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HERITAGE WEEKEND FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BRADY, TEXAS

MAY 4TH & 5TH, 2019

SATURDAY MAY 4TH DROP BY THE OLD CHURCH ON 6TH & ELM. THE SANCTUARY WILL BE OPEN FOR US FROM 3:00 – 5:00 PM

THEN JOIN US FOR REUNION TIME IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL @ 1103 W. 17TH FROM 7:00 - 9:00 PM

WORSHIP WITH THE FBC FAMILY ON SUNDAY MORNING MAY 5TH FROM 10:00 AM – 12 NOON

SPEAKERS INCLUDE: BRO. RAY ASH, BRO. MIKE MCKINNEY, BRO. BLAKE O'DELL AND OTHER SPECIAL GUESTS

BARBECUE LUNCH TO FOLLOW AT THE FLC

RSVP BY APRIL 19, 2019

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Special events Easter Sunday morning, April 21

Plan to come a little early on Easter morning for some special outdoor events beginning at 9:00. Invite someone to come with you!

- Jason, Karen, and Gage Behrens will have a baby lamb for the children to see and hug. Melanie Couvillion will take pictures of the kids, their families, and the lamb.



- Coffee, juice, and donuts will be served under the pavilion.

- An egg hunt for the children will be the big event. Many eggs, many children is our hope! There is talk of a second egg hunt for the adults. . .



Please plan to come and be a part of all this as we begin the celebration of the risen Lord.

A special worship service is planned at 11:00, with a choir and glorious music. It will be a great time of worship at FBC.

A Life Song

by ElizaBeth Sparkman, ARNP

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
Romans 10:9

My husband and I were talking recently about how hopeless life would be without the promise of eternal life. Sometimes the nitty gritty of everyday happenings, the stories on the news, the confusion and seeming lack of sense in leadership roles in our nation and the world, the horrors of crimes – they all combine to simply bring us down. But there is a promise that will never fail: the promise of life everlasting with God in heaven.

We've been singing in church lately a song made popular by Newsboys:

*In this time of desperation,
when all we know is doubt and fear*

*There is only one foundation:
we believe – we believe*

We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ

*We believe in the Holy Spirit,
and He's given us new life.*

We believe in the Crucifixion, we believe that He conquered death

*We believe in the Resurrection
and He's coming back again.*

This month we celebrate Easter, the holiday that is set aside to revel in the fact that Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, died on the cross for our sin; He rose from the grave and conquered death! The song goes on:

So let our faith be more than anthems, greater than the songs we sing.

And in our weakness and temptations, we believe, we believe!

Let the lost be found, let the dead be raised.

In the here and now, let love invade

Let the church live loud, our God, we'll say "We believe!"

And the gates of hell will not prevail,

For the power of God has torn the veil

Now we know your love will never fail!

We believe!

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What if. . .

by Rev. Lee Floyd, Interim Pastor

How does a church grow? Pastors, seminaries, and church growth experts have been seeking and giving answers to this question ever since there was a church to pastor, a seminary to teach about churches, and expertise to offer. Is there an answer to the question? Sure - there are multiple. The answers come with steps and with formulas. They have instructions, time tables and ingredients. All have worked for someone and all have failed for someone.

But each answer has two common denominators.

First, they all have **people**: people to work the formulas and people to experience the formulations; people to put together the plans and people to benefit from the plan; people we are looking for to fill the church.

Second, **Jesus**. (At least the good answers have Jesus.) Jesus is what the church is supposed to be all about. Jesus is why we do church.

I am not trying to minimize the task ahead of our church. We have work and planning to finish. But I do want to remind you of a simple truth. You know people and you know Jesus. **What if** we start trying to introduce the two? **What if** each day when I encounter people I made an effort to extend an invitation? **What if** I made a point to invite the people I meet to my Sunday school class or our church? **What if** I challenged myself to invite 10 families with children to come to our Easter Egg Hunt? **What if** I invited a friend out for coffee or Sonic and I asked them about their faith and told them about mine? **What if** when I heard about the need of a neighbor or friend, I stepped up and helped to meet that need in the name of Jesus?

