



### A Life Song

by ElizaBeth Sparkman, ARNP  
“For long ago, in the days of David and Asaph, there had been directors for the musicians and for the songs of praise and thanksgiving to God.”

Nehemiah 12:46

At one point in my life, I truly believed the time to share my love of music and passion for worship was finished. But God brought Jerry & I here to FBC and a door opened for us to serve. This has been a unique opportunity to work alongside my husband – truly a blessing.

We have some exciting programs coming up in the next couple of months here at FBC: the Heaven’s Gates Hell’s Flames Drama in November and two special services in December. First, we will be having a special service on December 2<sup>nd</sup> to celebrate Christmas and decorate the sanctuary. Next, the choir has started working hard to prepare for our special musical presentation, *Peace Has Come*, which will be presented on December 9.

This November and December, please pray for each of us who are participating in these services. Pray that we will be able to focus the attention through “songs of praise and thanksgiving to God” on the message we are called to proclaim. The message of Jesus, His love for us, and the hope of salvation that is available for all.

A favorite worship chorus of mine is:

*I sing praises to Your name,  
O Most High.*

*I sing praises to Your name,  
O Holy One.*

*For Thou art holy and worthy to be  
praised,*

*Praises, praises to Your name.*

Thank you for allowing me the blessing of singing praises and being the Worship Leader for FBC.

### A message from Bro. Lee

by Rev. Lee Floyd,  
FBC Intentional Interim Pastor

November is here and the holidays are upon us. These prove to be busy times of year for most. The preparing of meals, shopping, traveling, decorating and spending time with family will begin to fill our hours. Diets go out the window and money slides from our account into the account of our favorite retail or grocery store. None of these are bad things and should be an enjoyed part of this season.

You will also see and hear encouragements to be thankful and remember the reason for the season. Encouragements to not let this holiday season just be a 'commercial' one. Again - all things we should do. But, what if.

What if, instead of this being a season of gratitude and celebrating Jesus, it is a beginning. What if this November and December marked the beginning of a new approach to life. One where EVERYDAY we expressed gratitude and acknowledge God in all our ways. Let us make the 61 days of November and December the ground work of a new way to live. Be grateful for the day granted and the many things given you over the course of the day. Take steps to acknowledge God in ALL your activities. I believe, if we do, the next 61 days could be a life changing season.

See you SUNDAY!!!!

—Lee

### Mission news

- Ed Weber will be going to Eagle Pass on Wednesday, Nov. 7, to deliver a load of donations to Bro. Frank Banda for his mission work on both sides of the border. If you have goods to donate, please bring them to the church (Men’s Sunday School room) this Sunday, or call Ed at 325-475-3471 to make other arrangements.
- Our total giving to the Mary Hill Davis Offering for State Missions: \$2,050, sent last week to BGCT This exceeded our goal of \$2,000.
- 20 baby bottles filled with change have been turned in. This offering will go the Central Texas Pregnancy Center based in Brownwood.
- The Adult Bible Study at Trails of Brady continues on Thursdays at 4:00. Please be in prayer for this as we try to get a group started.

### Heaven’s Gates & Hell’s Flames drama Nov. 11-13

by Janis Groves

The Bible says, “Our days on earth are like grass; like wildflowers, we bloom and die” (Ps. 103:15 NLT).

Have you ever wondered about what happens after you die? If you have, you are not alone! Heaven’s Gates & Hell’s Flames is a professional play performed worldwide in over 20 countries and it is coming soon to First Baptist Church, Brady, on November 11, 12, and 13 (Sun. Mon. Tues.).

The play begins each night at 7:00p.m and in one short hour-and-a-half you will know the answer to what happens when you die. So gather your family, friends, and neighbors to join us for biblical truth brought to life.

Tickets are free and are simply a reminder of the place, times and dates. Please note that if needed, the play will also be performed on Wednesday, November 14, 7:00p.m..

