



**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: *Thoughts on Election Day*

Every two years on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in November, Americans go to the ballot box and elect new leaders. I love Election Day. It's an ordeal at my house on the evening of Election Day. I will beg Misty to order pizza, and I will watch election returns all evening into late morning hours. I love our political process. It really cracks me up when the losing party goes on TV and has a meltdown because they believe the sun will not come up the next morning (which it always does). I am very proud to have seen the day when our country elected its first President of color, and I hope I get to see the day when a woman will serve as President of the United States.

When I was growing up one of my favorite holidays was July 4<sup>th</sup>. I love patriotic music (although there is one patriotic song I will not sing). I love my nation. Always have. Always will. I am proud to be the son and grandson of godly men who served in the armed forces when our nation called on them. I honor those men and women who have fought and died around the world for our freedom. When I was teaching high school, I would always tell my seniors, "If you don't exercise your right to vote, you would be disgracing all the men and women who have died over the past 200+ years to give you that right." I really appreciate those who serve in our communities. I really appreciate our opportunities to gather and worship freely, start businesses, have as many kids as we want, and raise our kids any way we want to. I feel blessed to live in the United States of America--the land of the free, home of the brave.

While we may be strong, powerful, and prosperous, we can sometimes confuse all those good things with God's exclusive blessing. We are not God's only nation. I also have to be honest with many people and say that we are not God's favorite nation. As a matter of fact--let this sink in--America is not the Promised Land, and Americans are not His chosen people. Pause and think about that for a moment. Now, let us consider who we really are.

Like I said earlier, I am an American and a proud one at that. But I am not just an American. I am, first and foremost, a disciple of Jesus, a Christian, a Jesus-follower. The name of Jesus Christ (which we carry as Christians) should determine who we are and how we live. Jesus tells us in Luke 9:23, "*Then He said to them all, 'If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me.'*" When we identify with nationality first, we may become consumed with things that distract us from our primary mission as followers of Jesus.

As Christ followers, we are not here just to defend our freedoms; we are here to help people find freedom in Christ. Paul tells us in Galatians 5:1, "*For freedom, Christ set us free. Stand firm then and don't submit again to a yoke of slavery.*" Christ came to set us free from the bondage of sin, and if you are a true follower of Jesus Christ, you have been ordered to spread this message of freedom in Christ. All the Christ-followers in the world make up the Church, one nation under God.

We, the people of God, are the Church. We are just passing through this earth, so our citizenship to the nation we live in is only temporary. Our permanent citizenship is in Heaven. Our earthly citizenship may tell us we are American, French, German, English, or Mexican, but our heavenly citizenship says something greater. We may be loyal to our country, and great things can come of that. But we worship a different King. A King whose name is higher than any other name, as Paul reminds us in Philippians 2:10-11.

*Heavenly Father, we are thankful for the freedom from the bondage of sin, hell, and grave Your sacrifice brought us. We also thank You for the many blessings you bestow on us when we don't deserve it. Father, will you give us the boldness to live as Your holy nation, no matter what is going on around us. Your Word says that together we are Your body, Your hands, and Your feet, showing the world how much You love them. Scripture says in Isaiah 52:7, "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the herald, who proclaims peace, who brings news of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God Reigns!" In the Holy, Powerful Name of Jesus I pray, Amen!*

Let's proclaim the Gospel!  
Pastor Jeff

## Children's Ministry

by Marsha Gainer

Children's Ministry Team Lead

The Children's events for October will culminate with the Fall Family Fest on October 29 from 5 to 7 in the Family Life Center. This church wide fellowship honors our church families and the families of Brady. Thank you to everyone for the blessings of fellowship that night.

BAM continues in November on Wednesday nights except for November 23 which is Thanksgiving week. We have had wonderful meals provided by church members. Thank you so much. There is still one opening in November.

We will be planning Christmas activities and a birthday party for Jesus in December. Sunday School and BAM lessons are preparing us to praise and worship the King of Kings.

## Youth happenings

Our church hosted a meal for the Brady football team on October 27. A group of volunteers led by Buz and Vickie Roddie served brisket sandwiches, salad, and homemade desserts to the team and coaches. The boys were very appreciative, friendly, and polite. (And there were *no* leftover sandwiches.)

Our youth were involved in See You at the Pole in October. Fields of Faith was moved to a date TBA in November.

## Music Team Report

### Christmas Choir growing

It is so amazing to see the turnout that we have had for the Christmas choir. We place the seed and it begins to grow. I know that seed will become a beautiful flower. God is so amazing and He is doing some great things in our church. Big shout out to Laurie and Farion for helping to clean out the choir room. It looks so good. Our choir is looking forward to Christmas.

*So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.* 1 Corinthians 3:7

*In Christ's love, Karen*

## Greetings from McKenna

Hello, my brothers and sisters in Jesus!

I have been back in Uganda for a little over one month now. It really was a joy to come back so soon from being here in July. God has given so many precious relationships here.

