



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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newsletter

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Renovations, repairs, and refurbishments

by Becky Martin

Have you noticed some changes lately? In my current role as volunteer church secretary, I am privileged to witness what goes on in this building day by day. I am amazed and thankful.

Several rooms have been or are being repainted: the pastor's office, the music office, the choir room, the BASICS Sunday School room, the youth Sunday School room, the prayer room across from the office, the finance office, the children's Sunday School room.

In the choir room, order has been made out of chaos as the room had been used for storage of many unused things. Outdated sound equipment has been donated to the HOT Baptist Camp and Retreat. Two carloads of sheet music and music books have been donated to a church in Kerrville. Old hymnals have been given to Rochelle Baptist Church and to Royal Oaks Assisted Living. Costumes have been sorted through and organized.

Locks are being replaced and keys stream-lined throughout the building.

In the sanctuary, new LED lights have replaced burned out bulbs, a loose board in the ceiling in the back section has been reattached, and speakers have been repositioned. All of this is no small thing; scaffolding was necessary to accomplish it. When the sanctuary is better lit on Easter Sunday, thank the men for doing this and the Lord for keeping them safe.

Deacon training and ministry

Our deacons participated in a deacon training led by Don Fawcett on Saturday morning, March 23. According to Buz Roddie, deacon chair, the morning was valuable and worth continuing. A second training is scheduled for

April 27.

The deacons have led out in the Men's Bible Study on Wednesday nights. Men from our church and from the community have been attending.

Thank you, deacons, for serving the Lord's Supper on Palm Sunday, and for all the behind-the-scenes work you do to serve the Lord through this church.



Public Relations News

by Valerie Gonzalez,
team lead of PR team

We are so excited to have placed our first order of shirts featuring our newly adopted supportive logo. Orders can be taken year-round; it is just a matter of popping into Down Home Gifts (on the square) and telling them what you'd like. You may also purchase your favorite blouse, t-shirt, sweatshirt, fishing shirt, etc. and take it in to be embroidered.

Children's Ministry: Wednesday nights, Camp Firelight, and VBS

by Marsha Gainer, Honorary Children's Ministry Director

The children surely appreciate all of the eggs provided for the Easter Egg hunt. Thank you, church family, for your generosity and kindness in supporting the children's activities.

The Wednesday night events are going well, and all children are invited to attend as their parents attend Bible studies at 6:00.

Our next mini-camp is Camp Firelight on May 10 from 1-4. We will have a planning meeting on April 23 at 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and help with the planning. Many of the parents have expressed their ap-

preciation for our events on these Flex days.

VBS—Breaker Rock Beach—will be July 7-12. A planning meeting will be held in May.

From the Pastor Search Committee

by Vickie Roddie,
Search Committee chair

The Pastor Search Committee held informal interviews on March 3rd. The interviews were informative and gave us hope for the future of the search for a pastor. Please continue to pray as God's plan for our church is far better than any thoughts we may have at present.

Colossians 4:2: Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

New beginnings for youth

by Vickie Roddie, Youth Director

The month of March had an impactful start as we have been able to have gospel conversations with several youth in our community throughout the month. We are blessed to have these new beginnings with the youth and look forward to seeing how God guides their journey.

The FLC project is almost complete so we will expand the 325 Ministries in April to include time at the Family Life Center. The team will begin youth night starting the 2nd of April. Youth Night will be the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 5:30 to 7:00 in the Family Life Center.

It is a blessing to get to see God at work in our students' lives, and we look forward to continuing gospel centered interaction with the youth of our community.

Please be praying for us as we plan for summer events. I have no doubt that God will supply all the needs of the ministries in Brady that are working to reach the youth. Through simple obedience we get to see God at work in our students' lives as they actively live out their faith.

He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay.
Matthew 28:6

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!

