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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: Questions about heaven

by Pastor Jeff Quattlebaum

I hope and pray that everyone's new year has gotten off to a great start. God has some amazing things in store for you and FBC Brady this coming year. In September of 2021 we started a series on the Book of Revelation that came to an end the last Sunday in January. During that sermon series I was asked all sorts of questions, mainly about heaven, and I would like to address some of them for my article this month. If you disagree with some of my answers that is fine because we all have our own opinions and we can look at some passages of Scripture differently. All I ask is that if you do disagree, please have a sound reasoning where we both can learn from each other. Remember what it says in Proverbs 27:17, *"Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another."* So, with that being said, let's dive in, shall we. . .

Do those in heaven have any knowledge of what is happening on earth? The Bible is not clear on this topic. Some believe 1 Samuel 28:16-18; Luke 15:7,10; and Hebrews 12:1 teach that persons in heaven have a knowledge of what is taking place on earth. Certainly God and the angels have knowledge of what is taking place on earth. As for believers who are in heaven now, there is no conclusive answer. It's one of those things we simply just don't know.

Will Jesus still have the scars of His hands, feet, and side in heaven? Yes. We will see that these are the only man-made things in heaven!

Will angels escort us to heaven? Based on Luke 16:22, *"One day the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried."* This verse gives us reason to believe that when a believer in Jesus dies, an angel will escort him or her into the presence of God.

Will animals go to heaven? The Bible is not clear as to whether animals go to heaven, though we have every reason to believe there will be animals in the new heaven, new earth, and the new Jerusalem. Romans 8:19-23 speaks of the whole creation groaning and waiting for its redemption. Certainly animals would fall into this category, as they also are part of God's good creation.

Will we know everything in heaven? Of course not. Many times people confuse heaven and deity. We will still be human in heaven and therefore finite (but immortal by God's sustaining power). As a result, our knowledge will be finite. One of the joys of heaven will be that we will go on forever, ever learning more and more about the greatness and the glory of God.

Will we all be equal in heaven? I don't believe so. The Bible teaches that there are both degrees of punishment in hell and degrees of reward in heaven. However, there will be no jealousy in heaven. Every vessel will be completely filled concerning its capacity. No one will have more than they are capable of holding and no one will have less than they are capable of holding. Everyone will be satisfied perfectly with who they are and what they have.

How big is heaven? Heaven is big enough so that billions and billions of saved saints are never crowded, yet small enough so that no one ever gets lost or feels alone.

Will we be bored in heaven? No! In heaven we are with God, who is infinite. We will never come to the end of knowing Him, loving Him, exploring Him, and growing in our knowledge of Him. In heaven, even though it is eternity, each day will be a new day as we learn more and more about the magnificence and glory of our great God.

Will there be ethnic segregation in heaven? No. In heaven our oneness in Christ and the realization of our family relationship will come to perfect fruition. Also remember what it says in Revelation 7:9: *"After this I looked, and there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes with palm branches in their hands."*

Will we work in heaven? Yes, and it will be the most satisfying and fulfilling labor we have ever known. We will never get tired or tire of work.

Will we play sports in heaven? I hope so! Zechariah 8:5 tells us, *"The streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls playing in them."*

Do people who commit suicide go to heaven? This is one of the toughest questions, but simply if a person has trusted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, they will go to heaven. Suicide is a sin, but it is not the unpardonable sin.

There are many more questions that were brought up to me, but these are the ones I chose to put in the newsletter. There are many things about heaven, the book of Revelation, the end times, and the second coming of Jesus that we will never understand or know about. I want you to know that it is okay and I personally believe that God wants it that way. God wants us to put our complete faith and trust in Him. Let us remember what Job tells us in Job 42:1-6:

Then Job replied to the Lord: ² I^[a] know that you can do anything and no plan of yours can be thwarted. ³ You asked, "Who is this who conceals my counsel with ignorance?" Surely I spoke about things I did not understand, things too wondrous for me to^[b] know. ⁴ You said, "Listen now, and I will speak. When I question you, you will inform me." ⁵ I had heard reports about you, but now my eyes have seen you. ⁶ Therefore, I reject my words and am sorry for them; I am dust and ashes."

We will be spending the month of February in the Psalms and will start a new study in March that I am very excited about. If you want to know what that study is, then I will see you in church on Sunday, March 6th at 10:55 AM.