As some of you know, I have been serving with a refugee ministry. I am currently teaching English, Bible classes, working in the youth department, music and sports ministries, helping with social work, counseling and mentoring.

We serve refugees from over 10 different nations in Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Daily, I am amazed that the Lord has brought the nations together in this way.

Please be praying for me that I would walk in the Lord's wisdom and discernment, not according to my own strength but much more relying on the strength and power of the Holy Spirit. Many of those we minister to are from an Islamic faith and we are praying for their salvation in Jesus, our only Lord and Savior.

I pray for all of us, that God may give us His anointing that breaks the yoke of bondages (Isaiah 10:27).

*"...I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*

Jeremiah 31:33-34

*In Him,*

*McKenna Brandenberger*



## Mission Team Report

Becky Martin, Missions Team Lead

At our meeting on Oct. 11 Olive Harrison, Kelcey Edwards, and Sue Mitchell shared information about the "Tabitha's Table" ministry, which makes crocheted or knitted caps, blankets, and prayer shawls and other items for those in need. The mission of this group is "to 'see a need, fill a need' in our community and surrounding areas, as a group of dedicated women." This group meets twice a month. If you're interested, I have more information.

We decided to donate \$200 to this ministry, and to donate \$500 a month to the McCulloch County Resource Center, to be taken from our budgeted Local Missions account.

We discussed plans for the Fall Family Fest; a possible Bible study at Royal Oaks; helping with Christmas in the Heart, Fields of Faith, meals for the BHS sports teams, the "door-hanger" outreach, and Operation Christmas Child. We will continue receiving and delivering donations for the Haven. Snack items are needed for the Haven's outreach to the homeless.

Betty and RaNon have a new couple in the CWJC Parenting Class.

Thank you for your contribution to the Mary Hill Davis Offering for State Missions. The total as of Oct. 25 was \$2145, surpassing our goal of \$2000.

We are still taking monetary donations for Bro. Banda and the border ministry.

*Happy Thanksgiving  
to all!*

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving  
and His courts with praise;  
give thanks to Him  
and praise His name.  
For the Lord is good  
and His love endures forever;  
His faithfulness continues  
through all generations.  
Psalm 100:4-5*

## November 2022 Bible Reading Schedule

### Week 1

November 1<sup>st</sup> – Matthew 20-21  
 November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Luke 18:15-19:48  
 November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mark 11, John 12  
 November 4<sup>th</sup> – Matthew 22, Mark 12  
 November 5<sup>th</sup> – Matthew 23, Luke 20-21

### Week 2

November 6<sup>th</sup> – Mark 13  
 November 7<sup>th</sup> – Matthew 24  
 November 8<sup>th</sup> – Matthew 25  
 November 9<sup>th</sup> – Matthew 26, Mark 14  
 November 10<sup>th</sup> – Luke 22, John 13  
 November 11<sup>th</sup> – John 14-17  
 November 12<sup>th</sup> – Matthew 27, Mark 15

### Week 3

November 13<sup>th</sup> – Luke 23, John 18-19  
 November 14<sup>th</sup> – Matthew 28, Mark 16  
 November 15<sup>th</sup> – Luke 24, John 20-21  
 November 16<sup>th</sup> – Acts 1-3  
 November 17<sup>th</sup> – Acts 4-6  
 November 18<sup>th</sup> – Acts 7-8  
 November 19<sup>th</sup> – Acts 9-10

### Week 4

November 20<sup>th</sup> – Acts 11-12  
 November 21<sup>st</sup> – Acts 13-14  
 November 22<sup>nd</sup> – James 1-5  
 November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Acts 15-16  
 November 24<sup>th</sup> – Galatians 1-3  
 November 25<sup>th</sup> – Galatians 4-6  
 November 26<sup>th</sup> – Acts 17-18:18

### Week 5

November 27<sup>th</sup> – 1&2 Thess.  
 November 28<sup>th</sup> – Acts 18:19-19:41  
 November 29<sup>th</sup> – 1 Corinthians 1-4  
 November 30<sup>th</sup> – 1 Corinthians 5-8



