



A Life Song

by ElizaBeth Sparkman, ARNP

*Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall; but
those who hope in the Lord will renew
their strength. They will soar on
wings like eagles; they will run and
not grow weary, they will walk and
not be faint.*

Isaiah 40:30-31

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do
not be dismayed, for I am your God. I
will strengthen you and help you; I
will uphold you with my righteous
right hand.*

Isaiah 41:10

Let's keep going FBC! We have
hope that He is not finished with us
yet! He will renew us and hold us up!
We are something beautiful; as
individuals and as a church.

Something beautiful
Something good.

All my confusion, He understood.

All I have to offer Him is
brokenness and strife,

But He made something, beautiful
of my life.

In His time, in His time.

He makes all things beautiful, in His
time.

Lord, please show me every day,
As You're teaching me Your way,
That You do just what You say,
In Your time.

Upcoming events:

- April 5-6: Texas WMU Annual Meeting, First Woodway Baptist Church, Woodway. Talk to Pat Matula or Betty Smith if you would like to go. Registration fee is \$25, plus share of motel room overnight and share of gas.
- May 4-5: Heritage Weekend
- July 7-11: Vacation Bible School
- July 12-19 Betty Smith's Navajo mission trip with Broadway Baptist Church; others are welcome also.
- July 13-20: LIBA mission trip to the Navajo in northwest NM and northeast Arizona. Cost per person is \$175. Contact Marty Akins at FBC Eden FMI. Cell # 806-215

LIBA Breakfast

Monday, March 4: Brady break-
fast at El Flamingo at
8:30. All are welcome
for this time of fellow-
ship and sharing of
what the Lord is doing among us.



Heritage Weekend plans, transition news from Bro. Lee

by Rev. Lee Floyd,

FBC Intentional Interim Pastor

Where have we been and why are
we here? These are the two questions
the Transition Team will be leading
FBC to answer over the coming
weeks. They are two important
questions to determine who we are as
a church and where we need to go
from here. The following are efforts
to help us answer those questions.

The **Heritage Weekend** coming May
4-5 will be a perfect time to remember
the wondrous works of God (Ps.
111:4) across our history; to celebrate
the impact God has had on your life
through the ministry of other
people. I hope you are making plans
to participate. There is plenty of
room for people to help and celebrate
the 132 year history of FBC Brady.

In the coming days you will be
asked to complete a survey prepared
by the Transition Team. This
information is being collected to help
us all understand who the church is
and how the church is doing in some
key areas. Please complete your
survey and turn it in. Once we have
collected the surveys and compiled
them the Transition Team will host a
Town Hall meeting on March 31 to
discuss the results and talk about next
steps.

Let's continue to live each day with
the promise and the power of the Holy
Spirit. We are in transition -
Yes. But we are still children of the
King called to be His light in the
places He puts us. Who do you need
to extend an invitation
toward? INVITE - PRAY - SEE
WHAT GOD DOES!!!

See you Sunday! —Bro. Lee

The Hospitality, Publicity, History,
and Saturday Reunion planning teams
for Heritage Weekend will meet at
3:00 Sunday afternoon, March 3. If
you have signed up to help on one of
these teams, please plan to be at this
meeting. If you have not signed up
yet, it's not too late!

Fifth Sunday: Lord's Sup- per, then fellowship meal and town hall meeting

Plan to stay for lunch after church
on March 31. And bring food!

The Hospitality team will provide
the meat, and the rest of us are asked
to bring 2 side dishes: salad, vegeta-
ble, or dessert.

RaNon Caraway retires as church secretary

RaNon has submitted her letter of
resignation and retirement to the
Personnel Committee, who presented
it at the February business meeting for
church approval.

RaNon has served as church
secretary since 2005 and with grace
and love has served the Lord and our
church. We love you, RaNon!

Revised Constitution and By-laws receives final approval

The church approved the final part
of the revised Constitution and By-
laws at the February business
meeting. They went into effect
immediately.

The Nominating Committee met
with the Transition Team on Feb. 24
to go over the changes in the
committee and team structure. The
Nominating Committee is now
staffing those groups to serve out the
rest of this church year plus the next
church year. They hope to present
their recommendations by the April
business meeting.

Psalms Journey Gospel quartet here Sunday morning, March 3

Invite your family, friends, and
neighbors to join us Sunday morning,
March 3, to hear *Psalms Journey*.

From their website:

Psalms Journey is a Southern
Gospel quartet that was formed by a
group of men that has each been
individually called by the Lord to this
type of ministry and is based out of
the Fort Worth area. It has been said
that they are different than most
groups in the industries because of
their friendliness before and after
concerts with the audience or
congregation and their personable
personalities while presenting the
Gospel message.

Our goal is not only to be
entertaining but more importantly, to
share the Gospel of Jesus Christ
through our music.

