



Our Mission: FBC Brady is a family that exists to
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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Message from the Pastor: *Through It All*

The year was 1971 when a little-known song was written by a famous gospel singer named Andraé Crouch. The gospel group called Andraé Crouch and the Disciples were on a tour through California when he was in a season of very deep disillusionment and disappointment that would border on depression. On top of all that, Andraé’s mother and father had passed away within two years of one another. He said of that time, “Probably the hardest time in my life... Just getting through the gloom, the grieving part of it and to learn the reason why.” Later on, in Andraé’s life he would be diagnosed and fight through four different types of cancer and congestive heart failure. While many of us would probably just give up and pray that God would just take us home, Andraé kept pushing through and ministering through music to millions of people around the world.

Andraé Crouch described in an article about a time of prayer he was having at his lowest point. He was praying to God saying, “I cannot praise You going through this. I cannot do it. I don’t feel like it.” Brothers and sisters in Christ, that moment hit me really hard because we have all been there. We have all gone through things and we tell God that we just can’t do it anymore. We have all told God at one point, “I cannot praise You going through this, I can’t do it and I don’t want to do it no matter what you say.” Crouch went on to say that after struggling for about 30 minutes, he gave in. “I just started saying, ‘Thank you, Jesus, and I praise you, Jesus.’ And then I felt strength come like a gushing well.” Through that experience Crouch said God taught him a very valuable lesson: “If depression comes for anything, learn to praise Him. There is power in praising the name of God.”

In his autobiography, written by Andraé Edward Crouch and Nina Ball, he wrote these words:

“But God sends the mountains. . . to lift us up from the valleys . . . and He gives us strength to travel through it all – through the up times and through the down times. I just thank Him for everything, all the tears – tears of sorrow, tears of joy – for the problems, and the trust, the faith, His Word, His Holy Spirit, and for Jesus. Through it all he brings a blessed harmony to life. Knowing Him, belonging to Him, is enough. Praise His name.” (Crouch, 1974, p.17)

Through the experiences of his life, Andraé Crouch was able to pen a little-known song that would become one of his most famous songs in 1971, titled “Through It All.” The chorus goes like this:

*Through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to trust in Jesus; I’ve learned to trust in God.
 Through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to depend upon His Word.*

Brothers and Sisters at FBC Brady, this is what my family and I have learned from many of the saints that have called FBC their church home while we have been serving these past three years. No matter what comes our way, we can trust in God, and He will see us through. As I sit here and write these words we are in a season in the life of our church where we are in the valley. I have noticed that there are some of my brothers and sisters are who are nervous, and it looks like Satan is just having a field day trying to tear us apart. The reason Satan is trying to tear us apart and using members of the church to do his work is because God has a bright future for FBC Brady in this community and Satan doesn’t want it to happen. I would like to close this final newsletter article with these powerful words from our brother in Christ, Andraé Crouch, and that so many of you have taught me and my family:

*So, I thank God for the mountains and I thank Him for the valleys
 and I thank Him for the storms He’s brought us through.
 For if I’d never had a problem, I’d never know God could solve them,
 I’d never know what faith in His Word could do.
 That’s the reason I say that,
 through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to trust in Jesus,
 I’ve learned to trust in God.
 Through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to depend upon His Word.*

Keep looking up to Christ and moving forward. Thank you for everything and we will always love FBC Brady.

Pastor and brother in Christ,

Jeff

7-20-23

Believe

Trust

Serve

Mini-camps, VBS. What's next? BAM!

The Children's team has had a full and exciting summer. We were invited to be a part of the mini-camps organized by Vickie Roddie, and had a very successful two weeks of fun.

This year's VBS experience provided an amazing look at the Old Testament character of Daniel and the importance of his prophetic words. We also took an in-depth look at the Messiah Jesus Christ. The children were completely engaged and involved each day. We were blessed with dedicated Christian workers in every area. The whole church was needed to accomplish the activities each day from opening and closing activities, music, recreation, crafts, food teams, mission, teachers and all the preparations for the weeks before and the clean up afterwards. We even had a guest speaker each night portraying Daniel: Clifford Crouch. He dressed as Daniel and told the Bible story to each class. A huge thank you to him and to everyone who took time to be a part of this outreach!

