



Message from the Pastor: *Lessons from David, Saul, and Goliath*

One of the stories in the Bible that Christians and non-believers know about is the story of David and Goliath. In 1 Samuel 17, David did what no other Israelite man was willing to do, not even King Saul himself. David stepped forward to face the great Philistine warrior on the battlefield. The danger of that task was a kind of temptation; perhaps David had moments of fear, but his resolve and determination are part of what makes the story so compelling.

If you read the whole story of David and Goliath, there was another moment of temptation that goes unrecognized. In verse 32, David sought Saul's permission to fight Goliath, and along with his permission, in verse 38 Saul offered David his royal armor.

The Israelite army was not well equipped and as King, Saul had the best armor. David had just arrived on the battlefield and was a shepherd where no armor was required. If David was going to be the fighter that represented the army of Israel, Saul offered him the best armor. If nothing else, David could at least look like a soldier.

A few verses down, the Bible tells us that David tried the armor on, but he recognized he didn't have experience with it. He chose to face Goliath as he was, a shepherd with a sling. It may seem like a small detail in the story, but when you look at the bigger story of David and Saul there are similar allusions to clothing. Jonathan (Saul's son and David's best friend) offered David his princely robe (1 Samuel 18). David would cut the hem off Saul's garment (1 Samuel 24). There are many more examples I could show you, but we will go on.

It is one of the major themes of the two men's lives. They were recognized by their garments but were also tested by them. At times, their clothing disguised the real humanity of their lives. There are times when they removed the royal robes and embraced the truth.

In Hebrew, there is a close association between the words for *clothing* and *disguise*. In English, we don't have the same clear association. But we do use the word *cloak* to describe an outer garment and a means of disguise. You cannot miss this double theme in the original Hebrew.

A major part of David's test, both before Goliath and throughout his life, was how he would handle the temptation of defining himself by outward appearances. Would David lose himself to the image of being King, or could he hold on to enough integrity to recognize his own broken and humble humanity?

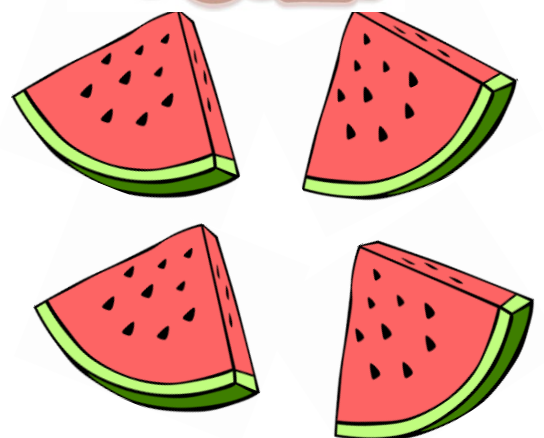
You see, my friends, in many ways that is a question for all of us. As we achieve success in school, careers, finances, possessions, can we recognize who we still are beneath the visible appearance of success? Has protecting our own reputations become more important to us than the truth?

When David got it right, it was powerful. We recognize he was strongest when he was humble and honest. When David got it wrong, it went very wrong, leading him to acts of murder, deceit, and sin. The consequences were very devastating. The questions of reputation and integrity are ones that we must all learn to face in our lives. Are we going to learn to look at them through the eyes of God or through the eyes of the world? Solomon (one of David's sons) would say it best when he wrote in Proverbs 3:5-6, "*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight.*"

Pastor Jeff

On July 2nd at Richards Park FBC Brady will be part of the Brady Clergy Association's fireworks tailgate. Our church will be handing out free slices of watermelon. Vision Heights will be doing hot dogs. Methodists will be doing drinks, and other churches will be involved also. It is a great opportunity for the community of Brady to see the Body of Christ work together and just love on the community.

We will also be passing out flyers/invitations to our VBS that evening, so I know Marsha would love some help with that. We will be setting up between 5:30 and 6:00. Come and be a part!



Children's Ministry: VBS this month!

