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Cry out your thanks

by Dr. Kevin McDonald

The Bible is filled with people who cried out. The nation cries out, the prophets cry out, the psalmists cry out, God even tells the people to cry out. Some decades ago pop psychology got into the “primal scream” as a therapy, a way for people to deal with life, to vent all their frustrations, to “cleanse” themselves of all the bad things they were unable to unload from their psyche. Certainly, there are valid reasons to cry out.

We cry out at injustice, in pain, in fear, and in loneliness. Crying out is not a sign of weakness, but of humanity. Jesus cried out. So have all of us.

But there are a couple of other aspects to consider. Who do we cry out to? Someone who cares? Probably, but if they can’t help us, it just becomes a pity-party. Someone with power? That’s a better choice, but what if they don’t care? We are reminded that we (and our pain) don’t matter. Both are a waste of time and effort, to my thinking. Cry out to someone who cares and will act, the Lord himself. I encourage you to consider who you cry out to.

Last of all, let’s look at the circumstances of when we cry out. It is almost always in a time of grief, loss, pain, or fear. Our crying out is never a good thing, it always falls on God’s ears as “save me”. I wonder if God gets tired of our crying out.

In Luke 19:38-40, we see a crowd of people shouting praises to Jesus, and the Pharisees telling him to quiet the crowd. Jesus tells them if the crowd is silent, the stones themselves will cry out. Cry out in what? Agony? Pain? Fear? No, in Joy. In thankfulness, in celebration.

Thanksgiving is fast upon us. How will you show your thankfulness to God? With a silent prayer, offered in humility, recognizing God’s grace to you? Quietly, reverently in prayer around the table? There is nothing wrong with either of those, but I encourage you to cry out, to cry out like the stones would have. Cry out publicly, cry out with a loud voice, cry out with passion and conviction and joy. Give thanks at the top of your voice.

—Bro. Kevin

Thank you to our AWANA volunteers

Our Wednesday night program for children is going very smoothly with good attendance and enthusiasm! Thank you to each of these faithful volunteers:

- Set-up and registration: Bobby and Bobbie Williams
- Opening music, and Cubbies: Joanna Coston
- GA’s: Betty Smith, Misty Urban, Joyce Hollingsworth
- RA’s: Jerry Caraway, Charlie Elliott, Jeremy Couvillion
- Mission Friends: RaNon Caraway, Deryl Bishop
- Sparks: Shelly Bean, Ida Owens, Cynthia Reeves, Becky Martin
- TnT: Marsha Gainer, Laurie Morton, Melanie Couvillion, Becky Bauer
- Meal service: Lynn Munden, Stephanie McKay, Matt Popnoe, Jeanagayle Behrens, Jerlene Smith



This is a great team!

Thank you, everybody!

Thank you for your donations to the Frank Banda ministry

Ed Weber will take a trailer of donations to the Frank Banda ministry in Eagle Pass on November 16.

Bro. Banda says there is a current need for tennis shoes for men, women, and children. He also welcomes donations of any usable clothing, household goods, or tools, as he ministers to the poor along the Texas/Mexico border.

Ed plans the last church pick-up for Sunday, November 13. Donations can be taken to the men’s classroom in the Sunday School wing, or call Ed at 325-475-3471 if you have larger items or any questions.

“I want to thank our big-hearted church for their generosity,” Ed said.

We thank him back for his time, work, and concern for the poor.

A famous quotation from Gandhi is “Live simply so that others may simply live.”

Consider digging a little deeper into that closet or storage room and sharing again with our brothers and sisters in Eagle Pass.



Five ordained to deacon ministry

Five men were ordained into the deacon ministry on Sunday, October 30: Randy Bedwell, Farion Morton, Charles Ramsey, Brad Woodard, and Rod Young.

The special service concluded with the Lord’s Supper.

Jerry Caraway, Deacon Chair, then gave the quarterly informational report to the church. This was followed by a fellowship potluck meal in Fellowship Hall.

