

First Baptist Church, Brady, Texas

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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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Search Committee takes a major step forward

by George Matula, PSC Chair

On Sunday March 15th, five members of the Search Committee traveled to the Palestine, Texas, area to hear our primary candidate's sermon and to visit his church. The committee met on Wednesday March 18th to discuss the visit. On Sunday March 22nd the committee voted to extend an offer to Bro. Jeff Quattlebaum to come and preach at our church in view of a call to become our pastor. Bro. Jeff has been notified of this decision and stated he felt honored to be chosen. The Covid-19 virus situation has to clear up and much has to be done before the prospective pastor's visit can take place.

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.

Temporary changes in our church life due to coronavirus pandemic

- Church services were cancelled March 22 and 29. Group 4 praise team is doing a live stream on Facebook for the **worship service**. Bro. Lee is doing a video message and Farion Morton is teaching a Sunday School lesson. *(from Karen)*
- Everything is on hold for the **children's ministry** for April: BAM, Sunday School, Children's Church, and planning for VBS. We are ready to resume all activities as soon as we get the word. We want to remember what a glorious season Easter is and thank God for our Savior Jesus Christ. *(from Marsha)*
- Face to face **missions** are at a halt for now. Don't forget our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions with a goal of \$2,000. Plans for our Baptist Ladies Night Out, all Bible studies, and ministry at the Trails Apartments are on hold. Maybe your mission for now is with your family, a kind word to a checker at Walmart, a meal to an elderly neighbor, you name it. Go find your mission. *(from Betty)*
- **Food Pantry** for April 10th will be a drive through. Food handlers and records people will meet to work out details. People will be required to remain in their cars and will not gather in the buildings or parking lot. Our focus will be on getting food to our regular clients. We are not getting much food from Walmart so food boxes will likely be smaller. A shipment from Concho Valley Regional Food Bank is to be delivered April 2nd. *(from George)*
- **Godly Impressions:** Spring is in the air, but Covid-19 didn't get the message and we're all stuck at home instead of filling the classrooms of the FBC. Unfortunately, it looks like home is where we will all stay until at least April 21, unless the county lifts the mandate. We desperately miss the children and each other, and we look forward to the day when the coronavirus is nothing but a memory. Until then, we will keep trusting God and looking for blessings despite Covid-19. *(from Holly)*

Service cancellations

In-person Sunday services have been cancelled for at least the next two weeks, April 5 and 12. But we can worship together on line. Go to facebook.com and search for Brady First Baptist Church about 11:00 Sunday morning.

God is at work among us

by Bro. Lee

Life has certainly changed in many ways as a result of the COVID-19 virus. Who would have thought a month ago our world would be in this place. I never expected it.

But I am thankful that in the midst of an uncertain world we have a very certain God. Hebrews 1 says Jesus is the exact imprint of God's nature and He upholds the universe by the word of his power. When things change we can look to Jesus, who reflects God's heart and upholds life.

Later in the chapter, it says Jesus laid the foundation of the earth and the heavens are the work of his hands. God is aware, not surprised, and present with us. He will give all that is needed in this time.

So in the midst of our changing and uncertain life. Let's look to Jesus who will show us God's heart. Let's pray for those around us who are suffering and those caring for the suffering, and pray for those leading us. They need tremendous courage and wisdom.

And let's watch to see what God does in the midst of all of it.

I hope to see you soon face to face - But if not, see you in our virtual world.

God bless you all,

Bro. Lee

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. —Hebrews 1:3

- **Food Pantry numbers** from March: 98 families, 33 under 18, 110 adults 19-64, 40 over 65, 183 total
- **April Food Pantry** will be Friday morning, April 10, drive-through only.
- **April radio spots** will be done by Bro. Lee (April 6-10), Janis Groves (13-17), Velma Hendley (20-24), and Karen Behrens (27-May 1).
- **Deacons on call in April** are Jerry Caraway (792-8671) and James Mallow (456-6988).
- **February financial reports** are available in the office.

April birthdays:

- 1—Bill Burns
- 3—Tanzee Shedd
- 4—Sherry Cox, Mabel Jones
- 5—Farion Morton
- 6—Robert Reeves
- 7—Austin Reeves
- 13—Becky Elliott
- 15—Jonathan Torres
- 22—Glenda Douglas
- 30—Carrie Pearson, Toney Urban

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



Remember to pray.

And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love.
But the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13

- All health care workers; local, state, and national leaders; school administrators, teachers, and staff; and missionaries
- All who have the Covid-19 virus
- our church staff, ministries, future pastor
- our members in the nursing homes and our homebound members
- the lost and unchurched in our community
- Brady children & youth
- the Pastor Search Committee

Wyatt & Francisca Anderson
Mary Ballew
Holden Bedwell
Amelia Britteon
Doris Collins
Sherry Cox
Virgil Davis
Fayrene Easley
Charlie and Maria Garcia
Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves
Nita Groves
Roy Guthrie
Betty Henderson
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
Kathy Stanley
Staci Seiler
Jack and Susan Turk
Megan Wall
Mackie Jo Walters
Gene Walton
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 families of Kay Morris, Herbert Torres, Matthew Price, Earl Behrens, Sara Cunningham, Briggs Browning, and all those lost in the Covid-19 pandemic.

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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For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8:38-39

Thank you so much to all the faithful prayer warriors at First Baptist Church. Your prayers for our daughter Cindy Jaeger are so appreciated. After a long four months, she is so much better. She is almost back to normal, and we are so thankful for all the answered prayers
We praise the faithfulness of our mighty God.
—*Claudette and Kenneth Young*

Thank you for the use of FBC and the FLC during the passing of our loved one. Thanks to Farion and Laurie Morton for opening the doors, Karen Behrens for working the sound board, Becky Martin for graciously playing the piano, and the Hospitality Team for providing a delicious meal. Our hearts have been deeply touched by your kindness.
God bless you. —*The Herbert Torres family*



Thank you, Carrie Pearson, Amy Tetens, and Albert Pearson, for hosting the FBC ladies to lunch and a painting session on March 1. It was a delightful time of fellowship and creativity. The Lord used such a beautiful few hours to prepare us for the uncertain days ahead. Thank you for your attention to every detail and treating us as honored guests. We all now have an original painting of a cross or a church to remind us of His love and faithfulness.
—*The ladies of FBC*