

First Baptist Church Brady, Texas

Give.
Grow.
Go.

FBC Brady is a family that exists to GIVE - GROW - GO
GIVE - by meeting real needs in our community
GROW - by equipping people to become authentic Christ followers
GO - by taking the gospel message to Brady and beyond

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BAM kids getting ready for Christmas

by Marsha Gainer, Children's Ministry Team lead

The Wednesday night children's BAM program will begin working on a Christmas play and on caroling songs in November. We will go caroling at the nursing home and to a few members' homes on December 11.

The children will perform for their parents and church members on December 18. There will be a pizza supper afterwards.

We are so blessed to have church members' help in preparing the meals. Thank you so much for your loving support.

Missions Team seeks ways to serve

by Betty Smith, Missions Team Lead

Your Missions Team has been busy the last few months.

1. We gratefully thank all of you who helped us surpass our **Mary Hill Davis Mission Offering** goal. We will begin the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering the first Sunday of December.

2. Thanks goes out to Bobby Williams for volunteering to carry our donations for the **Banda Mission** at the border. His first trip is planned for December, so bring your donations in soon.

3. The **Bible Study at the apartments** meets faithfully every Thursday afternoon at 5:00. We are fortunate to be led by Linda Wall. There aren't many of us but we are a presence there every week studying the Bible.

4. The collection for **The Haven** is going well. We have taken 2 loads over there so far. Remember when you are out shopping, pick up one or two items to bring to the Haven box.

5. The **Food Pantry** give out day is the 2nd Friday of each month. It takes a lot of volunteers to carry out this ministry and we are in need of help. Several of our long time workers have moved or had to quit coming, so we are really hurting for more help.

6. The **Ladies Movie Night Fellowship** last Saturday was a nice success. We had a total of 26 in attendance with lots of good food and lively chatter. We watched the movie "Breakthrough" and we all felt uplifted by watching it. There were door prizes, 2 of which were beautiful fall quilts made by Becky Martin. The winners of those were Pat Matula and our own Maria Rios, who cleans our building for us.

Your Missions Team is so thankful for you at FBC for your support of all our endeavors. We are a missions-minded church.

Update from Bro. Lee

Your Pastor Search Committee has been selected and voted into place. They will have a training event on Nov. 9th and then begin the process of looking for the next pastor for FBC Brady. Let me ask you to do a couple of things for this team.

1. **PRAY** (I am sure you guessed I was going to say this.) Pray for this team by name every chance you think of it. Ask God to give them wisdom, discernment, faith, endurance, patience, and love. This team needs a praying church in order to see this task through. **PRAY** for this team.

2. **Be patient.** This is no time to get in a hurry. Important steps must be taken to use the good common sense God has granted and expects us to use. This means we cannot skip them to 'speed' things up.

3. **Offer an encouraging word.** Make sure this team knows you are praying for them. Over the course of this work, let the team know through a card in the mail or an encouraging word of thanks for their service when you see them at church or around town. Make sure they feel the love of their church as they do this important work.

The committee will keep you updated on its progress. Those updates will be communicated on Sunday mornings as needed, as a report at each business meeting, and in this newsletter when appropriate. Please understand there is a level of confidentiality that will be practiced during the process. This is for the protection of prospective pastors and the integrity of the process. When it is time to share specific information you have our promise it will be done.

These are exciting days. Let's keep walking in faith, praying, and waiting to see what God does.

See you on Sunday!!

Bro. Lee

Pastor Search Committee: Farion Morton, George Matula, Joyce Scott, Jeanagayle Behrens, Tony Groves, Pete Barrera, and Betty Smith

Music Team has a place for you to serve

by Karen Behrens, Music Team Lead

The music team has been meeting regularly to plan our church praise and worship services. We hope that everyone is enjoying what we have picked out. We now have 3 praise teams that rotate. We appreciate all of their hard work and dedication to our worship service. We are looking for volunteers to learn the Power Point system. If this is an area that you would like to serve, then meet us on Tuesday nights at 5:30pm. Jason Behrens has been the main person manning the Power Point. We would like to thank all our pianists: Norma Ridout, Becky Martin, Carol Bedwell, and Melinda Cook. They work so hard with our praise teams and we appreciate that.

We have started our Christmas choir. Holly Stewart is leading our program "Shine On Us". We thank Holly for helping bring several other folks from our community to put on this musical. Practice for Choir is every Tuesday at 6:30pm. We plan to have our Christmas musical on Saturday night, December 14th, and Sunday morning, December 15th.

Lastly, please get with the music team if you would like to do any special music. We would love to hear new music and new ideas.

With love in Christ,
Karen Behrens





Keith's Konnections...

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Thought For The Day:
 "We can come to God trusting that He hears our sighs, feels our hurts, & sees our tears. When we see God for who He is, we will see ourselves for who we are."

