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Thoughts on protest and proclamation

by Dr. Kevin McDonald

Bending the knee. Is this, like streaking, planking, or bell bottoms, just another fad that will run its course, make the headlines, and then sink out of sight under the weight of its lack of substance? Is it an affront to patriotism, nationalism, the military, and everything we believe is America? Is it a first amendment right? Is it a political tar-baby; a bomb or a dud? I think it's a good habit being practiced in the wrong way and for the wrong reason.

There are two reasons you bend the knee. One is in surrender. Bending the knee is recognition of defeat, not an act of protest. To substitute it for a clenched fist raised in the air is cowardly: an act of passive-aggression. Just ask John Carlos, Tommie Smith, and even Peter Norman. Theirs was a protest with integrity. Bending the knee in protest is dishonest and lacks integrity. Just because it is costly, (as Colin Kaepernick and probably the NFL have found out), it isn't automatically legitimate. The only true merit I find in all this knee-bending and arm-linking is that it is at least peaceful. Mealy-mouthed, but peaceful.

The other context for knee bending is worship. I think you can see that in many cases, our worship and admitting our defeat are closely related. We bow down, we bow at the cross, we bow before God. We kneel in prayer, finding that Christ's victory and our defeat go hand in hand. In brokenness and joy, on our knees, we embrace our defeat: in our sorrow and repentance we confess that we lost to sin, and in salvation we joyfully confess we have been defeated by God's grace and love for us.

But if you still want to watch those high-priced athlete/entertainers (you so foolishly gave your attention and \$\$ to) waste three or four hours of your day, playing their silly, little, unimportant games, take heart in all the knee bending. Really. Really and truly.

It is the glorious, prophetic vision of what the world will look like one day when each of us, by our own volition, (not jumping on another pathetic cultural bandwagon) and possibly at great price, participate in that great day when "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father..."

Bending the knee is not protest. It is proclamation. Be sure you save your knee-bending for what and for who is worthy of it.

Bro. Kevin



AWANA off to great start

Awana had their kick-off meeting for the year on Wednesday, September 27.

Thank you to the 18 leaders/workers who helped make this a great beginning.

There is still a need for someone to lead the music in the sanctuary during the opening gathering. Please talk to RaNon if you would like to help with this. It would be a small but blessed commitment of your time.

Attendance the first night:

Cubbies/Mission Friends	5
Sparks/younger GA's and RA's	8
T&T/older GA's and RA's	15

Please help spread the word that Awana is happening! Children from pre-K through 5th grade are welcome.



Hurricane Harvey update from Texas Baptist Men, September 24, 2017

- TBM is currently being assisted with volunteers and resources from 23 Baptist State Conventions representing 27 states (not including Texas or TBM)
- TBM and its partners are active in 20 sites with feeding, shower/laundry, heavy equipment, chaplains, childcare, chainsaw, temporary roof, Flood Recovery, Box units, Recharging station, and other resources.
- Eleven (11) sites have completed response activity

TBM has begun the process of coordinating church groups that are responding to the need. TBM will provide equipment and direction for the groups. Church groups have provided 300 volunteer days resulting in 1,940 volunteer hours.

Supplies needed!

Thanks to all who have made donations of supplies for hurricane relief.

Thanks to Dariel Carson for transporting supplies from our church and others to areas in need.

This is an on-going need. If you would like to donate some of the following items, it is not too late.

non-perishable food
personal hygiene items
towels and wash cloths
baby food, wipes, diapers, and formula
blankets (clean or new)
cases of water
flashlights and batteries
sleeping bags, blow-up mattresses
sheets, pillows, and pillow cases
toiletries
feminine products
socks for adults and kids
sunscreen
trash bags
bug spray
fix-a-flat kits (plugs)
dryer sheets
hand sanitizer
\$10-\$25 VISA or HEB gift cards

Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions

Our goal: \$2000

Our giving as of Sept. 27: \$1685
Offerings will be received through the month of October.

Welcome new members

by baptism

Jaelyn McKay
Jody McKay
Gracie Galindo
Abby Galindo

Christmas Choir

Rehearsals for a
Christmas Choir have
begun on Thursday
evenings at 6:30.
Everyone is welcome to
come sing!



Youth News

by Gabe Rios, Youth Minister

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.

YOUTH GROUP WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Kids are allowed to begin arriving at the church/ Family Life Center right after school! 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 will 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, Victoria Norrell, 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:

*Sunday Night Hoops - every Sunday night starting at 7:30pm the gym will be open to high school age and up, to come fellowship and play some basketball. We have been averaging 20-25 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.

