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newsletter

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Give.
Grow.
Go.

FBC Brady is a family that exists to GIVE - GROW - GO
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



The B.A.M program is the Wednesday night program for pre-K through 5th grade. We are blessed to have around 17 children attending. We want to express our thanks to the church volunteers who have provided the wonderful, tasty meals. On October 30, we will have a candy treasure hunt for each class as well as our regular night activities. We always need help if anyone wants to come and be a part of these precious children's lives.

*Marsha Gainer,
Children's Ministry Team Lead*

What's going on? Are we expecting company?

by Becky Martin

The BASICS Sunday School class held a workday Saturday, September 21, and accomplished an impressive list of jobs in a few hours.

They repainted all the parking stripes and railings in the parking lots on both sides of the main building.

They chopped, pulled up, and picked up weeds.

They mowed and edged and cleaned up the mowing debris.

Thank you, Farion and Laurie, Jackie and Jeana-gayle, Jason, Karen, and Gage, Toney and Misty, Amy and Robert, Carrie, Ethan, and Kasen for all your work! This class is planning a clean-up of the Family Life Center in the near future.

Thank you also to others working behind the scenes. Cracks and holes in dry wall have been repaired. Cabinets have been cleaned out and supplies organized. The courtyard is being cleaned on Saturday afternoons to be ready for Sundays. A crew of mowers and edgers have kept the lawns in good shape all this hot summer. Committees have researched upgrading the phone system. A new budget has been developed and approved. Generous checks have been written for the state missions offering. A hand-made quilt is slowly but surely being completed. Praise teams and sound techs have stepped up to lead us in worship. Food boxes and prayers are given away on second Fridays. Meals have been prepared and classes taught to our BAM kids. Radio spots are recorded and aired every week. Children's Church volunteers serve faithfully every Sunday. 12 staff members and 40+ children give and grow in our Godly Impressions Preschool every day.

FBC Brady is first of all *a family*.

"There is a special work for each and every one. Find your place and the what, and the how, will soon be made plain to your willing mind and hands."

—Mary Hill Davis, Waco, 1922

Update from Bro. Lee

Busy times at FBC! BAM is underway, the pastor search team will be elected and start its work in a few more days, and your teams and committees are at work on other fronts. One of the keys for the church to move toward health is for her people to be at work and not sit stagnant waiting for stuff to happen. FBC is at work. PRAY - INVITE - SEE what God does!!

We had a great meeting with our preschool, Godly Impressions. Their presentation helped bring some clarity to the great work this ministry does in meeting a significant need in the Brady community. Pray for your preschool, its board, director and teachers. It's a frontline ministry in the lives of the children enrolled.

Godly Impressions, BAM, the food pantry and the Christmas Choir are opportunities you can pray for and volunteer for RIGHT now. Oct. 1st starts a new church year. Find a way to serve!!

See you Sunday!

Bro. Lee

Fifth Sunday plans for Sept. 29

Lord's Supper during morning worship

Called business meeting right after church to vote on Pastor Search Team

Fellowship Meal

Please bring either a vegetable or a salad, plus a dessert. Meat will be provided.

Transition Team will meet with Dr. Karl Fickling for a review of what the church has done during the Intentional Interim period with Bro. Lee.

Things you may not know:

- The deacons have elected Farion Morton to be the new Deacon Chairman.
- At the business meeting on September 15 the church approved a recommendation from the Finance Committee to upgrade the phone system to fiber optics. This will be done by Frontier Communications. A designated offering already received will pay the entire cost of the installation. The new system will include phones and Internet access in both buildings.
- Also at the business meeting Laurie Morton was officially hired as Secretary, after having served as Interim Secretary since December of last year. This came as a recommendation by the Personnel Committee.
- Alisa Morton has surrendered her life to Christian service and has begun attending Howard Payne University. She is a fulltime student there and also works fulltime as manager of Subway in Brady. She and her young son Brayden have full days! Please keep them in your prayers. The church officially voted to endorse her in her studies at HPU.



Keith's Konnections...

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Thought For The Day:
 "Every test in our life makes us bitter or better. Every problem comes to break us or make us. The choice is ours whether we become victim or victor."

What will you do when someone approaches you and says, "I don't believe in your God." Or, "The Bible is outdated, so it is no longer applicable." What about, "I think if you are a good person, you will go to Heaven." Or perhaps even the quote, "I don't believe in Heaven and I don't believe in Hell. Why would an all-merciful, loving, compassionate God send anyone to Hell?" Folks, these are questions that our culture is beginning to throw at Christians, and too many times, we do not know how to respond. What do we do? What do we say? How can we defend the faith and the Bible? A few years ago, it was enough to know **WHAT** you believed, but in our current culture, we must also know **WHY** we believe what we believe, and be able to defend it. Paul, in writing to his young constituent, Jude, said this, "'Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to **CONTEND FOR THE FAITH** that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people.'" (NIV) The apostle Peter said this, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." (NKJV)

This whole realm of defending the faith has become known as Apologetics, and we need to brush up on our answers **BEFORE** someone asks us about the faith, the Bible, Heaven and Hell, and a thousand other questions. Our society seems to be on one of six paths: **The Relativistic Faith Path: "Truth is whatever works for you."** Really? Is MY truth different from YOUR truth? Is there any absolute truth? The only absolute truth we have is God and His Word found in the Bible. Just because someone SAYS something is true does not necessarily MAKE it true. A famous Hollywood person once said, "Just follow your truth!" If you follow your own truth, you are making a fatal, eternal mistake.

