



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

newsletter

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For and about our youth

by Vickie Roddie, Youth Director

In Lord of the Rings there is a line that says, “Not all who wander are lost.” In a world driven by social media, it’s easy to assume that our youth merely want to be entertained. Today’s youth want to ask hard questions. They want to know what it looks like if God really cares about them. This generation’s moral foundation is subjective, and they like to filter it through their circumstances. Students want to know the heart of Jesus better. This means the truth of Christ and His radical love can be lost on them. But what is not lost is our prayer for them.

Please join us in praying for the youth of our community...

Heavenly Father,

I lift the youth to You asking for Your bountiful blessings upon their lives. You have entrusted them to us, and we seek Your divine grace and favor in every aspect of their journey. Lord, bless them with good health and a spirit of strength. May they grow in stature and wisdom always walking in the light of Your love. Protect them from harm and guide them in their steps away from danger and toward paths of righteousness and success. Grant them a heart that seeks after You, a mind that pursues knowledge and understanding, and a spirit that is kind, compassionate, and brave. May they find joy in Your presence and peace in Your promises. Open doors of opportunity for them, Lord, in their education, their career, and their personal life. Let Your hand be upon them leading them to experiences that enrich, challenge, and fulfill. Bless their relationships that they may build strong meaningful connections based on respect, love, and mutual support. Guide them in forming friend-

ships and in time a loving family of their own. Rooted in the principles of Your Word in moments of doubt or difficulty, be their comfort and their guide. Teach them to trust in You, to rely on Your strength, and to always seek Your wisdom. Thank you, Father, for the gift of the young in our community. We entrust them to Your love and care. Confident in Your plans for a future filled with hope, joy, and abundant blessings, in Jesus’ name I pray. Amen!

Children’s Ministry: Camp Nazareth and VBS in planning

*by Marsha Gainer, Honorary
Children’s Ministry Director*

The Children’s ministry met to discuss the year’s direction for our program. We have decided to hold mini-camps during the year. The first one will be held on March 1 from 1:00 to 4:00. The theme will be Camp Nazareth, featuring Jesus’ hometown.

The VBS week will be on July 7-12. The theme will be Breaker Rock Beach, which focuses on building a strong faith in Jesus.

There will be many positions that need to be filled all during the year. We invite everyone to get involved. This is an opportunity to really make a difference in the lives of the children of Brady. Please contact Marsha Gainer, RaNon Caraway, or Becky Martin if you would like to know the areas available for service. Please pray for the entire team to be healthy and full of enthusiasm for our mission!

Missions happenings

*by Bev Waisner, Missions Team
lead*

I’m excited to tell you about the new women’s Bible study that we will be starting March 6 at 6:00 PM at church. All women are welcome. We will be studying “When You Pray” by Kelly Minter and others. This

will be a 7-week study. Books will be available but not required. We will have a children’s class and child care for younger children. I will be facilitating the study. If interested, see me or one of the missions team members.

We have sent \$2,152 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, exceeding our goal of \$2,000. Thanks to all who prayed and contributed. This will help spread the good news of Jesus throughout the world.

A team from FBC assisted the Salvation Army and the Clergy Association on Sunday, January 14, during the bitter cold spell. The McCulloch County Resource Center was open as a warming center for the homeless, providing hot soup, blankets, coats, and overnight shelter for those in need. Thank you to all who helped that day and to those who provided bread, cornbread, crackers, and cookies.

Personnel Committee Info

by Janis Groves, Chair

The Personnel Committee has been working on revising and updating the job description for nursery workers at our church. It was presented at the business meeting on January 28 for review and a vote by those present. It was passed unanimously. Many thanks to all who participated in the revision process.

Church chooses roofing company at January business meeting

At the Jan. 28 business meeting the church voted to employ West Texas Commercial Roofing to re-roof the main building and make needed repairs and improvement to the Family Life Center roof.

The church also voted to sell the church bus but keep the van.

Have you ever read our church covenant? This has been part of our church Constitution for many years. There are some profound truths here, and some ageless reminders of how we should live as believers and a church family.

ARTICLE II. CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, Angels, and this Assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body of Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel to all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxication drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove ourselves from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and principles of God's Word.

First Baptist Brady aligns itself doctrinally with the Baptist Faith and Message of 1963. (This sentence was added as an amendment on January 19, 2020.)

137 years at First Baptist Church

Over the last few weeks there has been some interesting work going on in the church office. Many boxes of church history records and memorabilia have been gone through and materials organized and filed.

Copies of a detailed church history done by Happy Hubbard and others in 1987 (the centennial year of the church) are available for the asking in the church office. We also have a few more copies of the history Becky Elliott compiled in 2019, when we celebrated Heritage Weekend.

Several photo albums are now shelved in the church library. One shows the history of the construction of our current building, from the first planning meetings in 1982 through Dedication Day in 1985. It's an amazing story. Take a few minutes some time to look through it. (It's a "trip down Memory Lane" for some of us!)

Also in the library is a container of hundreds of photos, some identified and many with no name or date. If you would like to look through these and take any that are meaningful to you, you are welcome to do that.

Our church has a long and glorious history as hundreds, possibly thousands, of believers over these many years have served the Lord through this church, and countless souls have been led to the Lord through its ministries.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. —Hebrews 12:1

Did you know?

- The longest-serving pastor at FBC has been Bro. Ray Ash, who was called in 1968 and served until 1988. This building was built under his leadership. He still keeps in touch with us. He and his wife Rita live at the Baptist Retirement Center in San Angelo.
- A time capsule was buried on the weekend of the Centennial Celebration in November 1987. It contains the deed, names of pastors and deacons, directories, hymns, and bulletins, among other things. It is to be dug up after 100 years, in 2087, 63 years from now. If you think you might still be around then, you might want a copy of the detailed description of its location. This is available in the church office. Just ask.