Churches grow when people and Jesus start to meet. Let's start introducing the two. Let's start with something simple - **PRAY** for God to move - **INVITE** a friend to something - **SEE** what God will do when you make yourself available. Let's introduce some people to Jesus,
See you Sunday!!—Bro. Lee

Keith's Konnections

by Keith Simpson, Ministry Director, Lake Ivie Baptist Association

*“And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,
²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.
 For the **joy** set before him he endured the cross,
 scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners,
 so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”*
 (Hebrews 12:2.3 NIV)

Does it ever seem as if living the Christian life is too difficult? Do you oftentimes desire to give up? Re-read the Scripture above and notice one word in that statement: the word JOY. Do you think that going to the cross for Jesus was a happy time? I dare say not. His JOY came, not from what he was about to endure, but rather KNOWING that He was going home once again, and that he would be seated in His rightful place. We all go through some things in life that do not bring happiness, yet through those times we can still rejoice in the fact that the JOY that awaits us is far better than anything on this earth. Jesus did not lose heart as He faced the cross and He encourages us not to lose heart when we go through trials and tribulations in our lives. He also says in Hebrews 13:5 (b), *“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”* Also in Hebrews 12:28, He says, *“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our ‘God is a consuming fire.’”*

Someone once said, “We must do all the good we can, to all we can, for as long as we can.” Our role as Christians is to make an impact on our world. Even if our world is small, we can still have a great influence on those around us either by word or deed or both. What will bring others to know Christ is watching Christians, how they act, and what they say and do; especially when we go through tests. Remember that “God can take a test and turn it into a testimony and He can take a trial and turn it into a triumph.” Let others see God working in and through your situation, glorify Him in the good and the bad, and always be joyful, knowing the result is in His hands. God did NOT deliver Daniel from the lions’ den; He did not deliver Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego from the fire; and He did not deliver Christ from the cross. But even in the midst of those trials, God was working. God will oftentimes allow us to go THROUGH trials and tribulations to grow us in the faith, to mature us in our walk with Him, and to draw us closer to relying on Him. Sometimes God calms the storm, but sometimes God calms us in the midst of the storm.

We need to build one another up, or as Paul says, to edify one another. We each need encouragement during our times of trouble, a friend to stay beside us, and God to guide us. I heard it said one time that “When Christians come together, their joys are doubled and their burdens are divided.” We are NEVER alone in the Christian walk, and I truly believe that is why God established “the church” in the New Testament Book of Acts. They met together, they studied together, they prayed together, they shared together and they built one another up at all times. Let us do the same.

And let us not forget that Easter is upcoming the 21st of April. Let us celebrate the RISEN CHRIST. Had He not died and had He not risen, we would still be lost in our sins. We are the first - fruits of His resurrection. I know several places will be hosting Easter Son Rise Services, and I encourage you to attend the one of your choice, and I feel sure that you will receive a blessing from that event. God bless and keep doing God’s work until He comes again.

Have a Blessed Easter—Keith

APRIL EVENTS

- April 1**—Brady breakfast, 8:30am, El Flamingo
- April 7**—Ordination at FBC Mason, 3:15-7:30pm
- April 8**—Coleman breakfast, 8:30am, Hidalgo’s
- April 15**—Ballinger breakfast, 8:30am, Beefmaster’s
- April 19**—Good Friday
- April 21**—Easter Sunday
 **Easter SonRise Services, 7AM—Millersview (Don Sessom’s house)
- April 28**—Tentative-Ordination of pastor at Novice Baptist Church



Please continue to pray for our pastor-less churches:

El Cordero, Santa Anna
 First Baptist Church, Brady
 First Baptist Church, Paint Rock
 First Baptist Church, Winters
 Millersview Baptist Church
 Tennyson Baptist Church

April 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
March 31 <i>Lord's Supper Fellowship Meal Town hall meeting</i>	1 <i>LIBA Fellowship breakfast, El Fla- mingo, 8:30 Bill Burns</i>	2	3	4 Sherry Cox Mabel Jones	5 Farion Morton	6 Robert Reeves
					<i>Texas WMU Annual Meeting FBC Woodway</i>	
7 <i>Deacons meeting, 5:00 Austin Reeves</i>	8 <i>Triple S, noon</i>	9 <i>Easter Choir practice, 6:45</i>	10 John David Bishop	11 Robby Paradise	12 <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00- 12:00</i>	13 Becky Elliott
14	15 Jonathan Torres	16 <i>Easter Choir practice, 6:45</i>	17	18 <i>Preschool Easter parties and egg hunt</i>	19 <i>Good Friday</i>	20
21 <i>Easter Sunday Billy Whitaker</i>	22 <i>Triple S, 5:30 Glenda Douglas</i>	23	24 <i>AWANA Family Night</i>	25	26	27
28 <i>Business meeting, 5:00</i>	29	30 Carrie Pearson Toney Urban				

Food Ministry Report

March 2018

- Adults (19-64) 92
- Children: 36
- Adults over 65: 37
- Families: 93
- Total served: 165

Food distribution day for this month is April 12 from 9:00-12:00.



