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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: *Who is Jesus to you?*

Here is a question that mankind has been asking for two thousand plus years: “Who is this man called Jesus?” Ever since Jesus first made His appearance on this planet, men and women have been trying to figure Him out. Here is the remarkable thing for you and me: Jesus *wants* us to ask that same question. He welcomes your curiosity – even your boldness – as you investigate Him and the claims He made about Himself.

Throughout the Bible, we see God meeting people where they were, addressing not only their needs but their doubts about Him and their lack of trust in Him. Mark 9:24 tells us, “*Immediately the father of the boy cried out, “I do believe; help my unbelief.”*” The psalmist wrote, “*When I am filled with cares, your comfort brings me joy*” (Psalm 94:19 CSB).

One of the first questions about Jesus that has to be addressed is whether He was just a good moral teacher or He actually was who He claimed to be, the Son of God. There are many religions that say Jesus was just a great moral teacher, a prophet, or a revolutionary. We know from historians such as Tacitus, Suetonius, Pliny the Younger, and Flavius Josephus – all non-biblical sources (and yes, real people not just made-up names) that Jesus was a real individual who existed in time and space. But people are divided on who exactly Jesus was while on earth. Was He just “a great moral teacher,” as famous atheist Richard Dawkins claims, or was Jesus a humanitarian on the same lines as Mother Teresa? Or was He much more?

Those who accept Jesus as just a good moral teacher have difficulty in knowing what to do with passages like Matthew 16:13-19. In this passage, Jesus was with His disciples in Caesarea Philippi; Jesus asked them this question: “*Who do people say the Son of Man is?*” (Matthew 16:13 CSB). I can picture there was a long pause before answers just started rolling in. Then Jesus changed the question on them and asked, “*Who do YOU say that I am?*” (Matthew 16:15 CSB). Again, awkward silence. Then Peter spoke up and said, “*You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.*” Jesus replied to Peter, “*Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father in heaven.*” (Matthew 16:16-17 CSB). Jesus just clearly told His disciples, while affirming Peter’s answer, that He (Jesus) was in fact the Son of God.

Later, we see Jesus making equally bold claims about Himself. In John 10, some of the Jewish leaders asked Jesus to tell them plainly whether He was the Messiah, the chosen one (John 10:24). Jesus responded to them just a few verses later when He said, “*I and the Father are one*” (John 10:30 CSB). Immediately, the Jewish leaders picked up stones to put Him to death. The Jewish leaders wanted to stone Jesus because they believed that Jesus was stating He was equal with God (John 10:33 CSB).

C.S. Lewis once noted that many people say, “I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God. That is the thing we must not say . . . He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.” You see, my friends: Jesus wasn’t executed on the cross for being just a good man. He was executed on the cross because He claimed to be God. When Jesus had a chance to recant at the end, He did not back off or retract any of His statements. The prophet Isaiah tells us, “*He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open his mouth. Like a lamb led to the slaughter and like a sheep silent before her shearers, He did not open His mouth.*” (Isaiah 53:7 CSB).

So, now, who do YOU say Jesus is? Was He a good man, or was Jesus actually God in the flesh? Think about the question in light of His presence in history, the eyewitness accounts telling the story of His miracles and resurrection from the dead, and His own claims to be God. Again, who do you say Jesus is? (Eternity is hanging in the balance with your answer!)

Questions for you to ponder and chew on:

How would you describe your understanding of who Jesus is? Over time how has your understanding changed of who Jesus is? What does it mean to you to say that Jesus is God? What difference does it make to declare that He is God? Why is it important to wrestle with the question of whether Jesus is just good or if He is actually God? How does resolving this question impact your faith in Him?

Who is Jesus to you?

Pastor Jeff

Children's Ministry: Fall Family Fest needs you!

by Marsha Gainer

Children's Ministry Team Lead

The Children's Team is planning a Fall Family Fest on Saturday, October 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. The event is a fellowship with our families and we are extending an invitation to the whole community to come and join us for a costume contest, cake walk, candy bar walk, pumpkin painting, photo booth, Bible Bingo, hot dogs, chips, sodas, and many carnival games. We want to provide a family-friendly event to welcome in fall after our challenging summer. This is a church wide event. Everyone will have an opportunity to get involved. We will need cakes, candy, door prizes (we have two quilts to give away) and many helpers for this old-fashioned fellowship.

