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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: *Lessons from Samson*

Growing up I had multiple friends that loved to be adventurers of the outdoors. They loved rock climbing, hiking, jumping off the cliffs in the lake by the old abandoned clay pits, etc. and they still do it all over the country. In fact, when they got married their spouses loved going on adventures as well. There is nothing new about men and women loving to take adventures and in fact, we spend billions of dollars every year on things like this. Consumer reports tell us that the fastest-growing segment of the travel industry is what they call adventure vacations. What is interesting when you dive into the report is that they suggest that it is not just for adrenaline. The main reason for people booking adventure vacations is their desire for personal transformation.

One of my favorite stories in the Bible is the story of Samson found in the book of Judges. Samson is known for his long hair and his miraculous power/strength that his hair produced. Samson's hair was a part of a larger commitment because he was a Nazarite. (You can read about the Nazarite vow in Numbers chapter 6.) The Nazarite vow restricted from cutting his hair, drinking alcohol, or touching a dead body. One thing that many people look over (myself included) until I slowed down and actually thought about his life was that Samson did not make the Nazarite vow for himself. In Judges 13 we read verses 3-5 where an angel appeared to Samson's mom and told her that she would have a son who would become a Nazarite to God from birth.

When you think about how young Samson grew up, it must have been a difficult way to live even among his fellow Israelites. On top of that, Samson did not live in a high period of culture of Israel like during the times of David and Solomon. He was born and grew up in a time period of the Judges. This was a period of time in Israel's history when there was no central government or even a central place of worship. The people of Israel were constantly raided by their neighbors, and the Bible tells us that most took to hiding in the hills as they were trying to find anyway to survive (Judges 6:2).

The main enemy of Israel during this time was the Philistines. By comparison, the Philistines were really wealthy and had built really big cities on the coastal plains below Israel's hill country. Samson grew up, not only with that backward Nazarite tradition he inherited from his parents. Should it not be a big surprise when you read the story of Samson that he is in love with the Philistines?

Story after story, Samson went down to Philistia. Story after story, he tried to take part in their culture and even tried to experience their exotic customs. There is even a phrase often used in the book of Judges but made central to Samson's story. One day Samson saw a beautiful woman in the Philistine town of Timnah and he urged his parents to arrange his wedding to that particular woman. He said in Judges 14:3, "Get her for me. She's the right one for me."

Samson's story is characterized by his eyes, well, really all his senses. He is fleshly, enticed by what he sees, tastes, hears, and feels. Like every wandering adventurer, Samson is drawn away from the traditions of home and into the hopes/dreams of better things across the horizon.

As you read Samson's story carefully, you will discover that it is about far more than a man's foolish decision to trust his secret to a deceitful woman (Delilah). What you will find is that he is betrayed by far more than Delilah. Samson was actually betrayed by himself, let down by his wandering eyes and his wanting for something more exciting.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, as you read Samson's story, pay close attention to the way his senses continue to weaken his commitments. Watch as he sacrifices more and more of what he has for the hope of something greater. Ask yourself, is this something that I do as well? Do you ever find your own eyes constantly off in the distance, losing the world you possess for the one that fills your daydreams? If those answers are yes, then Samson's story is an important one for you to pay very close attention to.

In Christ, *Pastor Jeff*

## Children's Ministry continues to serve the Lord and His children

by Marsha Gainer

Children's Ministry Team Lead

**Easter Sunday** was such a blessed and well attended event. We began with breakfast followed by an Easter egg hunt. The hunt ended with pictures with a beautiful lamb reminding us that Jesus was the Lamb of God. Thank you, Gage Behrens. The resurrection story was presented along with crafts to depict the death and resurrection of Jesus. The program ended with games in the gym. It truly was a celebration of our risen Lord!



The Children's **BAM** program ended a wonderful year in April. We were blessed to have good attendance all eight months of the program. We had amazing faithful teachers: Ranon Caraway, Rusty Capps, Ashley Poe, and our nursery worker Alyssa. The church family was so generous to provide our meals, and we thank each of you. Thank you to Betty Smith who organized our meals.

We are now in full preparation for **VBS** which will be held on July 10-15. There will be opportunities for everyone to be a part of this program, which is one of our largest community outreach programs.

## Music news

by Karen Behrens,  
Music Team Lead

What a wonderful Easter Service we had. I was so blessed to see so many smiling faces and faces that I have not seen in a while. It is always a blessing to see the family of our church members at church as well. After all, they are a part of our church family too.

