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A challenging Plan B

by Dr. Kevin McDonald

As some famous general once said, “The first casualty of any battle is your plan.” The mission trip to Mercedes is not going to take place. So we move on, or at least move sideways. There is another mission field we are going to go to this summer. It will be hot, and the work will be hard. There is great need among the people, both physical and spiritual. Many of them live in houses you would not imagine are fit for human occupation, and many of them go hungry too often.

This summer we will be traveling to Brady, Texas. Brady is a wonderful small town full of nice folks. But it and its people are no strangers to poverty. So we will be participating with The Mission at Brady, the first two weekends in June. We will repair houses, making them dry and warm. There will be a need for skilled, semi-skilled, and unskilled workers. Meals will need to be prepared, yards cleaned up, pick up trucks unloaded, lumber moved, and there will be many other tasks you are capable of doing. What are most needed are willing hands and hearts. Over the years, high cost of time, distance and expenses have kept some of you from going on mission trips. Those barriers are now removed. You can work one or both weekends, and are free to do that which you are most capable of. I hope to see you there, on mission.

Last month, several members of FBC went to a training seminar at FBC Mason, where the 4xfour evangelism technique and philosophy was taught. As soon as I am able to schedule it, we will have one here for our church. This is going to be a very important opportunity for you and for this church. Church growth is dependent upon evangelism, not on how many Baptists move to Brady and join our church, or how many member’s kids walk the aisle. The New Testament church grew because converts shared their faith.

Statistics say it takes 31 people to reach a lost person. For many churches, it is much higher. I have no doubt we are one of those churches. When was the last time you shared your faith, or had the opportunity? 4X-four teaches you how to prepare and capitalize on those opportunities. It is time we break the habit of not witnessing, of not planting seeds. There is one very good, very simple reason we are not reaping a harvest, and you know what that reason is. I expect to see you at the 4xfour session. Stay tuned.

—Bro. Kevin



by Lynn Munden

The Mission at Brady exists to tangibly show the love of Jesus by meeting the physical needs in our local and surrounding communities. We do this by engaging the Church in allowing it to be the hands and feet of the gospel through home restoration-keeping people warm and dry. The Mission at Brady is aiming for a long-term partnership with all the churches in our area to make this ministry work.

The Mission at Brady, which is a non-profit 501 C-3 organization, is in its third year of ministry and has a board consisting of members from different local churches. In the past two summers, 8 homes have been repaired in various ways. Roofs have been restored, ramps, windows, and doors have been installed, and homes have been painted. Over 100 volunteers from area churches participated along with local businesses last summer.

Our goal this summer is to work on 10 homes at a cost of \$2,500.00 per home. Grants from different entities and donations from local churches are what fund the Mission at Brady. We will work the first two weekends in June, and we need many volunteers of all kinds to make our mission a success this summer. Signup sheets will be available in all churches during the month of May. Please pray about how First Baptist Church can assist in this ministry.

Note: Lynn Munden and Rod Young are our contact persons with the Mission at Brady. Talk to them for more information. Also, a Facebook page has photos and plans.

Crossroads Class begins Care Closet ministry

A room full of good, gently-used clothes for men, women, and children will soon be available for our friends who come to Food Pantry for food assistance. Thanks to the Crossroads Sunday School class for taking on this project.

Donations of clothing are being accepted. The room to be used is just off Fellowship Hall.

Congratulations, 2017 Graduates!



- High school
 - Josh Collier
 - Weston Bauer
 - McKenna Brandenberger
- College
 - Samuel Torres
 - Bachelor of Education
 - Tarleton State University, May 12
 - Bracken Bean
 - Master of Theology
 - Howard Payne University, May 6

AWANA to end year with Family Night May 3

AWANA and children’s mission organizations will finish for the school year with Family Night on Wednesday, May 3.

This year’s enrollment was:

Pre-K and kindergarten in Cubbies and Mission Friends: **17**

First and second graders in Sparks, GA’s, and RA’s: **24**

Third, fourth, and fifth graders in TnT, GA’s, and RA’s: **32**

A big Thank You to the team of volunteers who helped make



Wednesday nights an important and valuable time for these children.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

Together for His Kingdom

Our goal: \$2000

Our giving as of April 23:

\$1565.00

Offerings still being accepted

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 church/ Family Life Center right after school on Wednesdays! 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 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.

