



A Life Song

by ElizaBeth Sparkman, ARNP

I haven't been able to write anything for y'all this month and I'm not sure why. But this morning, I believe that the lyrics to this song speak for themselves about how often what we feel is not the truth that we should believe.

<http://www.klove.com/music/artists/lauren-daigle/songs/you-say-lyrics.aspx>

You Say

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up
Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low
Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to know

You say I am loved
When I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong
When I think I am weak
You say I am held
When I am falling short
When I don't belong
You say I am Yours
And I believe
I believe
What You say of me
I believe

The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me
In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity

Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your feet
You have every failure, God, and You'll have every victory

Oh, I believe
Yes, I believe
What You say of me
Oh, I believe

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A message from Bro. Lee

by Rev. Lee Floyd,
FBC Intentional Interim Pastor

We had a productive discussion during our last business meeting. The Transition Team has submitted the recommended changes for our current committee structure. If you have not had a chance to see the recommendations, the church office can provide you a copy. These recommendations are based on the input of every current committee. It is a streamlined structure to help facilitate better involvement and communication. The vote for your final approval will take place at our February meeting.

We have finished our series on "A Healthy Church." As a body we must strive to be who God has called us to be so we can be who God needs us to be for Brady, TX. Who we are is an important question for the church to answer. Over the coming weeks the transition team will lead out in helping us answer the question as we look at our Heritage and Mission.

Pray for your Transition Team.
Pray for your church.
Pray for Brady, TX.

Ask God to bring a spiritual awakening to our individual souls, to our church body, and to our community.

PRAY - and let's see what God does!!!

See you Sunday!

—Bro. Lee



Lottie Moon Offering goal has been reached!
FBC Brady goal: \$2500
Our giving through January 29: \$2525.00
Thanks to everyone who gave!

News and updates in our church family

Prayers needed for all

- Jack Selby is undergoing rehab at Meadow Creek Nursing Home/Rehab Center, 4343 Oak Grove Blvd., San Angelo, TX 76904 His phone # is 325-240-0947.
- Rex and Geneva Joslin have moved to Odessa to be near family. Their new address is 4237 Springbrook Dr., Odessa, TX 79762.
- Janie Lowery is undergoing rehab following knee replacement surgery. She is at Brady West, Rm. 25.
- RaNon Caraway has recovered from her fracture but is now facing more medical issues.
- Gwen Bush was air-lifted to Shannon Hospital on Tuesday with serious breathing difficulties. She is in ICU, Room 312.

LIBA Mission Trip 2019

When: July 13-20, 2019

Who: Every member of every church of LIBA who feels led to go!

How: The Missions Team of LIBA will coordinate the effort with leaders of Western Indian Ministries and other entities in northwest New Mexico and northeast Arizona. The cost per person is \$175.00 to help cover the cost of food and lodging while there and help defray the cost of materials.


What: We will be doing "light" construction work and leading neighborhood Bible clubs and events.

Why: Because God loves the world and has commissioned us to be His ambassadors for the sake of the Gospel.

Contact person: Marty Akins, FBC Eden. Cell 806-215-1932, and email martyakins@gmail.com.

LIBA Breakfast

Monday, Feb. 4: 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.



Keith's Konnections

by Keith Simpson, Ministry Director, Lake Ivie Baptist Association

As I get older, I remember my mother telling me, that as a young child, I used to say, "I can do it myself." Part of that, I am sure, is just being hard-headed, but also part of that was the fact that I wanted to be independent and to not have to depend on ANYone for ANY help of ANY kind. Unfortunately, for the first thirty one years of my life, I carried that same "I can do it" idea around with me that I could do anything I wanted to without relying on help. How many of us have been there? I was at a time in my life when I was getting disgusted and tired from TRYING to do everything myself, and not asking anyone for help. It was at that point that God reached down and touched me and showed me that I no longer HAD to rely on my own strength, knowledge, or wisdom to try to handle my life's problems: that, if I allowed HIM to work with me and for me, I would never face life's decisions and struggles alone and that He would always be there for me. Being the independent, proud individual that I was, it was hard to let go of that control; yet I yielded to His will, and decided to let Him have the reins of my life. Without a doubt, it was the best decision that I ever made. Do I still want to "do it myself?" Certainly, I do.

However, when I let go and let GOD, He started working in my life in ways that I could never have imagined. First, He convinced me to go to church and ask His forgiveness for being so bull-headed and to confess my sins, which I did. (And still do) Then I was baptized and became a more active church member. That's all I thought there was to church, just being a member. But NOOOO. God moved me from just a pew sitter to a senior adult Sunday School teacher for the next twenty years. (I was probably 32 at the time, and the youngest person in my SS class was probably 65!) I would dare say that God grew me more through that little SS class than anyone could have imagined. I am not sure that I taught them much, but they loved on me, and taught me quite a bit. As if that weren't enough, God then moved me into becoming a Deacon, a capacity in which I served for some 15 years. In that time, I had opportunity to fill the pulpit at our church, to speak to different churches on behalf of the Gideons International, and to speak at other places (such as Emmaus walks), never knowing that God had bigger plans in store for this old school teacher. I NEVER had any aspirations to become a pastor (some may say that I am still NOT), but God called me to a church wherein I served for almost seventeen years, then moved me into the position of Ministry Director of the Lake Ivie Baptist Association.