Please pray for our new deacons as they begin a new season of service to our Lord.

Thanksgiving meal Sunday, Nov. 6

by Jeanagayle Behrens

The Hospitality Committee announces the Thanksgiving Lunch will be Sunday, November 6th, in Fellowship Hall. The meal will begin directly after the church service.

Church members are asked to bring 2 side dishes which can be vegetables, salad or dessert. The turkey, ham, dressing and drinks will be provided.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to take part in the church’s traditional Thanksgiving lunch. Bring a friend or family to join us!

New church directory

Please sign up to have your picture made for a new church directory! The last one was done in 2012. (Time flies!)

Joyce Hollingsworth and Joyce Scott registered people after church on Sunday, Oct. 30, and will again on Sunday,

November 6.

Photos will be taken on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday, December 2 and 3.

No purchase is necessary or expected, but photo packages will be available to those who wish to buy them.

Christmas Choir

by Gabe Rios, Minister of Music

We have begun a Christmas choir that practices Monday nights from 7-8:30 pm in the choir room at the church. We are planning on performing four selections during morning worship on Sunday, December 18, and possibly one selection at the Christmas Eve service.



A group of 16-18 have attended the first two rehearsals. We are in need of more men especially but all are welcome and we would love to have you come sing with us.

Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions
Our goal: \$2,000
Our giving as of 10-23:
\$1625.76

Thank you to all who have contributed to this important missions offering.

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 FBCB 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 Jerlene Smith 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, join us and invite a friend.

*Sunday Night Hoops - every Sunday night starting at 7:30pm the gym is open to high school age and up, 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 am 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' extra curricular activities: football for freshman, JV, and varsity for the high school kids. And cross country and football for the middle school. Y'all have done so awesome this year and I look forward to basketball season!

Fields of Faith - this event was awesome! So many kids from Brady attended this gathering in Brownwood with a lot of kids from all over receiving Christ for the first time! I look forward to encouraging many of you in your new walk with Christ.

Youth THEME Dinner - we started this in October with a Halloween-themed dinner which was orchestrated by Misty Urban! Thanks for all who helped in making the awesome food! This month we would like to do a Thanksgiving theme on November 16th. To help with cost of this event we ask that each kid bring \$1 for their meal.

Youth group - We've been growing every week since the start of school with 44 kids last week. 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:

Mid-Winter Retreat - January 13-15 at Alto Frio, in Leakey, Texas.

Summer camp - Mt. Lebanon July 2-7.

FORMS for both of these retreats will be available this month.

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.

Gabe Rios, Youth Minister

Keith's Konnections

by Keith Simpson, Ministry Director, Lake Ivie Baptist Association

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” (Heb. 10:25 KJV) We should be coming together as a body of believers as never before as our country and Christianity is facing uncertain times, and we know not what God has in store, but we have the assurance that He still answers prayers. As the Scripture says, we come together to exhort, encourage, challenge, and edify one another. We gain strength through numbers as we assemble together. I once heard it said that “When Christians come together, our joys are multiplied and our sorrows, divided.” I can think of no truer words. We need to stand against the principalities, powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, and be willing to put on the whole armor of God as we battle these demonic powers. Our very basis of Christian life is under attack as never before, and I’m afraid that Christians are not taking advantage of the power of prayer to survive this battle. I encourage each church and each individual to pray as never before, while there is still time.

Speaking of assembling together, we just concluded a great Annual Meeting at Eden on October 23, with some 80+ people in attendance. Again, I heard nothing but positive comments from all that were there. The break-out sessions were a success, the fellowship was sweet, the meal was delicious, and the message delivered by James Miller was certainly a challenge to us all. I would like to thank FBC, Eden for hosting the event and for the help of their congregants pointing people in the right direction to the various venues for the break-out sessions, and for the wonderful meal. If you missed the meeting, you missed a real blessing. Next year’s Annual Meeting will be held at North Coleman Baptist Church. I think we had 17 or so churches represented this year, but I may have missed one or two, since not everyone got registered.

