



## Message from the Pastor: *Wear the Armor!*

by Jeff Quattlebaum

There was a young man named Kevin who was excited about getting his new beehive. Ever since he was a young boy, Kevin always wanted to become a beekeeper. Kevin had a friend from church named Val who was the main beekeeper at the local zoo that helped Kevin set up his hive and guide the bees that Kevin bought into their new home. Val shared valuable information about handling the bees and gave Kevin specific instructions about what to do, but Kevin was so mesmerized watching the bees that he did not hear most of the instructions.

Days passed and Kevin went out to tend the bees. He put on his bee suit, put the helmet and veil over his head, and slipped on the gloves. Kevin then walked up the hill where the hive was and removed the top. He worked for a few minutes and then let out a bloodcurdling yell that would shake a deaf person to their bones. When Kevin's wife looked out the window, she saw him running down the hill towards the creek with a swarm of bees following him. Jumping in the creek helped Kevin lose the bees, but he did not escape unscathed.

Kevin did not listen to the specific instructions that Val had told him about how to correctly put the bee suit on. Kevin put it on incorrectly and the bees had gotten inside the veil and his clothes, stinging him as he tried to escape. Not listening closely to the instructions that Val told him caused a very painful situation for Kevin.

We can learn a lot from this story about Kevin and his new beehive. The Bible tells us in 1 Peter 5:8, *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (NKJV)”*. The devil will do everything in his power to stop you and me from coming close to God. God, through the Holy Spirit has given us this news ahead of time and has given us a suit to wear to help shield His followers from the enemy's attacks. We find that clothing otherwise known as the armor of God mentioned in Ephesians 6:10-18. Not listening to God's instructions can cause us pain that He never wanted his followers to go through. The writer Joseph Scriven put it this way:

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*

Reading God's word every day and listening for His still small voice will shield us from getting stung from the situations that will harm us. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 10:13, *“No temptation has come upon you except what is common to humanity. But God is faithful; he will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation he will also provide a way out so that you may be able to bear it. (CSB)”*.

Just as wearing the bee suit properly would have protected Kevin, wearing the armor of righteousness will protect you and me. May the Lord Jesus, help you and me listen to His instructions and to wear the armor of God well. I leave you with the words of King Solomon in Proverbs 1:7, *“Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline (NLT)”*.

God bless,  
Pastor Jeff

**BAM, VBS, Jesus Kids Camp**

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

The children's BAM program will end on May 5th with a Family Night featuring pizza, banana splits, and a treasure hunt.

The Children's team is planning a wonderful VBS experience called "Destination Dig" for this summer during the week of July 10 through July 16. There will be many opportunities for everyone to get involved. Please pray about how God will use you and consider signing up for some part of this amazing week. Sign-up sheets will be on the back table in the sanctuary.

Also, during June we are planning a Jesus Kids Camp (Backyard Bible Club) on Wednesday afternoons at the Trails of Brady Apartments.

We are all so thankful to be a part of these precious children's lives. Thank you for all of your help and prayers.

**Serving as He leads**

*by Karen Behrens, team lead  
Music Team*

The new sound system is in and boy what a difference it makes. We are still getting adjusted to the new microphones and adjusting accordingly so bear with us. We appreciate Tarpley music for getting us set up. We are currently working on getting pricing for 2 bigger TV's for the sanctuary. We hope this helps everyone see better and improve our worship service.

Brother Keith Simpson said it so well when he spoke about serving. Sometimes God leads us to serve in places where we are uncomfortable. But if we go out and serve where He leads, it can be really rewarding in the end. That is something that I have learned about my experience with the worship. I hope you all are blessed. Look where God is leading you to serve and step out on that limb.

*"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and He shall direct thy paths. (Proverbs 3:5, 6).*

**FBC on mission**

*by Betty Smith, team lead  
Missions Team*

We have had a busy month. A big thanks to you all for helping us go well over our Annie Armstrong Mission Offering goal, reaching \$2,543.80. We requested and the church approved that \$5,000 be donated to The McCulloch County Resource Center, to come from the special Local Missions Fund. This will help Laurie in our church office when she gets those unusual requests for assistance from folks in need.

