

First Baptist Church Brady, Texas

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

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newsletter

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BAM! Bible and Missions, our new children's Wednesday night ministry, will begin with a block party and registration on Sept. 4, 6:00-7:30, in the FLC parking lot.

JAM: Jesus and Me
Pre-K and kindergarten

ROC: Relying on Christ
1st and 2nd grade

JWJ: Journey with Jesus
3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

More volunteers are needed. Contact the church office or Children's Ministry Team Lead Marsha Gainer (234-6591) if you can help in any way.

Trails of Brady Block Party

by Becky Martin

The Block Party at Trails of Brady Apartments on August 7 was a great success. We served hot dogs, snow cones, and popcorn to over 80 people, most of whom were apartment residents with other guests from the community. Two bounce houses attracted lots of children. We gave every family a flyer about BAM. We mixed and mingled and tried to visit with everyone as we hosted this fun event along with the apartment management and the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber crew showed a movie on a huge inflatable screen when it got dark.

Thank you to the FBC volunteers who made this happen: George and Pat, Travis and Pat, Jerry and RaNon, Bobby and Bobbie, Pete and Oralia, Karen, Jason, and Gage, Alisa and Brayden, Jeanagayle, Nelda, Laura, Marsha, and Bro. Lee. Everyone pitched in and found a way to help. Also thank you to Keith Simpson and the Lake Ivie Baptist Association for purchasing the Block Party Trailer a few years ago and making it available. It is an amazing tool in His service.

God sent His overnight clean-up crew—His deer!—to deal with the last of the spilled popcorn. The next morning it looked like we had never been there. But we had been, and we trust that we touched some lives for Christ's sake.

Please pray for the apartment residents and management and for future FBC ministry there. After a summer break, the Missions Team will restart a weekly adult Bible study in the clubhouse beginning September 14 at 5:00, with Linda Wall as leader.

The Missions Team and the Children's Ministry Team are planning to meet jointly on the last Monday of every month at 5:30. Volunteers are welcome at these meetings. Come and get involved!

Update from Bro. Lee

2 Thess. 3:13 - "As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good."

Paul sends this encouragement to the church in Thessalonica to stay the course of their work despite what may be happening around them. This is my encouragement to you. Do not stop! Keep moving forward, being faithful to all God sets before you. Because we know, *"He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it"* 1 Thess. 5:24. God is faithful - and He will continue to use FBC Brady as a witness in this community and beyond.

The coming days are important. We are in preparation to call and commission a pastor search team. Pray, asking God to raise up the people who are needed to serve on this important mission. Nominations will be taken from the members of the church on September 8 and 15.

I hope you will be on hand for the September business meeting. Godly Impressions will be making a presentation about the mission and ministry of the preschool. The presentation will help us better understand what the preschool does on a day to day basis. It will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions about this ministry. Be present for this important day.

See you Sunday!!!

Bro. Lee



Week of Prayer for Texas Missions (Sept. 1-8)
Mary Hill Davis Missions Offering
for Texas Missions (through month of September)
Our goal: \$2000

"The mission of Jesus was a world mission, so should our mission be. We will do well to remember that God made the world and man made the maps."

—Mary Hill Davis, Beaumont, 1929



Keith's Konnections...

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2 Thoughts For The Day:

“When life isn’t a bed of roses, remember Who wore the thorns.”

“If God is pleased, then don’t worry about who isn’t.”

Back in “ye days of olde” people actually used to take time to formally write a letter and send it via USPS to friends and families. Of course, nowadays, we use email or IM or text message or some other mode of corresponding with our friends and families. Did you ever realize that God also wrote some letters? He instructed John the Revelator to write seven letters to the seven churches in the Province of Asia, basically to encourage them, but, at the same time, warning them about certain things going on within each church that He was not pleased with. My question to each of the churches in our Association is simply this: What if God wrote a letter to your church? What would it say? Would He say more positive things or more negative things about your church? Scary thought, isn’t it? As I re-read those letters again this morning, I think these same seven letters, with their problems outlined therein, are still applicable today for nearly ALL churches of ALL denominations and non-denominational churches as well. Let us take a short look at each of these.

First, let us look at the church in Ephesus: This church appears to have had one of the two most severe problems in the early New Testament churches. Their letter warned them about leaving their first love, and that they were fallen, and needed to return to their first love OR ELSE. How many churches fit this model, through being more concerned with “programs,” “sacred cows,” the color of the carpet or some other miniscule idea that has NOTHING to do with loving and serving Jesus, evangelizing, making disciples, and doing missions works. (Matthew 28:19-20) A church’s first responsibility is to follow Christ, to emulate Christ, and to reach others for Christ, yet some churches have become nothing more than social clubs or a place to advance one’s self through leadership roles, etc. Oftentimes, a church is more concerned with their OWN agenda than following the Biblical model.