Upcoming Events

Our first back to school "theme dinner" was awesome! This month will be of course Halloween themed! If you would like to help with food or decorations or financially it would be greatly appreciated!



FCA Fields of Faith - October 11th

Summer Camp - July 1st-July 6th, 2018
The dates have just been announced. \$50 dollars to hold your spot. Nick Gainey will be the worship band and Mike Satterfield will be the speaker.

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

News from Godly Impressions Preschool and Child Care

We are off to a great start at Godly Impressions Preschool and Child Care! 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, Moses, and David, 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, Director
Godly Impressions



Keith's Connections

by Keith Simpson, Ministry Director, Lake Ivie Baptist Association

First of all, I would like to invite all of our churches to our Annual Meeting to be held at North Coleman Baptist Church, 512 Church Street, Coleman, Texas on October 15 at 4:00 p.m. We will have the business meeting from 4-4:30 p.m., followed by break-out sessions beginning at 4:30. We will be voting on the nomination committee's recommendation for leadership for 2018, the budget for 2018 and the calendar for 2018. We will also have my report and the introduction of our new pastors in the association. Remember that this is YOUR annual meeting into which you have a great deal of input as your messengers are seated and entitled to vote. We would love to see as many there as possible. It is a great learning experience, good food and great fellowship, so plan to attend.

The 4:30-5:15 break- out sessions will include Church Leadership, led by Quincy Ellis and 4XFour Evangelism Training, led by Ryan Buck. You will need to choose one of the two to attend. The 5:15-6:00 break-out sessions will include Autopsy of a Deceased Church by Keith Simpson and Heaven's Gate, Hell's Flames, led by Ryan Buck. We hope that these break outs address leadership, discipleship and evangelism to encourage our local churches. The meal will follow at 6:00 p.m. with worship service at 6:45 with Kyle Bird delivering the message, and we will have you on the road back home by 8:00 p.m. I encourage each church to elect their messengers and have them attend this important meeting.

There are some possible important changes coming in 2018 to our association about which you need to know. First, we are streamlining the budget to better tie in with our Strategic Plan that we now have in place, and to better fit in with the Baptist General Convention of Texas monies that we receive. We will be emphasizing discipleship, evangelism and missions in 2018, and will try to present at least one workshop in each of these areas, and hopefully we can help churches in these three important areas. If you would like to see our Strategic Plan and what items we deem most important, please let us know at the office and we can send you a copy of said plan. We met August 19 to come up with this plan with input from 19 different churches represented and some 30-35 people involved. It gives us a clear direction as to what churches within the association deem most important, and we will be focusing on those ideas.

The other important change is within the teams themselves, as they will become more involved in planning, conducting, and evaluating these workshops/seminars to determine if we met the goals addressed in the Strategic Plan. Each team leader and his team will research viable resources, determine costs, and plan and implement these workshops as to the perceived needs of our churches. They will be empowered to do this and will also be calling upon people within the association to assist them in doing so. We may have the same workshop in two different geographical areas of the association to better serve ALL of our churches. Each team will have a copy of the strategic plan, and it will be solely their responsibility to implement those items of most importance. If you are interested in serving on one of the six teams that we have, please contact the team leader and I am sure that they will more than willing to put you to work!!

And finally, I must encourage ALL our churches to "contend for the faith" as Paul writes to Jude in Jude 1:3. Our entire country is in need of prayer today, more than ever and I encourage each church to spend some time in special prayer for our nation, for our churches and for our association. I would encourage you to read Nehemiah, chapter 1. Remember what II Chronicles 7:14 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." The onus is on us to do what God has called us to do. First, we need to humble ourselves and realize that we are nothing without God. Secondly, we need to pray as never before for our country, our churches, ourselves and those around us. Thirdly, we need to quit living as the world lives, get out the pew of the stench of the world and become what God desires. If we do so, THEN and only THEN will God start to heal this land that we all love so much and MAYBE bring a great revival into the land. Church members are the first ones that need to be revived in order to spread the Gospel, fulfill the Great Commission, and live by the Great Commandment.

The Lake Ivie Baptist Association Annual Meeting will be on Sunday October 15th at North Coleman Baptist Church.

The Business Meeting will begin at 4:00 pm with breakout sessions, dinner and keynote speaker to follow.
Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!!

Women of Faith
Quarterly Singing
Sunday October 29th
@ 4:00 pm at the
Lohn Tabernacle.