Another new project is that of visiting people in newly purchased homes in our community with a welcome packet from FBC. We need your help. If you would be willing to help with this, please call Betty Smith at 325-456-4920 for more information.

Remember as you do your spring cleaning to bring your items for Mexico. Bobby Williams plans to make a trip to Mexico soon.

Please continue to bring your items for The Haven, keep praying for our Parenting Class, keep sending cards to our Brady West church members, and keep bringing cards to the church for hospital patients.

Plans are being made to have a Jesus Kids Camp at the Trails Apartments on Wednesdays in June.

None of this could happen without you, our faithful church members. Thank you.

**April Food Pantry**

- 66 Families, 117 individuals
- 14 kids' boxes, 66 adult boxes
- 38 over age 65
- 54 under age 65
- 25 age 18 or under

**Operation Christmas Child**

**May gifts**

Toothbrushes and toothpaste (same as April's because we need more!)

**May birthdays**

- 5-6 Alton Roberts
- 5-7 Daniel Virdell
- 5-8 Edith Slaughter (She will be 100!)
- 5-11 Josh Collier
- 5-12 Crockett Jurius, Layla Virdell
- 5-13 Jack & Jett Jennings
- 5-14 Wesley Virdell
- 5-15 Norma Ridout
- 5-26 Jeanagayle Behrens

**May radio spots**

- Claudette Young (3-7)
- Laurie Morton (10-14)
- Bobbie Ann Williams (17-21)
- Jason Behrens (24-28)

**Deacons on call**

- Farion Morton (325-240-9764)
- Bobby Williams (325-240-9791)

**For your calendar**

- May 3, 8:30: LIBA breakfast, Down Home Country Cooking
- May 5: last night of BAM, Family Night
- May 9: Mother's Day; birthday celebration for Edith Slaughter at Brady West, 2-4 PM
- May 13, 11:00: Godly Impressions Preschool graduation in the courtyard
- May 14, 9:00-11:00: Food Pantry food distribution
- May 9, 4:30: Deacons meeting
- May 16, 4:00: Church council
- May 23, 6:00: Business meeting
- May 31: Memorial Day
- Wednesdays in June, 3:00-4:30: Jesus Kids Camp at Trails of Brady Apartments
- July 10-16: VBS

**You're invited!  
100th birthday  
celebration  
for Edith Slaughter!  
Sunday, May 9, 2-4 PM  
Brady West main lobby  
(come and go)**



## Unsung Heroes of FBC

*by a church member who asks to be anonymous*

There are those in our midst who do things around our church that are not part of any committee, mission team, class, etc. They just see something that needs to be done and do it. I know I haven't thought of everyone, but you get the idea.

Thank you to:

**Jerry Caraway, Jason Behrens, and Gage Behrens** keep our church grounds mowed and looking good as well as working on our church vehicles, changing high-up light bulbs, and so much more.

**Bobby Williams**—I always feel safer knowing he walks the halls with eyes for our safety. He is always ready to assist those needing wheelchairs or help getting in and out our doors. And he faithfully takes our loads of donated items to the border.

**Travis Gary** and **George Matula** lead our Food Pantry ministry. Travis orders food from the San Angelo Food Bank and figures out how many pounds of food to give out each month. **George** checks thermometers in the freezers, logs in what we get from Walmart, checks thermostats in the sanctuary and rooms, makes sure doors are closed and locked, turns out lights, and sees to other economically saving matters.

A faithful team of **Food Pantry workers** pick up food from Walmart every Thursday and put it up on shelves, in freezers, or in refrigerators. Then those same folks plus a few others work on our distribution day each month.

**Marsha Gainer** has almost single-handedly kept our Children's Ministry going during this time of Covid. For many months she served as Sunday School teacher, Children's Church teacher, and nursery worker on Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night. (Thankfully we now have a nursery worker on Sunday mornings, and rotating Children's Church workers.)

**Jason Behrens, Gage Behrens, and Robert Tetens** work the media and sound-board system every Sunday during church.

**Bev Waisner** and **Laura Alsop** are making Bible book bags for the preschool graduates. These will hold children's Bibles the church is providing.