Smyrna appears to have been somewhat influenced by, and inhabited by what God calls “false Christians.” How many church people PROFESS to be Christians but their lives and every day dealings on a daily basis fail to exhibit what living a true Christian life is all about? To those, Jesus will one day say, “Depart from me, for I never knew you.” Remember, also, that Jesus said you will know Christians by the fruit they produce. Is your church producing fruit, or are they rotting on the vine?

To the church at Pergamum, John was inspired to warn them about false teachings within the church, that there were some worshipping Baal, and following the doctrine of the Nicolaitans. He warned them to repent while there was still time. False teachings abound MORE today than ever before: just turn your TV on some Sunday morning and “name it and claim it theology” or the “prosperity gospel” is just about everywhere. BEWARE!!

Thyatira seems to have a problem, similar to Pergamum, with false prophets. Some of their members were saying “thus saith the Lord,” when in reality, they were not proclaiming God’s word (because nothing ever came of their prophecies) but rather their own ideas. The way to tell a prophet is whether or not what he proclaims actually comes to pass. If someone tells you that they had a word from the Lord, wait and see what happens.

The church at Sardis didn’t realize that their church was already dead, and they were encouraged to wake up and to strengthen what little bit remained. (see Autopsy of a Deceased Church). We have churches across all denominations across the nation that are dead, but they do not realize it yet, and they are beginning to stink.

Philadelphia seems to be full of what John called liars, those who were twisting the Gospel to influence others, but not really proclaiming the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. (Paul addressed this in his Epistle to the Galatians also.)

Maybe the saddest church was the church at Laodicea, which was neither hot, nor cold, but rather just lukewarm, and God warned them that there was no way there was much hope for them since they were just there taking up space. If they were hot, God could work with them; if they were cold, God could stir them up, but since they were just lukewarm, there was little hope for them, and that he was ready to “spew” them out of his mouth.

When we look at these examples of the seven churches, ask yourself “where does our church fit in these models?” It is my strong belief that God never desires for a church to close, but sometimes God allows a church to die in order to resurrect it from the ashes. Has your church left its first love and more interested in programs, etc than truly reaching the lost for the Lord? Are there false Christians in your church, or false teachings, or false prophets? Is your church dead and haven’t yet realized it? Is your church full of liars or is your church just so-so, and basically lukewarm? Remember that God CAN work with and through any church, but the church has to realize what their current state is. And once the church realizes where it is, and with a change in attitude, God CAN and WILL work through pastors, leaders, deacons, etc. to help bring that church back to a growing, vibrant, viable, living church. God bless and keep on keeping on!

SEPT. 10th –Ministry Safe
 Child, Sexual Abuse Prevention-
 FBC Georgetown

SEPT. 23rd Brady breakfast,
 8:30am El Flamingo

October 27th ANNUAL
 MEETING?

September 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 <i>First Day of School for Godly Impressions</i>	4 <i>BAM children's ministry block party and registration, 6:00-7:30</i>	5	6	7 Mackie Ranne
Week of Prayer for Texas		Missions		and Mary Hill	Davis State Missions offering	
8 Raymond Torres <i>Deacons meeting, 5:00 Nominations for PSC</i>	9 <i>Triple S, noon</i>	10 Virgil Middleton	11 Joshua Torres <i>BAM children's ministry, 6:00-7:30</i>	12	13 <i>Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-12:00</i>	14
15 <i>Nominations for PSC Business meeting, 5:00; presentation by preschool</i>	16	17	18 <i>BAM children's ministry, 6:00-7:30</i>	19	20	21
22 Laurie Morton Serena Alexander- <i>Church council, 4:00</i>	23 Judye Oden Judy Owen <i>LIBA breakfast, El Flamingo, 8:30 Triple S, 5:30</i>	24	25 Beverly Waisner <i>BAM children's ministry, 6:00-7:30</i>	26	27	28
29 <i>Fifth Sunday Lord's Supper Fellowship meal</i>	30 <i>Children's Ministry Team and Missions Team, 5:30</i>	27	28 <i>BAM children's ministry, 6:00-7:30</i>	29	30	31

Food Ministry Report

August 2019

- Adults (19-64) 86
- Children: 31
- Adults over 65: 37
- Families: 82
- Total served: 154



Food distribution day for this month is September 13 from 9:00-12:00.