Deacons on call in April:

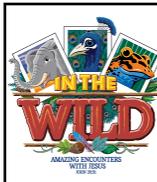
George Matula
792-8611
Bobby Williams
597-7573, cell 456-4735

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

Sunday morning: recorded sermon from previous week at 11:30 AM

Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45

April devotionals will be done by Tony Groves, Becky Elliott, Jeanagayle Behrens, Pat Matula, and Becky Bauer. Thank you!



Vacation Bible School
July 7-11

Weekly Events

Sunday

9:45 Sunday School
10:50 Morning Worship
3:00 Transition Team
6:00 Prayer meeting

Monday

4:00 Ladies Bible study, this month at the church in the CWJC room

Wednesday

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Presbyterian Church
5:30-7:00 AWANA & missions organizations (*last night April 24, Family Night*)

Thursday

9:45-12:00 Food Pantry: donated food brought from Walmart, sorted, and stored
2:00-3:30 Dorcas quilting ministry
4:00 Bible study/prayer group, Trails of Brady Apartments

LIBA Breakfast

Monday, April 1

Brady breakfast at El Flamingo at 8:30. All are welcome for this time of fellowship and sharing of what the Lord is doing among us.



SENDING HOPE

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions—our goal, \$2000

People search for hope to give their lives meaning. They need hope that, in spite of circumstances, things will get better. They place their hope in relationships, jobs, money, and what the world has to offer. But the apostle Peter tells us where we can find true, lasting hope. It's lasting because it is living and can be found only in Christ;

...He has given us a new birth into a living hope

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." —1 Peter 1:3, CSB

Millions live in the United States, Canada, and territories of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. More missionaries are needed. Although we're not all called to full-time missions, every person can send living hope.

It starts with prayer.

Pray. . . For God to strengthen missionaries and call more to the most un-reached places.

Pray. . . To be burdened for the lost in your community and to intentionally engage in gospel conversations.

Pray. . . About your gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. Our church goal is \$2000.00.

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as He said.”
Matthew 28:5-6a

Pray without ceasing. . .

- our church
- our nation’s leaders
- our members in the nursing homes
- our homebound members
- the lost and un-churched in our community
- Brady children & youth
- Our Sunday School
- Our preschool
- The Transition Team
- AWANA and missions organizations
- Heritage Weekend

Greg Ash
 Mary Ballew
 Louise Baker
 Sherry and Billy Barsch

Deryl Bishop
 Amelia Britteon
 Kayla Brown
 RaNon Caraway
 Doris Collins
 Melinda Cook
 Sherry Cox
 Fayrene Easley
 Mike Fields
 Charlie and Maria Garcia
 Larry Garner
 Janet Gloria
 Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves
 Roy Guthrie
 Robin Hill
 Curtis and Genna Jennings
 Jerry Jordan
 Greg Jordan
 Janie Lowery
 Mike Lowery
 Phil and Evelyn Martin
 Michelle McCartney

Michael Padgett
 Carrie Pearson
 Jim and Cynthia Quinn
 Jack Selby
 Mike and Tanzee Shedd
 Edith Slaughter
 Madison Slaughter
 Jim and Betty Smith
 Pam Speer
 Jackson Tijerina
 Jack and Susan Turk
 Megan Wall
 Mackie Jo Walters
 Bobbie Ann Williams
 Kenneth & Claudette Young

In military:
 Jon Bradshaw
 Howard Brown
 Brandon Haymon

Talisha Hendley
 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 Jimmie Hodges, Geneva Joslin, Charles Jordan, Jayson Goodgion, Gwen Bush, Hazel Maner, Pete Blackwell, and to Rhonda Aguirre in the loss of her father.

The newsletter is available on the church website: fbcbrady.org. The newsletter is also sent to email addresses as requested. Just send your address to Becky Martin: becky@scottmartin.net.



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Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9

Godly Impressions Preschool

Spring is in the air at Godly Impressions—and so are lots of bugs and butterflies. We will be learning about God’s little creatures this month and learning about the color purple. In preparation for Easter, our shape of the month is a cross. We will celebrate Easter with parties and egg hunts on Thursday, April 18, and we will be closed on Good Friday, April 19.

We will be memorizing the Bible verse: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength,” Deuteronomy 6:5.

It’s amazing to think that our school year is quickly coming to a close. Registration for the summer will be starting soon, so if you know anyone who needs child care, let them know about us. We’re in the business of making Godly impressions on our future generations!

In Christ’s service,
 Holly Stewart, Director



THANK YOU!

A very special Thank You to a wonderful church family. We want to express how much your many prayers, visits, and calls meant to us while Ken was in the hospital. The prayers were especially uplifting and just what we needed. Kenneth is doing so much better. Thank you for caring.
Kenneth and Claudette Young