<p><b>November events</b>  <b>Nov. 6:</b> Thanksgiving meal after church in Fellowship Hall                  Deacons meeting, 5:00                  Daylight Saving Time ends  <b>Nov. 7:</b> LIBA breakfast at Sandy's Kitchen, 8:30  <b>Nov. 11:</b> Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-11:00  <b>Nov. 13-15:</b> BGCT Convention in Waco; Bro. Jeff will be attending.  <b>Nov. 20:</b> Church Council, 4:00  <b>Nov. 24:</b> Thanksgiving Day  <b>Nov. 27:</b> Business meeting, 5:00</p>	<p><b>October Food Pantry Report</b>                  29 adults ages 65 &amp; over                  72 adults ages 19-64                  16 children 18 &amp; under                  117 individuals                  62 families</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Memory Verse</u></b>  <b><u>for November 2022</u></b>                  I call with all my heart; answer me, LORD. I will obey your statutes. I call to you; save me, and I will keep your decrees.                  Psalm 119:145-146 (CSB)</p>
<p><b>Annual Thanksgiving meal</b>                  Please plan to attend this time of food and fellowship right after church on Sunday, Nov. 6. Food sign-ups are still available. Bring your favorite holiday dish. Everyone is invited.                  Thank you in advance to Joyce Scott, Laurie Morton, and all the Hospitality Team for your planning and hard work for this meal as well as the LIBA meal on October 23 and other events. Y'all are the best! We are all blessed by your love and care.</p>	<p><b>November birthdays</b>                  11-3 Buz Roddie, Ashleigh Turk Voight                  11-8 Vickie Roddie                  11-9 Gunnar Roberts                  11-12 TaRell Day                  11-14 Drew Wilton, Genna Wilton Jennings                  11-16 Harold Underwood                  11-17 Stacy Friar Mayfield                  11-20 Ronnie Holloway                  11-21 Lisa Remini                  11-24 Robert H. Reeves                  11-25 Madison Jurrius Goss                  11-28 Larry Gerstenberger</p>	<p><b>Weekly Ministries</b>  <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School, 9:45, worship 11:00. Sunday evening study, Baptist Distinctives, 6:00  <b>Monday:</b> Bible study in library at 6:00. The study is on the Minor Prophets.  <b>Wednesday:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's prayer group, 4:00</li> <li>• BAM for children, 5:30-6:50</li> <li>• Christmas choir rehearsal, 7:00</li> </ul> <b>Thursday</b> morning: Walmart pick-up for Food Pantry</p>
	<p><b>Deacons on call in November</b>                  Buz Roddie 325-792-9608                  Rusty Capps 325-347-4974</p>	<p><b>November radio spots</b>                  10-31—11-4 Laurie Morton                  7-11 Misty Quattlebaum                  14-18 Velma Hendley                  21-25 Jeanagayle Behrens                  28—12-2 Karen Behrens</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Coming in December</b>                  Christmas Musical                  Dec. 18, 11:00</p>



Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances,  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

- Bro. Jeff Quattlebaum, Misty, Regan, and Sam
- our church staff and pre-school
- Texas Baptist Men on mission
- McKenna Brandenberger on mission in Uganda
- our members in care facilities and our homebound members
- the lost and unchurched in our community
- Brady children & youth
- Brady Clergy Association

Wyatt & Francisca Anderson  
Marshall Armstrong  
Ray and Rita Ash  
Holden Bedwell  
Karen Bivens  
Allie Bradshaw  
Amelia Britteon  
Bill and Wanda Burns  
Sherry Cox  
Carolyn Crawford  
Sue Crow  
Carlos (Charlie) Cruz  
Linda Flint  
Charlie & Maria Garcia  
Holly Groves  
Ronnie, Kay, & Cathy Holloway  
Trey Holtzelaw  
Curtis and Genna Jennings  
Mabel Jones

Sally Lafuente  
Bobby and Colleen Laman  
Terry Lange  
Fay Lawler  
Stephanie Lopez  
Janie Lowery  
James Mallow  
Anita McBride  
Mary Ann McCarver  
Louise Morrow  
Lois Patton  
Charles & Carole Ramsey  
Anna Richards  
Donald & Margie Richardson  
James and Norma Ridout  
Richard Smith  
Tommy & Kathy Stanley  
Edith Slaughter  
Pam Speer  
Jack and Susan Turk

Becky Weber  
Addie Jo Webster  
Bobby and Bobbie Williams  
Angie Willis  
Claudette Young

*In military:*  
Jon Bradshaw  
Jennifer McAnally  
Brandon Pfannenstiel  
Christian Pittman  
Jonathan Torres  
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We pray for comfort and guidance for the families of Shad Bryson and Steve Byrd.

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**Memory Verse**  
**for November**  
**2022**

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Psalm 119:145-146 (CSB)

**November at Godly Impressions Preschool**

**Theme:** The Great Thanksgiving  
**Bible Verse:** "Enter His gates with thanksgiving... For the Lord is good and His love endures forever."  
Psalm 100:4



**Shape:** Triangle  
**Color:** Orange  
**Letters:** N,G,E  
**Numbers:** 5,6

The month of November is always full of fun, fall activities and crafts leading up to the Thanksgiving holiday. This month we will be focusing on the things we are thankful for and how God blesses each and every one of us.

Blessings,  
Meredith Navarette  
~ Godly impressions Preschool and Child Care ~

**Birth Announcement**

**Elise Marie Torres**  
Born October 20, 2022, in Kerrville, TX  
6 lbs 10 oz, 19 1/2 inches long  
Parents: Greg and Shelly Torres  
Grandparents: Raymond and Linda Torres  
Rob and Cindy Danielson  
Big brother: Jameson Torres



*Congratulations to all!*