If you've never volunteered with Food Pantry, come see what goes on!

Deacons on call in September:

- Jerry Caraway 792-8671
- Farion Morton 792-6596

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 Pat Matula, Betty Smith, Jeanagayle Behrens, Misty Urban, and Becky Martin. Thank you!

Doris Collins' new address is Lyndale Senior Living 6101 Grand Court, Apt. 132 San Angelo, TX 76901

Weekly Events

Sunday

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:50 Morning Worship
- 6:00 Prayer meeting

Monday

- 4:00 Ladies Bible study, Home of Linda Wall, 1011 12th St. (will not meet on Sept. 2.)

Wednesday

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Presbyterian Church
- 6:00- 7:30 PM BAM 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
- 6:00 Praise teams' music practice

Dear Church Family,
I just want to thank all you dear friends for the wonderful way you blessed. The beautiful tea pot was a wonderful gift and the awesome plaque was so touching.

You will never know how much those gifts and your continuous support and prayers have meant to me. I could not have done the job without the many deacon chairmen, pastors, interims, and a dear, dear church family. I love you all.

RaNon Caraway



Fifth Sunday Fellowship Meal

Sept. 29 right after church

Please bring two side dishes—vegetable, salad, or dessert.

Meat will be provided.

A special note of thanks from the family of Marvin Tucker:

To Hope Sunday School Class that Marvin so enjoyed relationships and studying together—thank You! Thanks for the memories, the family accepts with gratitude the plant and card you sent. Marvin was, and we are, grateful for you!

Dear Church Family:

For the many expressions of kindness and sympathy in our time of missing our dear Marvin Tucker, the deepest gratitude. Your cards, food, and meal served to our family was most appreciated. Thanks for making us feel we belong to you and you to us.

In sincere gratitude,
The Family of Marvin Tucker

Congratulations summer graduates!

- **Samuel Torres**, son of Raymond and Linda Torres, received his Masters in Education from Tarleton State University in August.
- **Taler Thomas**, granddaughter of Jerry and RaNon Caraway, graduated in August from Texas A&M with a Bachelor of Arts in International Commerce.



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



Remember to pray.

- our church staff, ministries, future pastor
- 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 formation of the Pastor Search Committee

Mary Ballew
Louise Baker
Sherry and Billy Barsch
Karen Behren's
stepfather Chuck
Amelia Britteon

Evelyn Calvello
RaNon Caraway
Billy Ross Cavin
Doris Collins
Melinda Cook
Sherry Cox
Auther Crim
Fayrene Easley
Mike Fields
Charlie and Maria Garcia
Larry Garner
Janet Gloria
Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves
Roy Guthrie
Robin Hill
Cathy Holloway
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Jerry Jordan
Rex Joslin
Janie Lowery
Mike Lowery
Phil and Evelyn Martin

Jay May
Michael Padgett
Jim and Cynthia Quinn
Alton Rose
Paul Sanders
Jack Selby
Mike and Tanzee Shedd
Edith Slaughter
Madison Slaughter
Rachelle Smith
Pam Speer
Kathy Stanley
Jackson Tijerina
Samuel Torres
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 Wanda Holloway, Greg Jordan, Marvin Tucker, Nate White. Ken Hepburn

[God] turned the rock into a pool,
the hard rock into springs of water.
Psalm 114:8

The newsletter is available on the church website: fbcbrady.org. If you would like a reminder of when it is posted each month, send your email address to Becky Martin: becky@scottmartin.net. Paper copies are available at the church and can be mailed on request.

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“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

Godly Impressions Preschool welcomes new children and staff members

Our 2019-20 school year “kickoff” on Sunday, Aug. 25 was a huge success. We are officially ready for a great new school year with many new faces, including three new teachers. We would like to welcome Laura Alsop, Krissie Springer and Ashlee Shaw to our team.

Our school year begins with Seuss September. Oh, the fun we’ll have reading all of Dr. Seuss’ wild and wacky books. Our Bible verse is “A friend loves at all times,” Proverbs 17:17, and the preschool classes will be hearing the stories about creation and Adam and Eve in the garden.

As always, 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

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BAM Meal Schedule for September

Sept. 4: Block Party
Sept. 11: Jeanagayle Behrens, Joyce Scott
Sept. 18: Toney and Misty Urban
Sept. 25: George and Pat Matula, Joyce Scott



Planning ahead: A plan for a women’s fellowship/movie/salad supper is forming for October 26. Mark your calendar! Save the date! Bring a friend! Child care will be provided.

—from the Missions Team