



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## March 2017 newsletter

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### Spring planting

by Dr. Kevin McDonald

Spring is almost here, and some folks will be starting gardens. I like fresh veggies as well as the next meat-eater, but gardening is just not my thing. H-E-B has a good one, and it's a lot easier to buy my vegetables than it is to prepare, plant, and tend them all summer long, just to turn around and eat them. But more power to you gardeners. Soon you will be begging people like me to take all the excess off your hands. I don't care for gardening, but I loove gardeners.

The reason the green thumbs have so much to give away is because they took pains to have a crop in the first place. They love to grow things. They see the value of fresh food. They get as much out of the growing as they do the eating. For them, the work it takes to have a crop is a labor of love, not toil and drudgery. And they love to give away, to share all their garden grows. Like I said—I really do love gardeners.

What ground have you tilled? Where have you toiled? What crop have you invested in? What fruit are you producing? What bounty do you have to give away? What over-abundance is pouring out of your life? The answer for many is "none." And yet we call ourselves gardeners.

You have plowed no new ground. You have sown no seed. There are no calluses, no sweat stinging your eyes, no sore back, no sunburnt neck. You have grown nothing.

We have abandoned the work of the little garden out back and let the big farms do all the work and expect the store to be full of produce. Then in air-conditioned comfort, we select what we want and drive to our air conditioned home in our air conditioned car. That's not gardening. Neither is it the work of the Great Commission.

Spring is a time of preparation for life. The time for planting and nurturing, of investing.

The bushel baskets in the garage remain empty year after year. We really do reap what we sow, don't we? Every fall harvest demands a spring planting. The gardens of 2016, 2000, or 1973 are dead, plowed under and done. What are you going to grow this year? EXACTLY what you plant. That's what.

—Bro. Kevin

### Mission opportunities 2017: Sowing seeds of the Gospel in New Mexico, Brady, Mercedes, and Paisano

#### 1. A 3-day Navajo

**Mission** women's Bible study and crafts class at Tinian Baptist Church and Eagle Spring Baptist Church, both near Cuba, New Mexico, leaving Brady on Saturday, March 11, and returning the following Thursday. We will be taking the church van. Lynn Munden, Betty Smith, and Becky Martin are planning to go. There is room for more! If you are thinking about going, please talk to one of these ladies!



#### the mission AT BRADY

**2. The Mission at Brady**, the first two weekends of June. This is a multi-church project to work on 10 local homes, making them warm and dry. Volunteers of every skill level are needed. Carpenters, roofers, painters—all needed, but if you can pick up trash, there's work for you! Volunteers are also needed to prepare and serve food for the workers. See The Mission at Brady Facebook page FMI and photos of last year's projects.

**3. Mission Mercedes:** A mission week in Mercedes, TX, June 18-23, assisting Julian Garcia of McAllen with VBS, a sports camp, meals, and prayer walking. Bro. Kevin is leading this and will go to Mercedes in the next few weeks to look things over. Families, youth, senior adults—everyone is welcome to be a part of this trip. There is a place for you!



#### 4. Vacation Bible School,

July 9-13, in the evenings, for preschool through 5th grade. The theme is *Galactic Starveyors*.

Teachers, helpers, musicians, food service, crafters, rec leaders—come join the VBS team!



#### 5. Day Camp in the Park

for children 1st-6th grades M-F July 17-21. The Rec Team from FBC Midland will be here from July 16-23 to lead this great camp at Richards Park. Some of our youth will serve as counselors-in-training and will meet with the Rec Team in the afternoons. The camp is from 9:00-noon. Parents will register their children at the park.



#### 6. Paisano Encampment, July 23-28,

where our youth who helped at Day Camp in Brady will be serving on the Day Camp staff for Family Camp.



### Faith Bean selected as Super Summer intern

Faith Bean, a freshman at Texas State University, was recently selected as one of 8 interns for Super Summer, a youth evangelism and leadership camp associated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Faith previously attended Super Summer as a high school student.

