

First Baptist Church, Brady, Texas

Give.
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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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Important update from Pastor Search Committee

by George Matula, PSC Chair

The Search Committee met on Wednesday, April 22nd to begin planning for Bro. Jeff Quattlebaum to come in view of a call to become our pastor. Of course we will have to get back to having our normal Sunday services before that can occur. We plan to have him come on Saturday and have an opportunity for our members to meet him before he preaches on Sunday. We will probably start at 5:00 P.M. and have finger food snacks for all who attend. The committee needs to get with the finance committee to agree on a salary and have the church vote on the salary if it is different than what is in the current budget. On Sunday April 26th, Bro Jeff preached at his church's parking lot service. If anyone wishes to view it, it is on YouTube. Just search Bois D Arc Baptist Church Palestine Texas. It is the whole service and Bro. Jeff and his wife Misty sing in their praise team. Jeff is on the right side of the trailer and Misty is on the left side.

Please continue to pray for wisdom and guidance for the Search Committee and pray for the man God has chosen to be our spiritual leader and shepherd and for his family.

The last several weeks I have heard my favorite scripture quoted several times in church services and on news programs on TV and the internet:

2 Chronicles 7:14 *"If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."*

Music—Children's Ministry—Missions

• As some of you know, we have been going live with our **praise group** every Sunday on Facebook. We are reaching past 500 viewers on our live feed on Facebook. What a blessing that is for us. God is so good. We have really enjoyed bringing the services this way. We hope that we can continue to go live every Sunday when we are able to worship together. We miss each of you and look forward to seeing all your smiling faces again. I hope you all are well. Our group has been praying for our church family as well as our country. (from Karen)

But I will sing of your strength,
in the morning I will sing of your love;
for you are my fortress,

my refuge in times of trouble. *Psalms 59:16*

• The **Children's Team** is totally focused on the one thing that is most important to our children: learning to accept, trust, and worship Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We have been shut down for a while but that has just sharpened our resolve. See you soon!! (from Marsha)

• **Missions** doesn't have to be face to face. It could be by giving to our Annie Armstrong Mission Offering. Our goal of \$2,000 now has \$820 given so far. It isn't too late for you to participate. Please be praying for our missionaries all around the world. Some are in foreign countries where this virus is causing not only sickness, but extreme hunger. Your kind deeds in Brady, Texas can be an act of Missions. Go find your mission today. (from Betty)

Worship services will resume Sunday, May 3, at 11:00. Entry will be only on the east side of the building. Social distancing guidelines will be in place. The service will also be live-streamed. See the insert or website FMI.

Peace be with you

The last several weeks have created a different way of doing life for most of us. It has changed our pace, our normal routines, and added new uncertainty to any given day. And although uncertainty is something we all have faced before and face to some extent on any given day, COVID-19 has been like a yellow highlighter pushing uncertainty to the forefront of our thoughts.

After the death of Jesus and His placement in a tomb, the disciples are gathered together. Everything they had aligned their life with for the past three years was now over. The hope they had has been snuffed out. Their lives enter into a place of real uncertainty. But—then Jesus walks in the room (John 20:19). A resurrected Jesus shows up. And His first words to them are, "Peace be with you."

Uncertainty does not bring peace. It usually creates anxiety or worry and in some cases fear. Peace feels distant or unavailable. This is where the disciples are at— anxious, worrisome, and afraid. And this is where many of us have been at times. I know I have sensed some anxiety, and have been worried, and a few times have felt fear.

Jesus walks in the room and says, "Peace be with you." Now, this would be a standard greeting for the time. But don't miss the significance of what Jesus is offering them by showing up. This is what Jesus does. He brings peace. As followers of Jesus, we have available to us a Savior who can walk into our uncertainty and bring peace.

The next verse says, "The disciples were glad when they saw the Lord." When you feel the anxiety coming on, when the worry is sinking in, or when fear is reaching for you—turn to Jesus. Call out to Him (1 Peter 5:7) because He cares for you and will bring you peace.