Upcoming Events!

October

2nd Brady Fellowship Breakfast
9th Coleman Fellowship Breakfast
15th LIBA Annual Meeting @ North Coleman
16th Ballinger Fellowship Breakfast
29th Women of Faith Quarterly Singing

November

5th Daylight Savings Time
6th Brady Fellowship Breakfast
11th Veterans Day
13th Coleman Fellowship Breakfast
20th Ballinger Fellowship Breakfast
23rd-24th LIBA office will be closed for Thanksgiving!

Church committees for 2017-2018 (The first person listed is the chair. The pastor is an ex-officio member of each committee.)

1. **Hospitality:** (*No chair or Church Hostesses at this time*) RaNon Caraway, Kay Holloway, Alicia Williams, Carol Bedwell, Misty Urban, Carrie Ann Pearson
2. **Constitution and By-laws:** Joyce Scott, Mabel Jones, Albert Pearson, Parliamentarian Becky Martin (ex-officio)
3. **Finance-Budget-Stewardship:** Rod Young, Jason Behrens, Charles Ramsey, George Matula, Church Treasurer Carol Bedwell (ex-officio), Chair of Trustees Randy Bedwell (ex-officio)
4. **Missions/Outreach:** Claudette Young, Becky Martin, Marsha Gainer, Sharon McDonald, Missions Prayer Coordinator Pat Matula (ex-officio)
5. **Music:** Karen Behrens, James Mallow, Melanie Couvillion, Norma Ridout, Minister of Music Gabe Rios (ex-officio)
- 5b. **Technology Subcommittee:** Brad Woodard, Judy Oden, Jody McKay, Albert Pearson
6. **Nominating:** RaNon Caraway, Bobbie Williams, Jason Behrens, Melanie Couvillion, Stefani McKay, Toney Urban, deacon Bobby Williams, second deacon TBA
7. **Nursery:** Bobbie Williams, Betty Smith, *no third member at this time*
8. **Personnel:** Becky Bauer, Joyce Collier, Tim Owens, deacon chair Randy Bedwell, finance chair Rod Young, music chair Karen Behrens, nursery chair Bobbie Williams, properties and services chair Charlie Elliott, youth and recreation chair Wellman Bauer
9. **Properties and Services:** Charlie Elliott, Jerry Caraway, Jeremy Couvillion, Jackie Behrens, Debbie Nobles
10. **Youth and Recreation:** Wellman Bauer, Sharon McDonald, Charlie Elliott, Jeremy Couvillion, Stefanie McKay, Paige Bauer (youth representative), Youth Minister Gabe Rios (ex-officio)
11. **Public Relations:** Bobby Williams, Ida Owens, Joyce Scott, Laurie Morton, Misty Urban, Debbie Nobles
12. **Flowers:** Cynthia Reeves, Joyce Hollingsworth, Laurie Morton

Thank you to the 2016-2017 Nominating Committee for your hours of work and attention to the details!

RaNon Caraway (Chair), Nelda Martin, Claudette Young, Bobbie Williams, Jason Behrens, Melanie Couvillion, deacon Bobby Williams

**According to the Constitution/By-Laws (Policy/Procedures) of First Baptist Church,
Section III. Employment. B. Filling Vacancies.**

1. Pastor – When the office of pastor becomes vacant, the Nominating Committee will nominate and present to the church for approval a special Pastor Search Committee composed of not less than five nor more than eight members, representing as nearly as possible a cross section of the church membership. The Nominating Committee, with church approval, shall designate one member to serve as chairman. The Pastor Search Committee will seek to find God's will in selecting a new pastor.


At the proper time, the committee will coordinate with the Personnel Committee in working out the necessary financial and other arrangements relating to the new pastor. The Pastor Search Committee will then make its recommendations first to the deacons, and then to the church for consideration.

In accordance with the above order of the church, the Nominating Committee has nominated the following persons to serve on the Pastor Search Committee and will present these names for approval, at the Business meeting, October 15, 2017. The nominees are as follows:

Randy Bedwell, Karen Behrens, Jerry Caraway, Charlie Elliott, Becky Martin – Chairman, Charlie Ramsey, Tina Young.

While the Constitution/By-laws do not call for a 30 (Thirty) day notice to the church concerning the establishment and filling of the Pastor Search Committee, the Nominating Committee thought it wise to bring this to the church before being voted on at the October business meeting. If you have any input on other qualified potential Pastor Search Committee members, contact the Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be received from the floor and voted on at that time.