We don't get to rest too long because BAM will begin soon. A planning meeting for the Children's Team and anyone else who would like to help is set for July 31 at 5:30.

One thing the BAM children need is sturdy riding toys for the gym during our opening session. Trikes and scooters of all sizes are needed. Just bring them to the office and we will put them to good use! What an amazing church family you are!!

Love in Christ

Marsha Gainer

Children's Ministry Team Lead

From the Music Team

Our music team has dwindled with the loss of Misty Quattlebaum leaving. We appreciate her so much and will miss her singing with us every Sunday.

We are looking for singers!!! I have taken another job that requires working weekends. We need your help on Sundays. Anyone that would like to help with the music ministry please let me

know. We appreciate Becky helping play piano and Amy for her dedication to the church.

Karen Behrens, Music Team Lead

FBC on Mission

June and July were packed with missions at FBC. From renovating a home for the Mission at Brady and hosting a meal for those volunteers, to a mission trip to the Navajo for Betty Smith and Barbara Kristof, to two weeks of mini-camps in the Family Life Center, through Vacation Bible School, we have been on mission for the Lord.

FYI, at the July missions team meeting, we decided not to have the block party at the apartments, partly due to the excessive heat.

Becky Martin, Missions Team Lead

Resignations

1. Bro. Jeff Quattlebaum submitted his resignation as pastor on May 28. His last Sunday was July 23.
2. On May 28 Vickie Roddie resigned from her position as Youth Director. On June 15 she rescinded her resignation. On July 9 the church voted in a special called meeting to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation that she be allowed to continue in the position, working 13 hours a week. The vote was taken by secret ballot. There were 25 votes in favor and 8 opposed.
3. On June 26 Carol Bedwell resigned as Church Treasurer and pianist.
4. On July 17 Laurie Morton resigned as Church Secretary and Melanie Couvillion resigned as Financial Secretary.

Pastor Search Committee formed

On June 18, at a special called business meeting called at the request of the deacons, the church selected the following members to serve on the pastor search committee:

Greg Torres
Amy Tetens
Janis Groves
Jason Behrens
Vickie Roddie
George Matula
Laura Alsup
Rusty Capps

The last 3 are alternates.
Vickie Roddie is chair.

Thank you,

Hospitality Team!

Many thanks to the hard-working folks on the Hospitality Team, led by Joyce and Laurie. They have blessed us in the past couple of months with a fellowship meal honoring First Responders on June 4, a meal for the Mission Brady volunteers on June 20, and a going-away meal for Jeff, Misty, Regan, and Sam on July 23.

from Personnel Committee

Jeanagayle Behrens, Chair

We are pleased to announce that Kimberly Galindo has been employed as the nursery worker at FBC. Her first day to provide nursery care was July 16, 2023. Kimberly was previously employed by the church in early 2000, and she retained the position of nursery worker for over 10 years. Welcome, Kimberly, to our church staff!

From the Youth Team

Vickie Roddie, Youth Minister

This summer has been filled with great conversations, laughs, and connecting with our community. We are looking forward to what God is preparing for our fall season with the youth and our community connections. We will be working on monthly youth rallies, community youth events at our Family Life Center and weekly youth meetings. We have youth speakers coming in to help with a couple of special youth rallies for the community and we are in constant prayer for God's love and the gospel to be front and center in all we do. Please pray as we embark on the fall season of life together with the youth, the community, our neighbors, our friends, and our family! A life for Christ should always be displayed in season and out!

