop
Tina Durst Cellars
Tammy Childs
Sherry Cox
Susan Davenport

Fayrene Easley
Jacque Elliott
Holly Groves
Theda Henniger
Jimmy and Sherrie Hodges
Jason Jacoby
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Leroy Keese
Stephanie LaFuentes
Mary Beth Lewis
Mike Lowery
Dorothy McAnally
Betty McMillan
Gary Mitzel
Louise Morrow
Christina Morton
Tracy Parsley
Diane Peavy
Bobbie Petty

Gunnar Roberts
Wynell Roper
Edith Slaughter
Junior Smith
Sissy Trevino
Lorene Trujillo
Jack and Susan Turk
Adele Waide
Tess Warren
Kristan Wilson
Kenneth Young

In military:
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
Justin Williams
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend sympathy to the families of Don Elliott (Charlie’s brother), Juanita Jacobson (Virgil Middleton’s sister), Joaquin Trevino (Justin Trevino’s father), L.A. Gotcher, James Long, and Tina Feemster.

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

Operation Christmas Child
National Collection Week November 14-21
How to Pack a Shoebox

1. Find a Shoebox
Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately. Or you can use a box provided by Samaritan’s Purse.
2. Girl or Boy?
Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.
3. Fill with Gifts
Select a quality “wow” toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal. Then add other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.
4. Pray
Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo.