She will be serving from the last week of May through the end of July. The first and last two weeks she will be working at the BGCT warehouse in Fort Worth.

She will serve at the one-week camps at several Texas Baptist universities, including Howard Payne, Hardin-Simmons, and Dallas Baptist.

Faith is the daughter of Terry and Shelly Bean.

### Kitchen renovations complete and beautiful

The renovated kitchen is open for business! The changes are beautiful and much needed and appreciated.

Upgrades include new countertops, new cabinet doors, new drawers, a shortening of the island, painting, and a new freezer.

This working kitchen is used daily by the preschool and weekly by Awana and youth, and for many other special events.

Thank you to Jackie Maxcey, who chairs the Properties and Services committee, and the other members of this committee—Charlie Bush, Charlie Elliott, Ed Weber, Jerry Caraway, and Farion Morton—for their management of this project and stewardship of the donated funds. Also, a big thank you to the anonymous donor.

## 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. Kids are allowed to begin arriving at the 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:

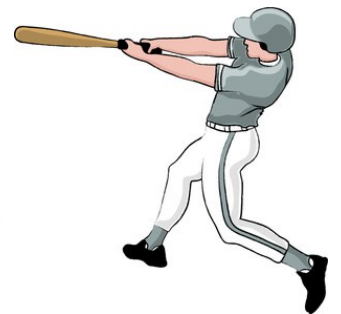


\*Sunday Night Hoops - every Sunday night starting at 7:30pm the gym is open to high school age and up, to come fellowship and play some basketball. We have been averaging 20-25 a Sunday and would love to have you! Occasionally we will also play during the week on a Tuesday or Thursday at 7pm. Text Gabe to get updates on when the gym will be open.

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 - We had a great season of basketball, both boys and girls. Congratulations to both teams for making it to the playoffs. It's been great seeing all the kids play this season! On to baseball and track! Go Dawgs!

Youth THEME Dinner - we had an awesome meal last month with a Valentines dinner coordinated by Victoria Norrell, and Linsey and Brad Woodard. Thank you so much for helping make these dinners possible!



Youth group - We concluded our series on Elijah this last week and will continue on with stories from the Bible. It's been amazing to see what God is doing in the youth group.

### Upcoming events:

Youth summer camp Fajita Fundraiser  
TBA soon!

March 9 - Tim Tebow will be speaking at the pregnancy center event in Brownwood. If you are interested the cost is 15 dollars!

Summer camp - Mt. Lebanon July 2-7.

FORMS for summer camp will be available as soon as they are released. Fifty dollars right now will reserve your spot for the camp.

NO YOUTH - March 15th! Spring Break

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, Youth Minister

## Keith's Konnections

*by Keith Simpson, Ministry Director, Lake Ivie Baptist Association*

Well, here it is, nearly March. Where does the time go? It seems like yesterday that we were ringing in a new year, and now it's nearly one third gone. As spring is just around the corner, we usually start thinking about the flowers blooming, the trees budding, and the birds singing, all signs of new life. We each should be looking forward to a new life every day, as God grants us one day at a time, so we must make use of the time that God gives us each day. I heard it said one time, that because time is short, "we must do all the good we can, to all the people we can, for as long as we can". I think that is a pretty good motto. God allows us 24 hours, 1440 minutes, and 86,400 seconds in a day that we will never be able to spend again. The question is, "How do I plan to spend this precious commodity that we call time?" We can use it for personal gain or we can use it to bless others, as well as ourselves. I hope and pray that you would resolve each day to invest some of your time in others. The material things of this world will fade away, or we will leave them behind, but the blessings we pass on to others will follow us into eternity. Paul says in Romans 14:12-13, "So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister." Instead, let us invest time in someone and be a blessing to someone today.