For sure some important people have been left out of this article, and for that I'm sorry. You are appreciated too! It takes all of us doing those big and little jobs to keep our church being all it can be.



*When Jesus had finished washing their feet, He put on His clothes and returned to His place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" He asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."*

John 13:12-17



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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1  John 10-12
2  2 Timothy 3-4	3  Numbers 13-16	4  1 Chronicles 20-24	5  Psalm 105-107	6  Proverbs 22	7  Joel	8  John 13-15
9  Titus	10  Numbers 17-20	11  1 Chronicles 25-29	12  Psalm 108-110	13  Proverbs 23-24	14  Amos 1-4	15  John 16-18
16  Philemon	17  Numbers 21-24	18  2 Chronicles 1-5	19  Psalm 111-113	20  Proverbs 25	21  Amos 5-9	22  John 19-21
23  Hebrews 1-4	24  Numbers 25-28	25  2 Chronicles 6-10	26  Psalm 114-116	27  Proverbs 26-27	28  Obadiah	29  Acts 1-2
30  Hebrews 5-7	31  Numbers 29-32					



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Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before Him with joyful songs.  
Know that the Lord is God.  
It is He Who made us, and we are His;  
we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.  
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



But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
 a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him  
 Who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.  
*1 Peter 2:9*

- Bro. Jeff Quattlebaum, Misty, Regan, and Sam
- All health care workers; local, state, and national leaders; school administrators, teachers, and staff; and missionaries
- All who have Covid-19 or have lost loved ones in the pandemic
- our church staff and ministries
- our members in the nursing homes and our homebound members
- the lost and unchurched in our community
- Brady children & youth

Wyatt & Francisca Anderson  
 Marshall Armstrong  
 Bill and Sherry Barsch  
 Holden Bedwell  
 Amelia Britteon  
 Bill Burns  
 Frieda Chew  
 Sherry Cox  
 Glen Douglas  
 Glenda Douglas  
 Charlie and Maria Garcia  
 Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves  
 Nita Groves  
 Roy and Janet Guthrie  
 Jackie Harper  
 Betty Henderson  
 Ronnie & Kay Holloway  
 Curtis and Genna Jennings  
 Rex Joslin

Janie Lowery  
 James Mallow  
 Jennifer McAnally  
 Ericka Moore  
 Louise Morrow  
 Lois Patton  
 Norma Ridout  
 James & Anna Richards  
 Tristan Rodriguez  
 Kelly Rushfeldt  
 Edith Slaughter  
 Jack and Susan Turk  
 Don and Lucy Vaughn  
 Sherry Vensen  
 Becky and Ed Weber  
 Linda Wall  
 Megan Wall  
 Bobby Williams

*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 for the family of Cynthia Reeves.

The newsletter is available on the church website: [fcbbrady.org](http://fcbbrady.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).  
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 Proverbs 1:7 (CSB)  
*Memory verse  
 for May*

### from Godly Impressions Preschool: *Graduation!*

The end of the school year is here and our theme for May is fiesta then siesta! During this last month before summer we will be reviewing all of our shapes that we’ve learned throughout the year, focusing on the color green and numbers 9 and 10. Our verse of the month is *“This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”* Psalm 118:24.

We will be having a small graduation ceremony in the courtyard on May 13<sup>th</sup>, but we will still continue child care throughout the summer with lots of fun activities planned for the kids!

We have overcome and had to navigate through so many obstacles this year and it wouldn’t have been possible without all of the prayers and support from the members of this church. So on behalf of Godly Impressions Daycare staff and teachers we say thank you!

Blessings,  
*Ashlee Shaw, Godly Impressions Preschool director*

Our hearts are saddened by the loss of Cynthia Reeves in a car accident in Brady on April 26. Cynthia was our beloved sister in Christ at FBC. She was an active member here for many years.



Visitation is from 2:00-3:00 Wednesday, April 28, at Heritage Funeral Home. The service will follow at 3:00.

In lieu of flowers you can make a donation to Sara’s Shared Dream: Feeding McCulloch County, or Godly Impressions Preschool and Child Care.

Please pray for her family: Robert, Erica, Robert, Austin, her grandchildren, brother and sister-in-law, nephew, and others as they learn to navigate through this new way of life.