



Staff changes, finding the way forward

Dr. Kevin McDonald resigned as pastor effective January 31.

Gabe Rios, Minister of Music and Youth, has submitted his resignation. His last Sunday to lead music will be February 11, and his last Wednesday with the youth will be February 28.

The **Pastor Search Committee** was voted on at the business meeting on January 21 to take office on February 1. Members are Becky Martin (chair), Tina Young, Jerry Caraway, Karen Behrens, and George Matula. Alternates are Welman Bauer and Toney Urban.

According to the church by-laws, the **deacons** have the responsibility of finding an interim pastor: "Whenever a vacancy in the office of Pastor occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the **Deacon Body** to ensure that the pulpit is filled until an Interim Pastor is secured. The **Deacon Body** shall find and recommend to the church, for their approval, an Interim Pastor. The salary and benefits for the Interim Pastor shall be recommended by the **Deacon Body** in conjunction with the **Personnel** and **Budget/Finance/Stewardship** committees and presented to the church for their approval." (Article II. Officers)

The **Music Committee** will "In the event that there is no music minister, the committee will coordinate the music with the help of the organist and pianist" and "work with the **Personnel Committee** when interviewing and recommending to the church a new music minister for hire. Recommendation to bring a music minister in view of a call will come from the **Personnel Committee**." (Article IV, Section III E)

The **Personnel Committee** is to "work with appropriate committees in seeking out, interviewing, and recommending to the church any candidate for a church approved staff position." In regards to the pastor search process, "the **Personnel Committee** in conjunction with the special committee shall recommend to the church the salary and benefits for this prospective staff member." (Article IV, Section III H)

The **Youth and Recreation Committee** will "assist the **Personnel Committee** as requested in the employment of a qualified Minister of Youth." (Article IV, Section III J)

The following men will fill the pulpit at FBC during February and March:

Feb. 4: Keith Simpson, Ministry Director for the Lake Ivie Baptist Association

Feb. 11: Chris Leibrum, director of the Cooperative Program giving for Texas Baptists (texasbaptists.org)

Feb. 18: Scott Willingham, preacher and consultant for healthy churches

Feb. 25: Frank Banda, a pastor in the River Ministry with whom we have worked for several years

March 4: Mickey Lenamon, Director of Texas Baptist Men

March 11: Ryan Buck, pastor of First Baptist Mason

March 18: Dr. Randall Everett, a retired Baptist pastor, now leader of "Wilberforce," an international organization to help persecuted Christians

March 25: Dr. David Hardage, Executive Director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas

Note: Charlie Elliott, at the direction of the Deacon Body, contacted and scheduled these speakers, with the hope that these 8 weeks will be a time of renewal and revival for our church and community.

Deacon Body: Jerry Caraway (Chair), James Mallow, George Matula, Virgil Middleton, Farion Morton, David Munden, Charlie Ramsey, Jim Smith, Ed Weber, Bobby Williams, Kenneth Young, Rodney Young

Music Committee: Karen Behrens (Chair), James Mallow, Janet Guthrie, Norma Ridout

Personnel Committee: Becky Bauer (Chair), Jerry Caraway (Deacon Chair), Joyce Collier, Becky Elliott, Bobbie Williams (Nursery Chair), Jason Behrens (Finance Chair), Karen Behrens (Music Chair), Welman Bauer (Youth and Recreation Chair). Also Property and Services Chair, unfilled at this time

Youth and Recreation Committee: Welman Bauer (Chair), Sharon McDonald, Paige Bauer, Judy Oden, and Stefanie McKay

Finance/Budget/Stewardship Committee: Jason Behrens (Chair), Charlie Ramsey, George Matula, Jackie Behrens, Kenneth Young (Ex-officio as Chair of Trustees), Carol Bedwell (Ex-officio as Treasurer)

Pastor Search Committee: Becky Martin (Chair), Tina Young, Jerry Caraway, Karen Behrens, and George Matula. Alternates are Welman Bauer and Toney Urban.

The Pastor Search Committee plans to begin the search process with a planning meeting on Sunday afternoon, February 4. They will meet with Keith Simpson, Ministry Director of the Lake Ivie Baptist Association, who is knowledgeable of the steps to be taken in the search process.

Youth News

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, 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 7:00pm 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

Valentine's theme dinner will be February 14th this month.