The stage platforms and stairs will be built, and the sanctuary backdrop set up on Friday morning, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday, Nov. 10 volunteers will read for parts and be assigned a part that same afternoon.

To volunteer your help or for more information, please call the church office at 597-2956 and speak to RaNon Caraway. Some meals will be provided for all volunteers, See you there!



### Operation Christmas Child boxes due Nov. 18

Our church is participating once again in the Operation Christmas Child project through Samaritan’s Purse.

Special plastic boxes are available for filling with children’s toys, school supplies, etc. Suggestions are in the boxes and available on line.

The gift boxes go to children all over the world. Last year our church donated 72 boxes.

### Christmas Choir rehearsal schedule

- November 6
- November 15 (Thursday)
- November 20
- November 27
- December 4
- December 8  
(Saturday)
- December 9 -  
Performance



## Keith's Konnections

by Keith Simpson, Ministry Director, Lake Ivie Baptist Association

First, of all, let me say thank you for all who attended our Lake Ivie Baptist Association's Annual Meeting recently and thanks to Glory Road Cowboy Church for hosting the event. There were approximately fifty people in attendance from fifteen different churches across our Association, and the food and fellowship were great. Thank you also to our break-out session leaders who spoke on Church Leadership (Quincy Ellis), Heaven's Gate/Hell's Flames (Janis Groves, et. Al.), Apologetics (Marty Akins) and Viable Church Membership. I hope and pray these workshops were helpful and encouraging as we continue to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. If you have any suggestions for next year's meeting/break-out sessions, or how to improve our meeting, please let me know. I welcome everyone's input. This is YOUR association and we want to try to bring to our churches what you tell us you need and want. Thanks also to those Baptist Ministries who were there to inform you about what they do: i.e. Heart of Texas Baptist Encampment (Rhonda Roberts), Texas Baptist Men (Wayland Peterson), and Texas Baptists (Robert Cuellar)

A big thank you goes out to Dr. Delvin Atchison for being our keynote speaker for the event. If he didn't light your fire, your wood must be too wet!! He encouraged us as individuals, churches and as an association to not diminish God's dreams for us. We dream WAY too small for God, and then we wonder why things are not going well. We need to dream the "impossible", for with God, all things are possible. We need to, as churches and as an association, seek God's vision for each of us and then go for it, and not worry that we may be dreaming too small.

An example of this that we have upcoming is the two Heaven's Gate/Hell's Flames presentations that we will be holding November 4-7 in Santa Anna and November 11-13 in Brady. When the administrative team first started talking about this last year, I was very skeptical as to how we could pull these two events off. I was DREAMING WAY TOO SMALL. God said, "I've Got This," and He has begun to work to formulate all that we need to accomplish these two events. We have faced some difficulties (as should be expected from Satan), but God has shown us how to overcome all obstacles. When God shows up, Satan really gets busy!!! Remember what Paul said, "*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS in high places.*" With God, we will overcome these obstacles and see many people come to know the Lord through these two events. Please, be in prayer and attend one or both of these events, and bring someone with you, especially someone who is unchurched. They, and you, will receive many blessings from these events.

We are in the midst of planning events/seminars/workshops for 2019 already, and the two items highest on our priority list are Church Leadership/Pastor Mentoring and Church Security and Safety. The administrative team will be formulating plans for these events in the immediate future, and we will certainly let you know when, where, and how these will be carried out. By the way, if you don't know what the association is about or what items we have upcoming for the association, ask your pastor. Someone in your church is getting the newsletter and other emails that we are constantly sending out. If you would like for me to come speak to your church about the association, why we exist and what we do, please do not hesitate to call me at the office which is 325-365-2585 or on my cell which is 325-456-0928. Also, if you would like some of our team leaders to come to your church and help your church with Strategic Planning, Vision Casting, Apologetics, or Deacon Training, please let us know. WE WILL COME TO YOU, so you do not have to drive to come to some of these trainings. We are here FOR YOU. Call us, email us, snail mail us, or send a note by carrier pigeon, and we will accommodate you and your church.

