



A Life Song

by ElizaBeth Sparkman, ARNP
Lamentations 3:22-23

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

My great aunt celebrates her 100th birthday in a couple of weeks. She will tell you that there have been several times in recent years when she thought, "Maybe this is the day I go home." But the Lord has continued to grant her new mornings.

She believes that each day she awakens, she has a calling: some days to pray, some days to minister to those who come to visit, some days to write – letters, blogs, facebook posts, books. Whatever comes her way, each day she seeks His face and His purpose. Her heart trusts in God's timing and in His plan.

Many of us this year have experienced losses: loved ones, health, jobs, mobility, friends...

As I think of the losses in my life this past year, my aunt's attitude challenges me to look at the coming days differently. She challenges me to trust in my Lord's wisdom. She challenges me to remember that His compassion for me is new everyday!

Thank You, Lord, for "great is thy faithfulness."

Day by day and with each passing moment

Strength I find to meet my trials here.

Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment

I've no cause for worry or for fear.

He whose heart is kind beyond all measure

Gives unto each day what He deems best:

Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure,

Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Christmas thank-you's
To Beth, Karen, the Music Committee, Worship Team, Tech Team, Christmas Choir, and Christmas Eve actors:

Thank you for the blessing of beautiful Christmas music and pageantry. *Peace Has Come* touched us all, The Christmas Eve service was a holy celebration of His birth.

Your hours of planning, practicing, recruiting, and fine-tuning came together in two events that blessed hearts this Christmas.

Thank you.

A New Year's message from Bro. Lee

by Rev. Lee Floyd,
FBC Intentional Interim Pastor

2018 has passed and 2019 is here. New years are great opportunities for new starts. The potential for the next 365 days is to move toward becoming who God has made you to be and who He has made our church to be. Let's live each day of 2019 that God grants us in ways for His light to shine through and His grace to lavish upon us.

The Transition Team has met with every committee individually to garner more feedback and insight into the role of each one. The insight you have provided has been so helpful to this part of the process. This month our hope is to present you with a new document detailing a leadership structure with job descriptions of ministry teams and committees. This will be done during our January business meeting.

Please be in prayer for the Transition Team as we move toward this date. And make sure you join us for our January business meeting for the presentation and discussion.

For the days God grants in 2019, let's be people of God's word, of love and of prayer.

See you Sunday!!!
—Bro. Lee

Schedule for Transition Team meetings

- Jan.6: to review drafts of proposed changes to committee/team responsibilities
- Jan. 13: to begin planning of Heritage and Mission elements of the Intentional Interim process
- Jan. 20: presentation of draft document of committee/team revisions at Business Meeting

Change of address

Mabel Jones has moved to Rio Concho Manor in San Angelo. Her new address is 401 Rio Concho Dr., #27, San Angelo, TX 76903 Cell phone is 456-0229 We love you, Mabel!



FBC Brady goal: \$2500.
Our giving through the 4th week; \$1,936.00

Tragic accident takes five lives

Our church family is in shock and grief at the passing of our sister in Christ Joyce Collier.

Joyce was killed in a car accident near Cross Plains on December 26. Her son-in-law James Hurley was also killed. Other passengers in the van were Joyce's daughter Lisa Collier, Lisa's two daughters Gracie and Emily, and Joyce's grandsons William, Joshua, and Hayden. All sustained injuries that were not life-threatening.

A couple from Forney, Bryan and Debra Mikulik, were in the other vehicle involved and were also killed in the collision. Their two teenage daughters were injured. Olivia, age 14, passed away from her injuries on Sunday, Dec. 30.

The accident happened when the van James was driving hydroplaned in the rain and crossed into the oncoming lane.

Services for Joyce and James will be at 2:00 Wednesday, January 2, at Robert Massie Funeral Home in San Angelo, with visitation from 11:00 to 1:00. Burial will be at 12:00 noon on Friday, January 4, at Morris Ranch Hilcrest Cemetery in Fredericksburg.

Joyce was an active member of our church and will be sorely missed.

Please continue to pray for all whose lives were changed by this tragedy.