And speaking of praying, my wife and I had the great opportunity to attend a Prayer Rally on the courthouse lawn in Coleman this past Saturday. We were few in numbers but great in the Spirit as we gathered together to pray for our churches, our families and our nation. We repented of our sins, our family’s sins and the sins of our nation, and asked God’s blessing to flow down upon this great nation. I would encourage each community to constantly be in prayer for our nation and for the upcoming election on November 8. I would love to see communities coming together across denominational lines to be praying for our nation and for the election.

As we move onward into fall, Thanksgiving will soon be upon us and Christmas will be right on her heels. Then, the first thing we know, we will be entering a new year, with new challenges and new opportunities. Oftentimes, in churches, we overlook opportunities by calling them obstacles or problems. Remember, God never wastes a storm. He has a purpose for every “problem or obstacle” we may encounter. When we, as individuals or as churches, see only problems, we may be overlooking the opportunities that God is providing for us. “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for his own inheritance.” (Psalms 33:12) We need to keep God at the center of our lives, the lives of our churches, and the lives of this great nation, or we may fail in our times of trials. As the little book of Jude says in chapter 1, verse 3 “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” May God continue to bless and keep each of you.

Upcoming Events!

November

6th Daylight Savings Time
 7th Brady Breakfast
 8th ELECTION DAY!! GO VOTE!!
 11th Veteran’s Day
 20th Pastor & Deacon Ordination in Paint Rock
 21st Ballinger Breakfast
 24th Thanksgiving
 28th Coleman Breakfast
 Association Office will be closed
 Thursday the 24th and Friday the 25th
 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!

December

4th Cowboy Christmas @ Mil-
 lersview
 5th Brady Breakfast
 6th H.O.T.B.E Christmas Dinner
 Theatre
 12th Coleman Breakfast
 19th Ballinger Breakfast
 25th Merry Christmas
 23rd-26th Liba Office will be closed
 for Christmas



Don't forget to
 set your clock
 back!



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Godly Impressions Preschool and Child Care

October was filled with a plentiful harvest at Godly Impressions Preschool and Child Care. Our students enjoyed a visit from the local firefighters as well as Dr. Susan Joliff. We will spend November being thankful and learning about the letters N, T, I and C. Our Bible stories will include David and Goliath, Daniel and the Lions Den, and Jonah and the Whale. In preparation for the giving season, we will memorize Acts 20:35 "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

And speaking of giving, we have a student whose family is experiencing some financial difficulties following an accident. We desperately want them to continue participating in our ministry, so anyone who would like to make a monetary donation toward a scholarship, please let us know. You can call the church office (597-2957) or email me at godlyimpressionsfbc@gmail.com. Thank you!



*In His Service,
Holly Stewart, Curriculum Director
Godly Impressions Preschool and Child Care*

Congratulations to the Famed Brady Bulldog Band for unanimous First Division ratings at the Region Marching Band Competition in Cedar Park on Oct. 23!!!!
Go Band! Go Bulldogs!



**Operation Christmas Child
National Collection Week November 14-21**
Please bring your boxes to church by Friday, Nov. 18,
at the latest. Boxes and brochures are on the table
in the west hallway.

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.

Mary Ballew honored at Trinity Church in Sweetwater

Mary Ballew was honored on Sunday, October 23, at Trinity Baptist Church in Sweetwater during their 60th anniversary celebration.

Mary, along with her husband Audrey, was a charter member of Trinity; in fact, the first organizational meetings of the church were held in their home.

Three other charter members were present for the celebration: Mary's daughters Sherry Barsch and Cindy Louderback, and her sister-in-law Pauline Ballew.

Mary says the church is a lively, thriving place, with many families attending.

Mary is an active member of FBC Brady. She has taught a weekly Bible study in her home on Mondays since 2001. She is a member of the Gleaners Sunday School class, and is a faithful "prayer warrior" for children and staff of our preschool.

