

A Life Song

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“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord.” —Colossians 3:17

Do you ever wonder, “What is my purpose?” I think we all do at moments in our lives. Some struggle with this daily. One thing I hold on to is this verse.

God asks us to live each day for Him, trusting Him to lead and to use us. We may not think we do anything that matters, but all he asks is for us to walk with Him. He will use you. This song by Josh Wilson sums it up:

Dream Small

It's a momma singing songs about the Lord

It's a daddy spending family time that the world said he cannot afford

These simple moments change the world

It's a pastor at a tiny little Church
Forty years of loving for the broken and the hurt

These simple moments change the world

It's visiting the widow down the street
Or dancing on a Friday with your friend with special needs

These simple moments change the world

Of course, there's nothing wrong with bigger dreams

Just don't miss the minutes on your way to your bigger things

'Cause these simple moments change the world

Keep loving, keep serving

Keep listening, keep learning

Keep praying, keep hoping

Keep seeking, keep searching

Out these small things and watch them grow bigger

The God who does all things makes oceans from rivers

But dream small

Don't bother like you've gotta do it all
Just let Jesus use you where you are

One day at a time, live well

Loving God and others as yourself

Find little ways where only you can help with His great love

A tiny rock can make a giant fall....

Yeah, five loaves and two fish's could feed them all

So dream small

Dream small

Welcome, Bro. Lee!

Lee Floyd was called on June 3 to serve as our Intentional Interim pastor for approximately the next year.

He will work with the Transition Team for several months and then with the Pastor Search Committee.

The first step in the process is to form the Transition Team. Some of the members of the Pastor Search Committee will serve on the Transition Team along with a few others.

The church has been in a Season of Prayer the last two weeks specifically about the Transition Team.

Nominations may be made on Sunday, July 1, and Sunday, July 8, for people who could be added to the team. This group should be a cross-section of our church, people who can be objective and who have the time and are willing to lead and help.

Here is Bro. Lee's first letter to us:

Greetings, FBC Friends

Rhonda and I are very excited about being part of the Intentional Interim journey with you. God has good things in store for His people at FBC and in Brady. It will be a worthwhile journey for all of us.

I want to share with you some ways you can help as we start this process.

1. **Pray** - This is obvious. As Jesus followers we should be praying people. But let me remind you to pray daily for your church during this process. Pray for me - that I may have wisdom, lead well and preach effectively. Pray for the future transition team - that each person will be ready in spirit, have courage,



wisdom and insight to help the church work through each step of the process. Pray for others and self at FBC - that each of us would seek to serve the other for God's glory.

2. **Patience** - Yes, you will hear this a lot especially in the early days of the process. Anything worth doing usually takes time to do. The Intentional Interim will take time. If we will practice a patient spirit toward one another, the transition team and the process it will reap good effective work.

3. **Prepare** - GET READY. It is time to get to work. There will be things to do and accomplish. Start praying and thinking how you want to be involved. This is no time to sit on the sidelines - ALL HANDS ON DECK. HOW WILL YOU GET INVOLVED AT FBC?

There is great HOPE in the days ahead. Lets see this process as an opportunity for joy while God molds and shapes us to be like Jesus.

Serving YOU through the In Between Time,
Lee Floyd



Vacation Bible School
July 8-12, Sunday-Thursday
5:30-7:30

Completed pre-K
through completed 5th grade

More volunteers are needed! Please sign up, or talk to
Melanie Couvillon, VBS director.

325-716-5514 or 325-792-6766

What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:14-17

The Mission at Brady *report from Rod Young*

A special thanks goes out to those that took part in the "Mission at Brady" the first two weekends of June.

The Mission at Brady exists to tangibly show the love of Jesus by meeting the physical needs in our local and surrounding communities. This is done by multiple churches in Brady working together to be the hands and feet of the gospel through home restoration, specifically, keeping folks warm and dry.

First Baptist Church played a part in this two-weekend, local effort by volunteering to work on two homes. One home included providing and installing all new storm windows and hauling away brush and debris.

The second home was more in depth. It included strengthening a failing roof structure, replacing some decking, and reroofing the front porch and a closed-in room on the back of the house. Volunteers also replaced a window, caulked and repainted the house, and hauled away numerous loads of brush and debris.

Both of these home owners were thankful to tears for the donations of time and materials for these projects.

Many of First Baptist Church's members were involved by volunteering, giving donations, making cookies, helping with children's activities and praying that the love of Jesus would be reflected in our efforts. There were too many people to name everyone but a special thanks goes out to Jackie and Jason Behrens for their expertise and tools.