Lake Ivie Baptist Association events this month:

- Monday,, Jan. 7: Brady breakfast at El Flamingo at 8:30. All are welcome for this time of fellowship and sharing of what the Lord is doing among us.
- Also Monday, Jan. 7: Associational meeting at FBC Santa Anna. Executive Board meets at 5:00, the meal begins at 6:00, and worship at 6:45. Dr. David Hardage, Executive Director of BGCT, will be the keynote speaker.

Keith's Konnections

by Keith Simpson, Ministry Director, Lake Ivie Baptist Association

First, let me say that I hope and pray that ALL of you had wonderful, faith-filled Christmas and an enjoyable time with family and friends this past week. Now we get ready for a new year!!! And a new year always brings about "New Year's Resolutions" which few of us ever follow through on until even the end of January. We promise to lose weight, to get in better shape (and I always thought that ROUND WAS a shape), to quit this or that or to start doing this or that. How about if we look at this new year from a more Christ-centered view and try to be more compassionate, more caring, more loving, more involved with our church, more LIKE CHRIST!!! After all, is that not what each of us is called to do? That process is oftentimes called "sanctification" or simply, becoming more Christ-like every day. May I ask you a few questions? Are you the same Christian today that you were 5 years ago? If not, YOU have a problem!! Do you read your Bible more today that you did 5 years ago? If not, YOU have a problem! Do you understand more about Christian living today than you did 5 years ago, and put what you have learned into practice? If not, YOU have a problem. You (and I) are doing a good job of letting God sanctify us as He chooses to do.

I truly believe that when we are saved, we are not only saved TO something but FOR something as well, and I also believe that when we are saved, God gives us spiritual gifts that are to be used to further His Kingdom work. "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:" (Eph. 4:11-12) I also truly believe that the local pastor's main responsibility is to equip and perfect the saints for the work of the ministry. Of course, when Paul penned this epistle, he did not use any punctuation, and if you take the comma out of the sentence between saints and for, it gives it an entirely different meaning. "for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry." The saints (which, by the way, are you and me) are to at least help the pastor in the work of the ministry. There are a multitude of spiritual gifts (see I Cor. 12), but they are ALL given for a singular purpose and that is to further the Kingdom of God.

Therefore, my challenge to each of our churches for 2019 is to do what God has called "the church" to do and BE in the 21st century, and in reality, the churches' mission has not changed. And of course, when I say "the church", what that actually means is each member of the church. Here is Luke's take on what the church was about in the first century and what we still need to be about today: "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." The apostles' doctrine refers to studying and teaching of God's word and the application thereof. (James 1:22 KJV). "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." Fellowship means supporting one another, or as Paul is fond of saying, the edification of the church. (Be a Barnabas, the Encourager.) Observance of the Lord's Supper in order to remind us of the great sacrifice that was made on our behalf, especially when we were without Christ. "But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8 KJV) And of course, pray, pray, pray. A church which does not pray together cannot stay together. Pray for one another, pray for the leaders of the church, pray for the lost souls of your community, and above all, pray for your pastor, for "to whom much is given, much is expected." He needs your prayers more than anyone else in the church.

And let me reiterate this again. If you or your church needs help in some area, please let us know. We have team leaders in place that are willing to come to your church and help you with strategic planning, leadership, evangelism, discipleship, and so forth. And of course, please feel free to call me at any time. I may not have an answer to your problem, but as we work through it together, YOU will come up with your own solutions. May God continue to bless and keep you, may His face shine upon you, and may each church deliver up to Christ that which He desires.

Happy New Year to One and All,

—Keith

JANUARY, 2019LIBA Office Will be closed December 28th – January 2nd**January 7th** – Brady Breakfast
8:30am- El Flamingo**January 7th** – 5:00PM Association
Meeting- First Baptist Church,
Santa Anna**January 14th** - Coleman Breakfast –
8:30am – Hidalgo's**January 21st** - Ballinger Breakfast –
8:30a.m. –Beefmaster's**“2019”****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

