



Message from the Pastor: God's gracious hospitality

by Jeff Quattlebaum

I had to ask my mom the one question that usually does not get answered for a few weeks with multiple group text chats. The question that I asked was, "What are the plans for the family Christmas this year?" The reason that I asked was because Misty has gotten a new job and we needed to work around her schedule. The more I thought about the holidays coming up, the more I thought about a story in the Bible that is not much talked about during the holidays.

In Genesis chapter 18 we see two powerful stories that tell us a great deal about God's relationship with Abraham, and the kind of relationship God wants with us. In Chapter 17, Abraham demonstrated His commitment to God through the sign of circumcision along with his entire household. Chapter 18 opens up with verses 1-2 telling us that, "The LORD appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he (Abraham) was sitting at the entrance of his tent during the heat of the day (emphasis added)." We don't know for sure when this happened, whether it was right after the circumcision in chapter 17 or some time later; all we know is that Abraham ran and greeted his guests.

The interesting thing is that Abraham just didn't stop at greeting the three visitors. He pulled out all the stops to welcome the three visitors, showering them with lavish hospitality. After greeting them personally, Abraham found a spot for them to rest in the shade, had water brought to them, food cooked for them, and if that wasn't enough, he personally selected the best animal to be cooked for the visitors. Abraham was bringing these mysterious visitors his very best.

This lavish hospitality is a consistent quality that Abraham and his descendants displayed over and over again. This is a picture of the heart of God that He has for his people. We will discover that making space at the table for those who are hungry, thirsty, and in need of rest, is a big deal in the kingdom of God. This is the first of the powerful stories in the chapter.

The second of the powerful stories in Genesis chapter 18 demonstrates the ridiculous boldness, or as our Jewish friends would say, chutzpah, that set Abraham apart from others. The setup for this is found in Genesis 18:20-21 when God tells Abraham that, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is immense" The story of Sodom and Gomorrah is often used to show God's wrath against sin and His commitment to justice. But if we look closer at the story, we see just how much God values our input in this partnership, not to mention that we see His grace as well.

The first thing to notice is that God is going to investigate (v. 21) Sodom and Gomorrah because of how great the outcry against them has become. The wickedness and sin taking place in Sodom and Gomorrah had gotten so bad that God could no longer ignore the cries of the innocent and suffering that resulted from their horrific practices. This is not a story of God randomly showing up to do violence against these people – it is God stepping in to put an end to a group of powerful people who were taking advantage of those who couldn't defend themselves.

The second thing to notice is the way God responded to Abraham's questions we see in verses 23-24, and verse 26. God did not get angry with Abraham for this act of boldness. Instead, He (God) agreed to his request. But Abraham didn't stop there. Eventually, God told Abraham that if there were even ten righteous people who could be found in Sodom and Gomorrah, He (God) would spare the cities.

God's response to Abraham shows the kind of relationship that God wants with us. God wants us to bring our questions, dreams, and desires to Him. He is a compassionate God who cares for us. He wants our honesty and vulnerability. Prayer is how we get close to the God who hears the cries of the suffering, and the God who responded to the request of Abraham. That is chutzpah. Abraham was bold enough to haggle with God, and God's response wasn't to dismiss or punish Abraham for his boldness, but to respond with mercy. That is who God is. He is loving and compassionate. He is patient and does not want anyone to perish (2 Peter 3:9). *(continued on next page)*

He gives people grace upon grace upon grace. But He will never override our ability to choose Him or reject Him.

Here's what we cannot miss: Abraham's chutzpah, his boldness, was not self-serving, but others-focused. He showed extravagant hospitality to a few travelers, and boldly asked God to spare the innocent. God responded to both of those events by showing favor to Abraham. The example that Abraham set for you and me is an example defined by faith, boldness, and care for others. As followers of Jesus, we can love and serve with boldness on behalf of others because we know that when we do, we are working in partnership with the God of Abraham who hears the cries of those who are hurting.