October 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <i>Deacons meeting</i>	2 Erica Gerstenberger Austin Paradise <i>LIBA Fellowship breakfast, 8:30, El Flamingo</i>	3 Wendy Clark	4	5	6	7
8	9 Susan Turk Brad Woodard <i>Triple S, noon</i>	10 Samuel Torres Walker Bauer <i>Grace Class pie party, Jubilee House, 3:00</i>	11 <i>Fields of Faith, Brownwood</i>	12	13 <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-12:00</i>	14
15 Jack Turk Logan Harper <i>Business meeting LIBA annual meeting, Coleman</i>	16	17 Nelda Martin	18 Loreta Hiller Kameron Roberts	19 Benjamin Galindo Caleb Galindo	20	21 Travis Gary Becky Weber
22 Hillary Najera	23 <i>Triple S, 5:30</i>	24	25 Jamie Taylor Dana Walker	26 Judy Mitzel	27 Howle Maddux	28 Dillon Roberts
29 Geneva Joslin Susan Lohn <i>Lord's Supper 5th Sunday fellowship/Thanksgiving meal after church 5th Sunday singing at Central Baptist, 4:00</i>	30	31 Gary Mitzel				

Food Ministry Report

September 2017

- Adults: 137
- Children: 59
- Adults over 65: 25

Food distribution day for this month is October 13 from 9:00-12:00. All volunteers are welcome and needed.



Greeters for October

October 1 Robert and Cynthia Reeves
October 8 Toney and Misty Urban
October 15 David and Lynn Munden
October 22 TBA
October 29 TBA

Fellowship Meal 5th Sunday, Oct. 29

This will be a combination fifth Sunday pot-luck fellowship and Thanksgiving celebration. Please bring two of your favorite Thanksgiving dishes.
Place: Fellowship Hall
Time: right after church

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

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

October devotionals will be done by Betty Smith, Gabe Rios, Jeana-gayle Behrens, Suusan Turk, and Karen Behrens. Thank you!

Weekly Events

Sunday	
9:45	Sunday School
10:50	Morning Worship
6:00	Bible study
7:30	Sunday Night Hoops, FLC
Monday	
4:00	Prayer/devotions at Mary Ballew's
Wednesday	
7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast Presbyterian Church
5:30-7:15	Awana, Missions organizations
6:00	Adult prayer meeting
6:30-8:00	Youth group
Thursday	
9:45-12:00	Food Pantry: donated food brought from Walmart, sorted, and stored
2:00-3:30	Dorcas quilting ministry
6:30	Christmas Choir practice

Deacons on call in October

Virgil Middleton	597-2629, 456-7284
Farion Morton	597-1965, 792-6596

Pray without
ceasing. . .

Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe your-
selves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
Colossians 3:12

- Everyone affected by the hurricanes and fires
 - 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
 - McKenna’s mission trip to Uganda
 - AWANA
- Terry and Serena Alexander
Louise Baker
Al and Dorothy Bishop
Deryl Bishop
John David Bishop

Sherry Cox
Susan Davenport
Mike Easley
Robbie, Stacey,
& Trey Evans
Casey Flake
Charlie and Maria Garcia
Larry Garcia
Erica Gerstenberger
Linda Granberry
Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Charles and Jerry Jordan
Janie Lowery
Mike Lowery
Betty McMillan
Harry Mitchell
Harold Nesbitt
Carol Newport
Mike Pagett
Brianna Patton

Brantey Patton
Gwen Ragsdale
Dillon Roberts
Edith Slaughter
Roy Smith
Tinsley Thompson
Jackson Tijerina
Jane Tomlinson
Marvin and Sue Tucker
Jack and Susan Turk
Harold Underwood
Mackie Jo Walters
Tess Warren
Kendyl White
Jane Whittemore
Hayden Wilson
Joyce Wilson
Kay Dawn Wilson
Jane Wortham

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
Daniel Virdell
Justin Williams
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend sympathy to the family of Dora Whiteley.

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

We would like to thank all of the members of the Dorcas Quilting Ministry for the beautiful hand-made quilt. We will always remember your kindness during our time of displacement.

Forever grateful.
In Christ,
Bartolome Charlie Garcia
Maria Garcia
Larry Garcia

Birth Announcement

Zoe Zane Goss
Born Sept. 12, 2017
8 lbs 3 oz, 22 in long
Parents: Madison Jurrius Goss and Chris Goss of Waco, TX
Grandmother: Lisa Remini
Great-grandparents: Norma and Jim Ridout
Congratulations to all!

