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Paying attention to God's children

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My drive from the house to the church is by far the longest commute I have ever had to make to get to church. It is a grueling eight mile trip on Highway 377. You know what a nightmare that can be at rush hour in Brady.

I enjoy the drive to church and back. As I leave the house, there is almost always a red-tailed hawk patrolling somewhere between the house and the highway. As I drive along the highway, sometimes I listen to KNEL. I enjoy the local news and folks. Sometimes I just enjoy the scenery and try to be quiet and give God a chance to say something. I take note of the number of deer sleeping next to or on the road, as well as their progress in retuning back to grass and earth. Then of course, there are the numerous smaller critters who forgot to stop, look, listen, and go back into the woods as well.

At the airport, there is usually a kestrel perched on the top of the chain-link fence. I tend to see the same cars as I drive in, especially the ones parked at the courthouse. I still haven't been able to read all their bumper stickers, but I'm working on it. I always wave back at the person dressed up as the Statue of Liberty, and try not to turn left in front of a sand truck as I get on South Bridge street. Going up the hill, I take a quick look over at the T-bucket in the Ford dealership and see if any cars have changed in building next door. They need a Chevy in there. If the guy across the street is outside, we always wave. I check out the gas prices as I continue on, and look over at Wagner's and enjoy the T-Bird sitting there. I regret not getting to know Mr. Wagner more than just meeting him once.

As I turn onto West 17th, I remind myself not to speed, as I have seen a few folks on this stretch of road getting their fast driver certificate from the local police. As I roll into the parking lot, I say a prayer of thanks to be where I am, and come in the study to begin another day.

"Why," you might ask, "do we need this combination wildlife/roadkill/traffic report?" You probably don't. But you do need to pay attention to your surroundings. (If you don't believe me, just watch a zombie movie). But I digress. Who was not in church Sunday morning? Who has missed Sunday School for three weeks now? Who has been in the hospital, and who is sick? How is your neighbor doing, and what happened to the guy who used to work at the convenience store? There are people all around you. Do they come and go without your notice? Did you ever notice or know them in the first place?

Pay attention, church. People get lost if we/you don't keep up with them. People will stay lost if we/you don't notice them and include them. People will fade into the background of our lives if we are not careful. Sometimes the most important thing you can give someone is your attention. So look around. Who do see, who do you not see?

Bro. Kevin

Welcome new members

By letter
Stephen Spence
Laura Spence

Change for life campaign Feb. 5-26

The Pregnancy Care Center will hold their annual fundraiser this month. Please pick up a baby bottle on Feb. 5, collect your spare change in it for three weeks, and return the bottle on Feb. 26.

All money received from Change for Life 2012 will be used to help families with an unplanned pregnancy make practical life choices for both the mother and her unborn child.

The Brady Pregnancy Care Center is located at the New Song Church building. Thank you in advance for your help with this worthy project.

New website launched

Be sure to check out the new FBC website at <http://fbcbrady.org>.

That's the old address, but there's a new look and lots of pictures and information.

Besides the home page with service times, Sunday School information, and upcoming events, the site has a page of staff information, one of ministries, links to the newsletter, an events calendar, and contact information for the church and staff.

Senior Adult Rally

February 15, 2012
First Baptist Ballinger
11:00 AM

Corey Devito will present his "Chalk Board Ministry," special music will be presented by Suzy Gayle Ministries, plus lunch and fellowship.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this special rally.

Mission to the Navajo: will you go?

by Betty Smith

Come one; come all. Come with us on the experience of a lifetime. Better than a cruise that turns over. Better than anything I can think of.

I'm talking about our Navajo Mission Trip.

The Brady group will leave on Friday, June 22, and travel to Albuquerque, N.M., for the night. Then we will travel Sat. to the campground (yes - campground with tents, outdoor cooking, porta-potties, Vietnam showers, and lots of sand). We'll spend Sunday worshiping with our Navajo friends and getting our campground set up.

We hit the ground running Monday through Friday doing the various ministries we have committed to.

Early Sat. morning we break camp and leave for the trip back, spending the night in Tucumcari, N.M. We will arrive back in Brady on Sunday, July 1st, in late afternoon -- tired and so very blessed to have gone.

Please think about you and your family going. Children kindergarten age and above are most welcome and will have a ball. The cost is \$150 per person plus the motel costs, but don't let money prevent you from going. Pay what you can and we can work out the rest some way.

If you have any questions call Betty Smith at [325-597-0740](tel:325-597-0740) or see me at church.



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

Date: One session is all day Friday; then the conference will be repeated Friday evening (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

A few tickets are still available. Please call Serena Alexander at 792-8465.



