

Heritage Weekend, May 4-5, 2019
A Celebration of 132 years of service to the Lord

Schedule of Events

Saturday, May 4, 3:00 to 5:00: Drop by the old church on 6th & Elm in the afternoon. The sanctuary will be open for us for those two hours. *(This is the only event at the old church.)*

Saturday, May 4, 7:00-9:00: Reunion time in Fellowship Hall @ 1103 W. 17th. Special music by the Millersview Gospel Band and Beth Sparkman and Karen Behrens, photos and historical items on display, timeline of church history, time to reconnect with old friends; cookies and ice cream

Sunday, May 5: Worship with the FBC family on Sunday morning from 10:00 to 12 noon. Speakers include former pastors Bro. Ray Ash, Bro. Mike McKinney, and Bro. Blake O'Dell; former ministers of music George Archer and Dr. Rob Tucker will lead music. *(The service will be live-streamed on Facebook; like us at First Baptist Church Brady.)* Barbecue lunch for all will follow at the Family Life Center.

How Do You Measure a Church?

by George Matula

Six thousand eight hundred eighty-six Sundays
Six thousand eight hundred eighty-six Sundays so dear
Six thousand eight hundred eighty-six Sundays
How do you measure, measure a Church of 132 years?

In salvations, in conversions
In blessings, in missions
In works, in giving
In gladness, in strife.

In six thousand eight hundred eighty-six Sundays
How do you measure a Church's life?

How about God's love?
How about the founding members' love?
How about our love?
Measure in love,
Measure all the love.
132 years of love!
Six thousand eight hundred eighty-six Sundays
Six thousand eight hundred eighty-six messages to hear
Six thousand eight hundred eighty-six Sundays
How do you measure the life
After one hundred thirty-two years?

*Prayer unlocked the past
and will open the future
at FBC Brady*



In sermons that were preached
Or hymns that were sung.
The hearts that were reached
And the tithes that were brung.

In six thousand eight hundred
eighty-six Sundays
What is the measure
of a Church's life?

God will measure the love.
He will remember the love.

Remember the love.
Let us measure this life in love.



Where, Who, and Why

by Bro. Lee Floyd, Interim Pastor

History is defined as "a continuous, systematic narrative of the past events as relating to a particular people, country, period, or person." It is a reminder of where and who you have been. Knowing this is important because it grants you understanding of what and who has shaped you over the course of your history. It reminds you of *why*: why you are here and why things are the way they are.

That is the purpose of our Heritage Weekend. It is about reminding us of where we have been, who we have been, and why we are here. It is about seeing the faithfulness of God through the history of FBC Brady. The weekend is about remembering that though things may be different at FBC, God is not. He is still faithful. And the same God who has used FBC in the days behind us will use FBC in the days ahead. It's a matter of trust.

Let's come together during this time and celebrate what God has done in the past. And let's celebrate what God will do in the days to come. Let it strengthen our trust. I will see you SATURDAY!!!!!!

Bro. Lee

A Life's Song

by Elizabeth Sparkman, Worship Leader

"Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever." —Daniel 12:3

This verse is taken from the prophecy given to Daniel about the future. In the verses preceding, there is a word that is used to describe the trials and tribulations that will occur prior to this "shining" event. In both Hebrew and Greek, the deep meaning of the word used is indicative of being under great pressure, being afflicted or feeling troubled. These are all concepts with which we can identify. If you have ever experienced a sleepless night; one spent tossing and turning; one where the mind just won't shut off and rest, then you can understand what is described here.

Now this chapter is clearly referring to the end of time, preceding the return of Jesus, the Messiah and Savior of the world, but I believe there are great truths for us both personally and as a church body that can be applied.

First, we each have individual struggles that serve to steal our rest, which in turn decreases our strength and stamina. Being tired and worn clouds our judgment; it decreases our ability to listen to others, to love one another, to serve one another. I see this in my personal life as I strive daily to live in a way that honors the Lord, in a world where His glory is not the driving purpose. I also see it in our church body.

This wonderful church has an amazing heritage; a heritage that we are coming together to celebrate this month. We are looking back at the wonderful things FBC Brady has done, joyful times shared among its members, and lives that have been touched by the service of many. But right now, we are pressed. We are feeling troubled and there are afflictions in our midst.

I challenge you, FBC Brady, to remember from where we have come, but more importantly to recognize where we can go and what can be accomplished for Him.