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

Godly Impressions

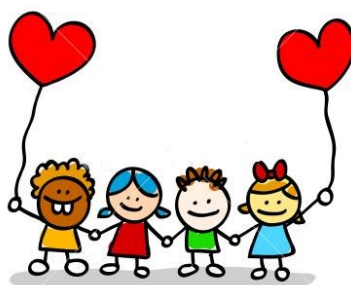
Connecting children to the love of Christ through Godly impressions.

Love, love, love! It's all about love — AND nursery rhymes in February at Godly Impressions. We will be learning about the letters L, V, J, H and W as well as the color pink and the heart shape. Our Valentine parties will be on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

We will continue reading stories out of the New Testament, and our memory verse will be “Come follow me,” Jesus said. “I will make you fishers of men,” Matthew 4:19.

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

In His service,
Holly Stewart,
Director



Mission Project report

from the Missions Committee:

Thank you, thank you, for your gifts for Welcome Bags for new apartments.

Here are the numbers:

- ♦ 40 potholders & oven mitts
- ♦ 35 kitchen towels
- ♦ 40 coffee mugs
- ♦ 10 dish cloths

We were able to fill more than enough bags for the families who will move into the first building, beginning Jan. 31.

Please pray about the possibilities for ministry and outreach to these residents.

We may try to do a Backyard Bible Club for the children when summer comes.

Keith's Konnections

by Keith Simpson, Lake Ivie Baptist Association Ministry Director

First and foremost, congratulations to Brother John and Suzie Stanislaw upon his retirement from 45 years in the ministry and 17 at FBC, Coleman. They will be moving to Abilene to see what God has in store for them in the future, but rest assured, they will surely be missed. The church gave them a retirement reception on January 14 and by looking at the crowd that attended, I would dare say that they have made many friends in their time at FBC, Coleman. We want to wish them both the best in whatever God has planned for them for their future. If you would like to send them a retirement card, please call the office for their new address in Abilene.

Secondly, we had a great turnout for our Church Security/Safety meeting in Santa Anna on the 17th of this month with about 60 people in attendance from nearly 20 of our churches. Again, just a reminder that the association has a packet of training information from Sheepdog Security Training (the company that did our seminar) that is available to assist all our churches in forming their security team and putting a plan in place. Speaking of church security, it would probably be wise to contact your insurance company and see what restrictions or provisions your policy may have pertaining to church safety.

Some upcoming events in the near future include our Senior Adult Rally to be held at FBC, Eden on February 21, from 11:00 am until about 1:30 p.m. Your age does not matter, so please attend this very informal meeting. The Millersview Gospel Band will start the program with a few songs, then we will eat, and after the meal Wes James will bring some special music, as well as tell of his missionary trips to Africa and other destinations. It will be a fun time, so plan to attend at no cost.

Rick Kemp, from Mercury Baptist Church, will be ordained into the Gospel Ministry this coming Saturday, February 4. The ordaining council will meet at 4 pm, followed by the church service at 5, then followed by a BBQ meal. Any ordained person is welcome to attend the ordaining council and everyone is invited to the 5 pm services and meal.

We also will be meeting with some of the BGCT folks on February 1 to “pick their brain” about better serving our churches, especially in the area of discipleship, which was rated #1 on our Strategic Plan that the churches came up with back in August.

Our breakfasts are continuing and attendance has been great. I would like to remind you that this is NOT a pastor's fellowship, but that all are invited to attend. Brady's breakfast is the first Monday, Coleman's the second Monday, and Ballinger's breakfast is the third Monday of the month. So please come on out and enjoy the fellowship of one of our breakfasts.

Our teams are still available to any church to help you facilitate such ideas as Strategic Planning, Evangelism events, Discipleship events and other events. All they need is an invitation to come help your church be more effective not only in reaching people, but growing those people in the Lord. Give us a call anytime. As it says on the front of our Book of Reports, “Don't Lose the Mission of the Great Commission.” We all get too busy sometimes to share a kind word with someone, to help those in need or to be available to God for His purpose. We each need to pray daily, “God, put someone in my path today with whom I can share Christ.” However, if you pray this, you BETTER be ready because God will put someone out there with whom you can share.

I am reminded about what Paul said in I Corinthians 13, 1-3 and 13, “If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. Three things will last forever—faith, hope and love—and the greatest of these is love.” (NIV) We live in a hurt and dying world that is searching for some meaning to their lives, for someone to love them, and we have the answer. The answer is JESUS CHRIST. Let's not keep Him to ourselves, but share Him with others so they may join the Kingdom of God.

