



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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Message from the Pastor: *God is writing your story*

In the story of Samson in Judges the betrayal of Delilah was devastating. The Philistines took Samson as a prize for their own entertainment. They shaved his head, gouged out his eyes, and chained him to a mill in the temple of the Philistia god, Dagon. The interesting and ironic thing here, my friends, is that each of the Philistines' punishments fits the way Samson lived his life.

When Samson's hair was shaved off, his strength was gone. His gouged eyes robbed him of that sense that first drew him to Philistia and its culture. Samson had lived by what seemed right in his own eyes, and the consequence was the loss of his sight. He was also robbed of his freedom to move, to travel down to the same Philistia cities he enjoyed. Samson found himself chained in one place.

The most tragic part was that he lost the presence of the Holy Spirit. God was no longer with Samson. Samson became a tool of Philistine propaganda, an object of worship to their gods. On the surface Samson's final defeat and doom seemed sure. Samson had finally come to rest in his own humiliation.

Amazingly, that is not how the story ends. As you read the ending of the story of Samson, notice this verse: *"But his hair began to grow back after it had been shaved."* (Judges 16:22) He was chained and blinded, and Samson's hair began to grow back. (I have always wondered if it grew back a darker or lighter color.) It is symbolic and poetic here in the original language. Who Samson really was could not be lost. God was in Samson, as He had always been.

Do you think that Samson even realized his hair was growing back? It is amazing for something as personal as our own hair; we have little control over it no matter what color we change it to. Samson was chained to the wall and might not even have been able to feel the top of his head. But God was at work. Samson's story was not over.

We all know what happened in the end: Samson defeated the Philistines who held him captive. Judges 16:28 says, *"He called out to the LORD, 'LORD GOD, please remember me. Strengthen me, God, just once more. With one act of vengeance, let me pay back the Philistines for my two eyes.'"* With one last bit of Spirit-empowered strength, he pulled down the temple and reclaimed the message of Israel's God. Samson will be remembered not only for all of his failures, but also for that final statement of faith and belief.

Your identity, your purpose, is not something you can produce on your own, no more than you can grow more hair on your head. It is yours, but you are dependent on something you do not fully possess or control. The story of Samson reminds us of our need for discernment of and submission to the story of God is writing for each of us.

God is doing something in your life. He has plans and purposes which He is calling you to embrace and recognize. God has placed you where you are to spread His message of hope, mercy, grace, and salvation through Jesus Christ. It will not always feel adventurous and it will not be all that you could imagine or would determine yourself. I promise you, though, that He will not betray, abandon, or mock you.

God is the adventure you have been looking for. He is that thing on the horizon for which you are searching in your life. He is the one who writes the better story and our calling, our highest pursuit, is to receive the work he is leading us to do. What kind of story are you already a part of? It will take faith and discernment for you to recognize it. Paul put it best when he wrote to the church in Philippi, *"My goal is to know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death.....(Philippians 3:11)."*

Will you go on the adventure with me?

Pastor Jeff

Children's Ministry prepares for VBS in July

by Marsha Gainer

Children's Ministry Team Lead

Summer is here and that means VBS planning is in full swing. We will have a sign-up sheet in the hall. Everyone is invited to participate during the week of July 10th through the 15th. Please pray that this week



will be a special time for us to present Jesus as Lord and Savior to the children of Brady.

Thank you to Bev Waisner and Becky Martin for holding a Children's Bible Skills class during the Sunday Night Bible Study sessions. This is a program that we hope to continue to develop. We also want to thank our Children's Church team: Betty Smith, Bobbie Williams, Pat Matula, and Jeanagayle Behrens. These ladies are very faithful and greatly appreciated.

The Mission at Brady

by Karen & Jason Behrens

It is that time of year again where we get to serve right here in our own backyard. What a blessing it is.

This year we are looking for the following volunteers for our Mission Brady house on June 4-5 and 11-12.

- Painters: This year we do not need as many painters as we will try to use a paint sprayer to save time.
- Carpentry workers that can install windows and replace boards.
- Cleaners: What does a cleaner do? Cleans up behind the carpenter's trash and wood trimmings.
- We are in need of water and Gatorade.
- We are also in need of prayer. Pray for the workers and pray for the family we are helping.