We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road,
and those who've gone before us line the way.
cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary,
their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace.
Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us run the race not only for the prize,
but as those who've gone before us, let us leave to those behind us,
the heritage of faithfulness passed on thru godly lives.
O may all who come behind us find us faithful,
may the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave, lead them to believe,
and the lives we live inspire them to obey.
O may all who come behind us find us faithful.

Songwriters: Larry Mayfield / JOHN MOHR

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Godly Impressions Preschool

In April the students of Godly Impressions learned about bugs and butterflies and celebrated Easter. In May we'll be busy "Digging Up Dinos" and preparing for a couple big events including Muffins for Moms and Preschool Graduation which will be on Friday, May 24 at 11:00 a.m.

We will continue to operate the child care portion of our program throughout the summer months. Open enrollment for the 2019-'20 school year will take place starting July 1.

Thank you for supporting this mission with your prayers!

In His service,
Holly Stewart, Director



*"Connecting kids to the love of Christ
through Godly impressions"*

Keith's Konnections

by Keith Simpson, Ministry Director, Lake Ivie Baptist Association

Well, it's that time of year again: that time when all sorts of things are going on. We just finished Easter (and what a joyous time in the life of all Christians), and coming up, we have Mother's Day, graduations, schools releasing, vacations, Vacation Bible Schools, camps of all sorts including Church Camps, basketball camps, football camps, tennis camps and so on and so on. It seems that as we approach this time of year, our lives get busier and busier as each new event approaches, and we sometimes forget about church activities. We tend to put church on the "back burner" as summer arrives, but God calls us to "not forsake the assembling of yourselves together." Church attendance and church giving tend to go down somewhat during this busy time of the year, but it should not be so.

Paul encourages us to "finish the race" and to continue to do the work to which God has called us. What is your "job" as a Christian? Simply put, it is to make disciples, others of the same kind, in order to further the Kingdom of God. Jude 1:3 states in the latter part of the verse, "And exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was delivered unto the saints." In the letter to the church at Ephesus, found in Revelation 2:4-5 (a), John, the Revelator, writes, "Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works." We are to continually be at the work to which we have been called, and that is to work for the Lord, even in our busiest times, so in your "busyness", do not forsake your first love. Paul also addresses this in Ephesians 4:12, "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body." Let us look at this without some of the punctuation, "For the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry for the edifying of the body." To me, the saints (and NOT just the pastor) are to do the work of the ministry in order to edify the body of Christ. Are you doing your part?

Let me speak of a couple of events going on in individual churches within the association for a moment. FBC, Brady will be having their "Heritage Day" celebration on May 4 and 5 with some special activities going on these two days. On Saturday, May 4, the old church on 6th and Elm will be open from 3:00 to 5:00 for present and past members to reflect on where they were, and to whence they have come. That evening in the present church at 1103 W. 17th St. there will be some special music by the Millersview Gospel Band, a time of reunion in the Fellowship Hall with a timeline of the church history and a dessert bar. On Sunday, May 5, from 10 until 12, three former pastors will be speaking at the morning service and those three include Brother Ray Ash, Brother Mike McKinney, and Brother Blake O'Dell. All former members and others are invited to attend. A barbeque lunch will be served in the Family Life Center after the morning services.

Also, this Sunday, April 28, Novice Baptist Church will be ordaining their pastor, Larry Owings, into the Gospel Ministry at 4:00 p.m. The Ordaining Council will convene at 4, the church service will commence at 5, and then a light meal will be provided after dismissal of the ceremony. Everyone is invited to attend this ordination.

And last, but not least, there will be a mission trip planning session on May 5, at 5:17 pm at FBC, Santa Anna for those who are interested in going to the Navajo Nation in Window Rock, Arizona and Tse Bonito in New Mexico. Marty Akins, Mission Team leader, will be explaining what we will be doing while there which includes backyard Bible studies, some light construction, and just ministering to the Navajo people however we can. The trip will leave on July 13 and return on July 20 and all are invited to participate in our summer mission trip. For further information, you may call me at 325-456-0928 or call Marty Akins at 806-215-1932. Please attend this very important planning/informational meeting if you are interested in going with us.

May God continue to bless each church within the association and each person in each

church as we strive to do God's work together and separately.