So, how does this story found in Genesis 18 fit into the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays? During Thanksgiving when we are all gathered around our tables, let us remember those who are less fortunate. Let us remember to show others the same hospitality that God shows us at His table. When Christmas comes, let us not forget that God looked down on His creation and saw people lost, hurting, perishing in their sin, and did the unthinkable. God put on flesh in the person of Jesus Christ, was born, grew up, walked among us, taught us how to live, and then at the crucial moment went to the cross. Let us not forget the words of Paul this holiday season in Romans chapter 5, "*But God proves, his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*" Christmas is not just about the manger. It is about the God of creation who went to the Cross, that one day we could be born again and have real life someday with Him. Let us not forget and spread the best gift anyone can have this Thanksgiving and Christmas season: the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the gathering around God's table.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!!!!

Report on Fall Revival—Go Big!

I like to think it was a perfect weather day when Jesus and his disciples met on the Mount of Olives (Acts 1:9-12) which is in the vicinity of Bethany (Luke 24:50-53). It had been 40 days since Jesus had risen from the dead and over 500 people had seen Him alive. Jesus gave His disciples some last instructions before He went back to the Father: to take His Gospel to the whole world and make disciples themselves (Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:8).

On Friday, October 1st through Sunday, October 3rd, nine churches here in Brady from all denominations came together to put on a city/county-wide revival. One of the main goals of this revival was not only to spread the gospel but show the community that all the churches can come together as the body of Christ to show the love of Jesus to the community. On Friday, October 1st the attendance was in the 60's and the number in attendance grew on Saturday evening in the 70's. Sunday, October 3rd, was dedicated to the youth of our town and county and between both services (normal revival and youth service) the attendance number was around 400. A number of seeds were planted, there were 5 salvations, and over the three days there were over 1000 views on Facebook from all over the nation/world.

Overall it was a great weekend, many lessons were learned, and if the Holy Spirit allows us to do this again, more churches will hopefully be involved. Jesus said in John 12:32, "As for me, if I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself." Let us all remember that we are ONE body in Christ, and our ONE main objective is to spread the glory of God to all the world until Christ comes again. Thank you FBC family for your prayers and help before, during, and after the revival.

God Bless, *Pastor Jeff*



FBC Fall Festival a huge success

by Marsha Gainer

Children's Ministry Team Lead
The Children's Ministry in conjunction with the Mission Team held our Fall Festival on October the 31st. It was very well attended and we interacted with the community with games and fun. Thank you to all who contributed candy for game prizes, cakes for the cake walk, and money for other expenses.

We used the Lake Ivie Baptist Association Block Party trailer and all its resources: bounce houses, popcorn machine, snow-cone machine, etc.

We had a drawing for a Halloween/Brady Bulldog quilt made by Becky Martin and Lee Ann Moore. It was won by Melissa Monkhouse.

A huge thank you to the team of FBC folks who brought the trailer, set up, ran the games, prepared and served the food, and packed up and cleaned up afterward: the Caraway family, the Poe family, the Williams family, the Capps family, the Quattlebaum family, the Torres family, the Tetens family, Buddy Cox, Betty Smith, Becky Martin, and Joyce Scott. They each made this evening a night to remember.

Thank You, Lord, for helping us with this wonderful night. And thank You for our facilities here at FBC.

Note from Becky: Thank you, Marsha, for the hours you spent planning, organizing, and generally making this happen! It was great—made memories for Brady kids and let the community know FBC is alive and well!

Changes of address
Claudette Young has moved to Royal Oaks Assisted Living in Brady. Her new address is
2000 Nine Rd.
Brady, TX 76825
Frieda Chew has moved to the high-rise at Baptist Retirement Center. Her new address is

903 N. Main #111
San Angelo, TX 76903



May God bless you both!

How to handle stress. . . and Christmas music will help!

by Karen Behrens,
Music Team Lead

Have you ever had something bother you that kept you up night after night? I know I have recently and I had to stop and turn to God and ask Him, "Lord can you help me with dealing with all this stress and burden?"

What does the Bible say about stress, and how do Christians deal with stress?