Some events that are coming up in the immediate future that might be of interest to our churches include the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wingate Baptist Church on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., wherein Dr. David Hardage, Executive Director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas will be the speaker, and afterwards there will be a meal served, and your Ministry Director will also be having a part in that celebration. Also on March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00a.m. until 2:00 p.m., the Lake Ivie Baptist Association in conjunction with FBC, Mason will be hosting a "GO" conference in Mason at the church. Dr. Gregg Wallace, author of the 4XFour Evangelism Training material will be one of the speakers and Dr. Scott Willingham will be bringing some information on Apologetics training. If you would like to know more about how to grow your church or how to witness to non-believers and defend your faith, this would be an excellent opportunity. Snacks, drinks, and a noon meal will be provided for all. We would like an **RSVP** for this event, so we can better plan for the meal. We are also looking at a Conflict Management one day workshop with Dr. Randall Maurer from Logsdon Seminary and Hardin Simmons University, possibly on May 20, but the details are still in the works and nothing is set in concrete at this time. More information will be provided as we get things lined up even more.

We are also planning a mission trip to work on the cabin at Paisano in Alpine in the immediate future as monies become available to buy materials to get to work. If you are interested in going with us, please call the office or my cell which is 325-456-0928 or Ryan Buck at Mason at 325-805-0123. More information to follow on this mission trip. And if you have events upcoming, please email us at the office and we will distribute the information to other churches. Until then, may God bless and keep you.

### Upcoming Events!

#### March

- 5<sup>th</sup> Bobby & Karen Broyles Retirement Party
- 6<sup>th</sup> Brady Breakfast
- 12<sup>th</sup> Daylight Saving Time "Spring Forward"
- 13<sup>th</sup> Coleman Breakfast
- 19<sup>th</sup> Wingate 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 20<sup>th</sup> Ballinger Breakfast
- 25<sup>th</sup> Hill Country "GO" Conference @ FBC Mason



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

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EVERYONE INVITED  
Retirement Party for  
Bobby & Karen Broyles  
This Sunday, March 5th,  
After 41 years in God's Ministry,  
Retirement Reception in the  
FBC Ballinger, Family Life Center  
1:00 PM ~ 2:00 PM.

Wingate Baptist Church  
125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!!!  
March 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00  
am with lunch following. Dr. David Hardage, from BGCT, will be the keynote speaker.





# March 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Jackie Behrens	2	3	4 Darlene Friar Becky Martin Joy Jennings
5 Wanda Burns Shelly Bean  Deacons meeting	6 LIBA Brady breakfast, 8:30, El Flamingo	7 Gerald Nobles	8 Leanna Davis	9	10 Food Pantry food distribution , 9:00- noon	11
12 DST begins Bobbie Williams Debbie Nobles	13 Triple S, noon	14	15 No Awana or youth—spring break	16 Joel Jennings	17	18
Navajo Mission Trip, Tinian Baptist Church and Eagle Spring Baptist Church, NM						
19 Business meeting	20	21 Paige Bauer	22 Jeanine Willis	23	24 Faith Bean Jerry Jordan	25 Hill Country “Go” Confer- ence, Mason FBC, 9:00-2:00
26	27 Bobby Williams Triple S, 5:30	28	29	30	31 Texas WMU Annual Meeting, FBC Midland	

## Weekly Events

<b>Sunday</b>	
9:45 AM	Sunday School
10:50 AM	Morning Worship
6:00	Bible study
7:30	Sunday Night Hoops, FLC
<b>Monday</b>	
4:00	Ladies Bible study home of Mary Ballew
6:30	CWJC, Building Men for Christ
<b>Wednesday</b>	
7:00 AM	Men’s Prayer Breakfast Presbyterian Church
3:30	FLC open for youth
5:30-7:15	AWANA
6:00	Adult prayer meeting
6:30	Youth meal
7:00-8:00	Youth worship and Bible study
<b>Thursday</b>	
9:45-12:00	Food Pantry: donated food brought from Walmart to the church
2:00-3:30	Dorcas quilting ministry

## Greeters for March

March 5	Rod and Tina Young
March 12	Melanie and Jeremy Couvillion
March 19	Laurie Morton
March 26	Terry and Shelly Bean

## Deacons on call in March

George Matula	792-8611
Virgil Middleton	597-2629, 280-6669

## Food Ministry Report

### February 2017

- Families: 106
- Adults: 111
- Children: 34
- Adults over 65: 24

Food distribution day for this month is March 10 from 9:00-12:00.