Offering to go to McKenna Brandenberger, missionary in Poland

by Marsha Gainer

Children's Ministry Team Lead

The Children's Team is looking forward to VBS on July 10-15 from 5:30 to 8:00, each evening, with Family Night (and a water slide!) on the 15th. There



are still open places if anyone wants to get involved. This year our offering will be collected for McKenna

Brandenberger, the daughter of Carl Max and Kathy Brandenberger. McKenna is a missionary serving in Poland currently. The church will be invited to help support this home grown missionary. You may make checks out to First Baptist with the designation for McKenna.

Please pray for our VBS to present Jesus to a great number of Brady children.

Mission Team Report

Betty Smith, Missions Team Lead

Summer is really here and so is the summer heat. But neither rain (??), sleet, snow, nor heat can keep FBC from mission endeavors!

You have done a good job bringing items for **the Haven**. Thank you.

For June, the **Food Pantry** gave out 44 adult boxes along with 5 children boxes. As important as giving food, our prayers with these folks are also a big part of what we do.

A **Block Party** is being planned at The Trails of Brady Apartments on August 12th. We will have food and games, and will give out school supplies. Your help is needed and more information will be coming.

Our group of workers on the **Mission Brady** house did a fantastic job. Our thanks to them for all their hard work.

The **Parenting/Bible Study** class is growing. We have a total of 6 participants currently.

An information sheet has been made about our shut-ins or relocated members. This can be picked up from Laurie in the church office.

A special offering opportunity will be presented in the coming weeks for **McKenna Brandenberger**, our homegrown missionary. (Marsha wrote more details in her report).

Please pray for these mission ministries, and participate when and where you can. God bless.

Betty

Summer worship & outreach

by Karen Behrens

If you weren't at church worshipping with us in June you missed out. I am so grateful to the praise team and our guitarist as well. Ryan Boydston joined our group the last Sunday in June and will continue to play for us until he goes back to college. We are so blessed to have him back home to Brady.

July 4th is approaching and that means it's time for some patriotic hymns. The celebration of America's birth and independence is a special time of year. We will share with others in the park handing out watermelon slices Saturday the 2nd of July. This is a great time to serve our community and remember our independence. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5:13

Hymn Sing

Thank you to everyone who went to the **Hymn Sing** at Brady West on June 26. From our church were Bro. Jeff, Misty, Betty, Jeanagayle, Janis, and Becky; Quincy Ellis (he preached) and Nell from Lohn Baptist; Karen Bishop and Eileen Adams from the Methodist Church. The Lord put together a special time of singing and fellowship. And we love you, Amelia and Edith!

From the Personnel Committee (info from Judy Mitzel): Jaidyn Hernandez will be starting as nursery worker at FBC June 29th. Welcome, Jaidyn! And love and prayers to Alyssa Villareal, who has served FBC children lovingly and faithfully.

From the Youth Dept. (info from Greg Torres): The youth are planning an event for Thursday, July 7th, that will be voted on by the youth this upcoming Sunday. We were able to have a game night fellowship time together in June and are also planning to have another youth event in August to conclude the summertime fun. We are thankful for the growth and connections of FBC Youth!

The Mission at Brady

These photos show the before and after of the home on College that FBC worked on in the Mission at Brady the first two weekends in June.



New windows were installed, and siding was replaced and painted.

A big thank-you to all the volunteers who worked so hard in the hot sun. You did an amazing job! Also, thanks to everyone who provided water and Gatorade, financial support, and prayers.

At the June business meeting Bro. Jeff told of additional needs of this family. More information about how we can help will come later.

July 2022 Bible Reading Schedule



Week 1

July 1st – Obadiah 1, Psalm 82-83
 July 2nd – 2 Kings 1-4

Week 2

July 3rd – 2 Kings 5-8
 July 4th – 2 Kings 9-11
 July 5th – 2 Kings 12-13, 2 Chr 24
 July 6th – 2 Kings 14, 2 Chr. 25
 July 7th – Jonah 1-4
 July 8th – 2 Kings 15, 2 Chr 26
 July 9th – Isaiah 1-4

Week 3

July 10th – Isaiah 5-8
 July 11th – Amos 1-5
 July 12th – Amos 6-9
 July 13th – 2 Chr 27, Isaiah 9-12
 July 14th – Micah 1-7
 July 15th – 2 Chr 28, 2 Kings 16-17
 July 16th – Isaiah 13-17

