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# First Baptist Church Newsletter

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## Pink Ramblers, mangers, and miracles

by Bro. Kevin McDonald

One of the clearest Christmas memories I have is from when I was four years old. Why I can remember something from fifty years ago (fifty years?!), and not earlier today, bothers me, but I'll soon forget what was bothering me, so I don't worry about it

Anyway, I remember being outside in the front yard and Santa Claus went by in a pink Rambler, and he waved at me. Yes, I was four years old, and I knew what a Rambler was. I also remember thinking the four year old's equivalent of "that ain't right". I knew that Santa should NOT be driving a Rambler; he should be in a sleigh and there should be reindeer. Every four year old knows that. It came early for me, but that was the year I *KNEW*. You know what I mean, and if you don't I don't want to spoil it for you. That pink Rambler was just too much for my four-year old faith.

There is another *non-sequitur* (something unexpected, or out of sequence) we must confront at Christmas, something even stranger than Santa in a pink Rambler- Jesus in a manger. This is so outrageous, so wrong, so unexpected, that it might cause us to wonder about Jesus. Kings aren't born in stables. Kings are born in castles. We have certain expectations of our king, whether it is Santa or Jesus, and if they don't fit the definition, we get a new king.

But our king is always doing the unexpected. Spending time with tax-collectors and sinners, spending time with those who hated him, wasting time on children, Zealots, Romans and thieves on crosses, using his time to touch the doubter, diseased and dying. Kings don't do that. Messiahs must measure up. Just how many Santas in pink Ramblers can our faith endure?

I hope you will not use Christmas to define Jesus, but instead let Jesus define your Christmas. Let his love, his grace and his mercy spill out of your life into the lives of others. Let the miracles happen and just enjoy them. Spend yourself and your time on those who cannot pay you back, and if you have to go to a manger to find your king, then make the trip. And if Santa zips by you in a pink Rambler look closely-I bet Jesus has a driver's license.

Bro. Kevin



The combined adult and children's choirs of the  
First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church  
with live orchestra  
present

*Glory*  
in the  
*Highest*  
a new hallelujah

**A Community  
Christmas Celebration**

Sunday,  
December 11, 2011

10:00 a.m.  
First United  
Methodist Church

6:00 p.m.  
First Baptist Church

Everyone is welcome. There is no charge for this event.



Dear Friend,

Fresh Grounded Faith Events are for women of all ages, denominations, and ethnic groups. I also want it to be a safe place for women who have never encountered Jesus. I will do my very best to make you and your friend feel welcome, accepted and loved.

I know you're busy and I promise this will be worth your time, and.... a "latte" of fun. **Fresh Grounded Faith will truly warm your heart and awaken your spirit.** I look forward to seeing you, along with your girlfriends, at one of these weekends.

Blessings,

**Location:** [Coggin Avenue Baptist Church](#), 1815 Coggin Avenue, Brownwood, TX 76801

**Date:** Friday (7:00-9:30pm) and Saturday (9:00am-12:30pm), Feb 10-11, 2012

**Doors Open:** One hour before start time

**TICKET PRICE:** \$34.00

To purchase tickets to this event or for questions, please call Serena Alexander at 792-8465.

## AWANA will meet twice in December

by Rebecca Shipman

November was a great month at our church for our kids! If you look in the hall, there is a tree with many hands and each one has something for which our children are thankful. We also have had several children's sermons that were related to Thanksgiving, where we got to hear from our own kids' mouths the things for which they are thankful. I think it is great to see such gracious children.

Now, if you can believe it, it is December and we all turn our attention to Christmas. I know we are all busy and excited about Christmas and everything that goes with it, but we still have a couple of weeks. AWANA will meet in December on the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup> and then we will not meet again until January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012!! Merry Christmas to everyone!!!!

## FBC women's Christmas fellowship Dec. 13

All FBC women are invited to a night of Christmas fun, food, and fellowship on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Hostesses will be the Grace Sunday School class. Come and get more acquainted with your sisters in Christ at FBC. Take a break from your holiday hurry and come enjoy the evening. Bring a friend!

## Bill Finley gathering supplies for border ministry

Bill Finley is collecting donations for the Frank Banda border ministry. Frank Banda ministers to destitute people who live along the railroad tracks in Piedras Negras. He pastors 3 churches, and serves a hot meal to homeless individuals every night.