In Christ,
Pastor Jeff

Children's Ministry begins planning for VBS and Easter

by Marsha Gainer

Children's Ministry Team Lead

BAM has restarted all of its activities. Thank you to all who have signed up to provide a meal.

The VBS team had its first meeting. VBS will be held July 10th through the 14th with Family Night on the 15th. Hopefully, everyone will get involved in some way. The contact person is Ranon Caraway. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the hall.

The Children's team is also planning our Easter program for Easter Sunday.

We are so thankful for our precious children. We welcome suggestions and encourage anyone interested to get involved.

Finding that balance

by Karen Behrens, Music Team Lead

So this month I have been stumped on what to write. I have been busy with my work schedule, home life, and working to get some of my horses going better. That makes for a busy life where you don't have much down time. I know you all know where I am coming from. How do we balance work, home life, church, and all the things we like to do?

I read a Bible devotional today that said, "Take time out of your busy life, sit quietly and talk to God." Isn't that what Jesus did when he was surrounded by crowds? He stopped, went off by Himself, and talked to God. Are we really doing that? Let's take that time to pause every day. Go to a quiet place and just talk to God. No matter how busy life is, we still have that time, don't we?

Secret Sisters sign-up

Secret Sister forms went out last week. If you have not had a chance to get yours, I have left some with Laurie at the church office. Please have them turned back in to me or Laurie. I will be out the next 2 Sunday's so you can turn them into Laurie. I will pass them out in February.

Love in Christ, Karen

January Food Pantry

On January 8 because of high Covid numbers in the county, food distribution was done by drive-through. 56 regular boxes and 9 children's boxes were given to:

- 37 adults over age 65
- 52 adults under age 65
- 17 children under 18
- 106 individuals in all

Find your mission

by Betty Smith,

Missions Team Lead

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Matthew 25:35-36

The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." v. 40

As we stay warm on these cold wintry days, not everyone is so fortunate. A new effort is being made to help our church collect items for Winter Care Kits being put together by the Hunger Coalition. A tub is placed in the foyer under the Haven table. Your contributions can be placed there and the Mission Team will see they get delivered to the correct place. You can take a sheet with a list of items needed.

We have 2 teachers in Godly Impressions who are off work without pay because of 1) illness and 2) having to quarantine. Our team agreed to use some of the Local Mission Fund to supplement some of their salary. After all, they are in our FBC family.

We continue collecting items for The Haven and the Banda Ministry in Eagle Pass.

Good news - we went well past our goal of \$2,500 for Lottie Moon, closing out at \$3,177. Thank you for your faithfulness to world missions.

Please continue sending your cards to Brady West and the hospital.

We encourage you to look around and find your own mission. People around us every day need a smile, an encouraging word, and by all means, a prayer.

January work day volunteers got a lot done!

by Farion Morton, Chair

Property & Grounds Committee

The church work day on January 8 was great! All the Christmas decorations were taken down and the sanctuary was cleaned. The stained glass windows were dusted and a few spider webs were taken down. The new hand rails were put in the ladies restroom. The storage pantry closets in the kitchen area were all cleaned and wiped down and reorganized. The flower room was cleaned out and organized. Two of the four file cabinets were moved into the storage room. The brown door coming into the west hallway was fixed so that it would close slowly instead of slamming. The fire extinguishers were lowered so that they were in the proper place according to the last inspection. The door in the pastor's office was replaced.

We had a wonderful group. When we finished working Toney and Misty provided pizza for lunch. Volunteers that day were George Matula, Buddy Cox, Jerry and RaNon Caraway, Joyce Scott, Bobby and Bobbie Williams, Jim and Betty Smith, Marsha Gainer, Jason and Gage Behrens, Toney and Misty Urban, Bro. Jeff, Misty, Sam, and Regan Quattlebaum, Farion and Laurie Morton.

Youth news

Laura Alsop (team lead) and the Youth Team welcome Greg and Shelly Torres as teachers for the youth Sunday School class, beginning Jan. 30.





