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To repair or replace

by Dr. Kevin McDonald

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We are in the middle of getting the church van back on the road. As my daddy says, "It had a cast-iron convulsion." Thanks to the generosity of a few folks, it will be getting a new engine. The old engine could be fixed, but it would take longer and cost at least as much to repair it as it will to replace it.

We have long left the world where things were repaired and put back into service. No one fixes TV sets or radios, and even appliance repairmen (any repairman, for that matter) are few and far between. There is an element of pride in being able to repair something, to save it from the scrap heap. Who doesn't like to say "I fixed it"? But the truth is, for better or for worse, we recycle rather than repair these days. And the other truth is, there's a lot of things you and I are not smart enough or skilled enough to fix.

Which does God do: repair or replace? I think He does both, but in a very specific order. Does a sinner need their heart repaired or replaced? Can we fix ourselves? The act of salvation involves a new life, a new spirit, a new and transformed heart. God does not repair us to begin with. He gives us a new heart and a new start. Only then can repair and healing come into and out of us. The old man, the old heart, the old ways can never take us where God wants us to go. Only with a new heart and a new mind can we accept, engage, and offer the healing and repair work that needs to be done.

Give thanks to God that He has not "patched you up," that you are not rebuilt or refurbished or repaired. You are new, not good-as-new. Thanks to Jesus and God's grace, you can have a new heart, a new life. It's your responsibility to do regular maintenance on it: to read your Bible, say your prayers, and spend time in worship and fellowship with others. But it is God who has made you new.

I know that we will use the van to take many people many places for many years. It will be used as a tool to help them go and grow in Christ. I hope you are using your new heart, the new life Jesus gave you when you believed, like we are going to use the van. Maybe we will even wear out another engine for God's glory. Jesus told us in Rev. 21:5, "Behold, I am making all things new." Let's remember that the next time we want to help fix someone, or fix what's wrong with us.

—Bro. Kevin

Special Sunday July 31

We will have the Lord's Supper this Sunday, July 31. After morning worship the deacons will lead an informational session to update members about various concerns. Following that will be a covered dish fellowship meal in Fellowship Hall.



Youth News: As the August newsletter is going out, Gabe and several of the youth are completing a week of ministry at Paisano Baptist Encampment. Gabe's column will return next month.



Day Camp a great week for the Kingdom

by John Elliott of FBC Midland
(This is his report made in staff meeting at FBC Midland.)

The Travel REC Team (Aubrie Elliott, Erin Royce, and Daniel Palacios) had an incredible week in Brady, TX. They conducted a Day Camp in the city park every day, conducted youth activities in various places every evening, and preached a revival on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

These 3 REC Teamers rocked it and made sure all of Brady knew that our God had something great and mighty to accomplish that week. With 33 new brothers and sisters in Christ, I know Brady is forever changed.

What a blessing!

Recipes from the Heart Tasting Feast August 12

by Lynn Munden

Recipes from the Heart will be showcased as First Baptist Church hosts a "Tasting Feast" on Friday, August 12, 2016, in the church's Fellowship Hall from 5-7 pm. Contributors to the cookbook will bring three of their favorite recipes for guests to sample. Cost is \$6.00 to attend.

Signup sheets will be available for our FBC ladies and gentlemen to choose the recipes they will bring in order to make sure we have at least 10 recipes in each of the 8 categories represented in *Recipes from the Heart*.

Let's all get behind this church event so we can make it successful and fun and sell our cookbooks!

Quilt to be sent to Winberley

The Dorcas quilters recently finished a hand-quilted quilt that will be sent to a woman in Winberley who lost her home in



the flooding there. She will be moving into a new home in mid-August.

The quilt will be on display in the sanctuary Sunday, July 31.

Quilters with stitches in this quilt are Lois Patton, Bobbie Williams, Janie Lowry, Tina Young, Carol Henderson, Irene Riley, Doniene Fullagar, and Becky Martin.

This ministry meets on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00. Come and try your hand at this beautiful craft!