Why am I re-hashing old news? I say all of this to simply say: Allow God to use you and then get out of HIS way. Churches are full of pew sitters and not enough people who TRULY want God to use them to further His kingdom's work. What is the purpose of the church? I think Jesus summed it up in Matthew 28:19-20, "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) Our JOB is to make disciples, to help people grow in their Christian walk, to encourage one another and to edify one another. When is the last time you discipled someone? When is the last time you encouraged someone? When is the last time you shared your testimony with someone? Well, as the old Wolf Brand Chili advertisement used to say, "Well, that's been too long." When will you get off the pew (both the seat you sit in at church, and the stench of the world) and get busy doing what God wants you to do? IF we will just get out of His way, He will work through us, in us and out of us. Why not start today?

Blessings to one and all. May God continue to grow your sphere of influence to the point that you cannot help but disciple someone. We should be so filled with the Spirit that if a mosquito bites us, he should fly away singing, "There Is Power in the Blood."

—Keith

February 2019

February 4th – Brady Breakfast
8:30AM- El Flamingo

February 5th – Millersview Breakfast,
7:00AM – Community Center

February 11th - Coleman Breakfast –
8:30AM – Hidalgo's


February 18th - Ballinger Breakfast –
8:30AM – Beefmaster's



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


February 2019

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | | 1 Charles Bush | 2 |
| 3 <i>Deacons meeting, 5:00</i> | 4 <i>LIBA Fellowship breakfast, El Flamingo, 8:30</i> | 5 Codi Walters | 6 Deryl Bishop Kelli Medrano Janie Lowery | 7 Mike Easley Shane Owens | 8 <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-12:00</i> | 9 Betty Smith |
| 10 | 11 <i>Triple S, noon</i> | 12 | 13 Carson Brandenberger Tiffany Garner | 14 Ray Ash  | 15 | 16 Bracken Bean Kim Galindo |
| 17 <i>Business meeting, 5:00</i> | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Bobbye Petty | 25 <i>Triple S, 5:30</i> | 26 | 27 Annie Roberts | 28 | | |

Food Ministry Report
January 2018

- Adults (19-64) 144
- Children: 68
- Adults over 65: 14
- Families: 113
- Total served: 236

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



FEED THE HUNGRY

Deacons on call in February:
 Jim Smith
 597-0740, cell 792-4921
 Bobby Williams
 597-7573, cell 456-4735

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

Sunday morning: recorded sermon from previous week at 11:30 AM
Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45

February devotionals will be done by Tony Urban, Becky Martin, Joyce Scott, and Kay Holloway. Thank you!

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 115 Parkview home of Betty Smith

Wednesday
 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Presbyterian Church
 5:30-7:00 AWANA & missions organizations

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



Many Thanks!

- I just wanted to thank my church family for keeping me in their thoughts and prayers. I am so blessed to have such a loving, compassionate family. I was so blessed and overwhelmed by the gift of the love offering. I don't have the words to express my gratefulness. I love y'all and thank you once again. —*Rhonda Aguirre*
- To all my dear friends at FBC Brady: Words are inadequate to express my thanks for the blessings you have been to my life. Thanks to the hostesses for the wonderful brunch—beautiful and tasty, yum! This has been my home for forty-five years and I will continue to think of it as home and my church. The progress of the church and the welfare of each of you will continue to be in my daily prayers. Love to all—*Mabel Jones*
- Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Thank you so very much for your Christmas Love Offering. It allowed us to pay our water bill. —*Tanzee Daily-Shedd and Michael Shedd*
- I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, cards, visits, and meals during my unplanned vacation at Shannon. Thanks—*Bobbie Williams*

This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us
and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.
Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
1 John 4:10-11

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

Rhonda Aguirre
Terry & Serena Alexander
Greg Ash
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Louise Baker
Oralia Barrera
Sherry and Billy Barsch
Deryl Bishop
Mary Bradshaw
RaNon Caraway
Christine Carlson
Melinda Cook
Sherry Cox
Fayrene Easley
Mike Fields
Kamryn Flores
Charlie and Maria Garcia
Larry Garner
Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves
Roy Guthrie
Robin Hill
Jimmie & Sherrie Hodges
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Jewel Jones
Charles and Jerry Jordan

Greg Jordan
Janie Lowery
Mike Lowery
Phil and Evelyn Martin
Michelle McCartney
Donald Owens
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
Kenneth & Claudette Young

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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 Bill Wilburn, Geneva Owens, and Caleb Estes.



FIRST BAPTIST
C H U R C H

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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God grant me
the **S**erenity
to accept the things
I cannot change
Courage to
change the things I can
and the **W**isdom
to know the difference

Godly Impressions Preschool

Love, love, love! It's all about love — which is why our memory verse for February at Godly Impressions will be "Love one another" John 13:34. This month will also be filled with nursery rhymes and fairy tales. We will be learning about the color pink and the heart shape. Our Valentine parties will be on Thursday, Feb. 14.

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

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