



Being grateful for what you can give

by Dr. Kevin McDonald

Have you noticed that the last three holidays of the year are at the end of their respective months? You know what that means don't you? It means that by the time the holiday gets here, my little article and my profound observation about said holiday are nearly a month old, and you have forgotten what I wrote.

Take Thanksgiving, for example. I'm going to write something to remind you to be thankful now, and you are going to have to remember and apply what I wrote for an entire month. Sure. Maybe all I've done is remind you of all the work and company and traveling you will have to do, and cause you to dread Thanksgiving a couple of weeks earlier than normal. You're welcome.

Or maybe these words will kick-start something in you: an invitation to someone, a creative expression of the holiday, a new way to fix turkey and a new way to be thankful. Maybe it's been a rough few months and you need to get out of the rut of thanklessness. Or maybe this Thanksgiving will be the high you will need to get over the low that won't even get here until after the new year. Maybe this will be a significant time for you because you gave thanks. Again, you're welcome.

Or maybe, just maybe, you are thankful everyday. You are aware of the small blessings that make up most of life, and you are the richer and the better for it. And maybe that thankfulness allows you to be generous with your smile, your love, and yourself. You, my friend, have learned something we all need to know: gratitude- not just for what we have, but for what we have to give away. To you, I say "thank you".

The last three holidays of the year can be seen as being all about getting, (Halloween and candy) what we have (Thanksgiving), and what I want (Christmas). Let us not fall into the trap of measuring what we have or want.

Why don't you put a new spin on the holidays this year, and see what you can give, rather than being focused on what you have? Be grateful for all you can give, not just for what you have. Let us be aware of grace- grace given to us, and the opportunity to give grace to others. Happy (Thanks)giving.

Bro. Kevin

Christmas preparations have begun at FBC



Christmas Choir

The schedule for rehearsals for Christmas Choir has changed from Thursday to Tuesday (beginning Nov. 7), still at 6:30 in the evening in the choir room. The choir has been practicing these songs:

- "Still, Still, Still"
- "Hold Me, Rock Me"
- "He Is Born!"
- "My Lord, What a Morning"

Is it too late to join? No, you can catch up and will be welcomed and appreciated! Please come!



Operation Christmas Child boxes due 11-19

Our Christmas tradition of filling Operation Christmas Child boxes is in full swing, with empty boxes being carried home and full boxes returned.

If you would like to participate in this project sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, pick up a box in the hallway and fill it with age-appropriate gifts for a child. A brochure with suggestions for gifts is in the box.

A suggested fee for shipping is \$9.

The deadline for returning these to the church is Sunday morning, Nov. 19.

Last year FBC contributed 79 boxes, and 56 in 2015.



Thanksgiving: a time for fellowship and sharing

Thanks to all who worked together to make our church Thanksgiving meal on October 29 a special time. Special thanks go to the Hospitality Committee: RaNon Caraway, Carol Bedwell, Alicia Williams, Misty Urban, and Carrie Pearson.

Psalm 100

*Shout for joy to the Lord,
all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness,
Come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us,
and we are his.
We are his people,
the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving
And his courts with praise;
Give thanks to him
and praise his name.
For the Lord is good
and his love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues
through all generations.*

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 FBCB 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 building right after school! We will 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..

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

Thanksgiving theme dinner will be November 15th this month!

FCA Fields of Faith was awesome this year God really moved in the hearts of a lot of young people!

Firework stand

We will be working the stand again December 26th-January 1st!

Summer Camp - July 1st-July 6th

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

October was filled with a plentiful harvest at Godly Impressions Preschool and Child Care. Our students enjoyed a visit from the local firefighters during Fire Prevention Week. 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."

On Sunday, Nov. 12 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. we will be hosting a spaghetti luncheon and art show/silent auction. We would love to have everyone join us in the Family Life Center to support this wonderful ministry. The meal is \$10 per plate with both dine-in and carry-out options!

In His Service,
Holly Stewart, Director
Godly Impressions



The preschool kids met the local firefighters during Fire Prevention Week.



November 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 Ashleigh Voight	4
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends Deacons meeting	6 LIBA Fellow- ship breakfast, 8:30, El Flamingo	7	8 Mary Ballew Cole Barksdale	9 Gunnar Roberts	10 Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00- 12:00 Dariel Carson Kolson Kirk	11
12 Godly Impres- sions Preschool spaghetti lunch fundraiser right after church in FLC	13 Triple S, noon	14 Drew Wilton Genna Jennings	15 Thanksgiving theme dinner for youth	16 Harold Under- wood	17 Stacy Hudson	18
19 Deadline for Oper- ation Christmas Child boxes (noon) Business meeting Rex Joslin Melinda Cook	20 Ronnie Holloway Kenneth Young	21 Lisa Remini	22 No AWANA or youth tonight	23 Thanksgiving Day	24 Robert H. Reeves	25 Lauren Patton Madison Goss
26	27 Triple S, 5:30	28 Larry Gerstenberger	29	30		

Food Ministry Report

October 2017

- Families: 114
- Adults: 122
- Children: 20
- Adults over 65: 55



Food distribution day for this month is November 10 from 9:00-12:00. All volunteers are welcome and needed.

Greeters for November

November 5 Carol and Randy Bedwell
November 12 Victoria Norrell and Joyce Hollingsworth
November 19 TBA
November 26 TBA

Volunteer bakers needed!

The preschool needs home-baked cookies or cakes for the desserts after the spaghetti lunch on November 12. If you would like to help, please call or text Susan Turk at 792-8613.

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

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

November devotionals will be done by Karen Behrens, Joyce Scott, Pat Matula, Claudette Young, and Kenneth Young. 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
Tuesday	
6:30	Christmas Choir practice
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

Deacons on call in November

Kenneth Young 597-2485, cell 456-8955
Gerald Nobles 597-1869, cell 432-553-9772

Pray without
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But thanks be to God!
He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 15:57

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Deryl Bishop
John David Bishop
Sherry Cox | Mike Easley
Linda Granberry
Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Charles and Jerry Jordan
Leroy Keese
Janie Lowery
Mike Lowery
Betty McMillan
Harry Mitchell
Carol Newport
Randy Offield
Mike Pagett
Brianna Patton
Brantey Patton
Gwen Ragsdale
Dillon Roberts
Edith Slaughter
Roy Smith
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Tess Warren
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Jane Whittemore
Hayden Wilson
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Kay Dawn Wilson
Tammy Wilson
Jane Wortham | Concho Moore
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Jace Telford
Joseph Telford
Jonathan Torres
Alisha Slone
Wes Stark
Daniel Virdell
Justin Williams
Ricky Williams, Jr. |
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- In military:*
Jon Bradshaw
Howard Brown
Brandon Haymon
Talisha Hendley
David Hernandez
Jose Lopez
Moses Marmolejo

We extend sympathy to the families of James Patton, Pauline Galindo, Joe Ray Ramos, Jessie Torres, Victor Moron, and Tony Martinez.

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 for prayers and many acts of kindness during Mike’s difficult time. Thank God all is well.
God is so good.
Much love,
Fayrene Easley

We just wanted to say “Thank you” for lifting Pete up in your prayers and for letting us know you care.
We are so blessed to have a church family with huge caring hearts! Thank you again and God bless.
Pete and Oralia Barrera