January 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Oralia Barrera	2	3 Amelia Britteon	4	5 Avery Virdell
6 <i>Transition team, 3:00</i> <i>Deacons meeting, 5:00</i>	7 <i>LIBA Fellowship breakfast, El Flamingo, 8:30</i> <i>5:00 LIBA meeting, FBC Santa Anna</i> Kay Holloway	8	9 <i>AWANA resumes</i>	10	11 <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-12:00</i>	12 Weston Bauer
13 <i>Transition team, 3:00</i>	14 <i>Triple S, noon</i> Janis Groves	15	16	17 Joyce Hollingsworth	18 Ida Owens	19
20 <i>Business meeting, 5:00</i>	21 Pat Matula Kathy Brandenberger	22 Marsha Gainer	23	24 Fayrene Easley Ashlee Shaw	25	26
27	28 <i>Tripe S, 5:30</i> McKenna Brandenberger Albert Pearson	29 Nadine Hinshaw	30	31 Doris Collins		

Food Ministry Report

December 2018

- Adults (18-64) 118
- Children: 48
- Adults over 65: 31
- Families: 110
- Total served: 157



Food distribution day for this month is January 11 from 9:00-12:00.

Food Pantry Christmas Reception

Thank you so much to everyone who brought cookies to the Christmas reception for our Food Pantry friends. We had cookies of all kinds in abundance. We filled and refilled the platters, sent some cookies home, and by noon only a few crumbs were left. Janet Harlow and Mary Ann McCarver from the Damrosch Music Club provided live music. It was all just right and greatly appreciated, as we heard countless thank-you's. Our Food Pantry Ministry makes an important difference to many people.

Deacons on call in January:

Farion Morton
597-1965, cell 792-6596
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

January devotionals will be done by Joyce Hollingsworth, Betty Smith, Melinda Cook, and Joyce Collier. Thank you!

Weekly Events

Sunday

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

Monday

- 4:00 Ladies Bible study, this month at 1010 W. 6th, home of Claudette Young
Resumes January 7

Wednesday

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Presbyterian Church
- 5:30-7:00 AWANA & missions organizations
Youth group
Resumes January 9

Thursday

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



The Christmas Food Drive was a wonderful success. The Food Pantry Team wishes to thank everyone who donated canned and non-perishable food. The Godly Impressions Pre-School's contest resulted in an amazing amount of food. All together over 12 banana boxes of food was donated. It was sorted and stocked on the shelves and will be enough to provide the canned vegetables and soup needed for about 80 boxes of food that will go out to help relieve hunger in our community. Thank you for caring!
The Food Pantry Team

Welcome new member
By baptism
Alisa Mor-ton



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort. . .
2 Corinthians 1:3

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 Transition Team
- AWANA and missions organizations

The Collier family: Lisa, Gracie, Emily, Susan, Jack, William, Joshua, Hayden, Tara, Charles, and Jerry

Alexa Mikulik

Rhonda Aguirre
Terry & Serena Alexander
Mary Ballew
Louise Baker
Wendy Barley
Oralia Barrera
Sherry Barsch
Deryl Bishop
Mary Bradshaw
RaNon Caraway
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
Phil and Evelyn Martin
Roselie Mascarenes
Michelle McCartney
Donald Owens
Matt Popnoe
Cynthia Quinn
Adam Schoren
Mike and Tanzee Shedd
Edith Slaughter
Madison Slaughter
Jim & Betty Smith
Rochelle Smith
Rick Stone
Jackson Tijerina
Claude Tippon
Jack and Susan Turk
Megan Wall
Mackie Jo Walters
Bill Wilburn
Bobbie Ann Williams
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
Wes Stark
Justin Williams
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend sympathy to the families of Betty McMillan, Alton Bradshaw, Joyce Collier, James Hurley, and Bryan, Debra, and Olivia Mikulik.

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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New Year's resolutions:

1. Love God.
2. Love one another.

Godly Impressions Preschool

Happy New Year and "Whale"-come 2019! Students at Godly Impressions will be diving into a study of the ocean this month. I'm sure there will be lots to "sea."

Thanks to everyone who was involved in our Christmas program, "Star of Wonder," including my staff, my board of directors, my own family, and of course the main "stars" of the show, our preschool students!

Here's hoping your 2019 is filled with much love and happiness.

In His service,
Holly Stewart
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