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A Life Song

by ElizaBeth Sparkman, ARNP
“Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord.”

Psalm 27:14

As I read this verse this morning, I was reminded of the song “Even So Come”:

All of creation, All of the earth
Make straight a highway, A path for the Lord

Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner, Wake up the saint

Let every nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We’ll be a church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King
We sing “even so come”

Lord Jesus, come

So we wait, we wait for You
God, we wait, we wait for You

The parable of the 10 virgins (Matthew 25:1-13) reminds us of our responsibility in waiting. It isn’t something we do passively. Rather it is a time of activity or preparation for what is to come. The virgins who were ready for the bridegroom had cleaned their lamps, polished them, trimmed the wicks and gone shopping for extra oil. They made sure they were ready for the upcoming task and time of celebration.

How are we as individuals waiting for the Lord? Are we working, preparing for what lies ahead, or are we sitting back? Some days I know I fall into complacency and want to rest in what I have done. Instead, I need to be continuing to prepare for what is coming. Let’s remember to work today knowing that the Lord has great plans ahead for FBC Brady! Let’s think of “wait” as an active rather than passive verb.

A message from Bro. Lee

August has slipped by and September is here. This means fall is just a few weeks away, at least according to the calendar. The thermometer may have something else to say. But regardless of the temperature a new season is arriving. FBC is moving toward that new season.

Your Transition Team is hard at work leading us toward this new season. The first step in that direction is to come alongside the Constitution and By Laws Committee (CBC) to complete the revision of this important document. This document gives us structure and clarity to how we operate as a church family. It is crucial the document is able to guide the church in its current setting and on into the future.

The CBC along with the Transition Team are hosting a Town Hall meeting to go over and discuss the suggested revisions of our Constitution and By Laws. The Town Hall will be held on September 16th during our regular church business meeting. We have a few things to look at on this day, including our budget. So please be in attendance with us.

The proposed changes will be available at the church beginning Sept. 9th. Also, a copy of the current Constitution and By Laws document and our proposed budget can be picked up at the church office if you need one.

Let’s be in prayer for our church as we continue in this journey of evaluation and discovery. I believe God has some great things in store.

See you Sunday!!!—Lee

2018 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR TEXAS MISSIONS & THE MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING



September 9-16
State Goal \$3,600,000

Our Church Goal \$2000.00

Worship by TEXAS MISSIONS WMU of Texas



AWANA begins Sept. 26

There’s a sign-up sheet that needs your signature.

Please consider helping with AWANA this year. This is a major outreach to the children of Brady.

The program is for pre-K through 5th grade and includes GA’s, RA’s, and Mission Friends as well as AWANA Bible lessons. We will work on a slightly shorter schedule this year—5:30 to 7:00—and will serve the kids a snack rather than a full meal.

Helpers are needed for every age group (pre-K and kindergarten, 1st and 2nd, and 3rd, 4th, and 5th). Volunteers are also needed in the kitchen, at the sign-in/sign-out table, and to lead/teach one or two songs during the 10-minute opening in the sanctuary.

Trails of Brady Block Party Aug. 8

A big thank you to all who came to help with the Block Party on August 8 at Trails of Brady Apartments. It was a wonderful success, with many people from our church and many from the apartments attending, around 55 or so in all.

The LIBA Block Party trailer held all we needed for the party: two bounce houses, a sound system, charcoal grill, snow-cone machine, popcorn machine, tables and chairs, a canopy, kids’ games, even extension cords.

We served hot dogs, snow-cones, popcorn, cold water, and conversation! We tried to make connection with everyone there. Bro. Lee spoke to the crowd and invited everyone to church. Beth provided live music.

A special thanks to Quincy Ellis of Lohn Baptist and LIBA for coming to help set up; to Ryan Buck of FBC Mason for bringing us the trailer after they had used it and sharing their supply of popcorn and snow-cone syrup; and to Jerry Caraway for taking the trailer back to Ballinger.

Christmas Choir rehearsal schedule

Tuesday nights, 6:30-7:30

Sept 11

Sept 25

Oct 9

Oct 23

Nov. (every

Tuesday)

Dec 4

Dec 11

Dec 15 (Sat)

Dec 16 -Sunday presentation



September is the month for the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions. The week of prayer is September 9-16; however, we will begin our emphasis a week before that, September 2-9.

Remember to pray about your offering to this worthy cause. Much mission work is done by Baptists in our state. We need to continue to help.