New volunteers are always welcome in this ministry. Help is needed in the FLC Thursday mornings to unload and store food. On food distribution day some volunteers fill and load boxes, while others register and pray with recipients. There is a place for you to help!



**Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM**  
Sunday morning: live broadcast at 11:00 AM  
Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM  
Thanks to Lynn Munden, Judye Oden, and Bobbie Ann Williams for recording radio spots in February.  
March devotionals will be done by Karen Behrens, Tony Groves, Maurice Mallow, and Joyce Collier.

The new directories are in! If you had your picture made, you receive a free directory. Check with RaNon in the church office.

Thanks to the Public Relations committee for making this happen! Joyce Hollingsworth chairs this committee, with Ida Owens, Joyce Scott, Lindsey Woodard, Laurie Morton, and Misty Urban as members.

**Ray Ash Library improvements**  
Thanks to a group of dedicated ladies, the Ray Ash Church Library has new paint and new organization! This library is open to all and has fiction and nonfiction books for all ages.  
Thank you for your time and diligent work, Carol Bedwell, Glenda Middleton, Pat Matula, and Betty Smith.



Pray without  
ceasing. . .

The Lord will keep you from all harm—He will watch over your life;  
The Lord will watch over your coming and going, both now and forevermore.  
*Psalm 121:7-8*

- 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
- 2017 missions

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Louise Baker  
Nate Bernal  
David Bishop  
Frances Caraway  
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Daltyn Farris  
Amy Faulkner  
Chelsea Fore  
Mindy Gober  
Chuck Green  
Holly Groves  
Velma Hendley  
Jimmy and Sherrie Hodges  
Donna Hutcheson  
Curtis and Genna Jennings  
Charles and Jerry Jordan  
Stephanie LaFuentes  
Mary Beth Lewis  
Janie Lowry  
Mike Lowery  
Gary Matula

Louise Morrow  
Carol Newport  
Brian and Judy Owen  
Dillon Roberts  
Allie Roddie  
Donna Rogers  
Joshua Rogers  
Rudy Rule  
Michael & Tanzee Shedd  
Edith Slaughter  
Wanda Smith  
Joe Solis  
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Lorene Trujillo  
Jack and Susan Turk  
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Tess Warren  
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Dr. Darin Wood (pastor of FBC Midland)

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Howard Brown  
Brandon Haymon  
Talisha Hendley  
David Hernandez  
Jose Lopez  
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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 Jackie Elliott and Wayne Collier.

The newsletter is available on the church website: [fbcbrady.org](http://fbcbrady.org). A link can be sent to your email address each month; just send your address to Becky Martin: [becky@scottmartin.net](mailto:becky@scottmartin.net).



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

Preschool news

So how about this weather we’re having? Wacky weather is the theme at Godly Impressions in March, and it definitely seems to be an appropriate one. We are all hoping for pretty spring-like temperatures during Spring Break (March 13-17), especially since we’ll be closed that week.

We will continue reading New Testament stories throughout next month as we memorize the Bible verse, “This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:24)

My assistant, Crystal Slaughter, and I are so thankful for the opportunity to touch children’s lives through Godly Impressions. Please stop by any time you’re at the church and say hi!

If you would like to support this outreach ministry in any way, please come visit with me or email me at [godlyimpressionsfbc@gmail.com](mailto:godlyimpressionsfbc@gmail.com).

Blessings,  
Holly Stewart  
Godly Impressions Preschool Director



Several from our church are planning to go to this gathering. You are invited and welcome to go with them! Talk to RaNon.

WMU of Texas Annual Meeting and Missions Celebration  
March 31-April 1  
First Baptist Church, Midland