

# 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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newsletter

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## Serving Him through music

*by Karen Behrens, Music Team Lead*

**Colossians 3:16** *Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.*

January has come and gone and what a great month it has been. We have enjoyed worshiping with our wonderful church.

So what is new with our praise team, and where do we go from here? We are going to start a 4<sup>th</sup> praise group. It will be totally contemporary music. Some songs will be from the hymnal and some with Cd's. It will be a more modern praise group to try to change things up a bit. This group will begin singing in mid-March. I think it will be a positive move forward and something a little different for our church.

We have had several church members offer to sing special music during our services. This is a nice touch to our worship time.

We appreciate you all. If anyone is interested in doing special music, please contact me 2 weeks in advance with the music so we can make sure we practice and have the music in the power point.

Lastly, I appreciate all the encouragement from the church body regarding our worship.

In Christ's love,  
*Karen Behrens*

## A life-changing ministry

*by Betty Smith, Missions Team Lead*

One mission endeavor many of you may not be aware of is called Christian Woman's/Men's Job Corps ( CW/MJC). This is a program under the WMU. RaNon Caraway and Betty Smith started this ministry about 13 years ago. At first we did several classes: Budgeting, Cooking on a Budget, Self Esteem, and others. But eventually it evolved into Parenting, with referrals from CPS. These were folks who have lost their children to Foster Care or are in jeopardy of doing so.

In addition to Parenting classes, we also have a Bible study component. Classes run for six weeks, once a week. Childcare is provided when needed. Over the years we have had many single parents and couples. Last year we had 18 individuals to participate.

Currently Betty Smith and Laurie Morton teach these classes. We covet your prayers for this ministry because these are folks who are at times at their lowest. Our job is to give them hope, through Christ.

## Thank you

Let me take a minute to just say thank you. First, thank you for being willing to let me into your faith community. For giving me the opportunity to share life with you on Sundays. For allowing me the opportunity to know you and to be known by you. Secondly, thank you for showing up. Week after week you show up to seek to be and do what God has called you and FBC Brady to be. Your faithfulness is an inspiration to me. And third, thank you for your encouragement. I seem to always leave Brady with a full heart from all your encouraging words. I don't know if I always deserve them, but you offer them regularly. Thank you for encouraging me.

These are three reasons why FBC Brady is a good church. And why your future pastor can flourish and why the days to come will have great potential. Stay the course and let's see what God does in the days to come.

See you Sunday!!

—*Bro. Lee*

Lee Floyd, Intentional Interim, FBC Brady

## Search Committee News

*by George Matula, PSC Chair*

The Search Committee received a few more resumes and they have been reviewed. Profile information was sent to them. Responses have been received from several of the first candidates that submitted resumes. We are beginning to narrow our focus on the top candidates and check on references. Please continue to pray for wisdom and guidance for the Search Committee and pray for the man God has chosen to be our spiritual leader and shepherd.

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

## BAM reaches kids for Christ

*by Marsha Gainer, Children's Ministry Team lead*

The BAM program is going well. We are looking forward to a big Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday in April! We would love any donations of eggs or candy.

We will not meet during spring break (March 9-13.)

We are so thankful for the faithful Church members who continue to support us with great meals.

## Church formally adopts

### Baptist Faith and Message, 1963 version

In the business meeting on January 19, the church voted to add this statement to the Church Covenant (Article II of the Constitution): *First Baptist Brady aligns itself doctrinally with the Baptist Faith and Message of 1963.*



## Keith's Konnections...

by Keith Simpson, Ministry Director

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Happy New Year!!! I hope the New Year has found you healthy, joyful in the Lord, and more willing to further the Kingdom than ever before. We, as Baptists, have many great opportunities to affect others around the world on behalf of the Lord, even if we, ourselves, cannot go and be foreign missionaries. Opportunities abound all around us on a smaller scale to help someone in need through our witness, our giving, and our sharing. Through such cooperative opportunities as the Lottie Moon Offerings, Mary Hill Davis Offerings, and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offerings, each church can say, unequivocally, that their church is a Missionary Church. We can do more together than separately.

