

# 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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**gospel**

**ANNIE  
ARMSTRONG**  
EASTER OFFERING

Week of Prayer for North American  
Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter  
Offering: March 15-22  
Our offering goal: \$2000

## **Sing unto the Lord a new song**

*by Karen Behrens, Music Team Lead*

The music team has been meeting regularly to plan Sunday morning services. We hope everyone is enjoying the music and the special music that we had in the month of February. A big thank you goes out to everyone that sang a special. We encourage anyone that wants to sing a special to please get with me so we can arrange a date and practice time. The praise team groups spend a lot of time practicing for Sunday's worship service. We also appreciate Norma Ridout and Becky Martin for playing for us. If anyone has any music they would like to hear, please let us know and we can add the songs to our list.

In Christ's love, *Karen Behrens*

## **Don't miss these events**

*by Betty Smith, Missions Team Lead*

Ladies, get your calendars out and mark these two dates:

**March 27-28—WMU Conference** in New Braunfels, Texas. The WMU Conference is something a group of us from FBC have gone to for the last several years. It is a wonderful experience of music, hearing missionaries, breakout sessions, and fellowship with women just like you from all over Texas. The cost is registration—\$30 per person—plus cost of motel stay for one night and 4 or 5 meals. Talk to Betty Smith or Pat Matula if you are interested.

**April 4—Baptist Ladies Night Out**—a meal and a movie for Baptist ladies from those near us—Lohn, Rochelle, Melvin, Central Baptist Church, St. James Baptist Church, Shade Tree Cowboy Church, and several other groups. More information in the coming days.

## **Redeeming the time**

By the time you see this article, we will be a good 60 days into 2020. I am not sure why I am always surprised by how fast time speeds past me. But in truth, it doesn't speed by. As a matter of fact, it has passed at the same rate since God spoke it into existence. It moves one second per second, one minute per minute, one hour per hour and one day per day. It is never faster and never slower.

So the last 60 days have passed by at the same rate as the first 60 days of 2019, of 2018, of 2017 and every year previous. The only question we can ever ask about the passing of time is how we actually passed the time. What were we about the last 60 days? What were our hands and feet, our mouths and ears, and our very minds and hearts doing while the seconds, minutes, hours and days have passed?

Ephesians 5:16 states, "Making the best use of the time because the days are evil." Paul's encouragement here is to redeem or recover our time from waste and use it for the things of importance and value. Now importance and value can be relative to the person. But Paul offers some clarity for all of us in what should be important and valued. He says in verse 15, "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise."

So here is a question and a challenge. Question: Did you use the last 60 days in wise ways that redeemed time to the important and valuable? Challenge: For each second, minute, hour and day God grants - use them wisely. See you Sunday!! —*Bro. Lee*

## **Search Committee News**

*by George Matula, PSC Chair*

The Search Committee continues to receive a few resumes. We have contacted references on one candidate. The Search Committee had that candidate in for a visit, interview, and facility tour on Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>. A tour of Brady was provided on Monday. 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: a weekly ministry to God's children**

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

The BAM program is looking forward to several spring events. Our focus in Bible study will be on the life of Jesus and God's great plan of salvation for all of mankind. The mission emphasis will be on the upcoming Annie Armstrong program. We will enjoy Spring Break vacation during the week of March 9 through 13. We continue to be thankful for the wonderful meals that are provided by the church.



**Keith’s Konnections...**

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**1 Corinthians 15:58** <sup>58</sup>*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the LORD, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the LORD.* (KJV) How is YOUR church doing with this challenge? Is it steadfast in the Lord? Is it immovable? Is YOUR church furthering the Kingdom of God? Remember that Paul was writing this letter to the Christians in one of the WORST cities in New Testament times; a city, much like the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, which was corrupt, immoral, worldly, and depraved. It would NOT be a place that most of us would want to plant a church!!! The Christians in Corinth were surrounded by the world, and as Paul says, “worldly pleasures.” Yet, even in the middle of all this, Paul admonishes the Christians to “contend for the faith,” to “put off the old man,” and to remain true to that which they had been taught, and to NOT let the world interfere with their mission for God’s Kingdom work.

To remain steadfast means to stay the course, to hold to that which is true, and to not let outside influences affect our Christian walk. Jesus Himself said, *“If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.”* And, *“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.”* To be loved by the world, is to be accepted, but to be loved by God sets us apart, separated, for a different purpose and possibly hated by the world in which we have to exist. Yet, we must remain true to His calling, to our mission, and to our duty to NOT let the world influence US, but rather to influence the world around us for HIM.

Immovable means to know our course, to hold on with a death grip to His word and His way, regardless of what the world says. James says in James 1:6, *“But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.”* Unfortunately, today, many churches are preaching the “name it and claim it theology” or the “prosperity gospel,” neither of which are the true Gospel. Knowing God and knowing His Son and what He did on the cross is the only way to abundant joy in our lives as we live the life that Christ lived. I told my church on more than one occasion, “You have a Bible, look it up. Don’t take my word for it.” We must know God’s word to know His will for our lives. It is not enough to get into God’s word, we must get God’s word into us.