Before Charles Simeon attended university in Cambridge, England, he loved horses and clothes, spending a huge sum on his attire yearly. But because his college required him to attend regular Communion services, he started to explore what he believed. After reading books written by believers in Jesus, he experienced a dramatic conversion on Easter Sunday. Awaking early on April 4, 1779, he cried out, “Jesus Christ is risen today! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!” As he grew in his faith in God, he devoted himself to Bible study, prayer, and attending chapel services.

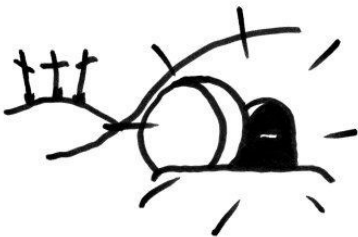
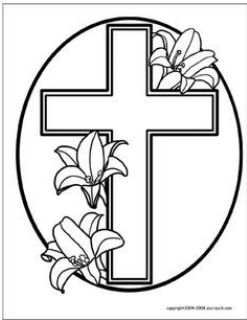
On the first Easter, life changed for the two women who arrived at Jesus’ tomb. There they witnessed a violent earthquake as an angel rolled back the stone. He said to them, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said” (Matthew 28:5-6). Overjoyed, the women worshiped Jesus and ran back to tell their friends the good news.

Encountering the risen Christ isn’t something reserved for ancient times—He promises to meet us here and now. We might experience a dramatic encounter, such as the women at the tomb or as Charles Simeon did, but we might not. In whatever way Jesus reveals Himself to us, we can trust that He loves us.

How has God shown Himself to you? How have you changed because of your encounter with Him?

Risen Jesus, thank You for coming and dying on the cross that I might have life eternal. I worship You.

—Amy Boucher Pye
Our Daily Bread, Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024



A very special thank you. . .
Thank you for allowing us to use your facilities! It was a pleasant environment and you treated us like royalty.
With sincere appreciation,
Gayle Probst & Lisa Dodd,
McCulloch County poll workers
(The Family Life Center was a polling place for two precincts on March 5.)

Our Hospitality Team has served or helped with several family meals over the last several weeks. This is an important and much-appreciated ministry.
The Hospitality Team members are Judy Mitzel (team lead), Shelly Torres, Pete Barrera, Linda Torres, Linda Cox, Bobbie Williams, Oralia Barrera, and Velma Hendley. Joyce Scott is mentor behind the scenes.
The team also hosted the Palm Sunday fellowship meal.
Thank you, all of you.

To the First Baptist Church volunteers:
Thank you so much for hosting the friends and family of Edith Slaughter. We appreciate the opportunity for fellowship in her honor.
Sincerely,
—the family of Edith Slaughter

A huge thank you to everyone who helped pull together the wonderful “Family Luncheon.” We were really blessed and appreciate the time and effort.
—the family of Betty Smith



Happy Birthday!

April birthdays

4 Sherry Cox
4 Mabel Jones
11 William Gonzalez
13 Becky Elliott
13 Clifford Crouch
15 Jonathan Torres
19 Kelsey Crouch
22 Glenda Douglas
28 Shelly Torres
30 Carrie Pearson
30 Toney Urban

Regularly Scheduled Ministries

Sunday: Sunday School at 9:45, worship at 11:00
1st & 3rd Tuesdays: Youth Night, 5:30-7:00, FLC
Wednesday: Women's Bible study, 6:00, in Fellowship Hall; Men's Bible study, 6:00, in FLC; childcare and children's class, 6:00
Thursday morning: Walmart pick-up for Food Pantry

March Food Pantry

Adult boxes: 50
Children's boxes: 7
Adults over 65: 24
Adults under 65: 44
Children: 11
Total: 79

April radio spots

1-5 Vickie Roddie
8-12 Jeanagayle Behrens
15-19 Kay Holloway
22-26 Janis Groves
29-May 3 Karen Behrens
On KNEL radio, 7:45 weekday mornings

For your calendar

April 1: LIBA breakfast, 8:30, Sandy's Kitchen

April 12: Food distribution 9-11

April 14: Zambia foreign mission study, 5:00

April 16: Fellowship Night, FLC, 6:00

April 21: LIBA Church Revitalization Seminar, 2:30-4:00, FBC Mason; Church Council, 5:00