The next path is **The Traditional Faith Path: "Truth is what you've always been taught."** For several hundred years, the truth being taught was that the world was flat and that the earth was the center of the universe, not the sun. Just because we have been taught something does not necessarily make it so. We must read and study God's word to understand HIS truths, not man's truths. Another path that some people take is **The Authoritarian Faith Path: "Truth is what you've been TOLD you must believe."** I was told to believe in evolution as per the answer of the origin of man, yet it is the THEORY of evolution, not the proven FACT of evolution. Unfortunately many churches oftentimes TELL their people WHAT you must believe, without Biblical basis, and that also is a recipe for ruination.

Yet another path is **the Intuitive Faith Path: "Truth is what you FEEL in your heart."** God put a conscience or intuition into us, but feelings sometimes are wrong and we need the gift of discernment to truly determine what God's Word says. Maybe that is why Jesus said, "If you look upon a woman with lust in your heart, it is the same as committing adultery." Feelings will often let us down and lead us to some very dark, dismal places. David disobeyed God when he saw Bathsheba and had feelings for her, and he acted on those feelings to the point of having an affair with her and then having her husband killed.

The **Mystical Faith Path: "Truth is what you THINK God told you."** Some people will say "God told me to do this or that," when it is not backed up by the WORD. God will NEVER tell ANYONE anything that is contrary to His written word. It is like the farmer working the field one day when he thought he heard God say, "PC." The guy figured that meant that he was supposed to quite farming and "Preach Christ." After a failed attempt at that, he said, "I thought PC meant that I was supposed to Preach Christ, to which God replied, "No, PC meant Plant Corn." We need to be very careful and back everything we think with Scripture.

Some people follow the **Evidential Faith Path: "Truth is what logic and evidence point to."** In this faith path, this idiom dismisses the idea of what true faith is: believing in something although you cannot prove it beyond a shadow of a doubt. Romans 5:1 says, "Therefore, since we have been justified through FAITH, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Hebrews 11:1 states, "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

If we can begin to understand these "faith paths" it is much easier for us to carry on a conversation and "be ready to give a defense." Be ready!! Someone is going to challenge your faith, and you MUST be ready to give them an answer. Blessings upon all. —Keith

Oct. 7 Brady breakfast,
 8:30am Down Home Country Cooking

October 20th ANNUAL MEETING at FBC Brady,
 4:00 Break-out sessions; 6:00 Meal; 7:00 speaker TBA

October 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Sept. 29: Fifth Sunday fellowship meal. See first page for details.		1	2	3	4	5
6 Deacons meeting, 5:00	7 LIBA breakfast, Down Home Country Cooking 8:30	8	9 Susan Turk	10 Samuel Torres	11 Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-12:00	12
13 Business meeting, 5:00	14 Triple S, noon	15 Jack Turk	16	17 Nelda Martin	18 Loreta Hiller Kameron Roberts	19 Benjamin Galindo Caleb Galindo
20 LIBA Annual Meeting, here, beginning at 4:00, meal at 6:00, service at 7:00	21 Travis Gary Becky Weber	22	23	24	25 Jamie Taylor Dana Walker	26 Judy Mitzel Women's Fellowship and Movie Night. More info will follow. Save the date.
27 Church council, 4:00	28 Dillon Roberts Triple S, 5:30	29	30 B&M candy treasure hunt	31 Gary Mitzel		

Food Ministry Report

September 2019

- Adults (19-64) 124
- Children: 47
- Adults over 65: 21
- Families: 93
- Total served: 192



Food distribution day for this month is October 11 from 9:00-12:00. Please consider volunteering this month. We were short of volunteers in September in both buildings.

Deacons on call in October:

George Matula
792-8611
Bobby Williams
597-7573 or 456-4735

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

Sunday morning: recorded sermon from previous week at 11:30 AM
Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45
September devotionals will be done by Janis Groves (week of 7-11), Tony Groves (week of 14-18), Joyce Scott (week of 21-25), and Becky Martin (week of 28-Nov. 1). Thank you!

Weekly Events

- Sunday**
9:45 Sunday School
10:50 Morning Worship
6:00 Prayer meeting
- Monday**
4:00 Ladies Bible study, Church Library
- Wednesday**
7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
Presbyterian Church
6:00- 7:30 PM B&M Children's Ministry
- Thursday**
9:45-12:00 Food Pantry: donated food brought from Walmart, sorted, and stored
2:00-3:30 Dorcas quilting ministry
5:00-6:00 Adult Bible Study at Trails Apartments Clubhouse



Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions
Our goal: \$2000

Giving as of 9-22: \$2335.00

Thanks to all who helped exceed our goal!