And finally, Paul admonishes us to ALWAYS be about God’s business, NOT just because it is Heavenly rewarding, but rewarding on earth as well. In II Timothy 4:7 Paul says, *“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”* When we are doing God’s work, we are storing up for ourselves treasures in Heaven where NOTHING can touch it. But, we should NOT just be concerned about the rewards we may get in Heaven, we should be concerned about our rewards on earth as we witness to others, to share our testimonies with others and as we see them come to the faith. When was the last time you shared your faith? When was the last time you gave your testimony? When was the last time that you actually went out of your way to witness to someone? When we do so, we are “abounding in the work of the Lord.” How do you want to get into Heaven? Well rested and ready? Or worn out, as Paul was, for doing the work to which we ALL, as Christians, have been called. I read this recently: “God formed us. Sin deformed us. The Bible informed us. But only Jesus can transform us.” Until next time, God bless and keep you and may you never tire of doing God’s will and His work!

—Keith “When God tells you something, don’t make excuses. Make plans.”

<b>March events in LIBA</b>	<b>April events</b>
<b>March 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Brady breakfast, 8:30am Down Home Country Cooking	<b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b> Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training – Abilene
<b>March 8<sup>th</sup></b> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME – <b>Change your clocks</b>	<b>April 6<sup>th</sup></b> Brady breakfast, 8:30am Down Home Country Cooking
	<b>April 12<sup>th</sup></b> – EASTER SUNDAY
	<b>April 28<sup>th</sup></b> Senior Adult Day at Heart of Texas Baptist Camp

**Please continue to pray for our pastor-less churches:**  
El Cordero, Santa Anna  
First Baptist Church,  
Brady

# March 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Jackie Behrens <i>Ladies Lunch and Painting, right after church</i> <i>Deacons meeting, 5:00</i>	2 <i>LIBA breakfast, Down Home Country Cooking 8:30</i>	3	4 Darlene Friar Becky Martin	5 Wanda Burns Shelly Bean	6	7
8 <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i>	9	10	11 <i>No BAM</i>	12 Bobbie Williams	13 <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-12:00</i>	14
<i>Spring Break for area schools and Godly Impressions Preschool</i>						
15 <i>Business meeting, 5:00</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Doris Collins' birthday celebration, details on page 4</i>
<i>Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, March 15-22</i>						
22 Jeanine Willis <i>Church council meeting, 4:00</i>	23	24 Faith Bean Jerry Jordan	25	26	27 Bobby Williams	28.
29 <i>Lord's Supper 5th Sunday fellowship meal</i>	30	31				

## Food Ministry Report

February 2020

- Adults (19-64) 118
- Children: 41
- Adults over 65: 31
- Families: 102
- Total served: 190

Food distribution day this month is March 13 from 9:00-12:00.



## Deacons on call in March:

Farion Morton  
597-1965, 792-6596  
Charles Ramsey  
792-7955

## 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

## Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

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

*Weekdays:* Morning Devotional at 7:45

March devotionals will be done by Misty Urban (2-6), Becky Martin (9-13), Betty Smith (16-20), and Pat Matula (23-27). Thank you!

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ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

## BAM Meal Schedule for March

March 4: Jerry and RaNon Caraway, Judy Mitzel

March 18: Pete and Oralia Barrera, Darlene Friar

March 25: Betty Smith, Becky Martin, Marsha Gainer



## Missions Story

College students are shaping the future of North America by learning to live on mission.

Ebbie Davis first came to San Diego as a college student in 2015 with NAMB's GenSend student missionary program. Then, God called her to go back and become a church planting team member and GenSend city coach. "We have eight students who previously participated in the program and now live life on mission in San Diego. When you give, it invests in people like us," explains Ebbie. In the summer-long program, college students work alongside a church plant or in a compassion ministry.

"They develop habits and tools to take back home with them—whether that be in another city, in a rural farm town or in preparation to come back to our city and serve here," says Ebbie.

## Prayer Requests

For more college students to serve through GenSend.

For GenSenders to seek God's guidance as they graduate and live on mission through their careers.



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



Remember to pray.

Being confident of this, that He Who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6

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

*In military:*  
Jon Bradshaw  
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 family of Kay Morris.

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 nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.*  
Philippians 2:4

## Godly Impressions Preschool

“Connecting children to the love of Christ through Godly impressions”

So how about this weather we’re having? Wacky weather is the theme at Godly Impressions in March, and it definitely seems to be an appropriate one. We are all hoping for pretty spring-like temperatures during Spring Break (March 8-14), especially since we’ll be closed that week.

We will continue reading New Testament stories throughout next month as we memorize the Bible verse, “*This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*” (Psalm 118:24)

My assistant, Staci Norvell, and I are so thankful for the opportunity to touch children’s lives through Godly Impressions. Please stop by any time you’re at the church and say hi!

In His service,  
Holly Stewart, Director  
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*The children of Doris Collins invite you to share with us in celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday*

*Saturday, March 21  
2-4 p.m.*

*Come and Go  
(your presence is her gift)*

*Baptist Memorial Village  
Clubhouse  
99 Green Acres  
San Angelo, Texas 76903*

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