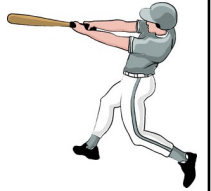
Food is taken care of by Stephanie McKay, Matt Popnoe, Lynn Munden, Jeanagayle Behrens, and Jerlene Smith and we are very grateful! If anyone is interested in helping out with the youth or special events call or text Gabe @ [830-391-4367](tel:830-391-4367).

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 - Congrats to all the kids that participated in track this year! Y'all killed it! Also congrats to the Brady baseball team for making it to the playoffs and to 4 of our freshman from the youth group Walker Bauer, Cooper Bean, Benjamin Galindo, and Caleb Galindo who are on varsity!



Lock-in - this was a big success as we had 138 youth attend this event! It was crazy! Thanks to all the kids who made this a success by inviting friends! Also big thanks to the worship team from Dallas Baptist University and of course illusionist Zak Mirzadeh was amazing! During the worship time 7 kids accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior! Thanks to all the adults who helped by their presence, who sponsored food or snacks, and who prayed over this event.

Youth THEME Dinner - May 17th we will have our monthly dinner. Please bring a dollar to help cover the cost. This will be our last theme dinner till August!

Youth group - exploring the Bible has been our series over the past several weeks and we finished up our Easter series last month. We will be starting a new 4 week series in May.

Upcoming Events

- Youth summer camp Fajita Fundraiser Sunday May 21st!
- Summer camp - Mt. Lebanon July 2-7.

FORMS for summer camp are available and registration is online. Fifty dollars right now will reserve your spot for the camp.

- May 24th - will be our last meeting for youth group before summer 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

To all ladies at First Baptist Church:

This is your invitation to the **Lake Ivie Baptist Association Spring Ladies Luncheon**. We are the host church for this great event.

Saturday, May 6, from 11:00 to 1:00

Music and worship in the sanctuary—led by the Millersview Gospel Band— then a missions program, featuring presentations from our church family

Lunch to follow in Fellowship Hall. Our Hospitality Committee will prepare and serve a taco salad lunch. Desserts will be from recipes in the church cookbook.

Mission project: We are asking everyone to bring a jar of peanut butter to donate to the FBC Food Pantry ministry.

Please come! We will have guests from several other churches. We want to make them welcome. Come and see what God is doing!



Day Camp in the Park for children 1st-6th grades M-F July 17-21. The Rec Team from FBC Midland—3 young men— 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. On Sunday the 23rd the kids from the camp will be invited to sing in the morning service, and they and their families will join us for lunch.



Houston High School Workcamp comes to Brady

A group of around 225 youth and adults from Memorial Drive United Methodist Church in Houston will be in Brady June 4-10 for several days of "High School Workcamp." This is their fourth trip to Brady.



The students work in the months before the trip to earn money for supplies, such as lumber and paint. They will work on a number of sites around town, pre-selected for needs.

The girls will stay in the gym at middle school and the boys in the gym at high school. Adult volunteers from their church will prepare meals in the high school cafeteria.

Brady churches have been asked to help financially to buy food for these young people.

FBC will take a love offering for this effort in May.



Vacation Bible School, July 9-13, in the evening, for preschool through 5th grade.

To all children: Be sure to come to VBS this summer and bring your friends! As "Galactic Starveyors," you will search the skies and God's Word to uncover God's truth etched in His handiwork. The God who created everything there is wants a relationship with you!

To everybody else: Please volunteer to teach, help, sing, serve food, make crafts, lead rec, and pray! It takes the whole church to make a great VBS!

Thanks to Melanie Couvillion for agreeing to be VBS director and to others who have already signed up to help.

VBS Scripture: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for him.

Colossians 1:15-16

News from Paisano Encampment,

June 4-11: Paisano Mission Work Trip to renovate a cabin recently given to the Lake Ivie Baptist Association

Jobs to be performed:

Clear exterior perimeter of shrubs and overgrowth trees

Roof repair with Elastomeric roof coating helping insulation and ensuring water tight structure

Complete exterior repaint with minor exterior wood repair, 90% of exterior wood structure in sound condition, prep, prime and paint

Demo common area wall and ceiling paneling

Rewire facility, new panel for 200 amp service, wire for 220 stove, ac unit, new electrical outlets

New light fixtures throughout

Plumbing for sink in common area

Installation of one 30 gallon water heater to complement existing 20 gallon water heater

Alteration ow window placement and installation of 10 aluminum windows

Visqueen wrap interior wall following exterior repairs (no additional insulation)

½" sheetrock installation of walls and ceilings

Trim out base with 1X4" pine

Paint interior one color with low sheen or eggshell finish.