Items needed include blankets, warm clothing, shoes, socks, etc. New items are always welcome, but if you have gently-used items that you no longer need, these will be greatly appreciated also. Beans, rice, and other non-perishable foods are also needed.

You may bring your donations to the church, or contact Bill at 597-0435 or 456-9195. He will deliver the items to Br. Banda as soon as he has enough to justify a trip.

## Welcome new members

By letter

Pete Barrera

Oralia Barrera



## Candy Cane Witness

by Skyler Maley, Youth Minister

At this time of the year everyone is concerned about what they will be getting for Christmas. Many times the buying of presents is out of obligation rather than want or love. The world forgets that Christmas time is not about something that we as a world gave but what God gave so graciously to us, his Son, Jesus Christ.

As a way to show God's love for us, the youth will be making special gifts to give out to the church. It will not be something flashy or expensive, but it will be something to remind the youth, church family and the world of Christ's love for us! These gifts will be simple little candy canes with verses and notes to each person that receives one.



Many have never heard of the meaning of the candy cane and what it symbolizes. The Red stands for the blood that Jesus shed for me, the white is the saving grace that was shed on us to make us pure, the "J" shape is for Jesus, and the cane shape represents the staff of a shepherd to guide His flock. One Sunday morning we will have these passed around. I know many may not read this but to those who do, share with someone the love of Jesus and the candy cane story.

## Notes from Rob

by Dr. Rob Tucker, Minister of Music



Wow, hard to believe it is December and Christmas is upon us. Time for shopping, sharing, celebrating, and singing lots of great songs. If you are like me, you feel as though you will never get it all done. There is always another card to write, another present to wrap, another decoration to hang, and another event to attend. It makes for an exciting but busy time of year. In addition to leading our Christmas Celebration, Glory in the Highest on December 11, I am directing Messiah in Brownwood, playing my horn in Abilene, playing piano in a jazz band, and getting ready to go to London in January.

December 11 is a special day in the life of our church as we combine with First United Methodist Church for our Christmas Celebration. The music this year is rich with energy and meaning, including traditional Christmas carols and modern choruses. We will once again form the Brady Orchestra to accompany the choir. This is a great opportunity to invite people you know to the event which will be performed in the morning service at the Methodist church from 10-11 a.m. and again at our church at 6:00 p.m. The hour long program promises to be a blessing to the church, the community, and the performers. In other words, don't miss this great once a year event! We are deeply appreciative of Norma Ridout for playing piano each week and directing our children's choir. They are working hard to sing with the choir on Glory in the Highest. When we put two churches together, soloists, children's choir, and orchestra, we are involving a lot of people for this Brady Christmas Celebration. See you there.

As I get ready to teach in London from January through April, I am reminded of how much I will miss coming to Brady and leading music. I always enjoy being in the house of the Lord and leading in worship. Plus it is great to have Kevin as our pastor. His sermons are full of theological depth combined with practical information for living. I feel quite blessed to serve at First Baptist Brady. At the same time, Tyler Cooper is excited to fill in for me during my absence. Tyler is from Lake Brownwood and graduated from Bangs High School. He is a music education major at Howard Payne University and plans to graduate in May 2013. He is a fine singer, guitar player, and euphonium player. I have been working with him on ways to lead at First Baptist, including choosing music and ministering to the people through music. Like me, he will approach his position with prayer and humility, serving the Lord with his gifts and abilities.

Let's also remember that this time of year can be tough on people who are struggling with jobs or with the loss of a loved one. Part of our responsibility as Christians is to look out for the orphans, widows, and those in need. We can do this by staying active in charitable roles and by making ourselves available to help others. Christmas is a time of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and sharing our blessings with others. Practicing selfless acts of kindness is one way to express the love of Jesus in the world.

Remember that when I am in London, I will want to hear from you. My email is [leetucker@gmail.com](mailto:leetucker@gmail.com). Feel free to write and let me know how you are doing.

Brother Rob

### Kid's Praise ready for Christmas musical

by Norma Ridout

Kid's Praise has been busy working on the songs for the Christmas Musical, "Glory in the Highest". Though the kids only sing in 3 songs, there are a lot of words and the music is difficult. However, they are great songs, and kids really like them.