1. Recognize the problem.
2. Give yourself a break and get help. Talk to your pastor.
3. Turn to God in prayer.
4. Meditate on the Word of God.
5. Spend time giving thanks and praise.

This is the Bible verse I turn to in times of trouble:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." --Philippians 4:6

The good news: If you use prayer as a means for comfort, God will provide you with peace of mind. Be sure to thank Him once your worries subside.

Christmas is approaching and I am so overjoyed to be leading the Christmas Choir in *Peace Has Come*. We are practicing every Tuesday at 6 pm, so please come and join us and sing praises to our Lord. Ashley Poe will be leading the kids' choir. I am so very thankful for her dedication to the kids' choir. We will have our program on December the 19th during church service. Be sure to attend church. If you are unable to attend please join us on Facebook.

A merry heart does good like medicine. --Proverbs 17:22

Operation Christmas Child packing party: Nov. 21, 5:00

November radio spots

- Bro. Jeff, 1-5
- George Matula, 8-12
- Laurie Morton, 15-19
- Janis Groves, 22-26

Find your mission

by Betty Smith,
Missions Team Lead

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." - Matthew 25:35-36.

The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40.

This is the mission of FBC. I could repeat all the many activities we have been doing for this last year but you already know what those are. My challenge for each of us, individually, is to find that "thing" we can do and do it for the Lord. There will be many opportunities during these holidays to show God's love. Go, find your own mission, and do it with all your might. And remember our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions is coming up soon. Your contribution is important.

On December 10 we will have a Food Pantry Christmas reception in Fellowship Hall for the folks who come for food. We need cookies! Please bring some that day (it's 9:00-11:00) or a day or two before. We've never had a sign-up sheet for this and have always had a great supply of delicious cookies.

Thanks to all of you FBC bakers!



Happy Holidays to you and yours.

October Food Pantry

adults under 65	34
18 and under	15
over 65	30
Adult boxes	50
Children's boxes	7
Total individuals	79

Deacons on call

- Buddy Cox (409-673-7916)
- Jim Smith (456-4920)



FBC Brady
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November 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 Galatians 1	2 Galatians 2	3 Galatians 3	4 Galatians 4	5 Galatians 5	6 Galatians 6
7 John 1	8 John 2	9 John 3	10 John 4	11 John 5	12 John 6	13 John 7
14 John 8	15 John 9	16 John 10	17 John 11	18 John 12	19 John 13	20 John 14
21 John 15	22 John 16	23 John 17	24 John 18	25 John 19	26 John 20	27 John 21
28 2 Peter 1	29 2 Peter 2	30 2 Peter 3				



“Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in action and in truth.”

1 John 3:18 (CSB)

November birthdays

- 11-9 Gunnar Roberts
- 11-12 Tarell Day
- 11-14 Drew Wilton, Genna Jennings
- 11-16 Harold Underwood
- 11-17 Stacy Friar Hudson
- 11-19 Melinda Cook
- 11-20 Ronnie Holloway
- 11-21 Lisa Remini
- 11-25 Lauren Patton, Madison Jurrius Goss

November events

- Nov. 1: LIBA breakfast, Down Home Country Cooking, 8:30
- Nov. 6: Harmony on the Hills Singing at Doole Community Center, 2:00-4:00
- Nov. 6-7: Heart of Texas Baptist Camp Fall Festival
- Nov. 7: Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov. 14-16: BGCT State Baptist Convention in Galveston
- Nov. 21: Church council meeting, 4:00; Operation Christmas Child packing party after meeting, about 5:00
- Nov. 28; Business meeting, 5:00



Our goal: \$2000
Our giving as of 10-31: \$1335



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December 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Luke 1	2 Luke 2	3 Luke 3	4 Luke 4
5 Luke 5	6 Luke 6	7 Luke 7	8 Luke 8	9 Luke 9	10 Luke 10	11 Luke 11
12 Luke 12	13 Luke 13	14 Luke 14	15 Luke 15	16 Luke 16	17 Luke 17	18 Luke 18
19 Luke 19	20 Luke 20	21 Luke 21	22 Luke 22	23 Luke 23	24 Luke 24	25 Isaiah 7,9,10,53
26 1 John 1	27 1 John 2	28 1 John 3	29 1 John 4	30 1 John 5	31 2 John 3 John	



