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## Message from the Pastor: What does your Bible look like?

by Jeff Quattlebaum

It happens every New Year's Day, a resolution that many Disciples of Jesus will commit to having a quiet time. Many of the resolutions say that the Disciple will have a better quiet time, or it will happen every day without fail. When the month of January starts for the first couple of days to weeks everything is going great, then something happens. We skip a day, life gets busy, and before you know it there is no quiet time anymore. This happens to every believer in Jesus in seasons of our lives and I have been asked by students I used to teach, "Why even have a quiet time alone with Jesus?"

To grow in our faith in Christ Jesus we need a time that is set aside where we can be alone with God and dive into His Word. Psalm 119:97 tells us, "*How I love your instruction! It is my meditation all day long.*"\* In the businesses of modern life, we can find ourselves in a situation where it is easy to live our lives with little or no regard for what Christ did on the cross to save us. We can disregard the plan of salvation that God put into place that cost the precious life of His only Son. We are reminded of this in Romans 3:25 when Paul says, "*God presented him as an atoning sacrifice in his blood, received through faith, to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his restraint God passed over the sins previously committed.*"

The Bible is the revelation of God's mind to you and me. Not only did God give His one and only Son – the Living Word – to redeem us, He gave us His Scriptures – the Written Word – to guide us.

Many people own a Bible and in the United States the average number of Bibles in a household is between 4 to 5 Bibles. Statistics tell us that 36 percent of Americans read the Bible less than once a year and 33 percent read the Bible once or more a week. For most people, the Bible is known as an out-of-date book that is only good for their grandparents, but not for them. I will admit that when you read the Bible, some sections of the Bible are difficult to understand, and some are not as exciting as other parts. John Bunyan, the author of Pilgrim's Progress, once said, "I have sometimes seen more in a line of the Bible than I could understand; and yet at other times the whole Bible has been to me as dry as a stick." Still, every part of the Bible has something to say to you and me which makes every passage very important. Robert A. Cook tells us, "Never leave a passage of Scripture until it has said something to you."

Another question that I get multiple times is when should I have my quiet time? It is very important for you and me to read the Bible as often as possible. I would also say to have a specific time each day when we can shut the rest of the world out and just meet with God. Jesus demonstrated this multiple times when he was on earth. For example in Mark 1:35 it says, "*Very early in the morning while it was still dark, he got up, went out, and made his way to a deserted place; and there he was praying.*" David said in Psalm 63:1, "*God, you are my God; I eagerly seek you. I thirst for you; my body faints for you in a land that is dry, desolate, and without water.*" So, find a time that suits your lifestyle best and stick with it.

The third question I get asked many times is what are some good pieces of advice you would give or what do I do during my quiet times. So, my first piece of advice is to do what it says in Psalm 46:10, to be still at the feet of Jesus and pray. Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare you to meet with God, confess your sins, praise and give thanks to God as well. If there are things that hinder your meeting with God, confess it and ask Him to forgive you. My second piece of advice is to read a specific part of scripture. I would suggest one or two chapters to start off with and if you're not very familiar with the Bible, start in the New Testament. I also suggest reading the Psalms and Proverbs as well. If you still don't know what to read, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in what to read for that particular day. Third, after you read the passage of Scripture, meditate on it for a while. Think about what you just read and seek what God wants you to learn from it. I personally like to journal and make notes in my Bible when I am reading as well. My fourth piece of advice is to write down questions about the passage you have just read. James tells us in verse 5 of chapter 1, "*Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God – who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly – and it will be given to him.*" God is big enough to handle your questions. I write questions and later I can find out answers by asking other people or searching reference material. The fifth piece of advice I would give is to read the passage a second or third time because I learn new things that I didn't see the first time. The last piece of advice I would give you is to pray again.

Consistency is the key to maintaining a quiet time in a world that is fast paced that is pulling you everywhere. If we are not careful and not watching, somehow God will get squeezed out. If you just sample the Word of God, honestly you probably won't develop much of a taste for it. You MUST come back to God's table and soak up His Word daily. Open your Bible regularly. Open it prayerfully, read the Bible expectantly, trust the Bible implicitly, and live it constantly. The great preacher of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Charles Spurgeon once said, "A Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't."

What does your Bible look like?

Pastor Jeff

\*All Scripture references are from the Christian Standard Bible.

## BAM! Children's program set to begin this month

by Marsha Gainer

*Children's Ministry Team Lead*

September 8 will be our date to begin the BAM program on Wednesday nights. We are inviting people to take a Wednesday and provide the meal for that date. The sign up sheet is on the table in the hall. The meal will be served around 6:00 p.m. We thank you for your support and are looking forward to a great year with all the children that God sends us!