In His love and service,
Keith

February 2018

3rd Pastor Ordination at Mercury Baptist
5pm Ordination Service
Dinner to follow
5th Brady Fellowship Breakfast,
8:30 at El Flamingo's
6th Admin Team Meeting,
7pm FBC Eden
12th Coleman Fellowship Breakfast,
8:30 at Hidalgo's
19th Ballinger Fellowship Breakfast,
8:30 at Beefmaster's
21st Senior Adult Rally,


Senior Adult Rally
First Baptist Church Eden
11:00 am on 1/21/18

Ednoi Carrasco from Brady will be leaving for Allende Mexico on Friday March 2 to preach at Iglesia Bautista Betenia for the church's anniversary. The church is in need of a used working 40 inch plasma flat screen TV's to use in their church programming. If anyone can meet this need, please contact the Lake Ivie Baptist Association at 325-365-2585 or text 325-456-0928 so that we can make arrangements to send the TV's with Pastor Carrasco when he travels to Mexico. Or you can contact Pastor Carrasco himself at 325-792-4412. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

**Food Ministry
Report**

January 2018

- Adults 90
- Children: 29
- Adults over 65: 16



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

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

**Broadcasts on
KNEL 95.3 FM**
Sunday morning: live
broadcast at 11:00 AM
Weekdays: Morning
Devotional at 7:45
AM
February devotionals
will be done by Tina
Young, Becky Elliott,
Kay Holloway, and
Joyce Collier. Thank
you!

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
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

Sincerely,
Joyce Collier
Lisa Collier
Susan Collier Miller

Pray without
ceasing. . .

Rejoice with those who rejoice;
mourn with those who mourn.
Romans 12:15

- 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
 - AWANA
- Terry and Serena Alexander
Louise Baker
Wendy Barley
Deryl Bishop
John David Bishop
Ethel Blackwell

Frieda Chew
Melinda Cook
Sherry Cox
Fayrene Easley
Mike Easley
Dusty Evans
Charlie Garcia
Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Charles and Jerry Jordan
Janie Lowery
Mike Lowery
Betty McMillan
Betty Nash
Mike Pagett
Lois Patton
Edith Slaughter
Tinsley Thompson
Jackson Tijerina
Jane Tomlinson

Jack and Susan Turk
Mackie Jo Walters
Tess Warren
Ed Weber
Kendyl White
Jane Whittemore
Hayden Wilson
Joyce Wilson
Kay Dawn Wilson
Tammy Wilson
Jane Wortham

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
Daniel Virdell
Justin Williams
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend sympathy to the families of Sue Tucker, Leroy Keese, Charlie Elliott, Larry Collier, Harry Mitchell, and Carl Keith, and to Kay Holloway in the loss of her brother.

The newsletter is available on the church website: fbcbrady.org. The newsletter is also sent to email addresses as requested. 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*

This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
1 John 4:10-11

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Charlie Elliott, 1940-2018

Our church family continues to mourn the passing of Charlie Elliott. Charlie died of a massive heart attack while skiing in Vail, CO, on Friday, January 19.

Charlie was Minister of Youth and Minister of Activities for 38 years at First Baptist Church in Midland. He and Becky retired to Brady thirteen years ago. He was an active deacon, Sunday School teacher, and RA leader in our church. He was active in Texas Baptist Men and the Gideons.

Charlie served the Lord on countless mission trips within Texas, around the United States, and to other countries, including several trips to China and 30 years of trips across the Rio Grande into Coahuilla, Mexico, to do Bible choools and help start Baptist churches. He conducted Day Camp for children for 49 years during Family Week at Paisano Baptist Encampment at Alpine. He and Becky have hosted many meetings, fellowships, retreats, and camps at their retirement home/retreat center near Brady on the San Saba River.

Charlie taught hundreds of young people and adults how to go and teach the story of Jesus and become active Christians who would obey the Great Commission : Jesus said, “Go into the all the world. . . and teach people what I have taught.”

Charlie is survived by his wife Becky, three sons (Michael and John of Midland and Danny of Fredericksburg), and ten grandchildren. Memorial services were held in Brady and Midland.

You may have had this exchange with Charlie:
“How are you, Charlie?”
“I’m saved, sister!” “I’m saved, brother!”