For your calendar
July
 July 30 Search Committee, 1:30; Nominating Committee meeting, 3:00
 July 31 Children's Team meeting, 5:30

August
 August 6 Deacons Meeting, 5:00
 August 8 Missions Team meeting, 2:00
 August 11 Food Pantry Distribution, 9:00-11:00
 August 19, meeting with Dr. Bruce McCoy of BGCT at 3:00
 August 20 Church Council, 5:00
 August 27 Business Meeting, 5:00

Weekly Ministries
Sunday: Sunday School at 9:45, worship at 11:00
Wednesday: Women's prayer group, 4:00; Youth group at 6:00. BAM may start this month. Watch for updates.
Thursday morning: Walmart pick-up for Food Pantry

July Food Pantry Report
 4 new clients
 72 boxes total
 55 adult boxes
 17 children boxes
 25 adults over 65
 57 adults under 65
 38 children

August radio spots
 31-4 Jeanagayle Behrens
 7-11 Judy Mitzel
 14-18 Greg Torres
 21-25 Marsha Gainer
 28-1 Janis Groves

Deacons on call in August
 Jim Smith 325-597-0740
 Buddy Cox 409-673-7916

Birthdays in August
 8-3 Linda Wall
 8-4 Destani Miller
 8-5 Brian Owen
 8-7 Charlie Douglas
 8-9 Glenda Middleton
 8-18 Jessica Medrano
 8-21 Tony Groves
 8-25 Scott Martin
 Jackie Harper
 8-27 Laura Alsop

AUGUST 2023 Daily Bible Readings

<u>CORINTHIANS (1ST)</u>	<u>PSALMS</u>
12-14	100
15-16	101
<u>CHRONICLES (2ND)</u>	
1-4	102
5-7	103
8-11	104:1-23
12-15	104:24-35
16-18	105
19-21	106:1-23
22-24	106:24-48
25-27	107
28-30	108
31-33	109
34-36	110
<u>OBADIAH</u>	
1	111
<u>CORINTHIANS (2ND)</u>	
1-3	112
4-6	113
7-9	114
10-13	115
<u>EZRA</u>	
1-4	116
5-7	117
8-10	118:1-14
<u>NEHEMIAH</u>	
1-3	118:15-29
4-7	119:1-16
8-10	119:17-32
11-13	119:33-48

from the Nominating Committee
 The Nominating Committee—Oralia Barrera, Chair; Buddy Cox and Harold Underwood, deacon representatives; Jerry Caraway, Jason Behrens, Joyce Scott, Becky Martin, and Linda Torres—has begun the process of filling the committees and teams for the 23-24 church year. If you would like to volunteer for a particular position, please fill in a volunteer sheet (in the bulletin July 30) or contact a committee member. Please ask the Lord where He wants you to serve. We need everyone.



Welcome New Members
 By baptism
 Valerie Gonzalez
 William Gonzalez
 Samarah Castillo
 By statement
 Mary Leamons

Memory Verse for August 2023
 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
 1 Peter 5:7 NIV

Updates from the Business Meeting, July 23, 2023

1. Personnel: The church voted to accept the hiring of Vickie Roddie on a temporary basis to work part-time as Financial Secretary. Kimberly Galindo was approved as new nursery worker and Drea Torres as custodian.
2. For now the front office will be staffed by volunteers.
3. Carol Bedwell, on behalf of the preschool board, announced that Vision Heights Church has offered to move Godly Impressions Preschool and Child Care to their church. The preschool board had unanimously accepted the offer. That church plans to build a new facility for the school. The move will take place when the facility is completed.



