



A Life Song

by ElizaBeth Sparkman, ARNP
“Pleasant words are a honeycomb,
Sweet to the soul and healing to the
bones.”

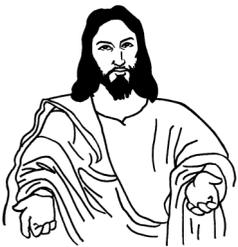
Proverbs 16:24

Most of you may know that I spend my days working in a local medical practice. While this is a very rewarding job, there are times (as I’m sure there are with every job!) when it can be discouraging or overwhelming. All aspects of life can at times be exhausting. Am I right? Whether it is a paid job, volunteering or simply cleaning the house, we all become discouraged and face time when we need encouragement. Recently, in the course of my days, I have encountered several people who have given gifts of encouragement with their “pleasant words.” As others have encouraged me, I pray to use that added strength to reach out to encourage someone else.

One of my favorite songs is sung by Joy Williams. The chorus says it all:

*Do they see Jesus in me?
Do they recognize Your face?
Do I communicate Your love and
Your grace?
Do I reflect who You are
In the way I choose to be?
Do they see Jesus in me?*

Honestly, when we allow Jesus to be seen in our everyday lives, even through something as simple as pleasant words, we can help each other heal. We can be sweet to the soul. Thank you to all who have shown me Jesus in recent days.



Transition team dates:
August 4: Training retreat
August 5: Commissioning service

Joyce Scott and Laurie Morton have been asked and have agreed to serve on the Transition Team.

A message from Bro. Lee

From time to time, I wish for two things. 1. A thermostat to control the outside temperature around my general vicinity. I would keep it a nice 72 degrees and you could set yours wherever you want. 2. A pause button on time. There are many moments when I want to pause time to enjoy that certain moment a little longer or create a little more time to get a task done. I think these would be very effective and useful tools for each of us.

But we get neither. Instead we have to deal with the temperature no matter how comfortable or uncomfortable. And we have to make the most of our time no matter how fast or slow it seems to move. (Even though we know it moves at the same rate every day.)

The interim process is the same way. There will be times when things are uncomfortable and difficult and times that are enjoyable and fun. There will be times when the work moves slow and times when it moves very quickly.

But no matter what, we have to deal with it as it comes, however it comes. And we do it together, as a family committed to one another for the Glory of God and our love for one another.

As we prepare to dive into the work with the transition team at the lead, please remember we are family, you will be needed to help, and this journey is worth taking. Serving YOU,

Lee

Vacation Bible School 2018 = SUCCESS

July 8-12 First Baptist Brady hosted its annual Vacation Bible School. The theme was **Gear Up! Get Ready! Game On!** and was centered around sports. Each day the children learned an important truth about how much Jesus loves them. The verse that was woven through all the lessons and even featured in the VBS theme song was 2 Peter 1:3—

“His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.”

Jesus cares about me. Jesus gives me hope. Jesus helps me believe. Jesus loves me. Jesus gives me joy. These are the truths that each of us as volunteers tried to instill in the children.

Our focus was much more on meeting the needs of each child that came rather than how many kids showed up. With a crew of approximately 20ish volunteers and a few floaters we handled our numbers with ease. This year we had a total of 41 kids ranging from PreK - 5th grades. These 41 kids along with some of our leaders collected a whopping \$186 and change for donation to the Mary Hill Davis Offering in support of Texas missions. Of course, no competition is complete unless someone gets a pie in the face! Gage Behrens and Ethan Couvillion accepted the pie (whipped cream on a plate) with excitement as the children and leaders cheered!

In addition to VBS we had a small table set up for Van Ministry. Our hope is to offer folks who live in the Brady area a safe and reliable means of transportation to and from Sunday School and morning worship service.

I’d like to offer my heartfelt “thank you” to each and every person who helped make 2018’s VBS a success. Whether you prayed, donated food, taught, helped teach, crafted, or helped anywhere you were needed — THANK YOU!!!

Many thanks,
Melanie Couvillion, VBS Director

Backyard Bible Club: Block Party Aug. 8

by Becky Martin

Backyard Bible Club met twice in July, following Vacation Bible School. Attendance is still low, but we have met some sweet children and feel that what we are doing is important. Every child is precious to God and is a bundle of potential!