Attention all FBC ladies: if you are interested in being part of a ladies Bible study, contact Ashley Poe at 325-792-6979.

## In times like these, how can God use us?

by Karen Behrens, Music Team Lead

I had a patient ask me the other day, "Did you ever think that we would have a pandemic in your lifetime like this?" I answered them, "No, I sure did not see this coming." I think in life there are many times when we just don't see it coming. We ask, "Why, Lord, is this happening?" I think we missed what God may be saying here. I think we should get down on our hands and knees and pray to God. Where can we serve God and what can we do to make a difference in our community? Call those and let them know we love them and we are thinking and praying for them. God is so good to us. Even in times of trouble.

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."* John 14-27

## FBC on mission

by Betty Smith  
*Missions Team Lead*

Another month has passed and here we are. You have done a good job bringing items for the Haven. Bobby Williams and Buddy Cox are planning a trip to Mexico with our load soon. The Parenting Class goes on, at the jail, and at the church. God is

good. Continue sending your cards to the hospital residents as well as to those of our own church members at Brady West. Don't forget to make your contribution to the Mary Hill Davis Offering for State Missions. This covers everything from Baptist colleges, children's homes, missions along the Mexico border, and a whole world of other ministries right here in our own state. The goal for this offering is \$2,000.

The Food Pantry is still going the best we can. Because of the rise in Covid cases there is discussion about going to drive thru again. That decision will be made soon. Changes are becoming a way of life at times. The Block Party that was planned at The Trails Apartments was called off with the advice of our medical community because of the rise in Covid cases at that time.

An appreciation gift sack is being given to the teachers of Godly Impressions from FBC, wishing them a good new school year. When the time is right we will participate in more mission projects. Thank you for being the missions-minded church you are.

## August Food Pantry

adults 19-64:	83
18 and under:	19
over 65:	21
Families	62

## Operation Christmas Child September gifts

small plastic cup, utensils, and bowl

## September birthdays

9-7 Mackie Ranne
9-8 Raymond Torres
9-10 Virgil Middleton
9-11 Joshua Torres
9-17 Keith Simpson
9-22 Serena Alexander, Buddy Cox, Laurie Morton
9-23 Judy Owen, Judy Oden
9-24 Gregory Torres
9-25 Beverly Waisner
9-26 Gracie Galindo

## September radio spots

Claudette Young (30-3)
Becky Martin (6-10)
Pat Matula (13-17)
Bobbie Williams (20-24)
Karen Behrens (27-1)

## Deacons on call

George Matula (792-8611)
Bobby Williams (597-7573)

## For your calendar

**Note: due to the COVID outbreak, these dates may change.**

**Sept. 1:** First day of preschool  
**Sept. 2, 6:00** Nominating committee meeting  
**Sept. 5:** Online church only  
**Sept. 5, 5:00** Deacons meeting  
**Sept. 8, 6:00:** BAM begins  
**Sept. 10, 9:00-11:00:** Food Pantry food distribution  
**Sept. 12-19:** Week of Prayer for State Missions  
**Sept. 13, 6:00:** Adult Bible study  
**Sept 19, 4:00:** Church council  
**Sept. 26, 5:00:** Business Meeting

**Oct. 1, 2, 3:** Citywide revival.

**Oct. 24, place and time TBA:** Lake Ivie Baptist Association meeting

## Q&A : Citywide Revival

*Info from Bro. Jeff*

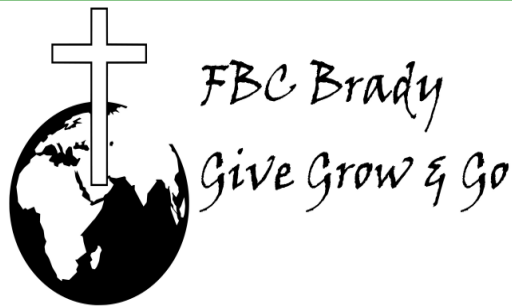
Where will it be held? 95% sure it's going to be the football field We're still waiting to hear from Dr. Martinez on this, but more than likely that will be the place. The theme is "Go Big." Donations will be accepted and all donations will go to the McCulloch County Resource Center and the Brady Clergy Association.

What are the days and times? Days are October 1st through 3rd (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). Friday and Saturday will be at 7 PM and Sunday will be at 6:00 PM. Sunday will be directed toward youth.

What churches are involved? Right now FBC, Redeemer, Vision Heights, Methodist, Presbyterian members, and the cowboy church. Hopefully other churches will join in the near future.