Let me outline just a few opportunities that are available to ALL Baptist churches to participate in a missions program. First, two or three years ago, BGCT started what is called the Missionary Adoption Program to help missionaries along the Amazon River in Brazil. For as little as \$50 per month, a church can “adopt” a missionary and help that person reach those in Brazil. That program has now expanded to parts of Africa as well. If you are interested in “adopting” a missionary and want further information, call Joshue Valerio at 214-828-5212. Also, along the Rio Grande, here in Texas for many years, we have had the River Ministry to reach those across the border. If you are interested in this, please contact Mario Gonzalez at 214-828-5389. OR, if your church is interested, please give them a call and invite them to attend a church meeting to explain the entire program to your members. They would be glad to do so at no cost to your church. BGCT has also partnered with churches in the northwest to re-plant some small churches in areas where it is desperately needed and also to re-establish Baptist Student Ministries at the University of Washington, Washington State University, the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, and one or two more colleges in Idaho. They are reaching an un-reached populace in that part of the U.S.

Even a little more locally, there are opportunities to help those come to know the love of Christ. Often, we have smaller churches who are in need of repairs but do not have the financial ability to keep their buildings up to par. Casa de Dios, here in Ballinger, is one such small church needing some help. They need about \$2000 to help replace some windows, do some roof repair and other needed repairs. It is a small, Hispanic church that is running about 25 people on Sunday which has only been in existence for a little over a year now. Wonderful, Spirit-filled people attend church there and they are winning others to the Lord on a weekly basis. With a new church start such as this, you can come alongside them in the role of a sponsor church to the tune of only \$100 per month, just to help them defray some costs.

And one last opportunity that your church has is to help us with our summer mission trip to the Navajo nation and Hilltop Christian School, either financially, or by going with us to do some of the minor repair work that still needs to be done there. For more information on this mission trip, please feel free to call Marty Akins at FBC, Eden at 806-215-1932. Believe me, you will be blessed in seeing what is happening at the school and also to hear how the Navajo nation desperately needs to hear about Jesus Christ. We had over 100 children and parents at our Block Party that we held one afternoon, and fed everyone there, gave away all of our popcorn, and also gave away over 300 snow cones!!!! We also had the privilege of seeing three young girls come to know Christ during our Vacation Bible School. You will be blessed beyond belief by going with us and working with us. (You will eat well, also!!! And have a BLAST!)

God's opportunities for sharing are all around us, and each church should be involved in local missions to reach people in their respective communities, and there are a multitude of state, national and international missions through which your church can have a part. If you have questions, call me and we'll get you in touch with the right people. Until then, continue to "...earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Jude 1:3 —Keith

### February events in LIBA

**February 1<sup>st</sup>** - Pastor Mentoring

Session2, 10am-2pm at Millersview

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Brady breakfast,

8:30am Down Home Country Cooking

**February 9<sup>th</sup>** Deacon Ordination at Lohn Baptist-10:30am- lunch following

**February 9<sup>th</sup>** Quarterly Singing,  
4pm Methodist Church at Melvin,  
snacks to follow.

**February 12<sup>th</sup>** Senior Adult Rally- Mil-  
lersview Community Center- 11am-1pm-  
lunch provided

**Please continue to  
pray for our pastor-  
less churches:**

El Cordero, Santa Anna  
First Baptist Church,  
Brady

# February 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Charlie Bush
2 <i>Bridal shower for Faith Bean, 2:00-4:00, FLC Deacons meeting, 5:00</i>	3 <i>LIBA breakfast, Down Home Country Cooking 8:30</i>	4	5 Codi Walters	6 Kelli Medrano Janie Lowery	7 Mike Easley Shane Owens	8
9 Betty Smith	10	11	12 <i>Senior Adult Rally- Millersview Community Center- 11am-1pm- lunch provided</i>	13 Carson Branden-berger Tiffany Garner	14 Ray Ash <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-12:00</i>	15
16 Bracken Bean Kim Galindo <i>Business meeting, 5:00</i>	17	18	19	20	21	22.
23 <i>Church council meeting, 4:00</i>	24 Bobbye Petty	25	26	27 Annie Roberts	28	29

## Food Ministry Report

### January 2020

- Adults (19-64) 136
- Children: 43
- Adults over 65: 20
- Families: 144
- Total served: 199

Food distribution day this month is January 10 from 9:00-12:00.