Plans for August are a regular meeting in the apartment clubhouse on August 1, then an end-of-summer, back-to-school Block Party event on August 8. We have reserved the Lake Ivie Baptist Association Block Party trailer for that night. We will invite everyone in the apartments and hope for a big crowd. *We need help from the church to make this happen.* Quincy Ellis of Lohn Baptist has agreed to pull the trailer here from Ballinger and help set it up. We need 5 people to help him with the set-up, plus people to grill hot dogs, make sno-cones, help with the games, etc. Beth Sparkman will sing during the event. This trailer and its contents are specially designed for evangelistic outreach. This will be our first time to use it. *Please come and be a part!*

Keith's Konnections

by Keith Simpson, Ministry Director, Lake Ivie Baptist Association

I don't know about you, but I am just about tired of summer already!! Give me 3 months and I will be saying the same thing about winter!! Isn't it strange how we never seem to be satisfied with our situation, whether it is the weather, or our job, or our finances or a hundred other things. We need to be more like Paul who said in Philippians 4:11-13, "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things, I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (KJV) Science says that we need a few basic things in order to survive: food, water, shelter and love. Christ is the bread of life; He is the living water; He is our shelter in the storm; and He is love. So, science is right! We need Christ in our daily lives in order to survive, but not only to survive, but to flourish as well. So let us be content in whatever state we find ourselves in order that we can bring honor and glory to God, and in order that others may see Christ in us.

We have some very important events coming up in the near and distant future of which I want to make you aware. On August 18, 2018, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., we will once again be hosting our Strategic Planning meeting at FBC, Coleman, and this is your opportunity to have input as to the direction of YOUR association for the upcoming year. Last year was very insightful and helpful to the Administrative Team and gave them direction about putting together events that you feel necessary. We encourage both clergy and laity to partake of this opportunity for input in order that we know what YOU see as the perceived needs of the association. Please RSVP to the office at 325-365-2585 or Keith at 325-456-0928, or email us at lakeiviebaptist@yahoo.com, You may also text Keith if you want to. This will help know the number to expect and how much food to prepare for the event.

Then in September, at FBC, Eden, we will be hosting a Deacon/Pastor/Wives Training in conjunction with BGCT representatives Keith Lowry and possibly Phil Miller along with Dr. Herb Pederson from Dallas Baptist University. We are planning break-out sessions just for pastors, one just for deacons, one for pastors' wives and one for deacons' wives. There will be a meal provided by BGCT, and therefore we need a count of those who plan to attend this event. Again, please RSVP to the office or to Keith with your information about the number attending. We will start out with a general session from 9-10, then do the break-out sessions from 10-11, then come back together from 11- noon, at which time we will enjoy a fellowship meal together. Then after lunch, we will have another general session, a time of wrap-up, then finalize the day with a question and answer time. Please plan to be in attendance as this is one of the top 10 items that emerged from our strategic planning last August that you felt we needed to present.

On October 20, 2018, FBC, San Angelo will be hosting an (Un)Apologetic Conference with Mark Mittleberg, et. al. I am sure that you have already received the information on this, but if you have not, I will be sending it out in the immediate future. On October 28, we will be having our Annual Meeting at Glory Road Cowboy Church, 4 miles outside of Ballinger, Texas, with Dr. Delvin Atchison being our keynote speaker. We are still working on details but we will be having a Heaven's Gate/Hell's Flame workshop; a church leadership break-out session, possibly a "Being a Viable Church Member" break-out and others.

FBC, Mason will be hosting a Heaven's Gate/Hell's Flame presentation July 29-August 1 at 7 p.m. nightly and I encourage you to attend if at all possible as we will be hosting 2 of these presentations in November. Details will be sent out later.

Blessings. Keith

JULY, 2018

July 29-31 – BGCT State Convention – Arlington, TX

July 29-August 1-Heaven's Gate/Hell's Flames-FBC, Mason 7 P.M. nightly

AUGUST 2018

18th Strategic Planning Meeting, FBC, Coleman—9 am-2 pm-Lunch provided

SEPTEMBER, 2018

September 3 – Labor Day-Office will be closed

September 10 – Coleman Fellowship Breakfast-8:30a.m.-Hidalgo's

September 17 – Ballinger Fellowship Breakfast-8:30a.m. –Beefmaster's

September 22 –Deacons/Pastors/Wives Training-FBC, Eden-9 a.m.-3 p.m. Break-out sessions for Deacons, for Pastors, for Deacon Wives & for Pastor Wives- Keith Lowry & Herb Pederson-presenters, et.Al.