Our church goal is \$2000.

Keith's Konnections

by Keith Simpson, Ministry Director, Lake Ivie Baptist Association

First of all, let me say what an honor it is to be serving all of our churches in the Lake Ivie Baptist Association, and what a joy it is to fellowship with all the people therein. I recently had one of the BGCT people tell me that they liked coming to Lake Ivie for the simple fact that, unlike some other associations across the state, we are about doing GOD'S business, and that we are one of the most active associations across the state. I contribute that to the fact that our churches are still about winning lost souls and building the Kingdom of God, and I want to applaud each of our churches for attending to their calling. And speaking of reaching people and discipling people, we have many opportunities to train/equip, and prepare church members, pastors and deacons to do just that.

Now that summer is nearly over, we will start having our fellowship breakfasts starting again in September. However, due to holidays and conflicts, the Brady area breakfast will NOT be held this month. Coleman breakfast will held on September 10 at 8:30 a.m. at Hidalgo's in Coleman and the Ballinger breakfast will be held on September 17 at Beefmaster's at 8:30 a.m. Then we will be back on schedule starting in October.

Because of your input last August at our Strategic Planning meeting that was held in Coleman, you told us that we needed some pastor/deacon/wives training: therefore, on September 22, 2018, we will be hosting a Pastors/Deacons/Wives seminar/training event to be held at FBC, Eden from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. to better equip our church leaders as per their roles and responsibilities within and outside of the church. Our plan is to have a general session beginning at 9 a.m. with Keith Lowry and Dr. Herb Pederson leading the discussion. Then from about 10 a.m. until 11 a.m., we will have a break-out session just for pastors, one just for deacons, one for pastors' wives and one for deacons' wives, then we will come back together for another general session from 11 a.m. until noon. At noon, we will provide lunch for all attending. After lunch, we will come back for another general session, then have a time of wrap-up and questions and answers. We want this to be a very worthwhile event, so we are asking everyone to please RSVP to the office via email at lakeiviebaptist@yahoo.com, call the office at 325-365-2585, or call or text Keith at 325-456-0928. We desperately need an accurate number of those attending in order that we know how much food to buy and prepare. BGCT will be furnishing the meal, and I believe that it is going to be BBQ brisket and all the trimmings. If the ladies would like to bring some desserts, that would be great. Please let us know how many are attending from your church by September 14. We encourage as many churches to participate in this event as we can muster.

On October 20 (Saturday), I want to encourage churches to participate in the (un) Apologetics conference to be held at FBC, San Angelo. Apologetics is simply defending the faith, and these days it is no longer enough to know WHAT you believe, but you need to know WHY you believe it. This event is sponsored by BGCT, and the cost is \$35 for early registration. I will send out further information this week.

On October 28 beginning at 4 p.m., we will be having our Annual Meeting to be held at Glory Road Cowboy Church located about 4 miles west of Ballinger off Hwy 158 on CR 293, off FM 2111 and FM 3026. At 4 p.m. we will have our business meeting, then from 4-5:15 p.m., we will be having break-out sessions, and from 5:15-6 p.m, another set of break-out sessions. Then we will enjoy a fellowship meal together, after which we will enter into worship at 6:45 p.m., with Dr. Delvin Atchison from BGCT as our keynote speaker. Please plan to attend this vitally important meeting.

There are other events that we are working out for the upcoming year, such as a pastor mentoring program, a church safety/security meeting, and a pastors and wives retreat, as well as staff support program and a community outreach program to aid our churches. As you can see, your Administrative Team and the leaders of this association are busy doing God's work, and we want to encourage ALL of our churches to join us in implementing what YOU have told us we need to be about for 2019.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at these events that we have upcoming. Blessings upon all—*Keith*

September 3, 2018-Office CLOSED for Labor Day Holiday
September 9th – Quarterly Singing at Millersview – 4:00PM
September 10th – Coleman Fellowship Breakfast-8:30a.m.-Hidalgo's
September 17th – Ballinger Fellowship Breakfast -8:30a.m. –Beefmaster's
September 22 –Deacons/Pastors/Wives Training Seminar-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 –NO Breakfast at Brady for September.