Welcome new member

By letter: Betty McMillan



VBS fully staffed, fully enjoyed

Vacation Bible School July 10-14 was a huge success, with 62 children attending and over 40 volunteers. Thank you to everyone who took part. It was a week of blessings for everyone involved!



Mission of Mercy helps many

Texas Mission of Mercy on July 9 helped 238 individuals with much-needed dental care. 25 doctors, 10 hygienists, 32 dental assistants plus many volunteers gave their time and expertise to make this event possible. Thanks to Dr. Susan Jolliff for her leadership in this remarkable ministry.

On mission to the Navajo



From Lynn Munden: The Navajo mission trip was a huge success. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to work with the adult women’s group again this year. It was exciting to see some of “my ladies” from last year and bond with them again. We had a new addition to the group. Baby Luke who was just 11 days old joined us with his mother every day.

We studied how God provides hope, wisdom, forgiveness, special abilities, and family in order for us to serve His purpose and plan for our lives as we serve Him. We had some serious discussions about their role in their individual churches and how God can use them to support the Family of God. All of them had a hard time understanding that they are important and have special talents and abilities that God can use to reach others. My heart ached for them because of this. If nothing more, I tried to let them know how special each of every one of them is to the Lord and others.

The group wanted to do another bible study together during the year. Even though they are from different churches, they enjoyed fellowshiping as a group. I am in the process of choosing one of the bible studies we have in our church library to send to them. I will need volunteers to help pay for the individual books for the study. Please see me if you want to help monetarily in this effort.

As always, I was humbled by how they live, and I realized again how God has blessed me and my family so abundantly. I was blessed by the ladies in my group far more than I could have imagined, and I thank God for the opportunity to have served on this mission trip.

From Marsha Gainer: This year the Navajo mission trip was an unique experience. The first night they held a welcoming service for us that provided praise, worship, and Navajo testimonies. Their trust in God, their dedication to bible study, and their Christ centered lives gave us a rich blessing. We worked with over 50 children in VBS focusing on God’s plan for their life and Jesus as our savior. Please pray for Lorraine, the associate pastor’s wife, who was just diagnosed with breast cancer.

On mission to China

From Josh Collier: These past 4 weeks have been weeks of change, not only for myself but for others as well. For those of you who don’t know, I spent 3 ½ weeks overseas in China on missions. Being over in a different country is an amazing experience, and a highly recommended one, but being in China was like nothing I had ever done before, and something I would gladly do again given the opportunity.

As most of you know, I was sent by this church, but I learned about this trip through an organization called IGoGlobal, that works with churches to send young people on overseas mission trips, and at the same time, preparing those same people to return home and apply what they have learned to their everyday lives back home. The past two years, I’ve only been able to stay for 10 days, but this longer trip allowed me to see more of God’s work, and how He works.

A lot of what we did was “cultural interaction” and spending time with the local people. We helped teach English at several schools, and were really being lights in dark places. Despite Christianity being illegal in China, we met several Chinese believers, and other believers from Germany, Austria, Korea, China, and America, and meeting all these people, who were complete strangers, and being able to call them brothers and sisters. Being able to spend time with each other, live with each other, interact with each other, and even learn from one another was truly a wonderful experience.

Over the first week, we spent most of the free time we had at this music store Mark had shown to us on our first day. We would go in there and play music, sing songs, and just hang out with the owner, whose name was Zu Chen and anybody who would happen to be there. Then the last few days before we left, we met another guy named Zu Qen, and were able to share with him, and connect him with Mark, and it’s my prayer that God would light a fire in Zu Qen’s heart. Continue with Mark’s friend/neighbor Jason, his friend Dylan, and others.

God has really used me, and those around me, to share his glory in places that I can barely describe, and that pictures don’t do justice too. Seeing these amazing places, meeting such amazing people, and getting to see God work in miraculous ways has been a wonderful blessing, and I want to thank everyone for the wonderful support you have given me over the past 3 years. Thank you.