We love you, Mary!

November 2016

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 Ashleigh Voight | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Daniel Mendoza Church wide Thanksgiving meal, noon Daylight Saving Time ends | 7 LIBA Brady breakfast, 8:30, El Flamingo | 8 Mary Ballew | 9 Gunnar Roberts | 10 Dariel Carson Kolson Kirk | 11 Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00- 12:00 | 12 TaRell Day |
| 13 Deacons meeting Business meeting | 14 Drew Wilton Genna Jennings Triple S, noon | 15 Grace Class meet- ing, 3:00 | 16 Harold Under- wood Thanksgiving theme dinner for youth | 17 Stacy Hudson | 18 Grant Nobles Operation Christ- mas Child boxes deadline | 19 Rex Joslin Melinda Cook |
| 20 Ronnie Holloway Kenneth Young Missions Committee meeting after morn- ing service | 21 Lisa Remini | 22 | 23 No AWANA | 24 Robert H. Reeves Thanksgiving Day | 25 Lauren Patton Madison Jurius Rose Sherer | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Larry Gersten- berger Triple S, 5:30 | 29 | 30 | | | |
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Weekly Events

Sunday

- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:50 AM Morning Worship
- 6:00 Bible study (not on 11-6)
- 7:30 Sunday Night Hoops, FLC

Monday

- 4:00 Ladies Bible study
home of Mary Ballew
- 6:30 CWJC, Building Men for Christ
- 7:00-8:30 Christmas Choir rehearsal

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 (not on 11-23)
- 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 November

- Nov. 6 Melanie and Jeremy Couvillion
- Nov. 13 Toney and Misty Urban
- Nov. 20 Laurie and Farion Morton
- Nov. 27 Maurice and James Mallow

Deacons on call in November

- Jim Smith 597-0740
- Virgil Middleton 597-2629

Food Ministry Report

October 2016

- 116 families
- 135adults
- 61 children under 18
- 28 adults over 65
- Total fed: 224



Food distribution day for this month is November 11 from 9:00-12:00. Come lend a hand!

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

Sunday morning: live broadcast at 11:00 AM

Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM

Thanks to Pat Matula, George Matula, Betty Smith., and Amy Pearson for recording radio spots in October.

November devotionals will be done by Jeanagayle Behrens, Norma Ridout, Kevin McDonald, and Joyce Scott.

Pray without
ceasing. . .

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;
Give thanks to Him and praise His Name.
Psalm 100:4

- 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
Judy Coor
Tammy Childs
Sherry Cox

Susan Davenport
Fayrene Easley
Jacque Elliott
Holly Groves
Jimmy and Sherrie Hodges
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Charles and Jerry Jordan
Leroy Keese
Stephanie LaFuentes
Margaret Langley
Mary Beth Lewis
Mike Lowery
Gary Matula
Jackie Maxcey
Dorothy McAnally
Betty McMillan
Louise Morrow
Ms. Newport
Tracy Parsley

Bobbie Petty
Wynell Roper
Edith Slaughter
Junior Smith
Sissy Trevino
Lorene Trujillo
Jack and Susan Turk
Adele Waide
Tess Warren
Kristan Wilson

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 Leo L. Ballhorn and Mary Christine Derrick.

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.
Colossians 2:2

Thanks to our hardworking Hospitality Committee for all their help with the quarterly potluck meal on Oct. 30 and then the Thanksgiving meal on November 6. We appreciate you all!
Jeanagayle Behrens, Chair
Susan Turk and Lynn Munden, Church Hostesses
Alisha Williams Pete Barrera
Kay Holloway Carol Bedwell
Wanda Burns

First Baptist Church Ladies,
Thank you for your food for my father’s funeral lunch. We appreciated your thoughtfulness.
Sincerely,
Family of L.A. Gotcher

Your kindness is appreciated very much.

