

Sally Bush — Continue to pray for strength and relief from several health issues.

Connie Eckerle — Small progress for Asher, but a Pediatric chiropractor loosened some stiffness in his limbs. He has far to go, but his parents are leaning into Jesus.

Dolores Foster — husband, Larry, is having health issues and will have an MRI soon. Dolores is having trouble with her back. Pray for healing.

Earlene Gauntt — continue to pray for healing.

Kathy Jackson — Sabina, their 2nd granddaughter, age 6, has a condition called femoral anteversion, which basically means her femur is turned inward causing her to be pigeon-toed. They say she may out-grow it, but she's in a lot of pain. Physical therapy seems to be helping some.

Dennis Linam — has multiple health issues and will not be able to return to TMS.

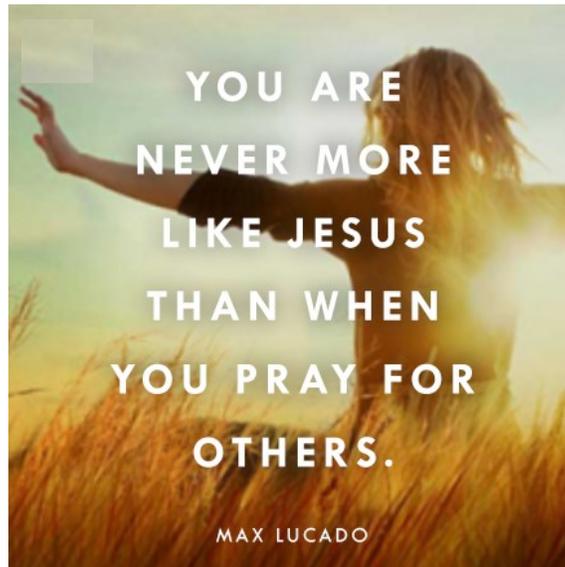
Bobby & Linda Murray — son-in-law, Tim Dubois married to their daughter, Julie, is having seizures of unknown origin. Testing to see cause for seizures. Pray for treatment plan and healing.

Norma Jean Nelson — thanks everyone for your prayers. Husband, Jack, is safe and happy now at Riverside Inn Memory Care at Fossil Creek in Ft Worth. Please pray for his healing. He is in pain. We have a new doctor who comes to the facility.

Spencer Olesen & family — please continue to pray for Spencer & family following Jeannette's passing.

Malcom Payne — has a fracture of his T-5 vertebrae. Treatment will be rest and pain management as needed for at least a month.

Judy Prather – son-in-law, Michael Doering, Emily's husband, had a tumor removed from his



spine. Emily sent the following: ... 8 weeks post-surgery and Michael is still working on healing and recovery, much slower than expected. He is still in a lot of pain in his back, neck, arms and legs as well as the numbness, tingling, and overall nerve pain. He feels like his body is not working right. He is able to drive very short distances, but not able to drive far which means he is not able to pick up his son in McKinney which is hard for him. At this

point it does not look like he will be able to return to work any time soon. This is discouraging for both of us as we are ready to be back to "normal". He thought he would be doing much better at this stage of recovery. Is going to physical therapy twice a week; will go back to the neurosurgeon Wednesday for 2nd follow-up appointment. Please pray for full healing of his body and pray for strength for this journey for both of us.

Jeannette Proctor — please continue to pray for daughter, Kaye, as she undergoes chemo infusions and oral medications.

Debbie Stout — had a defibrillator put in to help her heart work better. Continue to pray for her strength and energy to return.

Francille Tamplen, nephew, Mike Hiland, still recovering from Covid – 7 1/2 months – was in hospital on a ventilator – now home – still having respiratory issues. Pray for healing.

Ruth Vogel — Jon, her brother, has a bad pain in his head from the stroke. He will be seeing a doctor for this. Please pray that this can be resolved.



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I like coming across an appropriate quote at just the right moment. Sometimes you find bits of depth, wisdom, and insight in the quotes of others. I'm not as likely to quote myself. For one thing, I'm rarely a source of depth, wisdom, and insight. However, on rare occasions something I said in the past will apply to another situation, and this is one of those rare occasions.