If you'd like to be a part of this effort we will be gathering Home applications and doing it again next year. Thanks for serving Christ- Rod



Backyard Bible Club *report from Becky Martin*

Our Backyard Bible Club at Trails of Brady Apartments has had a kind of slow start, with two kids the first night and four the second. But attendance doubled! => One night we could not meet because the fire alarms were going off. (No fire!)

Marsha Gainer is our chief storyteller and uses her teaching gift beautifully.

The Rec Team led BBC on June 20. They treated our four children like they were the most important kids in the world. They played outdoor games, then came in to cool off. Eli played his guitar and sang, then the team acted out the story of Abraham and Isaac. Very memorable! They sat with the kids to do the craft and have refreshments.

The Trails managers have been very welcoming and encouraging.

Thanks to Marsha Gainer, Pat Matula, Claudette Young, Deryl Bishop, RaNon Caraway, Kameron Roberts, Laurie Morton, Linda Torres, Joyce Scott, and Glenda Middleton for serving on the BBC team.

We will not meet July 4 or July 11 (VBS week) but plan to meet July 18 and 25 and August 1 and 8. We have invited the kids from Sagebrush Apartments to join us.



Navajo missions: *report from Betty Smith*

Another year, another mission trip. This trip took us to a remote part of the Navajo Reservation in the Checkerboard area near Counselor. For the first time ever, we only had 13 missionaries. Most of us had to do things we had never done before, and that made things unusual.

I was the only one to stay in the church while everyone else had tents. But about the 3rd day we had a BIG wind that turned over our portable potties and most of the tents. Therefore, I had more company staying in the church after that.

We had VBS, women and men's Bible study, cooked and fed a lot, and had nightly services. The singing was greatly Navajo and I loved it. They even had me lead singing a Navajo song.

Please pray for these folks who love the Lord and praise Him continually. They often feel forgotten as Baptists as they live in a hard land. I would love to take anyone from FBC on this mission next year. Think about it and talk to me.



Day Camp at the Park: *report from Miriam Osterlund, Rec Team member from FBC Midland*

Being on the "Rec Team" is for me, and for many others in the past twenty years, a special blessing. This year our whole Rec Team—Alex, Eli, Brandt, and I were so thankful to be in Brady June 18-24. As a Rec Team we love to invest not only in the lives of children, but also in the youth.

The neatest thing this year happened one night. It was a spontaneous kickball game! We started the game out with just a few youth, but then, "out of nowhere" a few youth started coming out of the woodwork! A local baseball team ended practice and came over and joined us. There was much laughter, and someone even brought out a "stereo!" We played hard. It was exciting. It was a special moment for many of the kids who showed up. We love these spontaneous events.

Our purpose is to see children and youth smile and laugh so we can share the love of Christ in our words and actions.

July 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Christy Everett Misty Urban <i>Deacons meeting</i>	2 Zenida Paradise	3	4 Amy Tetens	5 Wanda Cude	6 Gage Behrens	7
8 Nate Bernal Anita Doyal	9 <i>Triple S, noon</i>	10	11	12 Pete Barrera Linda Torres	13 Claudette Young <i>Food Pantry food distribution 9:00-12:00</i>	14 Payton Branden- berger Betty Sutton
<i>Vacation Bible School, July 8-12, 5:30-7:30</i>						
15 Frieda Chew <i>Business meeting, 5:00</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Velma Hendley Colton Lyon	23 Janet Guthrie <i>Triple S, 5:30</i>	24 Anthony Castillo	25 Billy Jack Harper	26 Gary Bishop	27	28 Alexa Bean
29 Kaysen Alonzo	30 Becky Bauer	31 Jaysen Owens				

Food Ministry Report

June 2018

- Adults 74
- Children: 29
- Adults over 65: 20
- Families: 75



Food distribution day for this month is July 13 from 9:00-12:00. New volunteers are always needed and welcome!

Deacons on call in July:

George Matula
792-8611
James Mallow
597-2373 cell 456-6988

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

Sunday morning: recorded sermon from previous week at 11:30 AM

Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45

July devotionals will be done by Joyce Collier, Tina Young, Melinda Cook, Misty Urban, and Becky Martin. Thank you!