April 23: Planning meeting for Camp Firelight, 5:30

April 27: Deacon training II, 8:30

April 28: Business meeting, 5:00

May 10: Camp Firelight, FLC, 1:00-4:00

July 7-12: VBS: Breaker Rock Beach

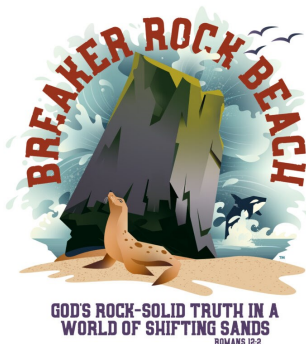
Guest Pastors in April

April 7: Ron Landers
April 14: Lee Floyd
April 21 & 28: Don Fawcett



Deacons on call in April

Rusty Capps 325-347-4974
Buddy Cox 409-673-7916



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ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING

Come to Fellowship Night!

Tuesday, April 16, 6:00
Family Life Center
Come for fun and surprises!
Bring a snack to share.



Missions happenings

by Bev Waisner, Missions Team lead

We are enjoying the women's Bible study and all women are invited to join us.

The international mission study on Zambia will be Sunday, April 14, at 5:00. All adult and older children are invited. If you will need childcare, please let Marsha know.

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions will remain open through April. Our goal is \$2000. Please support this important missions offering.

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:4-6

- Our Pastor Search committee
 - our members in care facilities and our homebound members
 - the lost and unchurched in our community
 - the youth of Brady
 - the homeless in Brady
- Rhonda Aguirre
Everett Andrews & his dad
Rita Ash
Angel Ballard
Judy Bell
Beverly Bigby &
Stephanie Pyle
McKenna Brandenberger
Amelia Britteon
Big John Campbell
Jerry & RaNon Caraway
Buddy Cox
Sherry Cox
Sue Crow
Victor Cruz
Mary Favoccia
Nicole Fish &
Bruce Van Houten
Linda Flint
Charlie & Maria Garcia
- Holly Groves
Melanie Groves
Roy and Janet Guthrie
Janabeth & Charles Hanson
Duwain & Velma Hendley
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Mabel Jones
Colleen Laman
Frankie Leamons
Jackie Leamons
Rob Leamons
Janie Lowery
James Mallow
Billie Moreno
Lois Patton
Carrie Pearson
Carole Ramsey
James & Norma Ridout
Joyce Scott
Rhoda Shannon
Keith Simpson
Jackie Smith
Jerlene Smith
Jim Smith
Wendy Smith
Jack and Susan Turk
Harold Underwood

Linda Wall
Gene Walton
Addie Jo Webster
Bobby and Bobbie Williams
Debbie Winkle
Claudette Young

In military:

Jon Bradshaw
C.J. Gonzalez
Jennifer McAnally
Brandon Pfannenstiel
Christian Pittman
Jace Telford
Jonathan Torres
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend Christian sympathy to the families of Mike Thomas, Edith Slaughter, Bill Burns, and Harold Nesbit.

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Stock Shows and Track Meets

by Gage Behrens

Stock show season came to an end in mid-March. Austin Stock Show and Rodeo was my last show of my junior year. I had a pretty good sheep that I took. I was pulled by the judge, but later on did not place high enough to make the sale. Austin only takes the top 6 to place there.

Once I got back I had my first track meet scheduled. I was ready to run; however, the weather cancelled the track meet. My next track meet was in Santa Anna. I placed 4th in the 400 meter, 1st in the 4x100 relay, and 1st in the 4x400 relay. Last week we went to May and I placed 1st in the triple jump, 1st in the 4x100 relay, and 1st in the 4x400 relay. I have worked hard on my triple jump for the last few years and was pumped that I finally had a placing.

This week we will travel to Meridian. Then on to San Saba to the district run. I just hope that I hold up this year and am able to run to my full potential. Thank you all for supporting me.

We love you, Gage!