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Two powerful words

by Dr. Kevin McDonald

I have written this before, but I have a high degree of confidence that most of us don't remember what we read in church newsletters, so I'm going to write it again.

There are two words we need to use a lot more than we do. As the old year ends and the new one begins, make sure you don't have a lot of these two words left lying around, unused. Give them freely. Wear them out. Use them up. Let this last week be one of generosity, kindness and graciousness on your part. Make some things right that you can fix with just two or three words. Use the end of 2016 to set 2017 up to be different, to be better. Tell people "thank you."

Thank you to the Sunday School teachers and AWANA workers. You are making the path for Jesus straight, as He moves into the hearts children and adults. Thank you to all the people who clean and cook, move tables, order stuff we need, and in general, keep things working. Thank you for taking on responsibilities and projects, seeing them through, and "doing all things well." Thank you to those who are generous. Yes, with money, but also with your time and talents, but most importantly with your presence. You seriously undervalue yourself when you say "they won't miss me." We do. Thank you for your grace and wisdom. Thank you for listening to my sermons. Thank you for coming to Bible study. That is more fun for me than you know. Thank you for caring about me and my family. So many of you are so much more valuable than you know, than you are told, or dare to hope you are. Thank you. Thank you for all the hours you spend here, the prayers you pray, and the love you give that seem to go unnoticed. Thank you, deacons, for embracing your biblical role, serving God's people as you know of their needs. Thank you for decades of faithful service, for becoming fixtures of faith, love and service here at FBC. Thank all of you for sharing your gifts here, with us, when you don't have to.

Let "thank you" be your last words of 2016 and the first of 2017. I think we will all be the better for it. Thank you.

—Bro. Kevin

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions



Our goal: \$2500

Our giving as of 12-28: \$2367.00

Thank you to everyone who donated to this important offering.

Donations can still be made through January.

Proposed change in by-laws

The Constitution and By-laws Committee is proposing the following change in the church by-laws:

The document now reads, under Article III, Section II: *The regular monthly business conference shall be the second (2nd) Sunday night in each calendar month.*

The proposed change reads: *The regular monthly business conference shall be the third (3rd) Sunday night in each calendar month.*

This change will be voted on at the February business meeting.

Thank you to Gabe Rios for directing the Christmas Choir, and to Norma Ridout for accompanying. We appreciate your expertise, time, patience, and grace! from the Christmas Choir singers

Youth news

by Gabe Rios, Youth Minister

Youth group - We've been continuing to grow each week since the beginning of school and the kids deserve a lot of the credit because they are inviting friends from school. Hopefully we can see that number continue to grow! The FLC opens at 3:30pm on Wednesdays. At 6:30pm we eat a great meal together (thanks to Stephanie McKay, Matt Popnoe, Lynn Munden, Jeanagayle Behrens, and Jerlene Smith for taking care of the food!) and around 7pm we head back to the youth room for worship and a lesson. **Sunday School for youth** is in the FLC from 10:00-10:40 every Sunday morning.

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 - Basketball season is upon us! It's been great seeing all the kids play this season. This month I'll be able to attend more middle school games so I'm excited about that! Go Dogs!

Youth THEME Dinner - we had a great meal last month with a Christmas themed dinner which was orchestrated by Brad Woodard, Linsey Woodard, Misty Urban and Victoria Norrell! Thanks to all who helped in making the awesome food! This month we would like to do a New Year's theme for dinner. To help with cost of this event we ask that each kid bring \$1 for their meal.

Upcoming events:

First week back for youth - January 11th!

Summer camp - Mt. Lebanon July 2-7. FORMS for summer camp will be available as soon as they are released.

IMPORTANT –

No youth - January 4th

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. If anyone is interested in helping out with the youth or special events call or text Gabe @ [830-391-4367](tel:830-391-4367).

Keith's Konnections

by Keith Simpson, Ministry Director, Lake Ivie Baptist Association

Another year is almost upon us, and I hope that 2017 brings you more joy, peace, and love for your God and for one another than ever before. This past year has certainly been unsettling in various ways and I don't know what the New Year holds, but I know **WHO** holds the New Year. We must continue to rely upon God and His amazing grace to get us through each day. As God told Paul in II Corinthians 12:9, "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." Whatever 2017 throws at us and in whatever situation we find ourselves, God's grace is **SUFFICIENT**, and that's what we must rely upon when we face uncertain times.

I pray that all of you had time to reflect upon the Christmas season, and that you had some enjoyable times with family and friends over these past few days, but now a new year is dawning and our work for the Lord is not over. As we begin this new year, I challenge each church and each individual within that church to resolve to do more for the Lord in 2017 than you did in 2016. A new year presents many new opportunities, new beginnings, and a time of refreshing for each of us. Let us accept this challenge with gusto, and see what God is going to do within your church and your life as well.

Speaking of the new year, we will have our first executive board/associational meeting on January 9 at FBC Santa Anna beginning at 5:00 p.m. for the meeting, with the meal being served at 6:00 p.m. then we will be hearing from Dr. David Hardage, Executive Director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Dr. Hardage will apprise us of upcoming plans for the BGCT, new directions and opportunities for all churches, and will bring us an encouraging message. It is an honor to have him come speak to us, so I want to encourage all of our churches to be present to be able to understand the role and purpose of the BGCT to not only Texas, but to each individual church as well. I spoke with him at the BGCT Annual Meeting in Waco in November and he is excited to be coming here to speak.