For further information, call the LIBA office at [325-365-2585](tel:325-365-2585), Ryan Buck at [325-805-0123](tel:325-805-0123), or Keith Simpson's cell number [325-456-0928](tel:325-456-0928).

July 23-28: Our youth who helped at Day Camp in Brady will be serving on the Day Camp staff for Family Camp.

May 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 LIBA Brady breakfast, 8:30, El Flamingo	2 Wes Avant Tim Owens	3 AWANA Family Night Ethel Blackwell	4 Matthew Bishop	5 Alton Roberts	6 LIBA Spring Ladies Luncheon at FBC, 11:00- 1:00
7 All-church picnic at Elliotts' ranch, 5:00 to 8:00 Daniel Virdell	8 Triple S, noon Edith Slaughter Blane Woodard	9	10	11 Josh Collier	12 Food Pantry food distribution , 9:00-noon Cody Munden Crockett Jurrius Layla Virdell	13 Pat Gary Jack Jennings Jett Jennings Emily Spurgin
14 Mother's Day Deacons meeting Wesley Virdell	15 Norma Ridout	16 LIBA meeting, FBC Mason	17 Youth Theme Dinner Lynn Munden	18	19	20
21 Youth Camp Fajita Fundraiser lunch Business meeting, 5:00	22 Triple S, 5:30	23	24 Last meeting for youth group be- fore summer break	25	26 Godly Impressions graduation, 11:00 Jeanagayle Beh- rens	27 Teresa Felts Layne Avant
28	29 Memorial Day	30 Daryl Booth	31			

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 at Mary Ballew's
6:30	CWJC, Building Men for Christ
Wednesday	
7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast Presbyterian Church
3:30	FLC open for youth
5:30-7:15	AWANA (ends on May 3)
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 May	
May 7	Bobby and Bobbie Williams
May 14	Melanie and Jeremy Couvillion
May 21	Tim and Ida Owens
May 28	Robert and Cynthia Reeves
Deacons on call in May	
Gerald Nobles	597-1869, cell 432-553-9772
Charles Ramsey	792-7955

All-church picnic—May 7, 5:00-8:00 on a Sunday evening at Charlie Elliott's place on the San Saba River. Hamburgers and homemade ice cream. Sign up to bring ice cream and fix-in's for hamburgers. Our honored guests will be 6 students and one teacher from a university in China.



Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

Sunday morning: live broadcast at 11:00 AM
Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM
May devotionals will be done by Joyce Hollingsworth, Kenneth Young, Joyce Scott, and Judy Oden. Thank you!

Food Ministry Report

- April 2017
- Adults: 131
 - Children: 50
 - Adults over 65: 17

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



Ed Weber to take donations to Frank Banda Ministries

Ed plans to take a load of donations to Eagle Pass the last week in May or the first week in June. Many people have already made donations of clothing and household goods. Collection point is the men's Sunday School room, just inside the preschool entrance.

Pray without ceasing. . .

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You, too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near. *James 5:7-8*

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Mindy Gober
Linda Granberry
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Carol Newport
Brian and Judy Owen
Gwen Ragsdale
Dillon Roberts</p> | <p>Rudy Rule
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Starr Sims
Edith Slaughter
Joe Solis
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Jane Tomlinson
Jack and Susan Turk
Mackie Jo Walters
Tess Warren
Kay Dawn Wilson
J.R. Winston
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Howard Brown
Brandon Haymon
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Brandon Pfannenstiel
Jace Telford
Joseph Telford
Jonathan Torres
Alisha Slone
Wes Stark
Daniel Virdell
Justin Williams
Ricky Williams, Jr.</p> <p>We extend sympathy to the families of Jackie Curry, Ruby Farris, Tammy Childs, and Boyd Moore,</p> |
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*Be knit together
by strong ties of love.*

the
mission
AT BRADY

first two weekends in June



News from Godly Impressions Preschool
by Holly Stewart, director

In April the students of Godly Impressions learned about life cycles, and in May we’ll get “onboard” with lessons about transportation. Big events will include Muffins for Moms and Preschool Graduation which will be on Friday, May 26 at 11:00 a.m.

We will continue to operate the child care portion of our program throughout the summer months. Open enrollment for the 2017-‘18 school year will take place in July.

Thank you for supporting this mission with your prayers!

Thank you to Charles Ramsey for trimming the trees!

