



*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: *Pray like Jesus did*

I will never forget when I actually sat down and thought about the simple words that William Walford wrote in 1845. Did he wonder if people would remember his words, or if they would just be forgotten as time passed? William Walford was a humble, uneducated, blind wood carver, but he was full of the Holy Spirit. In fact, many times in his little church in Coleshill, England, he was asked to speak and he would share his poetry with them. On one particular day, Thomas Salmon, a reporter for the New York Observer, became acquainted with William Walford. When Salmon returned to New York, he showed the editor at the New York Observer the poem William had written. The poem was published in 1845, in 1861 the composer William B. Bradbury put it to music, and in 1878 it showed up for the first time in a hymnal. Little did this simple, blind wood carver know how God would use his simple poem to minister to millions around the globe.

The second verse of Walford's poem is my favorite:

*"Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my petition bear.
To Him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless:
And since He bids me seek His face, believe His Word and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer."*

Which begs the question: Is it really that important that we spend time daily in prayer with God? In my April article we saw that prayer is a simple conversation with God. It is spending time talking, listening, asking, thanking, worshiping Him, among many other things. Prayer is vital for our relationship with Christ to grow.

In the Gospels we see something very remarkable if you really slow down and think about it. Jesus, the Son of God, the second part of the Holy Trinity, a man who was God in the flesh, spent lots of time praying to His Father. The Bible tells us that Jesus often got away by Himself to pray. Jesus went away to pray over twenty-four times. Look at the times He prayed:

When Jesus was alone and when He was with others
Before Jesus healed and after He healed individuals
Before important decisions and before meals
In the early morning hours and in the evening hours
Even being nailed to the cross and as He was dying on the cross

Jesus depended on His Father for everything, and Jesus is the Savior of the world. If Jesus needed time with God in prayer, I have a feeling we need it as well. Prayer allows us to relate to God and to be guided by Him. In all these times of prayer, Jesus was getting close to His Father, and it shows how desperate Jesus was for His Heavenly Father.

What can we learn from Jesus about praying? We learn to pray in every situation and pray about every situation. Go to God about everything. Whatever the situation or problem, talk to Him. That is what Jesus did. Now, this does not negate subsequent steps that we will take for the part we will play in this open-ended, prayer relationship we have with God. All this means is that we come to Him first.

Jesus does not want us to be intimidated by prayer. He does not want us to wonder if we are doing it "the right way" or if we are saying "the right thing." God just simply wants you and me to be in an intimate relationship with Him, and He knows that maintaining an ongoing conversation with Him throughout our life here on earth is the best way to go. I believe that William Walford would agree with the poem written by Joseph Scriven in 1855 that says:

*"What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in Prayer!"*

Let us fall on our knees and spend that sweet hour of prayer with our Lord and Savior!

Pastor Jeff

Believe

Trust

Serving His children at FBC

The Children's team just completed another BAM season that focused on Jesus as our Lord and Savior and the wonderful missionaries who follow the command to be witnesses to the whole world! Thank you to the teachers and meal preparers for a successful season.

We are now turning our attention to the summer with mini camps in June and VBS July 9-14th. A sign-up sheet will be on the front table. There are many opportunities to be a part of these events. Please find a spot that fits your schedule.

Our Children's Church has a little different schedule. The older children come into the church for the musical part of the service and then are dismissed right after the offering. The younger children stay in their classes.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve your children. We are so blessed to be a part of their lives!

Marsha Gainer

Children's Ministry Team Lead

Changes in music ministry

We are switching gears a bit with the way we arrange the worship service. Pastor Jeff and I spoke about how we could make the song service better. I then thought of the times when we presented a Bible verse between songs. Pastor Jeff told me that at about 2 am one morning, an idea came to him. On April 23rd we decided to see if folks paid attention to our change and if the service flowed better. I think it is safe to say the song service had a better flow.

Another thing that we will change is Ryan Boydstun starting to mentor under me and planning the song service. This will be a great opportunity for Ryan to get his feet wet. Please help make Ryan welcome in this role.

Also if you have any music ideas, feel free to let him know. It has been a pleasure serving alongside you all in our

church. I will still be a part of the praise team most Sundays.