And thanks to the preschoolers who made the hand prints for the visual in the sanctuary.



New ways to connect and help:

- The Missions Team recently visited the Haven, a shelter for abuse victims in McCulloch and surrounding counties. The facility is well run and offers vital emergency and ongoing services to individuals and families. The team has placed a collection box in the church foyer with a suggested list of items needed by the Haven. Please consider making regular donations of toiletries or other items. Many of the clients come to the Haven with almost nothing and are assisted in finding employment and housing. So basic household items (towels, dishes, etc.) are needed. Talk to Betty Smith, Mission Team Lead, FMI.
- The Christmas Choir will begin practices for the musical *Shine on Us* in October. Holly Stewart will be the director. Please provide Karen Behrens, Music Team Lead, with your email address if you would like to sing in this choir. Karen's email is behrensperformance@gmail.com.
- The Hospitality Team is asking the church to provide desserts for the meal at the LIBA Annual Meeting we are hosting on October 20. The team will prepare chicken spaghetti and salad to serve to approximately 60 people.

Prayer unlocked the past and will open the future at First Baptist Church Brady.



Remember to pray.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. —*Philippians 4:6*

- our church staff, ministries, future pastor
 - our nation's leaders
 - our members in the nursing homes
 - our homebound members
 - the lost and unchurched in our community
 - Brady children & youth
 - Our Sunday School
 - Our preschool
 - the Pastor Search Committee
- Mary Ballew
Louise Baker
Amelia Britteon
Evelyn Calvello
- RaNon Caraway
Billy Ross Cavin
Doris Collins
Sherry Cox
Auther Crim
Bill Crow
Fayrene Easley
Mike Fields
Daniel Gainer
Charlie and Maria Garcia
Larry Garner
Janet Gloria
Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves
Roy Guthrie
Cathy Holloway
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Jerry Jordan
Rex Joslin
Janie Lowery
Mike Lowery

- Phil and Evelyn Martin
Judy Mitzel
Louise Morrow
Alisa Morton
Jim and Cynthia Quinn
Jack Selby
Mike and Tanzee Shedd
Edith Slaughter
Madison Slaughter
Rachelle Smith
Pam Speer
Kathy Stanley
Jackson Tijerina
Jack and Susan Turk
Shawnte Virdell
Megan Wall
Mackie Jo Walters
Bobbie Ann Williams
Kenneth & Claudette Young

- In military:*
Jon Bradshaw
Howard Brown
Brandon Haymon
David Hernandez
Jose Lopez
Moses Marmolejo
Concho Moore
Brandon Pfannenstiel
Jace Telford
Joseph Telford
Jonathan Torres
Wes Stark
Justin Williams
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend sympathy to the families of Grace Behrens, Lou Etta Probst, and Chance Stegall.

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It is ever the essence of the spirit of Christ to be willing to labor for those whose faces we cannot see, whose cry we cannot hear.
Mary Hill Davis, Dallas, 1909

Godly Impressions Preschool in October: Fall on the Farm, Bible Heroes

We are off to a great start at Godly Impressions Preschool and Child Care! We spent September getting into our routines, meeting new friends and reading lots of Dr. Seuss books. We heard the Old Testament Bible stories about the creation and Adam and Eve. We memorized the Bible verse "A friend loves at all times," Proverbs 17:17, so the children will have God's word written on their hearts forever.

In October we will be learning about Fall on the Farm. We will hear Bible stories about Noah, Joseph, Moses, and David, and we'll memorize the verse "With God all things are possible," Mark 10:27.

If you would like to be involved in Godly Impressions in any way — by substituting, by reading to our children, through monetary donations, or some other way — please let me know. And, of course, we covet your prayers as we pour into our future generations.

In His Service,
Holly Stewart, Director
Godly Impressions
"Connecting children to the love of Christ through Godly impressions"



BAM Meal Schedule for October

Oct. 2: Bobby & Bobbie Williams, Lois Patton
Oct. 9: Tony and Janis Groves
Oct. 16: Farion and Laurie Morton, Alisa Morton
Oct. 23: Amy Tetens, Carrie Pearson, Velma Hendley
Oct. 30: Jerry and RaNon Caraway, Judy Mitzel

We always enjoy reading the newsletter each month. The block party at the apartments sounded so successful! What a great ministry.

I am completely healed from that long ordeal with my foot. The most miraculous thing though is that God healed Bill's kidneys enough to get off dialysis. The doctor finally trusted he was really going to make it and removed his dialysis port last month!! He continues to be on oxygen 24/7 but we are managing that lifestyle change. Therefore please add a note of grateful praise for God's faithfulness and someone else can take our place on the [prayer] list.

Mother [Mary Ballew] continues to thrive and do well. We're expecting her to make it to 100 on November 8, 2020!

Prayers continue for God's leading in the pastor search selection. Love, *Sherry Barsch*