We need to remember that the Bible, both the Old Testament and the New Testament were mostly written without punctuation, (I am not even sure who INVENTED punctuation) therefore leaving open to question, not the validity of the Scriptures, but rather how one interprets those same Scriptures. Let me give you an example. Ephesians 4:12-14 King James Version (**KJV**) 12 "For the **perfecting of the saints**, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:"

However, if we remove the comma between the words "saints" and the word "for" we get a different interpretation. "For the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry---" So which is the most correct. I will not get into that discussion; however, I feel that it is better to omit the comma, thereby rendering it to mean that a pastor is supposed to be equipping the "saints" to do the work of the ministry. One of the tenets of Baptists is the idea of "the priesthood of all believers," which means that we are ALL called to be priests or ministers of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you expect your pastor to do EVERYTHING, I think you miss the meaning of the idea that both clergy AND lay people are in ministry TOGETHER. Somehow we have gotten the wrong idea that it is the pastor's job to PRODUCE and it is laity's job to CONSUME. Both are incorrect. A good pastor will EQUIP his people to produce and not just consume, by not only allowing them to take part in the ministry, but also insisting that they do so. Each Christian is CHARGED with the idea that we are to share the WORD, in word and deed. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations---". Notice that Jesus did not say just to the preachers to do so, but to his disciples to make other disciples.

Is your pastor equipping you? Is he challenging you to do more? Is he asking you to become a better disciple and to make other disciples? If not, then maybe you need to have a little talk with him and encourage him to ALLOW you, as a church member, to not only BE a disciple, but rather to MAKE disciples. When is the last time you shared your faith with someone? When is the last time that you went out of your way to show the love of Christ? When was the last time that you rejoiced with the angels in Heaven when a person gets saved? I realize how busy all of us are with jobs, families, activities of all kinds, and etc., but we need to remember that "Whatever we do, we need to do it to the glory of God." Our main JOB is winning souls and making disciples, what we do for a living is our VOCATION. We spend time with our family, but why not spend more time with the family of GOD? Why not become involved in the activities of your community and represent Christ in those activities?

Every one of us needs to be trained in some ways: for example, someone trained you to use eating utensils, how to tie your shoes, how to dress yourself, how to read, and how to work. We need discipleship training in our churches in order to spur us on to actions, to become the disciples that we need to be, and to bring others into the fold. We will be implementing in the near future a Pastor Mentorship/Leadership program to equip our pastors to do a better job, and in turn to equip them to better minister to the flock, to encourage the flock, and to challenge the flock. We are excited about this program and see that this could impact each of our pastors and our churches as well. Encourage your pastor to attend these five sessions that we will be hosting over the next year in order that he may be better equipped to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry.

God bless each of you and continue to "contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted God's holy people." Jude 3

—Keith

Dear FBC Brady,
 Lake Ivie Baptist Association would like to express its deep gratitude for your willingness to host our Annual Meeting. Thanks for a great facility, fellowship, and food. May God continue to guide and bless you all.

Lake Ivie Baptist Association
 Keith Simpson,
 Ministry Director

Nov. 4: Brady breakfast,
 8:30am Down Home Country Cooking
 Nov. 9-10: Family Fall Festival,
 Heart of Texas Baptist Camp-5-8pm
 Nov. 17-19: BGCT Annual Meeting
 at Waco Convention Center

Please continue to pray for our pastor-less churches:

El Cordero, Santa Anna
 First Baptist Church,
 Brady
 First Baptist Church,
 Paint Rock
 Millersview Baptist
 Church



November 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 <i>Daylight Saving Time ends Deacons meeting, 5:00</i>	4 <i>LIBA breakfast, Down Home Country Cooking 8:30</i>	5	6	7	8 <i>Mary Ballew Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-12:00</i>	9 <i>Gunnar Roberts Pastor Search Committee training</i>
10 Dariel Carson	11 <i>Triple S, noon</i>	12 TaRell Day	13	14 Drew Wilton Genna Jennings	15	16 Harold Underwood
17 Stacy Hudson <i>Thanksgiving Meal after church</i>	18	19 Rex Joslin Melinda Cook	20 Ronnie Holloway Kenneth Young	21 Lisa Remini	22	23 . .
24 Robert H. Reeves <i>Church council, 4:00; Business meeting, 5:00 Deadline for OCC shoeboxes</i>	25 Lauren Patton Madison Goss <i>Triple S, 5:30</i>	26	27 <i>No BAM children's ministry</i>	28 Larry Gerstenberger <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	29	30

Food Ministry Report

October 2019

- Adults (19-64) 30
- Children: 20
- Adults over 65: 92
- Families: 81
- Total served: 142



FEED THE HUNGRY

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

Please consider volunteering this month. We have been short of volunteers in both buildings.



Deacons on call in November:

Jim Smith
597-0740 or 456-4920
Virgil Middleton
597-2629 or 456-7284

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

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

Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45

November devotionals will be done by Ed Weber (week of 4-8, Becky Weber (week of 11-15), Velma Hendley (week of 18-22), and Judy Mitzel (week of 25-29). Thank you!