Who are the speakers? Friday night will be Paden Behrens, Saturday Night will be Jeff Quattlebaum, and Sunday evening will be Logan Lacy (Principal of Brady High School) and Shay Easterwood (Athletic Director of Brady ISD)

What groups or individuals will do the music? Devin Taylor, Pastor of Vision Heights, is leading the music. He is gathering members from different churches to be part of it. It will be a mix of contemporary worship songs, hymns, and southern gospel. (continued on next page)



# September 2021

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



“But the LORD said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7 (NLT)

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<p><u>When is the training for the counselors?</u> Bun Jackson, Pastor of the Methodist Church is in charge of the counselors. The training date has not been announced yet.</p> <p><u>What other volunteers are needed?</u> Volunteers are needed to set up and take down the stage and equipment, and to welcome people as they come in.</p> <p><u>What follow-up is being planned?</u> When people come down during the invitation time, they will be given a card to fill out that will be passed around to all the pastors to pray for and follow up with.</p>	<p><u>How specifically can we pray in preparation for the Revival?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• That the Holy Spirit will show up in a mighty way.</li><li>• That the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts and souls of the people of McCulloch County to come out.</li><li>• That the churches in the area can work together and show everybody that the Body of Christ actually likes each other.</li><li>• Pray for the music team, the speakers, and that the harvest will be plentiful all three evenings.</li></ul>
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May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will. . .

*Hebrews 13:20-21a NIV*

- Bro. Jeff Quattlebaum, Misty, Regan, and Sam
  - our church staff and pre-school
  - 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
  - the citywide revival
- Wyatt & Francisca Anderson  
Marshall Armstrong  
Pete and Oralia Barrera  
Bill and Sherry Barsch  
Holden Bedwell  
Amelia Britteon

Bill and Wanda Burns  
Sherry Cox  
Glen Douglas  
Glenda Douglas  
Faye Eggleston  
Charlie and Maria Garcia  
Angela Groves  
Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves  
Roy and Janet Guthrie  
Jackie Harper  
Betty Henderson  
Duwain Hendley  
Ronnie & Kay Holloway  
Curtis and Genna Jennings  
Rex Joslin  
Sally LaFuente  
Nancy Lane  
Janie Lowery  
James Mallow  
Jusiah Martinez  
Jennifer McAnally

Ericka Moore  
Louise Morrow  
Lois Patton  
Carole Ramsey  
Vincent Perez  
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  
Becky Weber

*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 Nita Groves, Gretchen Warren, Nancy Hodges, Biddy Harkrider, Bob Rice, Tony Nandin, Glenda Barker, Jimmy Moore, and Ed Weber, and for the families of the military members killed in Afghanistan.

## First Baptist Church Brady, Texas

The newsletter is available on the church website: [fbcbbrady.org](http://fbcbbrady.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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*Memory verse  
for September*

**Please note:** Due to the significant increase in Covid-19 cases in McCulloch County, our Sunday services were online only on August 29. They will also be online only on September 5. Any future changes will be shared as needed. The sermon is on KNEL at 11:30.

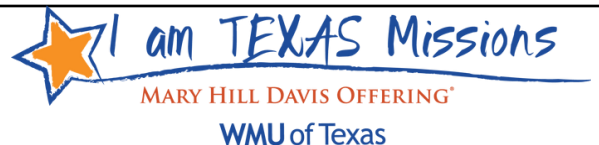
Also, Bro. Jeff is doing a Facebook Live Bible study on Sunday evenings at 6:00 while we are not meeting as a congregation.

### Godly Impressions Preschool: A new year begins

We are so excited to start a new school year here at Godly Impressions! Our first day is September 1st and we are looking forward to welcoming back new and familiar faces. We are currently serving about 40 children and families and are growing every day!

The teachers will be working on the letters A-D this month. In Chapel we will be memorizing our verse: "*And your children shall be taught by the Lord.*" Isaiah 54:13.

Blessings,  
*Ashlee Shaw, Director*



Our Week of Prayer for Texas Missions is our opportunity to support the ministries that our missionaries are focusing on this year. The Mary Hill Davis Week of Prayer (September 12-19) is our time to support all the work that will be done in our state. We can help by praying for everyone involved in sharing Jesus Christ. Our gifts to this very important work will help it to succeed.

Our church has set a goal of \$2000. That doesn't seem like much, but with Baptist Churches all over Texas contributing, we can reach the state goal of \$3,500,000. Please pray for missionaries and give a worthy gift to the Mary Hill Davis Offering.

—Claudette Young