Kid's Praise

Hey, kids, remember Kid's Praise on Sunday afternoons at 5:00.

We are learning the words to "I Am a Promise" and singing fun songs and working a little bit on the bells.

Come have some musical fun with your

Get Ready to Celebrate: Super Bowl and Valentines

by Skyler Maley, Youth Minister
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On February 5, 2012, the church family is invited to a Super Bowl Party at 5:30 pm in the FLC. There will be multiple screens showing the game and an area for a movie if some do not want to watch the football game. Something different that will be happening this year is that K Life youth will be joining us for the event. This will be a way to open up our church and possibly bring in new youth that don't have a church home. Please be praying for the event and the youth group that it will be a success.

Also, on February 12 the youth will be hosting a Valentine's banquet that everyone in the church is invited to. This will be a way for our youth to serve and get to know some of the other people that make up the body of Christ. The tickets will be on sale for an amazing \$5 per person. These tickets will need to be purchased in advance so that we know how much food we will need and people to serve. Please come out and support our youth group.



Notes from Rob in London

by Dr. Rob Tucker, Minister of Music
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I am sitting in my room in the middle of London thinking about my friends back home and at FBC Brady. I trust all is going well back in Texas. I was missing Texas so much the other day, I ate at the Texas Embassy in the middle of Trafalgar Square in London. Actually had enchiladas and beans rather than batter fried cod! Of course I must admit I have also eaten some Indian food, Chinese food, Italian food, and a traditional Sunday carvery of Roast Beef.

I am teaching two classes and am helping manage the 19 students we have in the London Studies program. We stay very busy with teaching and then supplementing our experiences by visiting various locations throughout London and beyond. Part of our church activities include attending various services and getting exposed to a wide variety of worship styles. Last week we attended an Anglican service at Westminster Abbey which was beautiful but very formal. This week we will attend a contemporary Anglican service with drums and guitars and an informal speaking style. It reminds me of the many great ways we have to worship God and how God can use many settings to Glorify Him and share His word.



Canterbury Cathedral, Jan. 28, 2012
Photo by Rob Tucker

Saturday we learned about the tunnels at the White Cliffs of Dover and how the British saved thousands of soldiers by hiding them in the tunnels during World War II. We then took a bus over to Canterbury Cathedral where we learned about the martyr Thomas Beckett and the two thousand services that are still held there each year. During our tour, we had an opportunity to hear a choir and a marvelous pipe organ. The church is one of the oldest in England and dates back to 597 AD.

Aside from the constant walking and intense schedule, I am having a grand time attending concerts, services, and lots of museums. I was excited to go to a Mozart opera at the Royal Opera House but when I arrived, the only ticket was a standing spot. So I watched the opera standing up the whole time. It was great but added to the tired legs! Of course the occasional musical is a sit down concert and we really enjoyed seeing Shrek the Musical two weeks ago. I have learned that Londoners are curious about Texas and usually smile when they hear we are from the great state!

I would ask that you keep praying for me and the students here. The drivers are fast and we have to stay alert when crossing the busy streets. Also we continue to want to be the Texans who show Christ in everything we do. See you at the end of April.

Brother Rob

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Charlie Bush	2 Mildred Seward	3	4 Brenda McBee
5 <i>Deacons meeting, 5:00 Super Bowl party, 5:30 Codi Matheny Grace Shipman</i>	6 Deryl Bishop	7 Mike Easley Shane Owens	8	9 Betty Smith	10 <i>Food Distribution, 10:00-12:00 Fresh Grounded Faith Conference, Brownwood</i>	11
12 <i>Valentine's banquet, 6:00. Tickets are \$5.</i>	13 <i>Triple S lunch, Fellowship Hall Carson Brandenberger Tiffany Garner Kristen Huckins</i>	14 <i>Shower for Julia and Matt, 6:00 Ray Ash</i>	15 <i>Senior Adult Rally, Ballinger, 11:00 Betty McMillan</i>	16 Bracken Bean Kim Hemphill	17	18 Andrew Shipman
19 <i>Business meeting, 6:00, followed by churchwide fellowship</i>	20	21 David Hernandez	22	23	24 Bobbey Petty	25
26 <i>Visitation, 6:00 Joe Remini Brian Springer</i>	27 <i>Triple S game night, 5:30, Fellowship Hall Annie Roberts</i>	28	29 Virginia Vinson			

Food Ministry Report

January 2012:

- 112 families
- 191 adults
- 76 children under 12
- 42 adults 65 and older



February food distribution will be Friday, February 10, from 10:00 to 12:00. Please note: no rice or beans were available at the Concho Valley Regional Food Bank this month. Contributions are needed of these important staples.