See you SOON!

Bro. Lee

- **Food Pantry numbers** from April: 94 Adult Boxes and 17 Children Boxes; under 18—34; ages 19-64—121; 65 and over—25; 180 people served
- **May Food Pantry** will be Friday morning, May 8, drive-through only.
- **May radio spots** will be done by Becky Martin (4-8), Melinda Cook (11-15), Becky Weber (18-22), and James Mallow (25-29).
- **Deacons on call in May** are Bobby Williams (597-7573 or 456-4735) and George Matula (792-8611).
- **March financial reports** are available in the office or can be mailed or emailed. Check with Laurie.

May birthdays:

7—Daniel Virdell

8—Edith Slaughter

11—Josh Collier

12—Crockett Jurius, Layla Virdell

13—Pat Gary, Jack and Jett Jennings

15—Norma Ridout

26—Jeanagayle Behrens

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



Remember to pray.

- All health care workers; local, state, and national leaders; school administrators, teachers, and staff; and missionaries
- All who have the Covid-19 virus
- our church staff, ministries, future pastor
- our members in the nursing homes and our homebound members
- the lost and unchurched in our community
- Brady children & youth
- the Pastor Search Committee

Wyatt & Francisca Anderson
 Mary Ballew
 Holden Bedwell
 Amelia Britteon
 Doris Collins
 Melanie Couvillion
 Sherry Cox
 Glen Douglas
 Fayrene Easley
 Marsha Gainer
 Charlie and Maria Garcia
 Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves
 Nita Groves
 Roy Guthrie
 Betty Henderson
 Curtis and Genna Jennings
 Jennifer Jordan
 Jerry Jordan
 Rex Joslin
 Janie Lowery
 Mike Lowery

Gary and Judy Mitzel
 Ericka Moore
 Louise Morrow
 Alisa Morton
 Lois Patton
 James & Anna Richards
 Betty Sargent
 Mike and Tanzee Shedd
 Edith Slaughter
 Madison Slaughter
 Kathy Stanley
 Staci Seiler
 Jack and Susan Turk
 Misty Urban
 Megan Wall
 Mackie Jo Walters
 Gene Walton
 Kenneth & Claudette Young

In military:
 Jon Bradshaw

Brandon Haymon
 David Hernandez
 Jose Lopez
 Moses Marmolejo
 Jennifer McAnally
 Concho Moore
 Brandon Pfannenstiel
 Jace Telford
 Joseph Telford
 Jonathan Torres
 Wes Stark
 Justin Williams
 Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend sympathy to the families of Rickie Fay Owens, Maxine Naylor, Eddie Cardiel, Virgil Davis, and all those lost in the Covid-19 pandemic.

Rejoice in the Lord always.
 I will say it again: Rejoice!
 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.
Philippians 4:4-5

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The newsletter is available on the church website: fcbbrady.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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Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer & petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7

Godly Impressions: We, at Godly Impressions, certainly didn't see COVID-19 coming and affecting us the way that it has, but God did. Nothing about this unprecedented time is a surprise to Him. He has been in control this whole time, and our job is to trust His leading and His timing. Godly Impressions has been closed since Spring Break. With the Governor's recent declaration regarding this school year, we will remain closed through the end of May and quite likely throughout the entire summer. A re-opening in August is probably going to be our best bet, but we will be faithful to the Lord's guidance. While we miss seeing the children's faces every day and getting to interact with them, we pray this time with family has been special in their growth and development. *(from Holly)*



Ed and Becky Weber sent a thank you note for thinking of them during this time.

James Finley presented a sizeable gift to the church in memory of his parents, William (Bill) and Patsy Finley.

I want to thank everyone for prayers for Jennifer. She is improving and will have surgery to remove the affected kidney.
 Thanks also for all the prayers and kind deeds that have been shown.
 Love in Christ,
 Fayrene Easley