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**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: *How great Thou art!*

Complete this statement, “God is \_\_\_\_\_.”

What word immediately came to your mind? Maybe you know God as a loving Father. Maybe you put *provider* or *healer* in the blank because God did that for you. Or just maybe, if we are honest with one another, you think of God as distant, angry, or very judgmental.

The truth of the matter is, my friends, that no matter how you answered the question, your personal view of God carries incredible weight in your own life. One of my favorite theologians, A.W. Tozer, once said, “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

In reality our view of God influences the way we look at ourselves, others, and the world around us. This is why it is incredibly important to build our foundation of Who God is based on the unchanging truth of His Word – not the temporary state of our feelings. Jesus put it this way at the end of his famous sermon in Matthew 7:

*“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn’t collapse, because its foundation was on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and doesn’t act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. It collapsed with a great crash.”* (Matt. 7:24-27)

Maybe you have experienced grief, loss, or disappointment that has left you feeling angry at or hurt by God. Maybe you have met other Christians who made you feel judged and condemned, so you think God is the exact same way. Maybe you have tried to pray and connect with God, but you don’t feel anything, so you have this idea that God is distant, cold, or—worse—uncaring. These experiences and emotions are valid, but I must tell you that they are not an accurate representation of God’s character.

In reality, one of Satan’s oldest tricks he has played since the beginning of time is to distort our view of God. As the book of Genesis opens, we see that Adam and Eve are walking and talking with God. God gives Adam and Eve just one limit: *“But you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for on the day you eat from it, you will certainly die.”* (Genesis 2:17) In chapter 3, Satan swoops in, asking Eve whether God really said she couldn’t, and then convinces her that God was withholding something she actually needed.

You know the rest of the story, Adam and Eve ate the fruit, and sin entered the world and broke our relationship with God. Amazingly, though, through all of this, God’s character never changed. We see that God provided clothes for Adam and Eve, and then He foreshadowed His greatest act of sacrificial love. God would send His perfect Son, Jesus, to live a sinless life and die in our place to restore our relationship with a Holy God. Paul tells us in Romans, *“But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”* (Romans 5:8)

Many times it is tempting to think that the God of the Old Testament is just judgmental, and that it’s only in the New Testament that we see grace and mercy through Jesus. The truth is that God has always been in the business of pursuing sinful people with His grace and mercy before we ever pursued Him. God is always faithful to fulfill His promises. Jeremiah tells us in Lamentations 3:22-24: *“Because of the LORD’s faithful love we do not perish, for his mercies never end. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness! I say, “The LORD is my portion, therefore, I will put my hope in him.”* God has always been both just and merciful, holy and loving, sovereign and unchanging.

The character of God is too deep, rich, and great to describe completely (Psalm 19:1-6), but we see many clues to it throughout the entire Bible. So, as you think about God, consider how you are forming your view of Him. Is it based on the truth of His Word or the pain of past experiences? I challenge you to ask God to reveal more of Himself to you. No matter what your experiences with God, Christians, or church have been like in the past, the God of the universe created you, loves you, and is actively pursuing you. I think Carl Boberg, a Swedish editor and politician, said in best in 1885 when he wrote these words:

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
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Heavenly Father, God, I pray that you reveal Yourself and Your character to us all this fine day. Show us any lies that the enemy has tried to push and help me realize that you love me no matter what. In Jesus’ powerful Name, Amen.

Pastor Jeff!

## Children's Ministry: VBS 2022 —a blessed week

by Marsha Gainer

Children's Ministry Team Lead

**CREATED!  
DESIGNED!  
EMPOWERED!**

This VBS was truly designed and directed by God to present Jesus as Lord and Savior. It began with Pastor Jeff changing his whole sermon the Sunday before VBS to help the entire congregation get ready for this major event.

We were so blessed by the music. Misty Urban and Ashley Poe gave us the most powerful and moving music to glorify Jesus. Karen Behrens provided all of the technical support. They were a great worship team.

Bev Waisner began the VBS journey in January. Her arrival and her zeal motivated the whole team. She and Becky organized everything and made the crafts experience a blast. The craft team included: Bev Waisner, Becky Martin, Misty Quattlebaum, Jeanagayle Behrens, Laura Alsop, Glenda Middleton, and Madalyn Josephson.

We were wonderfully fed five nights with very tasty meals. Thank you Joyce Scott, Laurie Morton, Vickie Roddie, Pat Matula, George Matula, and Rhonda Aguirre for all the hard work.

Greg Torres and the youth led the groups in new, exciting games. Thanks to Regan, Samuel, Wylliam, Ethan, Paulina, Landon, and Gage for creating fun in the heat.

Our missions sessions led by Ra-Non Caraway featured two missionary families that we followed through Pennsylvania and Guatemala. It is always interesting to see how Jesus is being shared.

Our teaching team decorated their rooms and did their very best to present Jesus: Valerie Gonzales and Saylor Boydston, pre-K; Betty Smith and Kryste Boydston, K-1st grade; Shelly Torres and Linda Torres, 2nd-3rd grades; Marsha Gainer, 4th-5th grades; Alyssa Villarreal and Jaidyn Hernandez, nursery.