As of this writing we have 19 boys and girls from both the Methodist and Baptist Churches. Most have attended all practices.

These boys and girls that are singing in the choir are:

Cooper Bean, Patricia Burkhart, Jacob Jeffreys, Jaelyn McKay, Pacey McKay, Andrew Shipman, Gracie Shipman, Van Virdell, Madden Virdell, Zoey Sparks, Helen Pierce, William Stafford, Robert Stafford, Shelby Coston, D.J. Powell, Kamry Keese, Kylee Dossey, Adler Meyer, and Mallory Meyer.

We are hoping to have a good, short practice on Dec. 4th so we will have time for a celebratory Christmas party.



**SPOTLIGHTING!!!****CHRISTMAS MEMORIES AND TRADITIONS by Maurice Mallow**

**Memories and Traditions**... Webster's Dictionary says that memories are "things that we remember or recall." Traditions are "stories, beliefs, and customs" handed down from generation to generation. The Christmas season probably has more memories and traditions than any other holiday season. One of our family's newer Christmas traditions is being in the combined choirs of the First Baptist Church and the First Methodist Church as we join together to present Christmas music each year. This year there are over 60 people in the choir, 19 in the Children's Choir, and the orchestra members. Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> is the date for this year's performances. Times are 10:00 am at the Methodist Church and 6:00 pm at the Baptist Church. Bring your family and friends. You will be blessed! What a wonderful way to get you into the Christmas spirit.

Our contributors to this special section of the newsletter this month are some of our newest members of FBC. Thank you to these families who are sharing some of their "**Christmas Memories and Traditions.**"

**A Christmas Tradition from Jackie Maxcey:** "When my children and stepchildren started having babies, I decided to emphasize the birth of Christ. (At one time I had three grandbabies in three months.) So...I bought a little rubber baby doll, got hay out of the barn, wrapped the doll in a cup towel, put it in a small box, wrapped it and put it under the tree. From that Christmas on, that was the first gift opened. One of the Dad's would read the Christmas story from the Bible. As the children grew, they took over the scripture reading and all couldn't wait for their turn; sometimes with heated debates. There were a few times, when the children were two and three years of age, that it was perfect chaos! One year Baby Jesus was still under the tree the next day. But, I continued the tradition until last year, when I gave Baby Jesus to an adorable mom that has two special needs children. We hugged and wept together. My wonderful grandbabies are now 18 through 10 years of age. I am blessed!"

**"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders, And he will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)**

**Welman Bauer Family Memories and Traditions:** "As for traditions in our families, both of our families are very casual. You will most likely find us in jeans and a sweatshirt on Christmas and just as likely eating off of fine Chinet. We like to keep it simple. Of course we do love to eat and we do exchange gifts on Christmas Eve and Santa does come Christmas morning, leaving homemade stockings full and presents for the kids under the tree. Our families are very important to us and when we are together we enjoy hunting, playing games, and cooking. A couple of years we even made dozens of venison and pork tamales.

In creating traditions and memories for our kids, I feel like it is important to try to keep Christ at the center. One tradition that I have with my kids is talking with them as we decorate our Christmas tree. We talk about how the green represents our life with Christ, the lights remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World, wreaths – His never ending love, red – the blood he shed for us, the stars, the angels, etc., and of course the gifts remind us of the wise men and the ultimate gift of Jesus' birth and his death on the cross. It's a very simple thing, but it has been a special time for us to remember why we celebrate." Merry Christmas! Welman, Becky, Weston, Walker, and Paige

**"So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem, the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:4-7 (NIV)**