Our BAM program is off to a great start with about 13 children joining in on the fun. Thanks to all who have signed up to provide a meal.



Youth happenings

From Greg and Shelly Torres
The Sunday School Youth have been in discussion about creating a class name as well as shirts to go with the group. Once we get a design created, we plan to vote on a design and order shirts soon after. We are also looking forward to the Fall Family Fest on October 29th to help with the games and enjoy a good time with the church family and Brady community!

Music Team Report How about a hayride?

Karen Behrens, Music Team Lead

Wednesday, October 5th, at 7pm we will start learning our Christmas music. Please make plans to join us each Wednesday. We are hoping to have a good-sized choir this year to spread the joy of Christmas with others.

I have tossed around an idea to get a hayride going with a few

of our choir members in December to sing Christmas carols around the streets of Brady. Any-



one interested in going in December please let me know. I think it will be fun and something different for our church choir to do together. Please be on the lookout for more information as it gets closer to that time of year.

I hope everyone has been enjoying worship and our special music guests September 18, Psalms Journey.

In Christ,
Karen

Welcome, Melanie!

Judy Mitzel, Personnel Committee chair

September was a busy month. We accepted resumes for finance secretary through September 1st and after interviews recommended to the church Melanie Couvillion. This was presented to the church on September 18 and voted on to accept Melanie as the newest member of our office staff. Kay will be training her during a 90-day interim period.

In the meantime we are interviewing for custodian at the Family Life Center while Cory is taking a short leave of absence. We will also have a temporary custodian for the main building during this period. God is so gracious to send these people to us. We are truly blessed.

The new church year

Nominations for teams and committees for 22-23 along with the proposed budget for the new church year were approved at the Sept. business meeting. Copies are available in the office. A link to the nominating committee report is on the home page of the website.

McKenna is in Uganda

McKenna Brandenberger left for Uganda on September 16. The following is an update from her August newsletter:

"I believe God has called me to serve and minister to those that are displaced, persecuted, abandoned, exiled or forgotten (Isaiah 58, Ezekiel 22:30). Right now this looks like me returning to Uganda in September to work with a refugee ministry called Refuge and Hope International. This ministry seeks to equip refugees through English classes, trade schools and workshops, all through Biblical restoration, teaching and discipleship. I would be very thankful for your prayers and support as I serve with them (Romans 1:16)."

Please continue to pray for McKenna!

Mission Team Report

Betty Smith, Missions Team Lead

A big thanks goes to all FBC for your continued support of our mission causes. We continue to collect hygiene items for The Haven. A good amount will be taken to the Haven this week.

Gift cards for DQ Blizzards were presented to the staff of Godly Impressions from FBC to start their new year.

The church approved a recommendation from the Mission Team to donate \$6,000 each to the Clergy Association and the Resource Center. This will use the remaining money budgeted for local missions during the 2021-2022 church year.

Donations for The Mary Hill Davis Offering for State Missions are coming in slowly. As of this last Sunday we have collected \$1285 of the \$2000 goal.

Don't forget our shut-ins and home bound members. A card or phone call is always appreciated.

Each of us is encouraged to find our own mission and do it with all our might. God be with you.