Jesus was presented and 11 chil-

dren chose to ask Jesus to be their Savior. Thanks to Pastor Jeff for providing such a kid-friendly invitation to these children which facilitated their public profession of faith.

Thanks to our registration team of Oralia Barrera, Bobbie Ann Williams and Bobby Williams. They kept us organized each night.

VBS decorations took almost a week to complete. Thankfully, we had some amazing artists who helped create the wonderful atmosphere. Thanks for your creativity Misty Urban, RaNon Caraway, Bev Waisner, Shelly Torres, and Kryste Boydston.

Lastly, thank you to Buz Roddie, Ryan Boydston, and Jason Behrens for helping in so many different areas. Thanks to all who set up chairs and took them down and to those who helped clean each night.

The recipient of the offering for this year's VBS is McKenna Brandenberger who is currently a missionary in Poland. (Update: McKenna is now in Uganda!) Thank you to everyone who contributed to this offering. I know McKenna needs and will be very thankful for the \$1230.00. I hope she will come and share her experience when she returns.

VBS ended on Friday with Family Night that featured pizza, sundaes, a water slide, and the pie contest. So much was raised that Wylliam, Regan, and Gage all got pies in their faces.

This VBS team was the best of the best. "Let Me Tell You About My Jesus" was a God-designed and inspired success!

### My Life Book

Karen Behrens, Music Team Lead

The summer has been a hot one and most likely has been keeping you inside like myself most days. Don't get me wrong, I love being outside. But this heat makes it hard. In my quiet time in the house I took up reading "The Life Book". It is a really neat book that breaks down the Bible in terms for adults and teens who are trying to learn. What I like about it is it has little handwritten notes by a few people that relate to the story being told. It reminds me of my Bible. There are so many parts I read and think, "What in the world is being said here?" My Bible has notes at the bottom that help me along the way to learn and better my understanding. In my quiet

time I sit and talk to Jesus. Those are the times I feel like He whispers in my ear, helping me to understand the trials of day-to-day life and drawing me closer to Him. It reminds me of a song that I love, "Draw Me Close to You." He helps me draw near to Him.

*Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

James 4:8. 8

### From the Personnel Committee (info from Judy Mitzel):

We accepted the resignation of Priscilla Hernandez, the worship building janitor, as she moved to San Angelo and we wish her only the best in her endeavors. Cory Meza, the janitor that we have had for several years at the Family Life Center, has agreed to clean our worship building also. God answered that prayer and we will continue to pray for a Financial Secretary as Kay will be leaving in the fall. We are so blessed with the staff at FBC they are self maintained and do such a wonderful service to our church. If you see them please thank them for their service and ministry.

### From the Youth Dept. (info from Greg Torres):

The youth had a great time in Lampasas earlier in July! We enjoyed playing miniature golf, bowling, arcade games, and eating at Whataburger. There were a total of 7 youth students that came along with us in the church van. We appreciated the time we all had together to get to know one another even more!

### Mission Team Report

Betty Smith, Missions Team Lead

Please continue your prayers and support of our ongoing efforts with the Haven, the Food Pantry, Parenting/Bible Study classes, and cards and phone calls to our shut-ins. Our main focus now is the Block Party at the Trails of Brady Apartments on August 12th from 6:00-9:00 P.M. A collection box is in the church office for school supplies. We will also need donated cookies. It is most important for as many of our FBC members as possible to be there to mingle, visit, and invite any residents to our church. Pray for this coming mission opportunity. As always, we thank you for your support.

**August 2022 Bible Reading Schedule**

**Week 1**

- August 1<sup>st</sup> – Isaiah 64-66
- August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 2 Kings 20-21
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2 Chronicles 32-33
- August 4<sup>th</sup> – Nahum
- August 5<sup>th</sup> – 2 Kgs 22-23, 2 Chr 34-35
- August 6<sup>th</sup> – Zephaniah

**Week 2**

- August 7<sup>th</sup> – Jeremiah 1-3
- August 8<sup>th</sup> – Jeremiah 4-6
- August 9<sup>th</sup> – Jeremiah 7-9
- August 10<sup>th</sup> – Jeremiah 10-13
- August 11<sup>th</sup> – Jeremiah 14-17
- August 12<sup>th</sup> – Jeremiah 18-22
- August 13<sup>th</sup> – Jeremiah 23-25

**Week 3**

- August 14<sup>th</sup> – Jeremiah 26-29
- August 15<sup>th</sup> – Jeremiah 30-31
- August 16<sup>th</sup> – Jeremiah 32-34
- August 17<sup>th</sup> – Jeremiah 35-37
- August 18<sup>th</sup> – Jer 38-40, Ps 74,79
- August 19<sup>th</sup> – 2 Kgs 24-25. 2 Chr 36
- August 20<sup>th</sup> - Habakkuk