**Bryan and Carrah Sparks, and their children, Zane and Zoey, share some of their Christmas traditions:** "Christmas is one of our favorite times of the year. It's a great time to reflect on the many blessings that we've received as a family and to slow down and really enjoy our time together. We want our kids to focus on the real meaning of Christmas and not the commercialized side of Christmas; it's so easy with everything that we are surrounded by to become lost this time of year in the busyness. We try to set up our Christmas tree the weekend after Thanksgiving so that it is a reminder of the season. Bryan and I set up the tree with the lights and then the kids take over and put all of the ornaments on the tree. Our Christmas tree is decorated with ornaments the kids have made over the years. The kids love hearing stories of when each one was made and if they have writing or pictures on them it's even better. It's always such an exciting time and a great time to reflect on how much they have grown and how our family has changed over time too. Last year we went to San Antonio and spent one weekend during December. We enjoyed the river walk festivities, seeing all the lights and the tree at the Alamo as well. It's been fun living in a new area that has different opportunities, so we are also in the midst of creating new traditions it seems. One of the most special things to me on Christmas Eve is the candlelight service at church. We go every year no matter where we are; we are excited this year to hopefully be here at our home church to enjoy the service. This service is so special to us every year and I usually can't get through it without tearing up. Christ's love for us is so amazing; He's so merciful even when we can never deserve it. I love the Christmas songs that we sing and the feeling when all the candles are lit; it's such a special time with family and brings the whole season to a climax for me. After the Christmas Eve service we always head home and the kids get to open one package and it's always new pajamas to wear that night, so when the video camera is running in the morning they have pajamas that fit!!!! J

Another of my favorite traditions is Bryan's homemade cinnamon rolls on Christmas morning. He's an early riser and the kids usually sleep a little later because of all the running we've done to see family here and there, so he has plenty of time to make the dough and roll out cinnamon rolls from scratch. Yummy!!! I think that one speaks for itself....no need to expand on it! May each of you have a blessed Christmas season. I hope that you get to spend some time with someone that you love. I hope you get to enjoy the sights and sounds of the season, including a candlelight service somewhere. I pray that we each keep Christmas in perspective as a remembrance of Christ who was born and died for us. And.....who knows.....maybe even some of you will get to enjoy some homemade cinnamon rolls. Thanks for letting us be a part of your Christmas season."

***Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:13-14 (NIV)***

***Our Pastor, Kevin McDonald, remembers a special Christmas:*** "Remembering is not my greatest strength, but I remember one Christmas better than all the others combined. It is the only Christmas I got everything I wanted. It was the Christmas of no socks and shirts, nothing I had to grow into or exchange, just fun stuff I had asked for. You would think it was the perfect Christmas. I was in the seventh or eighth grade, and while I don't remember all the presents I got, (I told you I don't remember stuff), I do remember the electric football game (long gone), and an orange Cox Baja Bug, a gas powered VW Beetle about 16 inches long, that I ran until it just wore out. On the surface, this sounds like The Best Christmas Ever, but it was also the Christmas my dad was overseas for eighteen months (again). This was in the days of black and white TV, one or two TV channels, and mail without the "e-" in front of it. We were lucky to get one or two phone calls during the entire deployment. A cell phone was what you used in jail, and e-mail was science fiction. I enjoyed those presents for a long time, but that Christmas I grew up a little. I learned that "presents" do not equal "presence", a lesson that is neither long gone, nor worn out. That's probably the best gift I got that year; it just took a little longer for me to open it. I hope you get everything you want for Christmas."

***"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'" Luke 2:8-12***

***Christmas Traditions from the McKay Family:*** "When I was asked to write this, I was immediately overcome with memories from my childhood as the happy memories flooded into my mind. Family is the one thing that stands out in my mind with every Christmas memory. All of us packed into one house (usually ours), all the adults at the big fancy table and yes, the kids at the dreaded "kids table"; always wondering what it would take to actually be allowed to sit at the big people table! Candlelight services on Christmas Eve, Christmas music, opening presents early Christmas morning, the smells coming from the kitchen, yummo! The one tradition that I treasure the most is every year my mom would select a Christmas ornament for me. When I moved out on my own, my mom gave me all my ornaments and those are what I decorate my tree with to this day. I have since started that tradition first with my husband and now with both my children. The "hunt" to find that one ornament that represents an accomplishment or a favorite hobby or evokes a special memory for them.