If you have any questions please call Jason Behrens at 456-6760.

Thank you!
Jason and Karen

Mission Team Report

Betty Smith, Missions Team Lead

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,"

We closed out our Annie Armstrong Mission Offering at \$2,160. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to mission causes.

We funded Children's Bibles for the Godly Impressions graduates. Other ladies of our church made quilts and bags to hold the Bibles.

We began our monthly donation of \$1,000 to The Resource Center.

After much discussion with Bobby Williams, Brother Jeff, and others, the church decided to suspend our Mexico Mission for now. A check for the funds in our Mexico Mission fund will be cut and sent to Brother Banda. Items gathered to this point will be picked up by Eden Baptist Church and taken to the border when they go.

The Food Pantry distributed food boxes to 34 families on May 13th.

The birthday party for Edith Slaughter on Monday, May 23, at Brady West was wonderful and we had a good number of our folks to attend.

A group went out Saturday the 21st and distributed door hanger bags to about 100 apartments. These bags contained a Jesus video, a letter from Bro. Jeff, a book marker, and a book of scriptures.

Mission Brady begins the weekend of June 4 and 5th.

A sheet is being prepared that will list addresses and phone numbers of our shut-ins and former members of our church who have moved to San Angelo or other places. These folks still consider FBC their church and we need to keep in contact with them. The sheet can be picked up from Laurie in the church office after this week.

The summer is upon us and opportunities will be presenting themselves. Be ready.

Thanks and blessings,
Betty

Give. Grow. Go.

- The flooring project is on hold for now as not all of the materials needed have been shipped.
- The fellowship in the pavilion on Sunday, May 22, was a huge success. Our Hospitality Team and others served hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies, and homemade ice cream to about 70 people—although it was hard to count because the children were always on the move! Several games were in progress at all times. At least 7 churches were represented. And it wasn't hot! And not windy! The Lord gave us rain the day before and cooler temperatures.
- The Personnel Committee is beginning to advertise for a nursery worker, as Alyssa Villareal will be leaving in late July. Also, Kay Curry is planning to retire in the next few months and a replacement will need to be found in time for Kay to train her/him.
- On June 8 the youth will have a pizza and games fellowship in the FLC from 6:00-8:00. Go youth!
- This from Becky: I was one of the team that did the "door hanger" outreach in April and May. I was reluctant at first – not "my thing", you know—but I learned it was very doable and that God was directing our path. I encourage you to participate in the next one (not yet scheduled). Try it one time and be a part of the adventure.

May Food Pantry

26 adults ages 65 and over
20 adults ages 19-64
3 children 18 and under
49 individuals
34 families

June radio spots

30-3 Claudette Young
6-10 Laurie Morton
13-17 Pastor Jeff
20-24 Greg Torres
27-1 Karen Behrens

June 2022 Bible Reading Schedule

Week 1

- June 1st – Psalm 119:89-176
- June 2nd – Song of Songs 1-8
- June 3rd – Proverbs 1-3
- June 4th – Proverbs 4-6

Week 5

- June 26th – 1 Kings 15:25-16:34, 2 Chr 17
- June 27th – 1 Kings 17-19
- June 28th – 1 Kings 20-21
- June 29th – 1 Kings 22, 2 Chr 18
- June 30th – 2 Chr 19-23

Week 2

- June 5th – Proverbs 7-9
- June 6th – Proverbs 10-12
- June 7th – Proverbs 13-15
- June 8th – Proverbs 16-18
- June 9th – Proverbs 19-21
- June 10th – Proverbs 22-24
- June 11th – 1 Kings 5-6, 2 Chr 2-3

Week 3

- June 12th – 1 Kings, 2 Chr 4
- June 13th – 1 Kings 8, 2 Chr 5
- June 14th – 2 Chr 6-7, Psalm 136
- June 15th – Psalm 134, 146-150
- June 16th – 1 Kings 9, 2 Chr 8
- June 17th – Proverbs 25-26
- June 18th – Proverbs 27-29