I try to plan each Sunday as if I was planning the service for both styles of music that I know

members enjoy. Sometimes I miss songs that I know you all enjoy. If there are songs that you would like to request, please let me know. Also I would encourage anyone that would like to perform special music to let me know as well. We would love to hear others sing in our church.

After all, we are all supposed to be making a joyful noise for the Lord right? :)

## Mission Team Report

Betty Smith, Missions Team Lead

Your Mission Team met April 12th to hear Donna Talamantes from **The Resource Center**. We were impressed with the work being done there for our community. After discussion it was agreed to make a donation there each month beginning in May. The money will come from the special Local Mission Fund. The Mission Team also agreed to provide Children's Bibles to the graduates of **The Godly Impressions Preschool**, as we did last year. Money for this will also come from the Local Mission Fund. We completed our **Parenting Class** last week for 3 participants. We are now awaiting to see who God will send us next. Our **Food Pantry** total for April was around 25 family boxes. We began this ministry with God's leadership, and will continue with that same guidance. The **Mexico Mission** is in need of someone to follow in Bobby William's footsteps. If you are willing, let Laurie in the office know. Many thanks to you for donating \$2,000 to the **Texas Baptist Men** going to Ukraine. We close the **Annie Armstrong Offering** by going over our goal with \$2,160. Thank you for your generous giving to needs made known here at FBC. We continue gathering items for **The Haven**. Your **cards** sent to the hospital and Brady West are appreciated. Our own Edith Slaughter at Brady West will turn 101 on

May 8. It would be good to shower her with birthday cards. Find your own mission and do it with all your might. God bless.

## Give. Grow. Go.

- Rusty Capps has been approved by the church to serve as deacon. He will be ordained in September.
- The refurbishments fund received a special \$6,000 gift for painting the church hallways and the Fellowship Hall. The painting has been completed.
- New flooring will be laid in the halls and Fellowship Hall over the next few weeks. Help will be needed to move furniture out of the way and then put it back.
- The Bible study series on The Chosen will be completed on May 22.
- Everyone is welcome to join the prayer group that meets every Wednesday at 4:00 in Fellowship Hall.
- The newly reorganized quilting/craft ministry has interesting projects in the works. The group meets at Laura's and Bev's home on Wednesdays at 2:00. All are welcome.
- A church wide fellowship in the pavilion is being planned for Sunday evening, May 22 at 6:30. Please plan to come. Possible menu items: hot dogs, hamburgers, and Blue Bell.

### Deacons on call in May

Jerry Caraway 792-8671  
George Matula 792-8611

### April Food Pantry

17 adults ages 65 and over  
17 adults ages 19-64  
4 children 18 and under  
38 individuals in all  
25 families

### May radio spots

Misty Quattlebaum 2-6  
George Matula 9-13  
Jeanagayle Behrens 16-20  
Velma Hendley 23-27

## May 2022 Bible Reading Schedule

### Week 1

May 1<sup>st</sup> – 2 Sam 5:1-10, 1 Chr 11-12  
 May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Psalm 133  
 May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Psalm 106-107  
 May 4<sup>th</sup> – 2 Sam 5:11-6:23, 1 Chr 13-16  
 May 5<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 1-2,15,22-24,47,68  
 May 6<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 89,96,100,101,105,132  
 May 7<sup>th</sup> – 2 Samuel 7, 1 Chronicles 17

### Week 4

May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Psalm 95, 97-99  
 May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 2 Sam 24, 1 Chr 21-22, Ps 30  
 May 24<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 108-110  
 May 25<sup>th</sup> – 1 Chr 23-25, Jos. 9-11  
 May 26<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 131,138-139,143-145  
 May 27<sup>th</sup> – 1 Chr 26-29, Jos. 16-18, Ps 127  
 May 28<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 111-118

### Week 2

May 8<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 25,29,33,36,39  
 May 9<sup>th</sup> – 2 Samuel 8-9, 1 Chr 18  
 May 10<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 50,53,60,75  
 May 11<sup>th</sup> – 2 Samuel 10, 1 Chr 19, Ps 20  
 May 12<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 65-67, 69-70  
 May 13<sup>th</sup> – 2 Samuel 11-12, 1 Chr 20  
 May 14<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 32,51,86,122

### Week 5

May 29<sup>th</sup> – 1 Kings 1-2, Ps 37,71,94  
 May 30<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 119:1-88  
 May 31<sup>st</sup> – 1 Kings 3-4, 2 Chr 1, Ps 72

**Memory verse for May 2022:**  
 Let my cry reach you, LORD; give me understanding  
 according to your word.  
 Psalm 119:169 (CSB)