I read the Christmas story to my children every year and explain to them that the reason we celebrate Christmas is because it is Jesus' birthday. It's a time to share God's love with others. Now, trying to explain why we get the presents and He doesn't is a whole other story!! The past three or four years has brought a new tradition to our family. Mom and I select angels from the trees and usually provide something for Toys for Tots. This is something we have involved the kids in. They help us pick out the toys and clothes for someone who wouldn't have a Christmas present. Pacey is now getting to the age when he understands the importance of this, not everyone is blessed like we are and that Christmas is a time to share what we have with others and not be so "Me, me, me!" Family is a constant for the holidays. We all still "move" into Mom's house (she only lives 10 miles from us!) for several days. We make Christmas cookies with the kids, (the adults seem to enjoy icing them as much as the kids do!). We watch Christmas movies, listen to Christmas music, enjoy each other, laugh and are so thankful for the time we have together. Christmas is family and happiness and bringing joy to others. Merry Christmas to you and your families!"

***Stefani, Jody, Pacey, and Jaelyn McKay***

***"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV)***

"We, as the Davis family, have two ways of celebrating Christmas. On Christmas Eve we start that morning by getting everything in the kitchen ready to start our day of making "Tamales." My mother, sisters, and I also make "Bunelos," which is a Mexican pastry. While the ladies are in the kitchen, the men are outside with the kids playing football and then they fill the piñata with candy. We have a big star as a piñata to celebrate Jesus' birth. This takes place at midnight. On the 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas day, we continue the celebration with my husband's family. The kids get up early that day and open their gifts. We have a big Christmas lunch with my in-laws. She is the best cook! We have homemade pies! Well, the whole nine yards of wonderful food! We wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and thank you for letting us share our ways of celebrating "Christmas." ***Alma, Terry, Leanna, and Jeffrey Davis***



# December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Jessica Castillo Bea Scott Jackie Maxcey Jacob Valle	2 Lesley Gage	3 Cheyenne Huck-ins
4	5 Berniece Taylor	6	7 Charity Harper Freddie Perales	8 Corde Morris	9 <i>Food Distribution, 10:00-12:00</i> Lois Patton Rebecca Shipman	10 David Weaver Dawson Barksdale

*Week of Prayer for International Missions, Dec. 4-11*

11 <i>Christmas musical, FUMC, 10:00; FBC, 6:00</i> RaNon Caraway	12 <i>Triple S lunch, Fellowship Hall</i> <i>Gleaners Christmas gathering, Mary Ballew's, 2:00-4:00</i> Charles Jordan	13 <i>Women's Christmas fellowship, 6:00, Fellowship Hall</i>	14 Camille Sparks	15 Jerry Caraway	16	17 Maurice Mallow Stephen Everett
18 <i>Business meeting, 6:00, followed by Christmas fellowship</i> Leslie Morris Grace Spurgin	19	20 Gwen Bush Jimmy Burttschell Claire Bishop	21 James Ridout Josh Day Norman Smith Denise Simmons	22 Cooper Bean Kannon Kirk	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve service, 6:00</i>
25 <i>Christmas Day 10:50 AM service [No Sunday School classes today]</i>	26 <i>Triple S game night, 5:30, Fellowship Hall</i>	27 Rita Estes Isaac Escobar	28 Mary Ann Wilton	29 James Mallow Reno Alonzo	30 Ed Weber	31

### Food Ministry Report

#### November 2011:

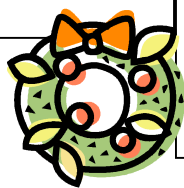
- 168 adults
- 61 children under 12
- 50 adults 65 and older

December food distribution will be Friday, December 9, from 10:00 to 12:00.



### Lottie Moon mailboxes

The Lottie Moon mailboxes will be set up in the hall throughout this month. You may "mail" your cards to fellow church members for a donation of 25 cents per card, with all money going to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



### Weekly Events

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 AM Men's/Ladies' prayer time
	9:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study
	10:50 AM Morning Worship
	6:00 PM Evening Services/Events
<b>Monday</b>	4:00 PM Bible study, home of Mary Ballew (postponed until January)
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:30-3:00 Dorcas quilting group
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Presbyterian Church
	5:30-7:15 AWANA/Mission classes
	6:00 PM Prayer meeting/Bible study
	5:45-6:30 Middle School Youth
	6:30-7:00 Youth snack time
	7:00-8:15 High School Youth
	7:15 PM Christmas choir practice

Thanks to the Flower Committee—Cynthia Reeves, Glenda Douglas, and Serena Alexander—for decorating the sanctuary for Christmas!