February 2022 Bible Reading Schedule

Week 1

- January 30th – Exodus 1-3
- January 31st – Exodus 4-6
- February 1st – Exodus 7-9
- February 2nd – Exodus 10-12
- February 3rd – Exodus 13-15
- February 4th – Exodus 16-18
- February 5th – Exodus 19-21

Week 2

- February 6th – Exodus 22-24
- February 7th – Exodus 25-27
- February 8th – Exodus 28-29
- February 9th – Exodus 30-32
- February 10th – Exodus 33-35
- February 11th – Exodus 36-38
- February 12th – Exodus 39-40

Week 3

- February 13th – Leviticus 1-4
- February 14th – Leviticus 5-7
- February 15th – Leviticus 8-10
- February 16th – Leviticus 11-13
- February 17th – Leviticus 14-15
- February 18th – Leviticus 16-18
- February 19th – Leviticus 19-21

Week 4

- February 20th – Leviticus 22-23
- February 21st – Leviticus 24-25
- February 22nd – Leviticus 26-27
- February 23rd – Numbers 1-2
- February 24th – Numbers 3-4
- February 25th – Numbers 5-6
- February 26th – Numbers 7

Week 5

- February 27th – Numbers 8-10
- February 28th – Numbers 11-13

Memory Verse for February 2022:
 Teach me, LORD, the meaning of your statutes, and I will always keep them. Help me understand your instruction and I will obey it and follow it with all my heart.
 Psalm 119:33-34 (CSB)

From the Personnel Committee (Judy Mitzel, Chair): We are wrapping up the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual and plan to present it to the church in February. We are also getting ready for evaluations that take place in March and are looking forward to speaking with the staff and employees that make our church body click each day. So we are all busy here trying to do God’s will in our church and praying for our pastor and staff daily.

February radio spots
 Jeanagayle Behrens 31-4
 Misty Quattlebaum 7-11
 Velma Hendley 14-18
 George Matula 21-25

February birthdays
 2-1 Charlie Bush
 2-5 Codi Walters
 2-6 Kelli Medrano
 Janie Lowry
 2-7 Mike Easley
 2-9 Betty Smith
 2-14 Ray Ash
 2-16 Kim Galindo
 2-24 Matthew Poe
 Robert Tetens
 Ashley Poe
 2-27 Rusty Capps
 Annie Roberts

Deacons on call in February
 Buddy Cox 409-673-7916
 Virgil Middleton 597-2629

February events
 2-7 LIBA breakfast, Down Home Country Cooking, 8:30
 2-7 and every Monday: Adult Bible Study, 6:00
 2-11 Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-11:00
 2-20 Deacon Recognition Service, 3:00, reception to follow in Fellowship Hall
 2-27 Business meeting 5:00



But be sure to fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you.
1 Samuel 12:24

- Bro. Jeff Quattlebaum, Misty, Regan, and Sam
 - our church staff and preschool
 - 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
 - McKenna Brandenberger on mission
- Wyatt & Francisca Anderson
 Marshall Armstrong
 Pete and Oralia Barrera
 Holden Bedwell

Randy and Carol Bedwell
 Amelia Britteon
 Bill and Wanda Burns
 Sherry Cox
 Charlie and Maria Garcia
 Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves
 Roy and Janet Guthrie
 Ronnie & Kay Holloway
 Trey Holtzclaw
 Curtis and Genna Jennings
 Bobby and Colleen Laman
 Terry Lange
 Janie Lowery
 James Mallow
 Erika Moore
 Louise Morrow
 Lois Patton
 Carole Ramsey
 Vincent Perez
 James and Norma Ridout

Carlton Rizer
 Tristan Rodriguez
 Kelly Rushfeldt
 Ashlee Shaw
 Edith Slaughter
 Blandi Thomas
 Jack and Susan Turk
 Sherry Vensen
 Makie Jo Walters
 Bobby and Bobbie 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 and guidance for the families of Bill Barsch, Glen Douglas, Joe Davila, Marlene Shelton, and Johnnie Bradshaw.

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Godly Impressions Preschool: To the Moon and Back

~February at Godly Impressions~
 Theme: I love you to the moon and back (Space)
 Verse: " In the beginning God created the heavens and the Earth." Genesis 1:1
 Color: Pink
 Shape: Heart
 Letters: T - W

February is here already and the kids are ready to blast off into a new month. The focus is to share with the children that not only are they loved to the moon and back by mommy/daddy and their teachers, but God loves them infinitely more than that! It takes a big heart to shape little minds and the ladies at the preschool have hearts of gold.

Blessings to all,
 Meredith Navarette, Director



An encouraging word from Lottie Moon:

Is not the festive season when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of The Gift laid on the altar of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time to consecrate a portion from abounding riches and scant poverty to send forth the good tidings of great joy into all the earth?
 —Lottie Moon
 September 15, 1887, Tungchow, China

Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal:
 \$2500
 Our giving:
 \$1377

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