Week 4

- June 19th – Ecclesiastes 1-6
- June 20th – Ecclesiastes 7-12
- June 21st – 1 Kings 10-11, 2 Chr 9
- June 22nd – Proverbs 30-31
- June 23rd – 1 Kings 12-14
- June 24th – 2 Chr 10-12
- June 25th – 1 Kings 15:1-24, 2 Chr 13-16

Memory Verse(s) for June 2022:

I obey your precepts and decrees, for all my ways are before you.
Psalm 119:168 (CSB)



- June birthdays**
- 6-1 George Matula
 - 6-2 Matthew Poe
 - 6-6 Jeff Quattlebaum
 - 6-9 Whitney Gainer, Karen Behrens
 - 6-10 Bentley Poe
 - 6-11 Terry Bean
 - 6-13 Addyson Wilton
 - 6-14 Shirley Nelson
 - 6-15 Alma Lyon
 - 6-19 Jason Behrens
 - 6-20 Bill Butts
 - 6-22 Joyce Scott
 - 6-23 Denise Owens
 - 6-26 Daniel Gainer

- June events**
- June 4-5, 11-12 Mission Brady
 - 6-8 Pizza & Game night for youth at the FLC from 6:00-8:00 PM
 - 6-10 Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-11:00
 - 6-12 Movie Sunday, Palace Theater, 3:00 (sponsored by Brady Clergy Association)
 - 6-19 Father's Day Church Council, 5:00
 - 6-26 Business meeting 5:00 Hymn sing at Brady West, 3:00
- July plans**
- 7-10 to 15 VBS

- Deacons on call in June**
- Buddy Cox 409-673-7916
 - Jim Smith 597-0740





For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10

- We thank God for the rain!
- Bro. Jeff Quattlebaum, Misty, Regan, and Sam
- our church staff and pre-school
- Firefighters, relief personnel, all affected by wildfires
- 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

Wyatt & Francisca Anderson
 Marshall Armstrong
 Pete and Oralia Barrera
 Randy and Carol Bedwell
 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
 Louise Morrow
 Lois Patton
 Kobi Penz
 Charles & Carole Ramsey
 James and Norma Ridout
 Ashlee Shaw
 Keith Simpson
 Edith Slaughter
 Jack and Susan Turk
 Sherry Vensen
 Linda Wall
 Becky Weber
 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 Richard Polk, Carlton Rizer, Martha Nahkai, Paul Cude, Grace Hardman, Richard Young, Imogene Thomas, John Carl Pennywit, and Tommy Blair.

Also we pray for the community of Uvalde following the horrendous school shooting on May 24. Especially we pray for the victims' families.

First Baptist Church Brady, Texas

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.
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 Psalm 119:168

June at Godly Impressions Preschool

We have officially closed out another productive year at Godly Impressions! On the 20th of May, we celebrated our five preschool graduates with a program that was attended by family and friends. We felt truly blessed to be able to gather together and hold a program in the sanctuary for these kids. I would like to sincerely thank the members of the First Baptist Church for all the support for the daycare and the children. The Bibles that were presented to the graduates were a wonderful gift, I have used that Bible during their chapel and they love it! The quilts done by the Dorcas Quilters were beautiful and meant so much to the kids. I have to share a couple of remarks the kids made; one child said, "I finally have a quilt of my own" and another said, "If my house caught on fire I'm taking my quilt." I know the gifts truly touched the children and their families.

We are ready for a more relaxed and fun-filled summer!
 June Theme: Splashing into Summer!
 Bible Verse: Psalm 98:4 "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth."

Meredith Navarette
 Preschool Director



Just wanted to say thank you so much for the prayers, thoughts, and the gift card! Very appreciated! Thank you again!

Jack and Susan



(The Mission Team gave Susan & Jack Turk a gift card while he was hospitalized.)

McKenna Brandenberger is currently on mission in Poland doing relief work with Ukrainian refugees. Please uphold her in your prayers. She has served in several countries in previous assignments and expects to go to Uganda after this.

McKenna grew up in our church. She is a dedicated missionary, "sold-out" to the Lord's service.