Weekly Events

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

Deacons on call for February

Ed Weber	475-3471
Shane Owens	456-4895

Greeters for February

East Door
Feb. 5 - Jason and Karen Behrens
Feb. 12 - Joe and Lisa Remini
Feb. 19 - Charlie and Becky Elliott
Feb. 26 - James and Maurice Mallow
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 Kenneth Young, Charlie Elliott, Melissa Burkhart, Becky Elliott, and Gwen Bush for recording radio spots in January.
February devotionals will be done by Deryl Bishop, Becky Lohn, Mabel Jones, and Mary Ann Wilton.

Pray without ceasing. . .

Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face.
 Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.
1 Corinthians 13:12

- Rain in 2012—and we thank God for the 3.8 inches in January!
 - Rob Tucker in London
 - 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
 Sherry Barsch
 Ray Bever
 Joyce Blackwell
 Christy Carlson
 Dariel and Glenda Carson
 Larry Collier
 Tim Collins

- Bill Curry
 Brianna Danford
 La Dawn Devel
 Kevin Dodd
 Margaret Engdahl
 Truman Farris
 Sherry Friar
 Louise Hammett
 Lloyd Harris
 Charlie and Jerry Jordan
 Mike Lowery
 Tara Maden
 Marty Martin
 Wadena McAlister
 Adler Meyer
 Ila Mitchell
 Carol and Max Newport
 Paul and Connie Nix
 John Nix
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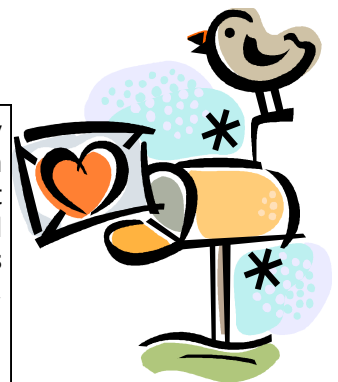
- Shortie Ramirez
 Dorothy Reeves
 Dorothy Rice
 Alton and Destani Roberts
 Ann Roberts
 Anita Sorrells Salge
 Jim and Rose Sherer
 Dub Smith
 Opal Smyrl
 Geneva Stanley
 Beth Taylor
 Patrick Tingle
 Jack and Susan Turk
 Lucy & Harold Underwood
 Richard Valdez
 Reva Wagner
 Billy and Doris Whitaker
 Kyland Whitaker
 Linda Young

- In military:*
 Daryl Booth
 Jerry Brown
 Brandon Haymon
 David Hernandez
 Concho Moore
 Ashley Pirtle
 Cory Pirtle
 Tyler Remini
 Jane Telford
 Sammy Telford
 Jonathan Torres
 Alisha Slone
 Wes Stark
 Daniel Virdell
 Justin Williams
 Ricky Williams, Jr.
 Please remember in prayer the families of Ewell Sessom, Jonathan Burgess, and Tracy Nesbit.

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**And now
 these three remain:
 faith,
 hope,
 and love.
 But the greatest
 of these
 is love.**

1 Corinthians 13:13



Thank you for the ministry—the Food Bank—that you provide to the community. I was so moved by the love of your parishioners and volunteers. Not only do you provide physical nourishment, but also spiritual food through prayer and comfort. There’s so much I could say—I’m overwhelmed by the experience of working with you all. Your mission will remain in my prayers. May God bless you—you bless so many, glorifying His Name.
 Angelina Deans

Congratulations to Janet Avey and Roy Guthrie, who were united in marriage on New Year’s Eve, December 31, 2011, at the Rochelle Baptist Church. Janet and Roy had been classmates at Bryan Adams High School, Dallas, Texas, in the 1960’s, and had gotten reacquainted at a school reunion this past year.

Congratulations to. . .
 Corde Morris
 Bachelor of Science in
 Exercise Sports Science
 Howard Payne University
 December 10, 2011

Corde wants to thank his wife Leslie for all her help and support!



He is currently coaching off-season sports at Brady Middle School.



**Wedding Shower
 for
 Julia McDonald and Matt Berry
 Tuesday, February 14, 2012
 6:00 P.M.
 First Baptist Church, Brady
 Fellowship Hall
 1103 W. 17th Street
 (Recipe, Ingredients and/or Container
 or a gift of your choice)
 Registered at: Walmart, Evridge’s (Brady),
 Bed, Bath & Beyond
 Target
 (Julia is the daughter of Pastor Kevin and Sharon McDonald.)**