October 2022 Bible Reading Schedule

Week 1

October 1st – Luke 1, John 1:1-14

Week 2

October 2nd – Matthew 1, Luke 2:1-38
 October 3rd – Matthew 2, Luke 2:39-52
 October 4th – Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3
 October 5th – Matthew 4, Luke 4-5, John 1:15-51
 October 6th – John 2-4
 October 7th – Mark 2
 October 8th – John 5

Week 3

October 9th – Matthew 12:1-21, Mark 3, Luke 6
 October 10th – Matthew 5-7
 October 11th – Matthew 8:1-13, Luke 7
 October 12th – Matthew 11
 October 13th – Matthew 12:22-50, Luke 11
 October 14th – Matthew 13, Luke 8
 October 15th – Matthew 8:14-34, Mark 4-5

Week 4

October 16th – Matthew 9-10
 October 17th – Matthew 14, Mark 6, Luke 9:1-17
 October 18th – John 6
 October 19th – Matthew 15, Mark 7
 October 20th – Matthew 16, Mark 8, Luke 9:18-27
 October 21st – Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9:28-62
 October 22nd – Matthew 18

Week 5

October 23rd – John 7-8
 October 24th – John 9:1-10:21
 October 25th – Lk 10-11, Jn 10:22-42
 October 26th – Luke 12-13
 October 27th – Luke 14-15
 October 28th – Luke 16-17:10
 October 29th – John 11

Week 6

October 30th – Luke 17:11-18:14
 October 31st – Matthew 19, Mark 10

Memory Verse(s) for
October 2022:

I am your servant; grant me understanding so that I may know your decrees.
 Psalm 119:125 (CSB)



October events
 Sept. 30-Oct. 2: Countywide Revival, 7:00, Bulldog Stadium
 Oct. 2: Deacon ordination/recognition for Rusty Capps and Buz Roddie. Ordaining council 2:30, sanctuary service 3:30, reception to follow
 Oct. 3: LIBA breakfast at Sandy's Restaurant, 8:30
 Oct. 5: First rehearsal for Christmas musical "Come and Behold Him", 7:00
 Oct. 9, right after church: Torres baby shower
 Oct. 14: Food Pantry, 9:00-11:00
 Oct. 16: Church Council, 4:00
 Oct. 23: LIBA annual meeting here, 4:00-7:30. Business meeting, workshops, dinner, worship with Jeff and Donna Gore
 Oct. 29: Fall Family Fest, FLC, 5:00-7:00
 Oct. 30: Business meeting, 5:00

October radio spots
 3-7 Kay Holloway
 10-14 Betty Smith
 17-21 Becky Martin
 24-28 Pat Matula

September Food Pantry Report
 33 adults ages 65 & over
 50 adults ages 19-64
 22 children 18 & under
 105 individuals

October birthdays
 10-2 Erica Gerstenburger
 10-9 Susan Turk
 10-10 Samuel Torres
 10-15 Jack Turk
 10-18 Loreta Hiller, Kameron Roberts
 10-21 Travis Gary, Becky Weber
 10-26 Judy Mitzel
 10-28 Dillon Roberts
 10-31 Gary Mitzel

Weekly Ministries
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45, worship 11:00. Sunday evening study, Baptist Distinctives (will not meet on Oct. 2 or 23), 6:00
Monday: Bible study in library at 6:00. Haggai is the current book.
Wednesday:
 • Women's prayer group, 4:00
 • BAM for children, 5:30-6:50
 • Christmas choir rehearsal, 7:00
Thursday morning: Walmart pick-up for Food Pantry

Deacons on call in October
 Jerry Caraway 325-792-8671
 Farion Morton 325-792-6596





Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others,
faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.
1 Peter 4:10

- 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
- The Citywide Revival Sept. 30-Oct. 2

Wyatt & Francisca Anderson
Marshall Armstrong
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

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

We pray for comfort and guidance for the family of Nick Blyshak.

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October at Godly Impressions Preschool

Hello October! We are celebrating everything that fall has to offer this month in the preschool with activities and lesson plans centered around being in the orchard. Happy Fall, y'all!

Theme: In the Orchard
Bible Lesson/Verse: Fruits of the Spirit "But the fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."
Galatians 5: 22-23
Shape: Hexagon
Color: Brown
Letters: T, K, I
Numbers: 3, 4
Blessings,
Meredith Navarette
Godly Impressions Preschool and Child Care



Everyone is invited to. . .
A baby shower for Shelly & Greg Torres
Sunday, October 9, right after church
in Fellowship Hall
Lunch will be served to everyone.

Please bring a gift of diapers (Pampers brand, any size)