And finally, as we enter into the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, let me be the first to say "Happy Thanksgiving", "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year!" Be a "Barnabas" in your church to encourage, exhort, and edify others during this time of the year and also all year long. May God bless each church and each individual within the church.

### NOVEMBER, 2018

**November 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** Heaven's Gate/Hell's Flames at First Baptist Church, Santa Anna - 7:00PM nightly

**November 5<sup>th</sup>** - Brady Breakfast  
8:30am- El Flamingo

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** - ELECTION DAY - VOTE

**November 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>** Heaven's Gate/Hell's Flames at FBC Brady - 7:00PM nightly

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** - VETERAN'S DAY

**November 20-25**-Office will be closed for Thanksgiving

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>** - THANKSGIVING

### Blessings upon all—Keith

#### DECEMBER, 2018

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>** -Cowboy Christmas, Millersview Baptist Church, 3:00PM

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Brady Breakfast  
8:30am- El Flamingo

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** - Heart of Texas Baptist

Encampment Dinner Theater  
6:00pm

with Dennis Swanberg

**December 21-26** - Office will be closed for Christmas

**December 25**—Christmas Day

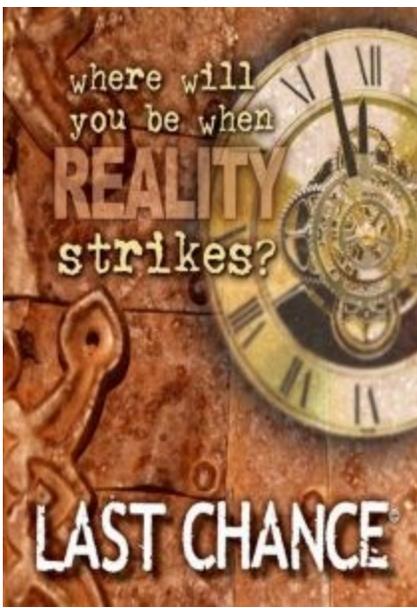
#### Please continue to pray for our pastorless churches:

El Cordero, Santa Anna  
First Baptist Church, Brady  
First Baptist Church, Paint Rock  
First Baptist Church, Winters  
Millersview Baptist Church  
Tennyson Baptist Church



# November 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Ashleigh Voight
4 <i>Time change: Fall back to Standard Time</i> Deacons meeting, 5:00 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px; width: fit-content;">Heaven's Gates &amp; Hell's Flames, FBC Santa Ana 7:00-8:30</div>	5 LIBA Fellowship breakfast, El Flamingo, 8:30 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px; width: fit-content;">Heaven's Gates &amp; Hell's Flames, FBC Santa Ana 7:00-8:30</div>	6 Christmas Choir, 6:30 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px; width: fit-content;">Heaven's Gates &amp; Hell's Flames, FBC Santa Ana 7:00-8:30</div>	7 Ed Weber mission to Banda Ministries in Eagle Pass <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px; width: fit-content;">Heaven's Gates &amp; Hell's Flames, FBC Santa Ana 7:00-8:30</div>	8 Mary Ballew	9 Food Pantry food distribution 9:00-12:00 Gunnar Roberts	10 Dariel Carson
11 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px; width: fit-content;">Heaven's Gates &amp; Hell's Flames, 7:00-8:30</div>	12 TaRel Day	13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px; width: fit-content;">Heaven's Gates &amp; Hell's Flames, 7:00-8:30</div>	14 Drew Wilton Genna Jennings	15 Christmas Choir, 6:30	16 Harold Underwood	17 Stacy Hudson
18 Operation Christmas Child boxes deadline Business meeting HG/HF follow-up block party	19 Rex Joslin Melinda Cook	20 Christmas Choir, 6:30 Ronnie Holloway Kenneth Young	21 Lisa Remini No Awana or youth	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24 Robert H. Reeves
25 Lauren Patton Madison Goss	26 Triple S, 5:30	27 Christmas Choir, 6:30	28 Larry Gerstenberger	29	30	



**Heaven's Gates & Hell's Flames**

Please continue in prayer and preparation for this production scheduled for November 11-13 at our church. Thanks to all who have volunteered to be a part of the planning, the set-up, the performance itself, and/or the follow-up. God has a place for each of us to help.