### Deacons on call for December

Kenneth Young	597-2485
Ed Weber	475-3471

### Greeters for December

East Door

Dec. 4 - James and Maurice Mallow  
 Dec. 11 - Travis and Pat Gary  
 Dec. 18 - Robert and Cynthia Reeves  
 Dec. 25 - Charlie and Gwen Bush

West Door:  
Youth

### Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

*Sunday morning:* live broadcast at 10:55 AM  
*Weekdays:* Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM

Thanks to Kay Holloway, Penny Williams, Sharon McDonald, George Matula, and Becky Martin. for recording radio spots in November.

December devotionals will be brought by Norma Ridout, Claudette Young, Cynthia Reeves, and Betty Smith.

*Pray without ceasing. . .*

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel,  
praising God and saying,  
“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace  
to men on whom his favor rests.”  
*Luke 2:13-14*

- Rain
  - Nichols at seminary
  - 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
- Mary Ballew  
Joe Behrens  
Joyce Blackwell  
Kelly Bryant  
Christy Carlson  
Dariel and Glenda Carson  
Evelyn Carson  
Tim Collins  
Bill Curry

- Brianna Danford  
La Dawn Devel  
Margaret Engdahl  
Truman Farris  
Clarence and Darlene Friar  
Louise Hammett  
Betta Little  
Mike Lowery  
Marty Martin  
Nancy Masters  
Wadena McAlister  
Jana Maxwell  
Norma McNeely  
Ross Nelson  
Carol and Max Newport  
Paul and Connie Nix  
John Nix  
Tracy Parsley  
Bobbye Petty

- Dorothy Reeves  
Alton and Destani Roberts  
Ann Roberts  
Anita Sorrells Salge  
Opal Smyrl  
Beth Taylor  
Jack and Susan Turk  
Lucy & Harold Underwood  
Gary and Reva Wagner  
Tess Warren  
Billy and Doris Whitaker  
Kyland Whitaker  
Noah Williams  
Linda Young
- In military:*  
Daryl Booth  
Jerry Brown  
Brandon Haymon  
David Hernandez

- Concho Moore  
Ashley Pirtle  
Cory Pirtle  
Tyler Remini  
Jamie Taylor  
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Sammy Telford  
Jonathan Torres  
Alisha Slone  
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Please remember in prayer the families of Lamonte Wells and Dorothy McCauley.

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2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering\*

JAMSBMISSIONS.COM Our church goal: \$3000 

**The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

*John 1:14*

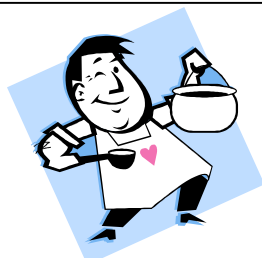


We donated 50 boxes this year.

Traveling on My Knees  
*(adapted from a poem by Sandra Goodwin)*

Last night I took a journey  
To \_\_\_\_\_ across the seas;  
I did not go by boat or plane,  
I traveled on my knees.  
I saw so many precious people there  
With scars and wounds within,  
But God told me I should go,  
That there was oil to pour for Him.  
But I said, “Lord, I cannot go  
And work with such as these.”  
He answered quickly, “Yes, you can...  
By traveling on your knees.”  
He said, “You pray;  
I’ll meet their need,  
You call and I will hear,  
Be concerned about their fate,  
Of those both far and near.”  
And so I tried it, knelt in prayer,  
Gave up some hours of ease;  
I felt the Lord right by my side,  
While traveling on my knees.  
As I prayed on and saw them helped  
And the badly wounded healed,  
I saw God’s workers’ strength re-  
newed,  
While laboring on the field.  
I said, “Yes, Lord, I have a job,  
My desire Thy will to please;  
I can go and heed they call,  
By traveling on my knees.”

RA Soup Drive  
The RA’s are collecting canned soup for our Food Pantry ministry. Please help by donating one or several cans of soup by Sunday, Dec. 4. Thank you, RA’s, for thinking of the many hungry people in Brady.



Dear First Baptist Church,  
Thank you for your contribution to the Brady Fellowship of Christian Athletes. We took about 230 students and adults from Brady to Fields of Faith in Brownwood.  
Sincerely,  
Terry Bean  
Brady FCA