Karen Behrens

Music Team Lead

Mission opportunities

- **The Mission at Brady** will be the first two weekends in June. The project will involve exterior renovation of a home in Brady. Talk to Jason Behrens if you can help.
- **The Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions** is closing the end of April. Our goal for this offering is \$2000. As of 4-15 \$1893 has been given.
- Linda Wall is leading a twice-monthly **Bible study at Royal Oaks Assisted Living**, on every other Thursday at 2:00.
- **The Haven** continues to welcome donations to help the families who come there, as well as others in the community in need of basic supplies. Toiletries, packaged snacks, etc. are needed.
- We are hoping to have a **guest missionary speaker** sometime in May.
- We are tentatively planning to organize a **Christmas in August** project to help a local mission this year. More details will follow.

Becky Martin, Missions Team Lead

325 Ministries: Youth news

As we look at the next couple of months we will be working on true discipleship. We will work on strengthening our youth through student-to-student discipleship. Just a quick look at church history will prove that most revivals have been sparked because young people were on fire for God. God used them to spread the gospel in powerful ways.

The last couple of months we have worked with Brady, Lohn, and Rochelle students to build a working relationship of trust and Gospel-centered interaction. As a team we have worked on the Family Life Center to create Bible-based fellowship and recreational adventure for the youth of

the community. In May and June, we will work on ways to engage the church youth in our association and in the community at large. This will be done with interactive outreach programs.

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

I am thankful God goes before us to prepare the way with grace and mercy. Excitement abounds.

Vickie Roddie, Youth Director

Updates on big projects

The **church garage sale** was held on April 15 in the FLC. A good crowd came, and the many volunteers from the church made it run smoothly. \$578 was brought in that day. Thanks to everyone who helped go through closets and storage spaces in both buildings, who donated items from home, who helped organize and set up, and who worked at the sale. (*Who knew we had so much stuff?!*)

The first portion of the **parking lot refurbishment project** is nearly complete. This was a large portion of the west parking lot, between the two buildings. Thanks to Jason Behrens, Jean Behrens, and the many volunteers who worked so hard over several days. Well done!

Change of address

Darlene Friar
3095 Club Dr., Apt. 316
Parc at Tradition
Bryan, TX 77807

We love you, Darlene, and we'll miss you!



ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING

Our goal: \$2000
Given to date:
\$1893

May Events

- May 1 LIBA breakfast, 8:30, Sandy's Kitchen
- May 12 Food Pantry Food Distribution, 9:00-11:00
- May 14 Mother's Day
- May 18 Senior Recognition party (youth)
- May 20 Men and boys breakfast, 8:00
- May 26 Godly Impressions Preschool Graduation, 11:00
- May 29 Memorial Day

June

- June 3-4 and 10-11 The Mission at Brady
- June 4 Outside fellowship
- June 12-23 Mini-camps, FLC
- June 24-July 1 LIBA mission trip to the Navajo
- June 28-29 FCA sports camp for youth at high school

July

- July 9-14 Vacation Bible School
- July 28-29 Youth Rally

MAY 2023 Daily Bible Readings

(AM)	(PM)
JUDGES	PROVERBS
13-15	18
16-18	19:1-14
19-21	19:15-29
ROMANS	
1-3	20:1-15
4-5	20:16-30
6-8	21:1-16
9-11	21:17-31
12-13	22:1-16
14-16	22:17-29
RUTH	
1-4	23:1-18
EPHESIANS	
1-3	23:19-35
4-6	24:1-22
SAMUEL (1ST)	
1-3	24:23-34
4-6	25:1-14
7-9	25:15-28
10-12	26:1-16
13-15	26:17-28
16-19	27:1-14
20-22	27:15-27
23-25	28:1-14
26-28	28:15-28
30-31	29:1-14
PHILIPPIANS	
1-4	29:15-27
SAMUEL (2ND)	
1-3	30
4-7	31

Weekly Ministries

- Sunday:** Sunday School at 9:45, worship at 11:00
Nehemiah Bible Study, 6:00 (ends May 7)
Bible Skills for Kids, 6:00 (ends May 7)
- Monday:**
Minor Prophets Bible study in library, 6:00
Women's Book study in Fellowship Hall, 6:00
325 Ministries (Youth) in FLC, 6:15-7:30
- Wednesday:**
Women's prayer group, 4:00
Men's Bible Study: Tony Evans Kingdom Man (April 26-May 31), 6:30
- Thursday morning:** Walmart pick-up for Food Pantry



Birthdays in May

- May 8 Edith Slaughter
- May 12 Crockett Jurius
- May 13 Jack & Jett Jennings
- May 15 Norma Ridout
- May 20 Jameson Torres

May radio spots

- 1-5 Vickie Roddie
- 8-12 Marsha Gainer
- 15-19 Judy Mitzel
- 22-26 Jeanagayle Behrens
- 29-May 2 Greg Torres

These air on KNEL at 7:45 every weekday morning.