**Weekly Events**

**Sunday**  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 10:50 Morning Worship  
 6:00 Prayer meeting

**Monday**  
 4:00 Ladies Bible study, this month at 115 Parkview, home of Betty Smith  
*Will not meet Nov. 12*

**Tuesday**  
 6:30 Christmas Choir, see full schedule on first page

**Wednesday**  
 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Presbyterian Church  
 5:30-7:00 AWANA & missions organizations Youth group  
*Will not meet Nov. 21*

**Thursday**  
 9:45-12:00 Food Pantry: donated food brought from Walmart, sorted, and stored  
 2:00-3:30 Dorcas quilting ministry  
 4:00 Bible study, Trails of Brady

**Food Ministry Report**  
 October 2018

- Adults 129
- Children: 55
- Adults over 65: 21
- Families: 113



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

**Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM**

*Sunday morning:* recorded sermon from previous week at 11:30 AM  
*Weekdays:* Morning Devotional at 7:45  
 November devotionals will be done by Karen Behrens, Becky Bauer, Farion Morton, and Beth Sparkman. Thank you!

**Deacons on call in November:**

Jerry Caraway  
 792-8671  
 Virgil Middleton  
 597-2629, cell 456-7284

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;  
give thanks to Him and praise His Name.  
*Psalm 100:4*

**Pray without ceasing. . .**

- our church
  - 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
  - The drama *Heaven's Gates, Hell's Flames*
  - The Transition Team
  - AWANA and missions organizations
- Terry & Serena Alexander  
Mary Ballew  
Louise Baker

- Wendy Barley  
Oralia Barrera  
Sherry Barsch  
Deryl Bishop  
Melinda Cook  
Sherry Cox  
Sue Crow  
Fayrene Easley  
Charlie and Maria Garcia  
Larry Garner  
Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves  
Roy Guthrie  
Curtis and Genna Jennings  
Sheldon Johnson  
Vernon Jones  
Charles and Jerry Jordan  
Greg Jordan  
Janie Lowery  
Mike Lowery  
Roselie Mascarenes  
Michelle McCartney

- Betty McMillan  
Matt Popnoe  
Cynthia Quinn  
Adam Schoren  
Mike and Tanzee Shedd  
Edith Slaughter  
Jim & Betty Smith  
Rick Stone  
Jackson Tijerina  
Jack and Susan Turk  
Megan Wall  
Mackie Jo Walters  
Bill Wilburn  
Kenneth & Claudette Young

- 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 (*just returned from Kuwait*)  
Wes Stark  
Justin Williams  
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend sympathy to Janie Lowry on the death of her brother and to the families of Martha Jackson., Bob Edmiston, and Vi Vick.



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

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**Beth Sparkman**, Worship Leader  
**Norma Ridout**, Pianist  
**Deryl Bishop**, Organist

*For the Lord is good and His love endures forever, His faithfulness continues through all generations.  
Psalm 100:5*



**Godly Impressions Preschool**

October was filled with fall fun on the farm at Godly Impressions Preschool and Child Care. I hope you got a chance to walk down our hallway last month and see all of the children's art projects. It really felt like being on a farm! We also read Bible stories about Noah, Joseph, and Moses. All preschool students memorized the verse "With God all things are possible" Mark 10:27. What a wonderful treasure for them to hide in their hearts!

We will spend November being thankful and learning about the letters N, L, T, and C. Our Bible stories will include David and Goliath, Daniel and the Lions Den, and Jonah and the Whale. We will memorize the verse "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good" Psalm 136:1.

He is so very good, and we are so very thankful! Happy Thanksgiving from the GI staff!

In His Service,  
Holly Stewart, Director  
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