**Week 4**

- August 21<sup>st</sup> – Jeremiah 41-45
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jeremiah 46-48
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jeremiah 49-50
- August 24<sup>th</sup> – Jeremiah 21-52
- August 25<sup>th</sup> – Lam 1:1-3:36
- August 26<sup>th</sup> – Lam 3:37-5:22
- August 27<sup>th</sup> – Ezekiel 1-4

**Week 5**

- August 28<sup>th</sup> – Ezekiel 5-8
- August 29<sup>th</sup> – Ezekiel 9-12
- August 30<sup>th</sup> – Ezekiel 13-15
- August 31<sup>st</sup> – Ezekiel 16-17

**August events**

- 8-12 Food Pantry Food Distribution 9:00-11:00
- 8-12 Block party, Trails of Brady Apartments, 6:00-9:00
- 8-21 Church Council, 5:00
- 8-24 Godly Impressions open house (tentative date)
- 8-28 Business meeting, 5:00

**Upcoming events**

- Sept. 24, 9:00-2:00 Deacon training here
- October 23, 4:00-8:00 LIBA meeting here
- Sept. 30-Oct. 2 County Wide/City Wide Spiritual Awakening

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**Grow!**

**Go!**



**August birthdays**

- 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
- 8-26 Scott Martin
- Jackie Harper
- 8-27 Laura Alsop

**July Food Pantry Report**

- 30 adults ages 65 and over
- 44 adults ages 19-64
- 12 children 18 and under
- 86 individuals
- 49 families

**Memory Verse for August 2022:**

Let my cry reach you, LORD; give me understanding according to your word. Psalm 119:169 (CSB)

**Deacons on call in August**

- Farion Morton 325-792-6596
- Bobby Williams 325-456-4735

**August radio spots**

- 1-5 Jeanagayle Behrens
- 8-12 Misty Quattlebaum
- 15-19 Janis Groves
- 21-26 George Matula
- 29-Sept. 2 Bobbie Williams

The Nominating Committee is beginning its work for 2022-2023. Be in prayer about where you can serve.



**Vacation Bible School Attendance 2022**

	Pre-K	K-1st	2nd & 3rd	4th, 5th, & 6th	Daily totals
Sunday	5	10	10	1	26
Monday	7	11	13	3	34
Tuesday	9	11	12	4	36
Wednesday	8	11	13	3	35
Thursday	7	9	8	1	25
Friday	Family night				

(Information provided by Oralia Barrera)





No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us.  
*Romans 8:37 NIV*

- Bro. Jeff Quattlebaum, Misty, Regan, and Sam
- our church staff and preschool
- Texas Baptist Men on mission
- McKenna Brandenberger on mission
- our members in care facilities and our homebound members
- the lost and unchurched in our community
- Brady children & youth
- Brady Clergy Association

Wyatt & Francisca Anderson  
Marshall Armstrong  
Pete and Oralia Barrera  
Randy and Carol Bedwell

Allie Bradshaw  
Amelia Britteon  
Bill and Wanda Burns  
Sherry Cox  
Carolyn Crawford  
Carlos (Charlie) Cruz  
Randi Lee Green  
Charlie & Maria Garcia  
Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves  
Roy and Janet Guthrie  
Kim Hendley  
Velma Hendley  
Ronnie, Kay, & Cathy Holloway  
Trey Holtzelaw  
Curtis and Genna Jennings  
Leslie Jones  
Mabel Jones  
Sally Lafuente  
Bobby and Colleen Laman  
Terry Lange  
Fay Lawler  
Janie Lowery

James Mallow  
Anita McBride  
Erika Moore  
LeeAnn Moore  
Louise Morrow  
Lois Patton  
Kobi Penz  
Charles & Carole Ramsey  
Anna Richards  
Donald & Margie Richardson  
James and Norma Ridout  
Kameron Roberts  
Richard Smith  
Tommy & Kathy Stanley  
Edith Slaughter  
Pam Speer  
Jack and Susan Turk  
Sherry Vensen  
Becky Weber  
Addie Jo Webster  
Bobby and Bobbie Williams  
Angie Willis

*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 Verona Garner and Ron Smyrl.

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Let my cry reach you, LORD; give me understanding according to your word.

### August at Godly Impressions Preschool

The summer is coming to an end and we are preparing for a brand new school year! This month will be busy as we begin to review letters and numbers with the kids and prepare for our open house, tentatively scheduled for Wed the 24th. We have welcomed new kids and families this month to Godly Impressions and hope that we will continue to grow.

Theme: A to Zoo Animals (Alphabet and Number Review)

Bible Lesson/Verse: Noah's Ark, "God made every kind of wild animal...and saw that it was good."

Genesis 1:25

Blessings,  
Meredith Navarette  
Preschool Director



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Thank you, FBC prayer warriors, for praying for VBS before and during the week of VBS. Your ministry is vital and much appreciated

Thank you, church family and VBS kids, for your generous gifts to McKenna Brandenberger's ministry. She received a check from us for \$1,230.00.

And thank you, Wylliam, Regan, and Gage for being such good sports!

