



Our Mission: FBC Brady is a family that exists to
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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Message from the Pastor: VBS, salvation, and sharing your story

by Jeff Quattlebaum

It was a crazy week that had months of prayer, preparation, and excitement for how God was going to move in so many young lives. The week I am speaking of is Vacation Bible School and it is one of the most important events in the life of any church. There are many things I love about the week, the smiles on the kids' faces, and I really like seeing adults remembering their experiences from VBS when they were young. The most important day for me is when the gospel is presented to the kids and seeing the Holy Spirit work on their souls. Jesus tells us in Luke 9:26, *"For whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and that of the Father and the holy angels."* Jesus tells us that after we have put our faith and trust in Him, we need to go tell individuals about Him.

In the Bible we see a man whose name is Andrew who would later become one of Jesus' disciples. When he trusted Jesus as Savior, he took a very important step in telling someone about Jesus. Andrew would quickly tell his very own brother. John 1:41 tells us, *"He first found his own brother Simon and told him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated 'the Christ')."* Andrew's explanation of his salvation experience was not long, not detailed, and definitely not theological. You see Andrew was a fisherman, not a theologian and in the coming years he would learn more about God. He simply told his brother Simon what he had found.

No one expects a new believer to have all the answers or all the right terminology just after he/she has been saved. I don't think God expects that either. All we need to do is to go tell someone what has happened to us. Tell others that Jesus has become real to us, that He has come into our lives and saved us. Jesus wants you and me to be His witnesses to those around us. Acts 1:8 says, *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Talking about your salvation experience may not be easy, and we may not comprehend everything that happened when we were saved. Sharing your life in Christ with others will help us in a number of ways. It will help clarify your thinking because you will be able to separate the questions you have in your mind from the facts that you do know. It will bring your friends, family, and those you meet face to face with God's love for them. Vance Havner once said, *"We have a story to tell to the nations, but it is also a story to tell to the neighbors."*

One caution I will give you is when you tell someone what has happened to you, do not start an argument or debate. People do not come to Christ at the end of an argument, but they frequently come to Him at the end of a testimony. Be genuine. Be kind. Be patient. Let the love of God that brought you to Him be reflected in the way in which you tell others about Him. The greatest thing that will happen to you in your life is salvation. Go, tell someone what Jesus has done for you by His grace and mercy. Charles Wesley put it this way, *"O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace."*

The Son of God became a man so that men could become the sons of God. At Vacation Bible School over 10 kids put their faith in Jesus Christ because of a group of people who were willing to tell them what Jesus did in their own lives. There were also many seeds planted in the hearts of other kids and families as well. What is stopping you from being like Andrew and going to tell someone what you have found? In John 9 Jesus healed a man of being blind since he was born and when the Pharisees asked the blind man who healed him the blind man responded this way: *"Whether or not he's a sinner, I don't know. One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I can see!"* (John 9:25). My brothers and sisters, you might not have all the theological answers but what I do know is that at one point we were blind and held captive in our sins. Jesus came along, took that away and now we can see. I close with the famous words of John Newton:

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now I am found, was blind, but now I see.*

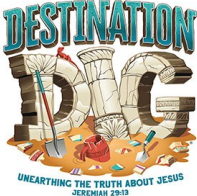
Will you go tell your story?

Pastor Jeff

JKC. VBS. And now
Wednesday nights!

by Marsha Gainer
Children's Ministry Team Lead

The Jesus Kids Camp on Wednesdays in June at the Trails Apartments was so much fun. A great team of volunteers (Marsha Gainer, Ashley and Matthew Poe, Betty Smith, Bev Waisner, Judy Mitzel and Becky Martin) taught, led crafts and games and puppets, served pop-sicles, and did our best to intro-



duce these children to Jesus. The Children's Team is so thankful for a wonderful VBS July 10-16. The entire church stepped up to make every aspect of our adventure successful! Thank you so much! We had nine older children choose Jesus as Savior. Pastor Jeff gave a wonderful opportunity for them to respond and they all did.

We will not have much time to relax because the beginning of school is right around the corner. Our Wednesday night program is being considered now. We invite anyone who wants to be a part of this next adventure to let Pastor Jeff, Betty Smith, Ranon Caraway, or Marsha Gainer know. We would love to have you on our team!