On mission in Brady



The Mission at Brady June 3-5 and June 10-12 was amazing, with improvements made to seven homes in Brady. All projects were completed, including roofing, painting, window and siding installation, building ramps, and clean-up of properties. Nine churches were involved, including FBC, with 150 volunteers. Hexion Inc. provided crucial assistance and supplies.

Paden Behrens, the pastor at Redeemer Church, shared that his vision is to work on 100 homes over a 10-year period, making them warm and dry. The first two weekends of June will be set aside for this work. Three homes were done last year, seven this year.



Kelly Nichols hired as Preschool Director

Kelly Nichols was hired in July as Director of Godly Impressions Preschool. She has served as interim or assistant director for several months and knows and loves the children. Welcome, Kelly!

Preschool News *by Kelly Nichols*

Godly Impressions Preschool Board has been very busy this summer remodeling the classrooms in order to get ready for new school year!!! We are so blessed!! Open House will be on Sunday August 28th from 5-7pm. We will be serving refreshments and hot dogs with all the fixings. As well as having face painting and bouncy houses!! We would love for FBC church family to come and enjoy our kickoff for the new school year!!

Keith's Konnections

by Keith Simpson, Ministry Director, Lake Ivie Baptist Association

What is a church? This may seem to be an odd question, but I feel as if it is one that needs to be addressed. To some people, the CHURCH is the building in which people meet on Sunday mornings and maybe on Wednesday nights, or it is nothing more than a place to hold a wedding or a funeral. How do YOU see the church? What is the role of the church? Where did the church originate and what were its functions? The word "church" as rendered in the New Testament comes from the Greek term *ekklesia*, which is formed from two Greek words meaning "an assembly" and "to call out" or "called-out ones." In summary, the New Testament church is a body of believers who have been called out from the world by God to live as his people under the authority of Jesus. When a body of believers starts acting more like the world than a church, it ceases its Godly function to bring others to Christ.

When church becomes about ME, I have a problem. When the world cannot see the difference between us as Christians and those outside the church, there is a problem. When we expect the church to cater to our needs and wants, there is a problem. Satan's greatest delight is to cause disruption with the body of believers that we call the church. As church members we need to be a body with many members, each serving in a specific role. Paul writes in I Corinthians 12:12-14, "JUST AS A BODY, THOUGH ONE, HAS MANY PARTS, BUT ALL ITS MANY PARTS FORM ONE BODY, SO IT IS WITH CHRIST. FOR WE WERE ALL BAPTIZED BY ONE SPIRIT SO AS TO FORM ONE BODY—WHETHER JEWS OF GENTILES, SLAVE OR FREE—AND WE WERE ALL GIVEN THE ONE SPIRIT TO DRINK. EVEN SO THE BODY IS NOT MADE OF ONE PART BUT OF MANY." (NIV)

As Thom S. Ranier says in his book, *I Am A Church Member*, the essence of a church should be love. Authentic, biblical, unconditional love. Does that mean that we are to love everyone? Yes. "We are not to love fellow church members just because they are lovable. We are to love the unlovable as well. We are not to pray for and encourage our pastors just when they are doing thing we like. We are to pray for and encourage them when they do things we don't like." (Thom S. Ranier, *I Am A Church Member*)

Ranier goes on to say, "Unity is vital to the health of a church. And that means every church member, you and I included, must contribute to the unity of the church. You are to be a source of unity. You are never to be a divisive force. You are to love your fellow church members unconditionally. Unity in the church will not happen if members have unforgiving hearts. Too many times members have anger and hurt because of something another member has said or done. Some members are angry and hurt at the pastor and staff because something they said or did or failed to do."

A church is NOT for perfect people. If it were, it would have no membership. We are ALL sinners and only through love and unity, can we be the New Testament Church that God wants us to be.