September 24-Brady Fellowship Breakfast-8:30 a.m.-El Flamingo

Please continue to pray for our pastorless churches:

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

August 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 <i>Backyard Bible Club, Trails of Brady, 5:30-7:00</i>	2 Shawnte Virdell	3 Linda Wall	4 Destani Miller
5 Brian Owen <i>Deacons meeting</i>	6 Hannah Bishop	7 Charlie Douglas	8 <i>Block Party at Trails of Brady Apartments, beginning at 6:00</i>	9 Glenda Middleton	10 <i>Food Pantry food distribution 9:00-12:00</i>	11 Kirk Vinson
12 <i>Godly Impressions Preschool Open House and Parents Meeting</i>	13 <i>Triple S, noon</i>	14	15	16	17	18 Jessica Medrano <i>LIBA Strategic Planning Meeting, FBC Coleman, 9:00 to 2:00</i>
19 <i>Business meeting, 5:00</i>	20	21 Tony Groves	22 Matthew Paradise	23	24	25 Scott Martin Jackie Harper
26	27 <i>Triple S, 5:30</i>	28	29 Kaleigh Bishop	30	31	

Welcome new member
Awaiting baptism
Tanzee Shedd

Block Party!
Trails of Brady Apts.
Wednesday, August 8
Starting around 6:00
Please come! You are needed!

Evangelistic Block Party Trailer

Sound Sytem Speaker Stands
 Large Bounce House Drink Coolers Popcorn Microphones w/stands CD/Tape Player
 Tents 6' x 12' Trailer *

Hand truck Sno-cone Ice Chests Charcoal Grill Generator Small Bounce House
 Table Games / Domino / Uno 12 Chairs 6 Tables Storage Bins
 Baseball game Bean Bag Game Ring Toss Game Frisbee Game
 First Aid Kit Fire Extinguisher Spare Tire Tire tool Jack

* Trailer includes interior shelving, storage bins, bags and placement labels so that everything you see here fits inside!

Food Ministry Report
July 2018

- Adults 91
- Children: 33
- Adults over 65: 20
- Families: 78

FEED THE HUNGRY

Food distribution day for this month is August 10 from 9:00-12:00. New volunteers are always needed and welcome!

Deacons on call in August:
Jerry Caraway
792-8671
Virgil Middleton
597-2629 cell 456-7284

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM
Sunday morning: recorded sermon from previous week at 11:30 AM
Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45
August devotionals will be done by Joyce Hollingsworth, Janis Groves, Jeanagayle Behrens, and Bobbie Williams. 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
 August 1 and 8 (Block Party)

5:30 Youth group

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

Heaven's Gates, Hell's Flames
Our church voted at the July business meeting to host the production of this drama in November. Bro. Ryan Buck of FBC Mason will help with the planning. Also Janis Groves has made contacts at other Brady churches. There will be many jobs to fill, including cast members, counselors, and food preparation. Please be in prayer!

Pray without ceasing. . .

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.
Romans 12:1

- 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
- Block Party
- The drama *Heaven’s Gates, Hell’s Flames*

Louise Baker
Wendy Barley
Marjorie Barnhill
Oralia Barrera

Sissy Blunck
Andrea Clements
Susan Collier
Doris Collins
Jessica Collins
Melinda Cook
Sherry Cox
Sue Crow
Fayrene Easley
Mike Easley
Charlie and Maria Garcia
Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves
Roy Guthrie
Velma Hendley
Robin Hill
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Sheldon Johnson
Vernon Jones
Charles and Jerry Jordan
Mike Lowery

Roselie Mascarenes
Michelle McCartney
Betty McMillan
Noah Palacio
Mike and Tanzee Shedd
Edith Slaughter
Peggy Smith
Tinsley Thompson
Jackson Tijerina
Jane Tomlinson
Jack and Susan Turk
Mackie Jo Walters
Jane Whittemore
Teresa Williams
Gloria Wilson
Kenneth Young
Randy 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 (in Kuwait)
Alisha Slone
Wes Stark
Daniel Virdell
Justin Williams
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend sympathy to the families of Betty Daugherty and Tommy Smith.

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.



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

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Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
Romans 12:2a

Godly Impressions Preschool

It’s that time of year again—the start of a new school year. It makes me want to smell a bouquet of freshly sharpened pencils!

Our official first day for the 2018-2019 school year will be Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Our circus-theme Open House and Parent Meeting will be on Sunday, Aug. 12, at 7:00 pm. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to “The Greatest Program” under our big top. There will be fun for all!

If you would like to be involved in Godly Impressions in any way — by substituting, by reading to our children, through monetary donations, or some other way — please let me know. And, of course, we covet your prayers as we pour into our future generations.

In His Service,
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