Weekly Events

Sunday

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:50 Morning Worship
- 6:00 Church-wide prayer meeting
- 8:00-10:00 Sunday Night Hoops, FLC

Monday

- 4:00 Prayer/Bible study at Mary Ballew's

Wednesday

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Presbyterian Church
- 5:30-7:00 Backyard Bible Club at Trails of Brady Apartments (July 18 & 25)
- 5:30 Youth group

Thursday

- 9:45-12:00 Food Pantry: donated food brought from Walmart, sorted, and stored

Alexa Bean: On Mission to Nome and Golovan, Alaska

Dear Church Family,

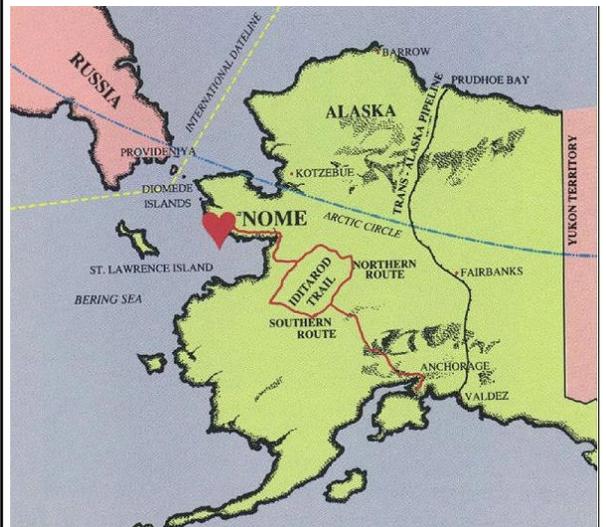
Although I've been away a while I will forever think of FBC Brady as my church home. You have helped see me through many adventures in the past and I felt it only fitting to include you on my next one. On June 29th I will be taking a two-week mission trip to Nome, Alaska, as well as traveling to the village of Golovan with some members of my church here in Copperas Cove. You have helped support me through my previous missions and I ask for your continued support through this one as well.

This trip will be different than my previous missions because I am not familiar with any of the people that I am going with. They are all church members that I have just met. Please pray that I will easily make friends with them as we serve the Lord together. Our main mission is to form relationships with the native people. We will be doing a VBS for the kids during the mornings, a D-now for the youth at night, and women's ministries in between. Please pray that I will persevere through exhaustion and that the Lord will use me as a vessel to these people. Financial support is also always welcomed but never necessary as my priorities are on the authenticity of serving no matter the cost.

Thank you, church family, for your ongoing love and support throughout my Christian walk.

God bless you all.

Alexa Bean



Pray without ceasing. . .

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness!
Lamentations 3:22-23

- 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
 - Summer missions
 - Alexa Bean on mission to Alaska
 - The drama *Heaven's Gates, Hell's Flames*
- Louise Baker
Wendy Barley

Marjorie Barnhill
Oralia Barrera
Sissy Blunck
Andrea Clements
Susan Collier
Doris Collins
Melinda Cook
Sherry Cox
Sue Crow
Fayrene Easley
Mike Easley
Charlie and Maria Garcia
Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves
Roy Guthrie
Robin Hill
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Vernon Jones
Charles and Jerry Jordan
Mike Lowery
Roselie Mascarenes

Michelle McCartney
Betty McMillan
Noah Palacio
Mike and Tanzee Shed
Edith Slaughter
Tinsley Thompson
Jackson Tijerina
Jane Tomlinson
Jack and Susan Turk
Mackie Jo Walters
Jane Whittemore
Teresa Williams
Gloria Wilson
Kenneth 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
Alisha Slone
Wes Stark
Daniel Virdell
Justin Williams
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend sympathy to the families of Susie Tripp, Ethel Blackwell, Dr. Richard Lane, and to Robert and Amy Tents in the loss of Robert's grandmother,

The newsletter is available on the church website: fbcb rady.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*

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I say to myself,
"The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him."
Lamentations 3:24

First Baptist Church members,
Thank you for your kindness during this difficult time. It was comforting to have our mother's friends and family gather to honor her life where she so often sat to worship our Lord. The music couldn't have been better. The meal was wonderful, and we were grateful to have had one less thing to worry about.
Thank you all,
The family of Ethel Blackwell

Radio broadcasts change

by Judy Oden, Chair of Technology Subcommittee
At the June business meeting the church voted to change to a thirty minute recorded broadcast of the morning service.
The July 1st sermon will be recorded and aired on Sunday July 8th from 11:30-12:00. The daily devotionals will continue to be aired at the usual time, 7:45 AM, Monday-Friday.

Heaven's Gates, Hell's Flames

Our church has been asked to host the production of this drama in November. Possibilities were discussed at the June business meeting, and it will be considered further at the July meeting. If you are interested in helping in any way, be sure to attend this business meeting.