Weekly Events

Sunday

9:45 Sunday School
10:50 Morning Worship
6:00 Prayer meeting

Monday

4:00 Ladies Bible study, Church Library

Wednesday

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Presbyterian Church
6:00- 7:30 PM BAM Children's Ministry (not on 11-27)

Thursday

9:45-12:00 Food Pantry: donated food brought from Walmart, sorted, and stored
2:00-3:30 Dorcas quilting ministry
5:00-6:00 Adult Bible Study at Trails Apartments Clubhouse

From the Hospitality Team:

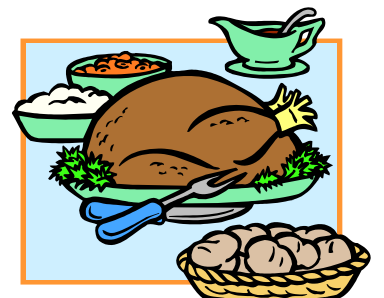
We would like to thank all of you that helped with the meal, brought desserts, gave of your time, and helped make the LIBA Annual Meeting a success!

For the church Thanksgiving meal this month, three families have volunteered to bring turkeys. The church will provide ham, dressing, and cranberry sauce. Everyone else is asked to bring two side dishes: vegetable, salad, and/or dessert.

The meal will be in Fellowship Hall right after church on November 17. Please plan to be there!

Your Hospitality Team—

*Joyce Scott, Team Lead
Jeanagayle Behrens, Church Hostess
Carol Bedwell
Carrie Pearson
Oralia Barrera
Janis Groves
Wanda Burns*



The boxes are out for Operation Christmas Child! Please take one or two, follow the directions in the brochure and fill the boxes with age-appropriate items, include a check for \$9 or pay online, and return the boxes by

Sunday, Nov. 24

Our BAM kids will be filling 6 boxes as a mission project.

Last year our church gave 42 boxes; in 2017 we gave 72.

This is an opportunity to *Give—Grow—Go*. Please be generous as the Lord leads you.

Prayer unlocked the past and will open the future at First Baptist Church Brady.



Remember to pray.

Do not merely listen to the Word,
and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.
James 1:22

- our church staff, ministries, future pastor
 - our nation's leaders
 - our members in the nursing homes
 - our homebound members
 - the lost and unchurched in our community
 - Brady children & youth
 - Our Sunday School
 - Our preschool
 - the Pastor Search Committee
- Mary Ballew
Amelia Britteon
- Evelyn Calvello
Doris Collins
Sherry Cox
Fayrene Easley
Barbara Fields
Daniel Gainer
Charlie and Maria Garcia
Janet Gloria
Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves
Roy Guthrie
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Jerry Jordan
Rex Joslin
Janie Lowery
Mike Lowery
Louise Morrow
Alisa Morton
Kay Morris

- Betty Sargent
Mike and Tanzee Shedd
Edith Slaughter
Madison Slaughter
Pam Speer
Kathy Stanley
Jackson Tijerina
Jack and Susan Turk
Shawnte Virdell
Waisner family
Megan Wall
Mackie Jo Walters
Kenneth & Claudette Young
- In military:*
Jon Bradshaw
Howard Brown
Brandon Haymon

- 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 Joy Taylor, Wynell Roper, and Doreen Evans.

The newsletter is available on the church website: fbcbrady.org. If you would like a reminder of when it is posted each month, send your email address to Becky Martin: becky@scottmartin.net. Paper copies are available at the church and can be mailed on request.

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*Give thanks
to the Lord,
for He is good.
Psalm 136:1*



Godly Impressions Preschool in November: Thanksgiving abounds

October was filled with fall fun on the farm at Godly Impressions Preschool and Child Care. We also read Bible stories about Noah, Joseph, and Moses. All preschool students memorized the verse "With God all things are possible" Mark 10:27. What a wonderful treasure for them to hide in their hearts!

We will spend November being thankful and learning about the letters N, L, T, and C. Our Bible stories will include David and Goliath, Daniel and the Lions Den, and Jonah and the Whale. We will memorize the verse "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good" Psalm 136:1.

He is so very good, and we are so very thankful! Happy Thanksgiving from the GI staff!

In His Service,
Holly Stewart, Director

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through Godly impressions"

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BAM Meal Schedule for November

- Nov. 6: Pete and Oralia Barrera, Darlene Friar
Nov. 13: Betty Smith, Becky Martin, Marsha Gainer
Nov. 20: Jason, Karen, and Gage Behrens

Business meeting news

At the business meeting on October 27 Jason Behrens, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, shared with the church that the plan to upgrade the phone and internet service to fiber optics has been put on hold due to mixed communications from the company involved.

Claudette Young, on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, was elected to fill a vacancy on the Public Relations Team.

Judy Mitzel, Chair of the Personnel Committee, presented a job description for the office of pastor. This was approved by a church vote.

Copies of the Baptist Faith and Message, 1963 version, were distributed for the church to consider. Bro. Lee advised that as a church we need to consider formally adopting this so the next pastor will know where we stand. Copies and more info are available in the office.