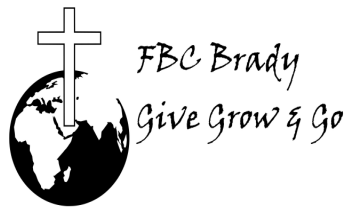
“When the time came to completion, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.” Galatians 4:4-5 (CSB)

December birthdays

- 12-1 Jessica Castillo, Jackie Maxcey
- 12-3 Robin Cook, Emberly Poe
- 12-9 Lois Patton, Sam Quattlebaum
- 12-11 RaNon Caraway
- 12-15 Jerry Caraway
- 12-18 Rhonda Capps, Roy Guthrie
- 12-21 James Ridout, Josh Day
- 12-27 Rita Estes
- 12-28 Mary Ann Wilton
- 12-29 James Mallow, Reno Alonzo

December events

- Nov. 28-Dec. 5: Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- Dec. 6: LIBA breakfast, Down Home Country Cooking, 8:30
- Dec. 10: Food Pantry Christmas reception, 9:00-11:00.
(We need cookies!)
- Dec. 19: Christmas musical *Peace Has Come* during morning worship
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve candlelight service



Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;
 give thanks to Him and praise His Name.
 For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;
 His faithfulness continues through all generations. *Psalm 100:4-5*

- Bro. Jeff Quattlebaum, Misty, Regan, and Sam
 - our church staff and preschool
 - everyone suffering from Covid, and all health care workers
 - our members in the nursing homes and our homebound members
 - the lost and unchurched in our community
 - Brady children & youth
 - McKenna Brandenberger on mission
- Wyatt & Francisca Anderson
 Marshall Armstrong
 Pete and Oralia Barrera
 Bill and Sherry Barsch
 Holden Bedwell

Randy and Carol Bedwell
 Amelia Britteon
 Bill and Wanda Burns
 Sherry Cox
 Glen Douglas
 Glenda Douglas
 Charlie and Maria Garcia
 Angela Groves
 Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves
 Roy and Janet Guthrie
 Jackie Harper
 Betty Henderson
 Duwain & Velma Hendley
 Ronnie & Kay Holloway
 Trey Holtzclaw
 Curtis and Genna Jennings
 Doug Jescke
 Janie Lowery
 James Mallow
 Jusiah Martinez
 Stacy Mayfield

Ericka Moore
 Louise Morrow
 Lois Patton
 Kolie Penz
 Carole Ramsey
 Vincent Perez
 James and Norma Ridout
 James and Anna Richards
 Maria Rios
 Carlton Rizer
 Tristan Rodriguez
 Kelly Rushfeldt
 Ashlee Shaw
 Edith Slaughter
 Blandi Thomas
 Jack and Susan Turk
 Sherry Vensen

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 pray for comfort and guidance for the families of Brenden Sean Barnett, Andrew Begaye, and Karla Davis.

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The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, Who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

**Godly Impressions Preschool:
 A Time for Thanks**

Verse for November: *For I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14*

Our theme for the month is Disney & Pixar. Our color is blue, our shape is a triangle, and we are learning the letters I, J, K and L.

I would like to introduce myself; my name is Meredith Navarette, and I am the incoming director for the preschool. My husband and I moved our family to Brady for his job with the 4K Ranch. We have three children and feel that the 4K ranch and community of Brady is a place we can put down roots as a family. I have hit the ground running at the preschool and I am truly looking forward to this new path God has put me on. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to serve the families and community through Godly Impressions. I am so thankful for all the support I have received from parents, church members and the staff.

God Bless,
 Meredith Navarette, Director



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so incredibly much for showering Albert and I with so much love for our marriage. The brunch celebration was so thoughtful and the amazing gift basket was filled with so many delicious goodies! We are so grateful for each of you and blessed significantly by your kindness!

Sincerely,
 Kristin and Albert Pearson