Also in January be sure to remember our breakfasts on January 2 for Brady, January 9 for Coleman and January 16 for Ballinger. This is a great time of fellowship and visiting, and I want to encourage all to participate in these events. On February 22 (tentative), we will be having our Senior Adult Rally with music provided by the Millersview Baptist Church group and a presentation about the history of this area regarding the early American native Indians and the settlers who first braved to settle this land. Then on March 25, we will be hosting a "Go Conference" in conjunction with FBC Mason with Gregg Wallace who will be speaking on the 4X-Four Challenge, and with Scott Willingham presenting in the afternoon a session on "unApologetics." These two gentlemen are well respected in their fields and both men bring a wealth of experience to the table. More information to come as we finalize plans further.

And just one more thing: Remember that this association exists for you and your church. If there are workshops/seminars that you would like to see presented, please do not hesitate to call, text or email us here at the office. If you need resources for a particular topic, etc., please call. I will get in touch with BGCT and see if they have resources available and if we can set up a meeting/workshop/seminar to fill that need. In the meanwhile, "The Lord bless thee and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." (Numbers 6:24-26) **HAPPY NEW YEAR AND HAPPY NEW CHALLENGES!!!**

Upcoming Events!

January

1st Happy New Year!!!
2nd Brady Breakfast
9th Coleman Breakfast
9th Associational Meeting
16th Ballinger Breakfast
29th Women of Faith

February

6th Brady Breakfast
13th Coleman Breakfast
20th Ballinger Breakfast
22nd Senior Adult Rally

Women of Faith Quarterly
Singing will be at the Methodist
Church in Melvin on January
29th at 4:00 pm!



Please continue to be in prayer
for our pastor-less churches:
**El Cordero, Santa Anna
Tennyson Baptist Church
Hopewell Baptist Church
Seventh Street Baptist Church
Novice Baptist Church
Fellowship Baptist Church**

Association Program

Where: FBC Santa Anna
When: January 9th
Executive Board and WMU
meets at 5:00
Meal will be at 6:00 pm fol-
lowed by David Hardage
bringing the message.

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January 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Betty Daugherty Oralia Barrera	2 Stefanie McKay <i>LIBA Brady breakfast, 8:30, El Flamingo</i>	3 Amelia Britteon	4 <i>No youth or AWANA</i>	5 Avery Virdell	6	7 Kay Holloway
8 Jaelyn McKay	9 <i>Triple S, noon</i> <i>LIBA meeting, FBC Santa Anna, 5:00</i>	10	11 <i>Youth group and AWANA resume</i>	12 Weston Bauer Joanna Coston	13 David Munden <i>Food Pantry food distribution , 9:00- noon</i>	14 Janis Groves
15	16	17 Joyce Hollingsworth	18 Ida Owens	19	20	21 David Bishop Kathy Branden- berger Pat Matula
22 Marsha Gainer	23 <i>Triple S, 5:30</i>	24 Fayrene Easley Ashlee Shaw Sharon Poe	25	26	27	28 McKenna Bran- denberger Albert Pearson
29 Nadine Hinshaw <i>Women of Faith quarterly singing, Melvin Methodist Church, 4:00</i>	30	31 Doris Collins				

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 (resumes 1-11)
- 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 January

- Jan. 8 Debbie and Gerald Nobles
- Jan. 15 Victoria Norrell and Judy Oden
- Jan. 22 Laurie and Farion Morton
- Jan. 29 Melanie and Jeremy Couvillion

Deacons on call in January

- Terry Bean 792-6399
- Jerry Caraway 792-8671

Food Ministry Report

Food distribution day for this month is January 13 from 9:00-12:00. Totals for December will be included in the February newsletter.

A special thank you to all who made cookies or other treats for the December Food Pantry Christmas reception. We had an abundance of food and a wonderful time. Thanks also to the Damrosch Music Club for providing live music.



Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

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

Thanks to Albert Pearson, Joyce Hollingsworth, Kevin McDonald, and Lisa Remini for recording radio spots in December.

January devotionals will be done by Becky Martin, Gwen Bush, Becky Bauer, Kay Holloway, and Becky Elliott.

New church directories should be in sometime in February.

Pray without ceasing. . .

This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you:
God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.
1 John 1:5

- 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
Dorothy Bishop
Tina Durst Cellars
Judy Coor
Tammy Childs

Sherry Cox
Susan Davenport
Aneta Doyal
Joy Doyal
Daltyn Farris
Amy Faulkner
Mindy Gober
Holly Groves
Velma Hendley
Jimmy and Sherrie Hodges
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Charles and Jerry Jordan
Stephanie LaFuentes
Mary Beth Lewis
Janie Lowry
Mike Lowery
Gary Matula
Carol Newport
Allie Roddie

Norma Ridout
Wynell Roper
Edith Slaughter
Wanda Smith
Joe Solis
Tinsley Thomas
Lorene Trujillo
Jack and Susan Turk
Adele Waide
Glen Wallace
Mackie Jo Walters
Tess Warren
Kay Dawn Wilson
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 Vinnie Defiore, Margaret Langley, Ruth Cassle, and Billie Johnson. .

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*

Godly Impressions

Connecting children to the love of Christ through Godly Impressions.

by Holly Stewart, Preschool Director

Happy New Year! Our little astronauts will be “blasting off” into the new year at Godly Impressions with our study of outer space. We will be learning about the letters S, G, O, and L as well as the color blue and the star shape. All preschoolers will be culminating the study with a “Moon Walk” with Ms. Holly.

Our Christmas program, “The Real Meaning of Christmas” was a big hit as was the birthday party for Jesus. Thanks again to everyone who was involved.

Here's hoping your 2017 is filled with much love and happiness.