—Becky Martin, volunteer office worker

Happy Birthday!

February birthdays

1 Charlie Bush
 6 Kelli Medrano
 6 Janie Lowery
 9 Betty Smith
 14 Ray Ash
 16 Kim Galindo
 22 Steve Darden
 24 Robert Tetens
 27 Rusty Capps

Guest Pastors in February

Feb. 4 Lee Floyd
 Feb. 11 TBA
 Feb. 18 Carlos Francis
 Feb. 25 Don Fawcett



Our goal: \$2000
 Our giving total: \$2,152

Deacons on call in February

Jerry Caraway 325-792-8671
 Rusty Capps 325-347-4974

Ladies Luncheon/Secret Sisters

FBC ladies enjoyed lunch together in Fellowship Hall after church on Jan. 28. The event was for all ladies, and included the annual Secret Sister Reveal.

If you would like to be a Secret Sister this year, pick up a form from Karen or the church office and turn it in in the next couple of weeks.

Pastor Search Committee update

from Vickie Roddie, Chair

The pastor search committee has placed all the job search criteria in several publications nationwide. As we proceed to the next phase, please be in prayer for all the many aspects that go along with the search.

A Lifeway publication stated some of the more humorous questions asked of pastors in interviews, such as - Please name 5 superheroes to help you save the world, how do you make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, have you ever cut your own grass, and are you willing to turn off the lights.

Roll with it and enjoy the journey. God is in all the details.

Search committee: Vickie Roddie, chair; Greg Torres, Amy Tetens, Janis Groves, Jason Behrens, George Matula, Laura Alsup, Rusty Capps

Weekly Ministries

Sunday: Sunday School at 9:45, worship at 11:00

Wednesday: Women's prayer group, 4:00; Men's Bible study, 6:00

Thursday morning: Walmart pick-up for Food Pantry

January Food Pantry

Total boxes: 78
 Adult boxes: 42
 Children's boxes: 36
 Adults over 65: 38
 Adults under 65: 84
 Children: 36



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February radio spots

5-9 Valerie Gonzalez
 12-16 Velma Hendley
 19-23 Marsha Gainer
 26-March 1 Shelly Torres
 On KNEL radio, 7:45
 weekday mornings

For your calendar

Feb. 4: Deacons meeting right after church

Feb. 5: LIBA breakfast, Sandy's Kitchen, 8:30

Feb. 7: Children's Team meeting, 5:30

Feb. 9: Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-11:00

Feb. 11: Search committee after church

Feb. 13: Fellowship/Game Night, FLC, 6:00

Feb. 18: Church Council meeting, 5:00

Feb. 25: Business meeting, 5:00

March 1: Camp Nazareth in FLC for K-5th, 1:00-4:00

March 6: First night of women's Bible study, "When You Pray," 6:00, Fellowship Hall

July 7-12: VBS

Come to Fellowship Night!

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6:00

Fellowship Hall

Bring a snack to share, games, and a competitive spirit.

More from the Jan. 28 business meeting

Buz Roddie reported on progress with repairs in the FLC, including replacing dry wall. Still to be done: more painting, laying tile, repairing water leak by the road, and replacing the water heater. The plumber is scheduled to come Jan. 30.

Jeanagayle Behrens reported on plans and possibilities in the music room. The room currently is storing much unused and/or out-of-date sound equipment, sheet music, cantata music books, old hymnals, etc. She said that some things could be donated to other churches or individuals, and some could possibly be sold. If you are interested in any of these things, have suggestions, or would like to help with this huge project, talk to Jeanagayle or other members of the Music Committee: Amy Tetens, Pat Matula, and Buz Roddie.



Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2

- Our church in a season of change & growth
 - 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
 Ray and Rita Ash
 Judy Bell
 Beverly Bigby & Stephanie Pyle
 Jenny Brady
 Amelia Britteon
 Sonny & Judy Brooks
 Bill Burns

Jerry & RaNon Caraway
 Sherry Cox
 Sue Crow
 Victor Cruz
 Mary Favoccia
 Linda Flint
 Charlie & Maria Garcia
 Holly Groves
 Melanie Groves
 Roy and Janet Guthrie
 Janabeth & Charles Hanson
 Duwain Hendley
 Curtis and Genna Jennings
 Carol Johnson
 Mabel Jones
 Colleen Laman
 Jackie Leamons
 Rob Leamons
 Janie Lowery

James Mallow
 Billie Moreno
 Lois Patton
 Carrie Pearson
 Carole Ramsey
 James & Norma Ridout
 Joyce Scott
 Rhoda Shannon
 Dale Sierman
 Keith Simpson
 Edith Slaughter
 Jerlene Smith
 Jim & Betty Smith
 Richard 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 Freddy Johnson and Tommy Stanley (Linda Wall's brother.)

The newsletter is available on the church website: fbcbrady.org. If you would like a reminder of when it is posted each month, send your email address to Becky Martin: becky@scottmartin.net.
 Print copies are available at the church and can be mailed on request.

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We have an official Children's Ministry graduate,
Samarah "Bree" Castillo
 Samarah started attending Children's Ministry in 2019 and now as a sixth grader has moved on to the 325 Youth Ministry.
 Samarah was presented with a special gift Bible by Marsha Gainer and the Children's Ministry Team.
 We love you, Bree, and pray for you as you continue your walk with the Lord.

Congratulations, Valerie!
 Valerie Gonzalez was recently named Executive Board Member for 2023 by the McCulloch County Crime Stoppers.
 Well done, Valerie! Thank you for your service to the community and to this church.