Not so long ago — on page 2 of the May 12 Prayer List, to be exact — I wrote: “One of the blessings of serving a living, active God who deals with each of us individually is that His purpose and calling on our lives can —and often does— change with the seasons of our lives. . . . He expects me to keep my ears and my heart open to His leadership. He expects me to be willing to serve when and where He leads me, and to use the gifts He's given me for His purposes today.”

January 23, 2017. That's the day I became the Worship Ministry Assistant at FBCA. For the past 1,585 days — for better or worse — I've fumbled my way through the various ins and outs of the ever-changing, never-boring challenge that is a Worship Ministry support position. Whether or not I've been up to the challenge is debatable. Whether or not things are better now than they were 1,585 days ago may be up for discussion.

What isn't up for discussion is the truth of my own quote. The calling God places on a life is not a static issue, but changes as He leads from one season to the next.

One of the blessings of working at FBCA is having leaders who are sensitive to the need for change and growth. Many of the positions on our staff have recently undergone a significant amount of scrutiny and evaluation. Worship

Ministry is about to benefit from someone new who will serve as a support person for the Worship Staff. What was once two part-time Receptionist positions for the FBCA offices has been altered to include additional tasks and responsibilities in one full-time position. That will be my new area of service. No, I didn't get fired. No, Aaron and I didn't have a fight. No, Charlie didn't run me off. It's a simple matter of “... [God] expects me to be willing to serve when and where He leads me ...” He leads me elsewhere.

Oscar Wilde once said, “Some cause happiness *wherever* they go; others *whenever* they go.” I may turn out to be one of the latter, but before I go, there are a few things I'd like to say (I know . . . big surprise, right?).

I have to start with Beth Goetz. Some of you may not know, but Beth is the reason I got a job at FBCA in 2017. Since that time we have worked together, laughed together, cried together, and labeled, counted, stamped and filed an unbelievable amount of music together. My life has been blessed through Beth — not only from my personal relationship with her, but by observing the amazing job she does directing TMS and all the roles I've watched her fulfill through the years. Thank you, Beth.

The Worship Ministry Staff members who were here when I arrived and are still serving — Beth, Charlie Pannell, Christi Jones, Debbie Bertrand, Emily Klophaus, Kathryn O'Neal, Kay Owens and Mason Williams — have been so patient and gracious putting up with me. No words can adequately express my gratitude. Each in their own way has been a special blessing to me.

Aaron Tomes had no idea what he was getting into when he answered God's call to FBCA. It's difficult for any Minister to come in and work

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with a staff he didn't select. Aaron has responded to the challenge with kindness, grace, and an incredible amount of patience. Thank you, Aaron, for everything—not the least of which was assigning a project that kept me working through the entire pandemic shutdown. Although I joked about it a lot, I don't take job security for granted. What a blessing to have meaningful work to do!

We have several relatively new staff members and helpers in the Contemporary Ministry: Joey Rodriguez, Valerie Morse, Connor Berry, and former intern Sheila Felicia. Talented, helpful, and kind, they are a special group of people I truly appreciate.

I would say Mason Williams does the miraculous on a regular basis, but that wouldn't be fair. The amazing job he does is due to an incredible amount of know-how combined with an unbelievable level of hard work. I don't know anyone more committed to creating an atmosphere of creativity and excellence. Zachary Barton is his amazing assistant, and the newest Media Team member, Michael Lewis, adds significantly to the ministry. Mason's leadership over the great group of volunteers on our AV team is a huge asset! Thank you, Mason, Zack, and Media Team for all you do!

To be cliché, we're down to last but definitely not least. That's the rest of you!! Every volunteer in the Worship Ministry family blesses my

life in many ways. The scope of talent at FBCA never ceases to amaze me. The selfless way you're all willing to share your talents is amazing! Thank you for your kindness, support, and encouragement. You have ALL truly made the last 1,585 days some of the best of my life!

And finally, to quote one of the most insightful psychologists of our time, "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." Dr. Seuss

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." 2 Corinthians 13:11 (KJV)

~ Cheryl

P.S. The title of this article, "Zyzyva" is NOT a typo. "Zyzyva" is a real word.

Pronunciation: [zi-zê-vê](#)

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: A genus of tropical South American weevils particularly fond of palm trees.



But why, you may ask, would I title the article "Zyzyva"? It's simple: in Webster's Dictionary, it's . . .
... **THE LAST WORD!**