We thank God for allowing us to
witness the salvation of many as He
has moved during our concerts and
services over the past five years and
pray the Lord will continue to call
hungry, hurting hearts to respond to
Him through our music as we
continue on the journey making
harmony for the King.

Keith's Konnections

by Keith Simpson, Ministry Director, Lake Ivie Baptist Association

“Matthew 28:19,20 says, “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (NIV) These were some of the last words that Jesus spoke to His disciples prior to leaving earth and going home to be with His Father. How often today do we really take seriously what we call the Great Commission? If we did JUST THIS ONE THING, we could change the world overnight. This is EXACTLY what the early New Testament church did, even in the midst of persecution. They made disciples!! A fruit tree will only produce its own kind of fruit. As Christians, we are to produce fruit of the same kind, that we, ourselves, are, and that is: Disciples of Christ. What are you doing to make disciples? For a little over 300 years, the early church was thought of as an off-shoot of Judaism, so the Roman government left them alone. But as they saw the results of the new movement and how many people were coming to this “Christianity,” they decided to try to squelch this movement. For the next 300 years or so, the church flourished, even in the midst of persecutions towards them. When one studies the book of Acts of the Apostles, one sees how quickly God moved His church forward in just a relatively few, short years.

In Acts 2:41, Luke writes, “Those who accepted the message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.” Acts 2:47(b) says, “And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” Acts 5:14, “Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.” Acts 6:7, “So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.” Because of the disciples’ testimonies, people were being saved by huge numbers. One theologian said that Christianity was spreading by at least 40% per decade in the first and second century, and that, by the year AD 100, there were over 40 churches that had been established. 40 CHURCHES IN 100 YEARS!!! Can you imagine that happening today? What if it did? What would we do? How would we handle an influx of 3000 new people coming into our church? If you wish to see this happen, then we need to be doing what the early New Testament church was doing, which was simply PROCLAIMING JESUS by WORD and DEED!!! Someone once said, “I would rather SEE a sermon that HEAR one any day.” Are you living your life so that others are drawn to you? What about your church? Is your church inviting enough for people to WANT to come and fellowship with you?

The early church was basically doing four things when you read the book of Acts as we find in Acts 2:42, “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine, and in fellowship, and in breaking of the bread, and in prayers.” Basically, they were teaching, discussing and analyzing God’s Word as it pertained to salvation, eternal life, what Jesus did on the cross, and how to live as a Christian. They also enjoyed fellowship or as the Greek word is used, “Koinonia.” (Fellowship does not always involve food, much to our chagrin!) Their sort of fellowship was about encouraging one another, edifying one another, bearing one another’s burdens, loving one another and on and on and on. Do we do enough edifying and encouraging in our churches today? I dare say, we do not. When they broke bread, it was a time of solemn remembrance of what Christ did on the cross, and in taking of the bread and cup, we are to remember the great sacrifice that has been paid for our salvation. Psalm 51:12 “Restore unto me the joy of THY salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.” Our salvation is only available to us because of what Christ did on the cross. Finally, they prayed. What would happen to our churches if we got serious about soul-winning, gut-wrenching prayers? The kind of prayer that breaks our hearts for the lost, the kind of prayer that honors God? What could we accomplish through prayer like that? Because of their prayers in the early church, God heard, God listened and God acted to enable them to spread Christianity throughout their known world in a matter of only 300 short years. Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow.

—Keith

March 2019

March 3—Pastor/Youth Pastor Ordination—5 pm Robert Lee BC
 March 4—Brady breakfast, 8:30 am, El Flamingo
 March 5—Millersview breakfast, 7 am, Millersview Community Center
 March 11—Coleman breakfast, 8:30 am, Hidalgo’s
 March 18—Ballinger breakfast, 8:30 am, Beefmaster’s



*Congratulations to FBC, Coleman and Pastor Chas Shira for the new renovations to the sanctuary.

**“Run the Race” new Christian movie now showing in Abilene & San Angelo.

**“Play the Flute,” another Christian movie will be showing for ONE DAY only on March 30 in Brownwood. Call Jeff Dean at 325-636-8280, Linda Davis at 325-214-0094, or Terrie Eldred at 325-636-7974 for further information. North Coleman Baptist has reserved the entire theater for this event. \$12/ticket