Thank you all again!

That positive attitude

by Karen Behrens
Music Team Lead

I recently started back to college and one of the classes I am taking is going over positive reinforcement and the impact it has on others. Have you ever sat and thought if we turned our negative thinking into positive thoughts how much nicer things would turn out? Or if I told someone they were doing an awesome job, would that promote a positive attitude in that person?

The one thing I have learned over the years is that God loves a positive attitude. What we say and how we act can affect our entire day and can affect

someone else's day. Psalm 19:14 says it so perfectly: *May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.* Take the time to tell someone that they are doing a good job, and you appreciate them. I think that you will see that positive reinforcement builds people up and will make a huge impact on that person and yourself.

FBC on mission

by Betty Smith
Missions Team Lead

Missions continue at FBC. Our area for items to **Mexico** is full so do NOT bring any more now. We are short on things for **The Haven** this month, so if you have any to contribute, bring them to the church soon. About 46 **welcome packets** have been delivered to newly sold homes. Help with that would be appreciated. Call Betty Smith (325-456-4920) if willing. **Parenting classes** graduated 3 individuals and plan to start up with 3 or 4 new individuals on Thursday. Please continue sending **cards** to our FBC members at Brady West and bringing encouraging cards to the church for hospital patients. Coming soon will be our emphasis on the **Mary Hill Davis Offering for State Missions**. Thank you for keeping these mission opportunities alive.

A **Block Party** is being planned for August 12th at The Trails. Your help is needed, everything from cooking hot dogs and making snow cones and popcorn to helping set up the bounce houses. Look for a sign-up sheet in the foyer or call Becky at 456-1256 or the church office. Or just come and enjoy!

Church T-shirts with the FBC logo will soon be available. Contact Laurie to reserve yours.



FBC Brady
Give Grow & Go

Food Pantry	June	July
adults 19-64:	49	35
18 and under:	11	6
over 65:	25	30
Families	44	43
Individuals	85	85

Operation Christmas Child
August gifts

Crayons, pencils, & rulers

July birthdays

- 7-1 Misty Urban
- 7-6 Gage Behrens
- 7-9 Carole Ramsey
- 7-10 Linda Cox
- 7-12 Pete Barrera, Linda Torres
- 7-13 Amy Tetens, Claudette Young
- 7-15 Frieda Chew
- 7-21 Jim Smith
- 7-22 Velma Hendley
- 7-23 Janet Guthrie
- 7-28 Alexa Bean

August birthdays

- 8-2 Shawnte Virdell
- 8-3 Linda Wall
- 8-4 Destani Miller
- 8-5 Brian Owen
- 8-7 Charlie Douglas
- 8-9 Glenda Middleton
- 8-18 Jessica Medrano
- 8-21 Tony Groves
- 8-25 Scott Martin, Jackie Harper
- 8-27 Laura Alsop

August radio spots

- George Matula (Aug. 2-6)
- Bro. Jeff (Aug. 9-13)
- Janis Groves (Aug. 16-20)
- Laurie Morton (Aug. 23-27)

July radio spots were done by Misty Quattlebaum, Judy Mitzel, Jeanagayle Behrens, and Joyce Scott. Thank you!

Deacons on call

- Virgil Middleton (456-7284 or 597-2629)
- Jim Smith (456-4920 or 597-0740)

For your calendar

- Aug. 1, 5:00** Deacons meeting
- Aug. 8, 3:30** Nominating committee meeting
- Aug. 12, 6:00** Block party at Trails of Brady Apartments; *Volunteers are needed!*
- Aug. 13, 9:00-11:00:** Food Pantry food distribution
- Aug. 15, 4:00:** Church council
- Aug. 22, 5:00:** Business Meeting
- Aug. 24:** Meet the Teacher, GIPS
- Late Aug., date TBA,** fellowship with First United Methodist Church at Richards Park and the city pool
- Oct. 1, 2, 3:** City-wide revival. Details TBA by the Clergy Association