And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love.
But the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13

- Our church in a season of change
- our members in care facilities and our home-bound members
- the lost and unchurched in our community

Rhonda Aguirre
 Laura Alsop
 Everett Andrews
 Ray and Rita Ash
 Pete and Oralia Barrera
 Holden Bedwell
 Karen Bivens
 Tiffani Bohannon
 Amelia Britteon
 Bill and Wanda Burns

Sherry Cox
 Sue Crow
 Linda Flint
 Charlie & Maria Garcia
 Roy and Janet Guthrie
 Ronnie, Kay, & Cathy Holloway
 Curtis and Genna Jennings
 Mabel Jones
 Colleen Laman
 Janie Lowery
 James Mallow
 Gabe & Lisa Moreno
 Louise Morrow
 Lois Patton
 Carrie Pearson
 Rick and Ann Raines

Charles & Carole Ramsey
 Anna Richards
 Donald & Margie Richardson
 James and Norma Ridout
 Joyce Scott
 Richard Smith
 Tommy & Kathy Stanley
 Edith Slaughter
 Ricky Teague
 Jack and Susan Turk
 Linda Wall
 Gene Walton
 Virgil & Anita Webb
 Addie Jo Webster
 Bobby and Bobbie Williams
 Claudette Young

In military:
 Jon Bradshaw
 C.J. Gonzalez
 Jennifer McAnally
 Brandon Pfannenstiel
 Christian Pittman
 Jace Telford
 Jonathan Torres
 Ricky Williams, Jr.

We extend Christian sympathy to the families of Eileen Mitzel (Gary Mitzel's mother,) Pam Speer, and Mary Jo Lanford (daughter of Edith Slaughter.)

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.
 Print copies are available at the church and can be mailed on request.

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Preschool to relocate to Vision Heights

Big changes are ahead for Godly Impressions Preschool and Child Care!! If you haven't heard yet, we're moving! But there's definitely going to be a transition time. Hopefully by the end of the school year, we will be relocating to Vision Heights Church on the Menard Highway. For this school year we'll remain here at the First Baptist Church, but we'll be under the direction and guidance of VHC.

In the meantime, we covet your prayers and patience as we go through this process. Effective immediately, our email address is godlyimpressionsbrady@gmail.com.

We will be kicking off the 2023-24 school year with an Open House on Monday, Aug. 28 at 6:30-7:30 p.m. My staff and I are excited about a new school year with a great group of kids. It's our mission to "connect children with the love of Christ through Godly impressions."

In His service,
 Holly Stewart, Director
 Godly Impressions



Guest Preachers in August

- Aug. 6 Quincy Ellis
- Aug. 13 Glen Barron
- Aug. 20 Dr. Bruce McCoy from BGCT. Dr. McCoy will also meet with the church on Saturday, August 19, at 3:00.
- Aug. 27 Ryan Buck



This policy will be voted on at the August 27, 2023, business meeting. If passed, it will be added to the Constitution and By-laws.

Becky Martin, Church Clerk

FBC Brady Resolution on Transgender/Non-Binary Issues

WHEREAS, the Bible is the authority for faith and practice by Texas Baptists, and First Baptist Church of Brady; and

WHEREAS, the Bible states that God created humanity as two genders, male and female, and this includes Jesus' own affirmation (**Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6**) and that said person shall only use the bathrooms as determined by God's ordained gender; and

WHEREAS, in the Bible gender is based on biological attributes and is seen as a gift from God and immutable; and

WHEREAS, some people today are expressing a desire to identify themselves with the gender which differs from their biological gender; and

WHEREAS, some of these persons are seeking to function in the broader society as if they are members of the gender that differs from their biological gender; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that First Baptist Church of Brady expresses great concern with the emergence of the transgender/non-Binary agenda and the notion that one's gender is determined psychologically, not biologically; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we the members of First Baptist Church of Brady affirm that these persons shall not hold membership of First Baptist Church, serve on committees, teach any class be it Sunday School, Children, Youth, or Adult;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we the members of First Baptist Church of Brady affirm that these persons cannot be married in or use any of the First Baptist Church property for any such ceremonies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we the members of First Baptist Church of Brady affirm that in creation God made male and female as biological gender assignments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we the members of First Baptist Church of Brady desire for all people, including those who consider themselves transgender or non-binary, to be treated with love and respect but that such love and respect not be construed as approval for every behavior, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we the members of First Baptist Church of Brady seek to minister to all persons, including those who consider themselves transgender or non-binary.