March 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Jackie Behrens	2
3 <i>Psalms Journey Quartet, am service Planning team meetings for Heritage Weekend, 3:00 Deacons meeting, 5:00</i>	4 <i>LIBA Fellowship breakfast, El Flamingo, 8:30 Darlene Friar Becky Martin Joy Jennings</i>	5 Wanda Burns Shelly Bean	6	7	8 <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-12:00 Corie Mesa's citizenship ceremony in Austin</i>	9
10 <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i>	11 <i>Triple S, noon</i>	12 Bobbie Williams	13	14	15	16 Joel Jennings
<i>Spring break: church office and preschool closed this week, no Awana Wed. night</i>						
17 <i>Business meeting, 5:00</i>	18	19	20	21 Paige Bauer	22 Jeanine Willis	23
24 Faith Bean Jerry Jordan	25 <i>Triple S, 5:30</i> Tina Young	26	27 Bobby Williams	28	29	30
31 <i>Lord's Supper; then Fifth Sunday fellowship meal & town hall meeting</i>	<i>Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, March 24-31</i>					

Food Ministry Report

February 2018

- Adults (19-64) 111
- Children: 43
- Adults over 65: 23
- Families: 98
- Total served: 177

Food distribution day for this month is March 8 from 9:00-12:00.



Deacons on call in March:

Jerry Caraway
792-8671
Virgil Middleton
597-2629, cell 456-7284

Weekly Events

Sunday

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:50 Morning Worship
- 3:00 Transition Team
- 6:00 Prayer meeting

Monday

- 4:00 Ladies Bible study, this month at the home of Pat Matula (Call her for directions.)

Wednesday

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Presbyterian Church
- 5:30-7:00 AWANA & missions organizations (not on 3-13)

Thursday

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

Week of Prayer for North American Missions: March 24-31

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

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

Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45

March devotionals will be done by Velma Hendley, Janet Guthrie, Janis Groves, and Beth Sparkman. Thank you!

SENDING HOPE

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions—our goal, \$2000

Congratulations, Corie!

Do you know Maria Socorro Mesa? She came from Mexico, married my friend Juan Mesa, raised three girls, studied English under volunteer ladies like Mrs. McDonough the mother of Dr. McDonough, public school teachers like Mariann Gutierrez, and continues to study under me, Becky Elliott. She loved her girls and loved their teachers. More than anything she wanted to go to every parent-teacher conference and understand and talk to the teachers in English. She loved every opportunity provided by our freedoms and goals and vision here in America.

After five years, she got her green card so she could work, get paid, pay taxes, and feel like an American. She always wanted to become an American Citizen, but she had to become fluent in English first. This little biographical sketch is to

HONOR CORIE AS SHE ATTENDS THE CEREMONY IN AUSTIN ON FRIDAY, MARCH 8, TO RECEIVE HER AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP.

She loves God. She reads the Bible in Spanish; she teaches (preaches) the Bible. Now she is studying the Bible in English. She attended North Texas College in order to be able to teach the Bible. She is a bright, charismatic Bible teacher, and a strong Christian witness urging her friends, pupils, children to study English, live moral lives, and make good decisions.

Look around you. Love on and encourage many other dreamers who would love to learn English, study the Bible, and become dear friends for life.

by Becky Elliott

We continually remember before our God and Father
 your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love,
 and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Thessalonians 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
- Heritage Weekend

Greg Ash
 Mary Ballew
 Louise Baker

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 Sherry and Billy Barsch
 Deryl Bishop
 Amelia Britteon
 Kayla Brown
 Gwen Bush
 RaNon Caraway
 Doris Collins
 Melinda Cook
 Sherry Cox
 Fayrene Easley
 Mike Fields
 Charlie and Maria Garcia
 Larry Garner
 Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves
 Roy Guthrie
 Robin Hill
 Jimmie & Sherrie Hodges
 Curtis and Genna Jennings
 Charles and Jerry Jordan
 Greg Jordan

Janie Lowery
 Mike Lowery
 Phil and Evelyn Martin
 Michelle McCartney
 Michael Padgett
 Jim and Cynthia Quinn
 Jack Selby
 Mike and Tanzee Shedd
 Edith Slaughter
 Madison Slaughter
 Jim & Betty Smith
 Pam Speer
 Jackson Tijerina
 Jack and Susan Turk
 Megan Wall
 Mackie Jo Walters
 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 Donald Owens, Terry Alexander, and Connie Jo Morgan.

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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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
Acts 1:8

Godly Impressions Preschool

So how about this weather we’re having? Wacky weather is the theme at Godly Impressions in March, and it definitely seems to be an appropriate one. We are all hoping for pretty spring-like temperatures during Spring Break (March 11-15), especially since we’ll be closed that week.

We will continue reading New Testament stories throughout next month as we memorize the Bible verse, “This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:24)

My assistant, Staci Norvell, and I are so thankful for the opportunity to touch children’s lives through Godly Impressions. Please stop by any time you’re at the church and say hi!

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

In His service,
 Holly Stewart,
 Director



THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for being the very best church family I could ever wish for!
 Your cards, calls, visits, and meals are appreciated more than words can express.
 Your prayers are still helping me to recover.

Thank you,
Oralia Barrera
 Blessings to all!