August 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 1 John 4-5	2 Deuteronomy 23-25	3 Nehemiah 5-9	4 Psalm 140-142	5 Song of Songs 1-2	6 Revelation 1-6	7 Acts 21-22
8 2 John	9 Deuteronomy 26-28	10 Nehemiah 10-13	11 Psalm 143-145	12 Song of Songs 3-4	13 Revelation 7-11	14 Acts 23-24
15 3 John	16 Deuteronomy 29-31	17 Esther 1-5	18 Psalm 146-148	19 Song of Songs 5-6	20 Revelation 12-17	21 Acts 25-26
22 Jude	23 Deuteronomy 32-34	24 Esther 6-10	25 Psalm 149-150	26 Song of Songs 7-8	27 Revelation 18-22	28 Acts 27-28
29 John 1	30 John 3	31 Exodus 32-34				



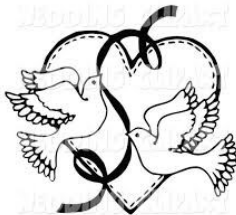
“(19) And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. (20) To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.” Philippians 4:19-20 (NIV)



On the left is the “after” photo of the house FBC redid during the Mission at Brady the first two weekends in June. It was quite a remarkable transformation and was much-appreciated by the homeowner
Well done, FBC team! Thanks to everyone who helped.

Wedding Announcement

Albert Ira Pearson and Kristin Lea Goodwin
were married July 10, 2021
at Ruffini Chapel
in San Angelo, TX
Rev. Keith Simpson
performed the ceremony.
*We love you,
Albert and Kristin!
Congratulations!*



Congratulations to the Middletons!

Virgil and Glenda Middleton will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 4.
They were married on that date in 1961 in the Methodist Church at Post, Texas.
Their children and grandchildren honored them with a special family celebration July 17-18.
A note from Virgil and Glenda: Last Sunday we could not have imagined the nice recognition of our special occasion by our First Baptist Church family. Many thanks to all!!





Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
Hebrews 4:16 NIV

- Bro. Jeff Quattlebaum, Misty, Regan, and Sam
- our church staff and preschool
- summer missions 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
Pete and Oralia Barrera
Bill and Sherry Barsch
Holden Bedwell
Eric Bohanna
Amelia Britteon
Bill and Wanda Burns

Sherry Cox
Glen Douglas
Glenda Douglas
Faye Eggleston
Charlie and Maria Garcia
Angela Groves
Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves
Nita Groves
Roy and Janet Guthrie
Jackie Harper
Betty Henderson
Duwain Hendley
Ronnie & Kay Holloway
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Rex Joslin
Janie Lowery
James Mallow
Jusiah Martinez
Jennifer McAnally
Ericka Moore
Louise Morrow

Lois Patton
James and Norma Ridout
James and Anna Richards
Carlton Rizer
Tristan Rodriguez
Kelly Rushfeldt
Ashlee Shaw
Edith Slaughter
Blandi Thomas
Jack and Susan Turk
Sherry Vensen
Ed and Becky Weber
Linda Wall
Bobby Williams
Ronnie Winans

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 Charlie Ramby, E.W. Frost, Barbara Fields, Justin Pierce, and Al Vaughn.

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Philippians 4:19-20
(NIV) *Memory verse for August*

Godly Impressions Preschool: Time to meet the teacher!

This summer has flown by and we are in our last month of the school year before we start a brand new one! Our Covid restrictions have been lifted and we are so excited to go back to some normalcy. One of the many things we get to do that we had to forgo last year was Meet the Teacher, which will be August 24th in the Fellowship Hall. We will be ending the summer with a few more water days, and I hear an ice cream party is in the works!

Thank you for all of your prayers, donations and continued support of our center. It has not gone unnoticed and we wouldn't be able to continue without it!



Blessings,
Ashlee Shaw, Director
Godly Impressions Preschool



Thank you, dear friends, for your prayers, visits, cards, texts, calls, flowers, and food! This recovery from knee replacement surgery has been, well, a challenge. (That's why there was no July newsletter.) I still have a ways to go, but I am getting better day by day.

I am thankful for my wonderful church family. You're the greatest!

Love in Christ,
Becky

The **Nominating Committee** met on July 25 and is in the process of contacting everyone who still has a year or two to serve to confirm that they want to continue.

A volunteer sheet will be in the next two bulletins. Please mark one or two ways you would like to serve in 2021-2022.