Week 4

July 17th – Isaiah 18-22
 July 18th – Isaiah 23-27
 July 19th – 2 Kings 18:1-8, 2 Chr 29-31, Ps 48
 July 20th – Hosea 1-7
 July 21st – Hosea 8-14
 July 22nd – Isaiah 28-30
 July 23rd – Isaiah 31-34

Week 5

July 24th – Isaiah 35-36
 July 25th – Isaiah 37-39, Ps 76
 July 26th – Isaiah 40-43
 July 27th – Isaiah 44-48
 July 28th – 2 Kgs 18:9-19:37, Ps 46,80,135
 July 29th – Isaiah 49-53
 July 30th – Isaiah 54-58
 July 31st – Isaiah 59-63

Memory Verse(s) for July 2022:

For his faithful love to us is great; the LORD's faithfulness endures forever. Hallelujah!
 Psalm 117:2 (CSB)

July birthdays

7-1 Misty Urban
 7-6 Gage Behrens
 7-9 Carole Ramsey
 7-10 Linda Cox
 7-12 Pete Barrera, Linda Torres
 7-13 Amy Tetens, Claudette Young
 7-14 Serenity Poe
 7-15 Frieda Chew
 7-21 Jim Smith
 7-22 Velma Hendley
 7-23 Janet Guthrie

June Food Pantry

26 adults ages 65 and over
 43 adults ages 19-64
 13 children 18 and under
 82 individuals
 43 families

July radio spots

4-8 Judy Mitzel
 11-15 Pat Matula
 18-22 Becky Martin
 25-29 Betty Smith

July events

7-2 Tailgating party sponsored by the Clergy Association at Richards Park; we will give away watermelon slices and VBS flyers. Set-up 5:30-6:00
 7-4 Independence Day—church office closed
 7-7 Youth event TBA
 7-8 Food Pantry Food Distribution, 9:00-11:00
 7-10 to 15 VBS, 5:30-8:00. Family Night is 7-15.
 7-17 Church Council, 5:00
 7-17 Community-wide youth fellowship at FBC
 7-24 Business meeting, 5:00

Coming in August

8-12 Block party, Trails of Brady Apartments

To the ladies of First Baptist Church, Thank you so much for the sweet gifts for baby Salem. We feel so loved and showered. We love you so much and are grateful we are part of each of your lives.



Love,
 Ashlee, Tyler, Liam,
 & Salem

Deacons on call in July

Virgil Middleton 325-597-2629
 Harold Underwood 597-0740



[Though] the fields produce no food,
 though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls,
 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.
Habakkuk 3:17b-18 NIV

- Thank You, Lord, for the rain!
- Bro. Jeff Quattlebaum, Misty, Regan, and Sam
- our church staff and pre-school
- Victims of the war in Ukraine; Texas Baptist Men on mission there
- McKenna Brandenberger on mission in Poland with Ukrainian refugees
- our members in care facilities and our home-bound members
- the lost and unchurched in our community
- Brady children & youth
- VBS this month!
- 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 Holtzclaw
 Curtis and Genna Jennings
 Leslie 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
 Ashlee Shaw
 Edith Slaughter
 Pam Speer
 Jack and Susan Turk
 Sherry Vensen
 Linda Wall
 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 Bill Crow, Shawn Harper, Bonnie Brook, and Jeannie Bradshaw Lang

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July at Godly Impressions Preschool

With triple digit heat, our theme for July is: Cactus, Dunes and Deserts!

Our verse comes from Isaiah 58:11 *"I will always guide you. I will satisfy your needs in a land baked by the sun."*

All the children in the preschool say a prayer before snack and meal time; three times a day they are thanking God for their daily bread. The biblical focus this month will be on Moses in the desert and how God provided for the Israelites in such a harsh land. With the world we are raising our children in now, there is not a better message to teach them than this.

Always remember that God will guide you and He will provide exactly what you need!

Blessings,
 Meredith Navarette
 Preschool Director



Please join us to celebrate the

*50th Wedding
 Anniversary of
 Keith and Donna Simpson*

Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 2-5 PM

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