The Food Pantry was inspected on January 28 by representatives from the Concho Valley Food Bank in San Angelo. All aspects of the ministry were approved.



## Deacons on call in February:

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

## 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 George Matula (week of 3-7), Jeanagayle Behrens (week of 10-14), Joyce Scott (week of 17-21), and Laurie Morton (week of 24-28.) Thank you!

## BAM Meal Schedule for February

Feb. 5: Bobby and Bobbie Williams  
Feb. 12: Tony and Janis Groves  
Feb. 19: Farion and Laurie Morton, Alisa Morton  
Feb. 26: Amy Tetens, Carrie Pearson, Velma Hendley

## 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

### 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

## Congratulations, Faith!

Faith Bean graduated from Texas State University in December with a BFA in Communication Studies.

And. . . she is getting married in March! There will be a bridal shower for her in the Family Life Center on Sunday, February 2, from 2:00-4:00. Everyone is invited.

Lois Patton recently moved to Lubbock to be near her daughter. Her new address is:

Lois Patton  
Brookdale Remington Park, #1212  
5301 66th St.  
Lubbock, TX 79424



Every moment lived for the Lord has the potential to be heavy with glory. When we pick up our crosses and follow Him, our days will never be mundane, and our lives will definitely matter.

—Billy Graham





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



*Remember to pray.*

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for everyone.

*1 Timothy 2:2*

- 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  
Holden Bedwell  
Amelia Britteon  
Doris Collins

Burns Cooper  
Sherry Cox  
Virgil Davis  
Fayrene Easley  
Charlie and Maria Garcia  
Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves  
Nita Groves  
Roy Guthrie  
Cindy Jaeger  
Curtis and Genna Jennings  
Jennifer Jordan  
Jerry Jordan  
Rex Joslin  
Janie Lowery  
Mike Lowery  
Gary Mitzel  
Ericka Moore  
Louise Morrow  
Alisa Morton  
Kay Morris

Lois Patton  
James & Anna Richards  
Betty Sargent  
Mike and Tanzee Shedd  
Edith Slaughter  
Madison Slaughter  
Pam Speer  
Kathy Stanley  
Jackson Tijerina  
Jack and Susan Turk  
Shawnte Virdell  
Megan Wall  
Mackie Jo Walters  
Kenneth & Claudette Young

*In military:*

Jon Bradshaw  
Howard Brown  
Brandon Haymon  
David Hernandez

Jose Lopez  
Moses Marmolejo  
Jennifer McAnally  
Concho Moore  
Brandon Pfannenstiel  
Jace Telford  
Joseph Telford  
Jonathan Torres  
Wes Stark  
Justin Williams  
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend sympathy to the families of Dollie Covey, Fernando Lafuente, and Penny Capps Thomas, to Shane Owens in the loss of his father, and to Terry Bean in the loss of his father.

The newsletter is available on the church website: [fbcbrady.org](http://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](mailto:becky@scottmartin.net). Paper copies are available at the church and can be mailed on request.

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Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.  
*2 Timothy 2:15 NIV*

## Godly Impressions Preschool

*"Connecting children to the love of Christ through Godly impressions"*

Love, love, love! It's all about love — which is why our Bible 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. 13 or Friday, Feb. 14.

If you would like to support this outreach ministry in any way, please email me at [godlyimpressionsfbc@gmail.com](mailto:godlyimpressionsfbc@gmail.com).

In His service,  
Holly Stewart, Director



Lottie Moon  
Christmas Offering®



Our goal: \$2500

Our giving as of 1/26: \$2592.00

We exceeded our goal! Thank you for your generous gifts.

Our offering will be combined with offerings from many other Baptist churches to support missionaries around the world.