### Week 3

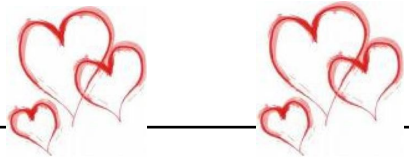
May 15<sup>th</sup> – 2 Samuel 13-15  
 May 16<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 3-4,12-13,28,55  
 May 17<sup>th</sup> – 2 Samuel 16-18  
 May 18<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 26,40,58,61-62,64  
 May 19<sup>th</sup> – 2 Samuel 19-21  
 May 20<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 5,38,41-42  
 May 21<sup>st</sup> – 2 Samuel 22-23, Psalm 57



**May events**  
 5-1 Guest preacher, Dr. Bruce McCoy  
 Deacons meeting, 5:00  
 (Deacon training will be held here one Saturday this month, date to be determined)  
 5-2 LIBA breakfast, Down Home Country Cooking, 8:30  
 5-8 Mother's Day  
 5-13 Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-11:00  
 5-14 Brady outreach  
 5-15 Church Council, 5:00  
 5-20 Preschool graduation  
 5-22 Business meeting 4:00  
 Last night of The Chosen 5:00  
 Church wide fellowship 6:30  
**June plans**  
 First 2 weekends, Mission Brady  
**July plans**  
 7-10 to 15 VBS

**May birthdays**  
 5-8 Edith Slaughter  
 5-11 Josh Collier  
 5-12 Crockett Jurius  
 5-13 Jack & Jett Jennings  
 5-15 Norma Ridout  
 5-20 Jameson Torres  
 5-26 Jeanagayle Behrens

**Special Happy Birthdays to . . .**  
**Edith Slaughter**, who will be 101 on May 8,  
 and to **Mabel Jones**, who was 100 on April 4.  
 Love to both of you from your FBC family




**Spring graduates**

**Bailey Nicole Bookhamer**, Brady High School  
 Parents: Billy Bookhamer and Kristina Williams Rice Grandparents: Gary and Judy Mitzel of Brady, W.D. Williams of Abilene, Great Grandmother Eileen Mitzel of Greeley, Colorado, the late Dave and Jolene Bookhamer of Brighton, Colorado

**Caitlyn Cloy**, Texas Tech University with her Doctor of Medicine degree. She will begin her residency in July in Birmingham, Alabama.  
 Parents: Dana and Michael Cloy Grandparents: Glenda and Charlie Douglas

**Kasen Couvillion**, Mason Jr. High  
 Parents: Jeremy and Melanie Couvillion  
 Grandparents: Farion and Laurie Morton, Gary and Brenda Couvillion

**Kendyl White**, Louisiana Tech, Rustin LA  
 Parents: Keri and Bobby White Grandparents: Norma and Jim Ridout



**Congratulations to all!**



While they were still talking about this, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."  
*Luke 24:36*

- 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
  - our members in care facilities 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  
 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  
 Bobby and Colleen Laman  
 Terry Lange  
 Janie Lowery  
 James Mallow  
 Erika Moore

- Louise Morrow  
 Lois Patton  
 Kobi Penz  
 Charles & Carole Ramsey  
 Vincent and Karen Perez  
 James and Norma Ridout  
 Carlton Rizer  
 Ashlee Shaw  
 Edith Slaughter  
 Jack and Susan Turk  
 Sherry Vensen  
 Linda Wall  
 Becky Weber  
 Bobby and Bobbie Williams

- 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 Kelly Rushfeldt and Steven Conrad.

- In military:*  
 Jon Bradshaw  
 Brandon Haymon  
 David Hernandez  
 Jose Lopez  
 Moses Marmolejo

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## May at Godly Impressions Preschool

This year has been fun but the kids are ready for summer and sun!

Theme: Wild and Free Just Like the Sea

Verse: "When you go through deep waters, I will be with you." Isaiah 43:2

Color: Orange

Shape: Octagon

Numbers: 6-10



We are also celebrating our pre-k graduates this month, who are: Reagan, Chloe-Dawn, Lucas, Harlie and Lyla-Beth. They have worked hard this year and are ready for their new adventure in kindergarten!

Blessings,  
 Meredith Navarette



Free to someone who wants it: quilt frame with stands. Call the church office or Becky Martin at 456-1256 if you're interested. It needs a home!

## Community Concert

The Damrosch Music Club will host a community concert on Thursday, May 5, at 7:00 at First United Methodist Church.

Karen Behrens and Misty Quattlebaum are on the program.

Please come and enjoy this popular community event. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