August 9: LIBA Mission Banquet/Executive Board/WMU meetings, Robert Lee Baptist Church.
Meetings at 5:00, dinner at 6:00, program at 6:45

September 12: Brady Breakfast, El Flamingo Restaurant

August 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Shawnte Virdell	3	4 Destani Roberts	5 Tess Warren Brian Owen	6 Melody Huckins Carl Max Bran- denberger Hannah Bishop
7 Charlie Douglas <i>Deacons meeting</i>	8 <i>Triple S, noon</i>	9 Glenda Middleton <i>Grace Class quar- terly meeting LIBA Mission Ban- quet, Robert Lee Baptist Church, 5:00</i>	10 Kingston Virdell	11 Kirk Vinson	12 <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-12:00 Tasting Feast, 5:00-7:00</i>	13
14 <i>Business meeting, 6:00</i>	15	16	17	18 Jessica Medrano Alma Davis	19	20
21 Jefferey Davis Tony Groves	22 Matthew Paradise <i>Triple S, 5:30</i>	23	24	25 Scott Martin Jackie Harper	26	27
28 <i>Preschool Open House, 5:00-7:00</i>	29 Kaleigh Bishop	30	31	30		

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
6:00 Adult prayer meeting
6:30 Youth meal
7:00-8:00 Youth worship and 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 August

August 7 Joyce Collier & Josh Collier
August 14 Joyce Scott and Darlene Friar
August 21 Billy Whitaker
August 28 Tim and Ida Owens

Deacons on call in August

Gerald Nobles 597-1869
Bobby Williams 597-7573

Food Ministry Report

June 2016

- 51 families
- 75 adults
- 28 children under 18
- 65adults over 65

July 2016

- 114 families
- 125 adults
- 70 children under 18
- 35 adults over 65



Food distribution day for this month is August 12 from 9:00-12:00. Beginning this month there will be only one distri-
bution day.

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

Sunday morning: live broadcast at 11:00
AM

Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45
AM

Thanks to Kevin McDonald, Becky
Martin, Rod Young, Bobbie Williams
James Mallow, Lynn Munden, Susan
Turk, and Joyce Collier for recording
radio spots in June and July.

August devotionals will be done by
Maurice Mallow, Tina Young, Cynthia
Reeves, Debbie Nobles, and Karen Beh-
rens.

Pray without
ceasing. . .

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
1 John 4:11

- 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

Joseph Aguirre
Louise Baker
Dr. Alton Bishop
Misty Chandler
Tammy Childs
Joyce Collier
Sherry Cox
Isla Dodds
Fayrene Easley

Jacque Elliott
Tina Feemster
Mary Sue Fields
Frankie Fore
Faith Gray
Chuck Green
Holly Groves
Roy Guthrie
Theda Henniger
Eva Little
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Leroy Keese
Bill Johnson
Mary Beth Lewis
Peggy Lohn
Mike Lowery
John Luther
Al Machen
Sue Marchbank
Evelyn Martin

Dorothy McAnally
Betty McMillan
Cliff and Angel Mills
Louise Morrow
Tracy Parsley
Diane Peavy
Bobbie Petty
Edith Slaughter
Sissy Trevino
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 DeSean Jones, Dorothy Reeves, Arlan McBee, Mike Slone, and V.C. Whitworth.

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

First Baptist Church,
Thank you for the ham and chicken
you furnished for Dorothy’s funeral. The
food was great.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Reeves’ Family

I very much enjoyed and appreciated
the delicious food your church so gener-
ously provided for the dental mission
volunteers last weekend! Your commu-
nity displayed the virtues of compassion
and hospitality towards the less fortunate
who benefited greatly from the mission
event.

Sincerely,
Barry J. Currey, D.D.S.



Dear First Baptist Church,
Thank you so much for the graduation
gift of a blue personal Bible. This item
will come in great personal use for my
walk with God. You gift is greatly appre-
ciated. Thank you once again.
William Collier

Thank you so much for the kind re-
membrance you sent to Michael’s funer-
al. It is comforting to know that you still
considered him a faithful servant after so
many years’ absence.
Laurie J. Slone

Thank you so much for providing the
meal for our family. It was so kind of
you all to think of us at this difficult
time, to make that day easier.
Thank you,
Alisha Slone and family