April Food Pantry Report

- 64 and under==50
- 18 and under==25
- 65 and over==31
- 106 individuals



More graduates? Send info to Becky and she'll get another list in next month.

Deacons on call in May

- Buz Roddie 325-213-5104
- Jerry Caraway 325-792-8671

Welcome new member!~

Awaiting baptism:
Gabriel Beckett



Congratulations to our 2023 graduates!

Saylor Boydston, Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, B.S. in Event Planning, daughter of Kryste Boydston, granddaughter of Buz & Vickie Roddie

Caroline Cloy, Texas A&M University, degree in Education, daughter of Dana & Michael Cloy, granddaughter of Charles & Glenda Douglas

Kyla Dae Curry, Bellaire High School in Houston, granddaughter of Bobby & Bobbie Williams

Cassie Holloway, Brady High School, granddaughter of Ronnie and Kay Holloway

Lexie Lowery, Greenville High School, granddaughter of Jerry and RaNon Caraway

Danaya Morton, Brownwood High School, granddaughter of Farion and Laurie Morton

Regan Quattlebaum, Brady High School, daughter of Jeff and Misty Quattlebaum

Gunnar Roberts, Floresville High School, grandson of Jerry and RaNon Caraway

Samarah "Bree" Castillo, Brady Elementary School, daughter of William and Valerie Gonzalez

Our 2023 Godly Impressions Preschool graduates: Audrianna Fuentes, Leona Enger, Everly Williams, Tucker Thornton, and Khalila Gonzales.



Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. *James 5:16 NIV*

- Bro. Jeff Quattlebaum, Misty, Regan, and Sam
- our church staff and pre-school
- 325 Ministries (youth)
- our children's ministry
- McKenna Brandenberger on mission in Uganda
- Texas Baptist Men
- our members in care facilities and our homebound members
- the lost and unchurched in our community
- Brady Clergy Association
- Summer missions

Rhonda Aguirre
 Laura Alsop
 Ray and Rita Ash
 Pete and Oralia Barrera
 Holden Bedwell
 Karen Bivens
 Tiffani Bohannon
 Amelia Britteon
 Bill and Wanda Burns
 Sherry Cox
 Linda Flint
 Charlie & Maria Garcia
 Roy and Janet Guthrie
 Ronnie, Kay, & Cathy Holloway
 Curtis and Genna Jennings
 Mabel Jones

Colleen Laman
 Janie Lowery
 James Mallow
 Eileen Mitzel
 Gabe & Lisa Moreno
 Louise Morrow
 Lois Patton
 Charles & Carole Ramsey
 Anna Richards
 Donald & Margie Richardson
 James and Norma Ridout
 Tommy & Kathy Stanley
 Edith Slaughter
 Jack and Susan Turk
 Gene Walton
 Virgil & Anita Webb
 Addie Jo Webster

Bobby and Bobbie Williams
 Angie Willis
 Claudette Young

In military:
 Jon Bradshaw
 C.J. Gonzalez
 Jennifer McAnally
 Brandon Pfannenstiel
 Christian Pittman
 Jace Telford
 Jonathan Torres
 Ricky Williams, Jr.

We pray for comfort and guidance for the families of Maxie Myers and Mary Ann McCarver.

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May at Godly Impressions Preschool
Theme: Sing Along...It's Nursery Rhyme Time!
Verse: "Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things." Psalm 98:1
Shape: Rectangle
Color: Blue
Letters: Q, Z, X
 This month we are having fun with nursery rhymes! Children can learn so much through music and songs including: early literacy skills, discriminating sounds, early math skills and learning new words. May is also the month we celebrate the wonderful mothers in our lives and the children graduating from Godly Impressions. Our annual Muffins with Mom will be held on Wednesday, May 10th from 7:30 – 10:00 in the fellowship hall. The graduation ceremony for Godly Impressions will be held on Friday, May 26th at 11am. There will be five graduating this year and flying off to new adventures; they are: Audrianna F., Leona E., Everly W., Tucker T., and Khalila G. May will definitely be a fun filled month for us!
 Blessings, Meredith Navarette



Thank you
 Thank you all for the kindness you have shown at the times of our greatest needs. My Mother, my niece, nephew, and now son, have had their last good-byes from us at this church. Thank you.
Frankie Fore

Memory Verse for May 2023
³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
Matthew 6:33 NIV