OCTOBER, 2018
October 1st – Brady Fellowship 8:30am- El Flamingo
October 8th – Coleman Fellowship Breakfast – 8:30am- Hildago's
October 15th – Ballinger Fellowship Breakfast -8:30a.m. –Beefmaster's
October 20th – Apologetics Workshop- First Baptist Church- San Angelo
OCTOBER 28th – ANNUAL MEETING 4:00pm at Glory Road Cowboy Church, Ballinger

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

September 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Welmann Bauer
2 <i>Deacons meeting</i>	3	4	5	6	7 Mackie Ranne Joyce Collier	8 Raymond Torres
Our Week of Prayer for Texas Missions, Sept. 2-9						
9	10 Virgil Middleton <i>Triple S, noon Preschool grandparents' tea</i>	11 Joshua Torres <i>Christmas Choir, 6:30</i>	12	13	14 <i>Food Pantry food distribution 9:00-12:00</i>	15
16 <i>Business meeting and Town Hall meeting, 5:00</i>	17	18	19	20	21	22 Laurie Morton Serena Alexander <i>Pastor/Deacons/ Wives seminar, FBC Eden, 9:00- 3:00</i>
23 Judy Oden Judy Owen	24 <i>Triple S, 5:30</i>	25 <i>Christmas Choir, 6:30</i>	26 Gracie Galindo <i>AWANA begins</i>	27 <i>Heaven's Gates, Hell's Flames planning meeting, 6:30</i>	28	29
30 <i>Lord's Supper 5th Sunday Fel- lowship meal</i>						

Congratulations to Jim and Norma Ridout, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 12.



Note: Our friend and long-time member of FBC, Mary Ballew, will be moving to assisted living in Waco the first week of September to be near her daughter Cindy.

Dearest Mary,
We want to say a sweet goodbye to our dear Mary Ballew. She has been such a blessing to our church. She has been a wonderful prayer warrior, a great Bible teacher, and a very kind and compassionate friend. We love you and will miss you so very much, Mary, but we know our Lord has great things in store for you.
With fond memories and lots of love,
Your church family



We surprised Mary with a farewell brunch on Sunday, August 19.

Food Ministry Report

- August 2018**
- Adults 75
 - Children: 33
 - Adults over 65: 42
 - Families: 82



Food distribution day for this month is September 14 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
September devotionals will be done by Joyce Scott, Becky Elliott, Betty Smith, and Kay Holloyay. 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
- Wednesday**
7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
Presbyterian Church
5:30-7:00 AWANA (begins Sept. 26)
5:30 Youth group
- Thursday**
9:45-12:00 Food Pantry: donated food brought from Walmart, sorted, and stored
2:00-3:30 Dorcas quilting ministry (starting date TBA)

Deacons on call in September:
Farion Morton
597-1965, cell 792-6596
Bobby Williams
597-7573, cell 456-4735

Heaven's Gates, Hell's Flames

A planning meeting was held August 29, with Ryan Buck leading. Several from our church volunteered for a number of leadership positions in the planning, performance, and follow-up of this major evangelistic event scheduled for November 11-13. Watch for ways you can help! All of us are needed.
The next planning meeting is Sept. 27 at 6:30.

Pray without ceasing. . .

But if anyone obeys His word, God's love is truly made complete in him.
1 John 2:5

- 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
- Mary Ballew
Louise Baker
Wendy Barley
Marjorie Barnhill

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

Betty McMillan
Noah Palacio
Cynthia Quinn
Maria Reyes and son
Adam Schoren
Mike and Tanzee Shedd
Edith Slaughter
Jackson Tijerina
Jane Tomlinson
Jack and Susan Turk
Michael Van Meter
Mackie Jo Walters
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 (in Kuwait)
Wes Stark
Justin Williams
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend sympathy to Kellie Medrano in the loss of her mother Beverly Kiklowicz, and to the family of Todd Allen.

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*

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Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did.
1 John 2:6

Godly Impressions Preschool

Our Open House under the big top on Sunday, Aug. 12, was a huge success. We are officially ready for the greatest school year of all with a *completely full* preschool/daycare roster! I'd like to give a huge shout out to our AMAZING board members who worked tirelessly to prepare for this new year. Thank you Susan Turk, Carol Bedwell, Victoria Norrell and Beth Sparkman!

Our school year begins with Seuss September. Oh, the fun we'll have reading all of Dr. Seuss' wild and wacky books. Our Bible verse is "A friend loves at all times," Proverbs 17:17. On Sept. 10 we will be celebrating our grandparents with an afternoon tea, because our grandparents are TEA-rrific!

As always, 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,
Holly Stewart, Director
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