APRIL 28th -Pastor Ordination-
Novice Baptist Church-Council Meet
at 4:00PM; Church Service at
5:00PM; Dinner served after

MAY EVENTS

- May 5** – 5:17 pm, Mission Trip Meeting-FBC, Santa Anna
May 6—Brady breakfast, 8:30am, El Flamingo
May 12- *MOTHER'S DAY*
May 13—Coleman breakfast, 8:30 am, Hidalgo's
May 20—Ballinger breakfast, 8:30 am, Beefmaster's

Office closed May 24 & 27 for Memorial Day



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

JUNE EVENTS

NO Breakfasts until September

May 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Tim Owens	3	4 Matthew Bishop <i>Heritage Weekend</i>
5 <i>Heritage Weekend</i>	6 <i>LIBA Fellowship breakfast, El Flamingo, 8:30</i> <i>Children's ministry team meeting 5:30, library</i>	7 Daniel Virdell	8 Edith Slaughter	9	10 <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-12:00</i> Terry Virdell	11 Josh Collier
12 <i>Mother's Day</i> Crockett Jurrius Layla Virdell	13 <i>Triple S, noon</i> Pat Gary Emily Spurgeon Jack Jennings Jett Jennings	14	15 Norma Ridout	16	17 Lynn Munden	18
19 <i>Business meeting, 5:00</i>	20	21	22 <i>4:00: program by the Haven Family Shelter in FLC</i>	23	24 <i>Pre-school graduation 11:00 in sanctuary</i>	25
26 <i>Church council 5:00</i> Jeanagayle Behrens	27 <i>Triple S, 5:30</i>	28	29	30	31	

Food Ministry Report

April 2019

- Adults (19-64) 85
- Children: 27
- Adults over 65: 21
- Families: 75
- Total served: 133

Food distribution day for this month is May 10 from 9:00-12:00.



Deacons on call in May:

Farion Morton
597-1965, cell 792-6596
Jim Smith
597-0740, cell 456-4921

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

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

Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45

May devotionals will be done by Ed Alsop, Karen Behrens, Becky Martin, and Farion Morton. Thank you!



VBS July 7-11
Children's ministry team meeting
May 6 @ 5:30
All volunteers please come!

Weekly Events

Sunday

9:45 Sunday School
10:50 Morning Worship
3:00 Transition Team
(on May 19 and 26)
6:00 Prayer meeting

Monday

4:00 Ladies Bible study, this month at the Home of Linda Wall, 1011 12th St.

Wednesday

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
Presbyterian Church

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, May 6

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. This is the last LIBA breakfast until fall.



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions—our goal, \$2000
Our giving as of April 29: \$2,081.12 Goal met!

SENDING HOPE

Looking ahead

May 26: 1st Church Council meeting, 5:00
June 30: 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal and "Connections Fair"

Welcome new members!

By profession of faith, awaiting baptism:

Louis Palacio Jr.
Katie Palacio

By letter:

Ed Alsop
Laura Alsop
Beverly Waisner
(Ed, Laura, and Beverly are moving

their letters from Wea Ridge Baptist Church in Lafayette, Indiana.)



Grace Class will sponsor a program by a representative from the **Haven Family Shelter** on Wednesday, May 22, in the Family Life Center. Come and learn about the role of the Haven and volunteer opportunities there. Everyone is invited, and refreshments will be served.

The Mission at Brady

First two weekends in June
Contact Jason Behrens or sign up in the foyer if you available to help.

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
- Vacation Bible School

To God belong wisdom and power;
counsel and understanding are His.
Job 12:13

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 5:3

Greg Ash
Ray Ash
Mary Ballew
Louise Baker
Sherry and Billy Barsch
Deryl Bishop
Amelia Britteon
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
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
Shawnte Virdell
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 Joan McBride, Winifred Burk, and Mary Bradshaw.

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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. . . being confident of this, that He Who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
Philippians 1:6



The Transition Team would like to say **thank you** to Becky Elliott and her team of history researchers for putting together the book on the history of First Baptist Church. The hours they spent going through boxes of old records, photos, and memorabilia, and conducting interviews, helped create a book that will be a treasure for those who love First Baptist Brady. The expense involved in the publication was covered by Charlie Elliott Ministries, Inc.

Thank you to Bro. Lee for his leadership, patience, and wisdom in the planning of this event as well as the whole transition process.

Thank you to all our out-of-town visitors for taking the time out of your lives to celebrate with us.

Thank you to Bro. Don Ziriaux and Bible Baptist Church for graciously welcoming us to visit the sanctuary at the old church.

And **thank you** to anyone who has helped in any way. There are too many to list by name. Really everyone in the church has played a part. **Thank you** to all.

Your Transition Team: Karen Behrens, Laurie Morton, George Matula, Joyce Scott, Welman Bauer, and Becky Martin