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*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 be-*  
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### Stay Alert!

*by Pastor Christian Garcia*

What a summer we have had at FBC Brady! God has been moving and we have been groovin'! In all reality, God has been at work and it has been such a motivating time to do ministry. In the past two months, we have seen 17 salvation decisions made, 6 baptisms, and 13 new members join the church! If this doesn't ring success to you, I don't know what will. With such a spiritual high, it's easy for us as a united front to let our guards down. Remember, the enemy is seeking to destroy and because of that, we must stay alert and keep our armor on.

As I was reading through my quiet time, I came across 1 Samuel 18, which is the chapter that follows David's victory over the giant Goliath. During this time, King Saul was appointed king over all of Israel. What I love about this chapter is that we get to see the Israelites experiencing "great victory." Then all of a sudden, it was all ruined by this word that has caused great division: jealousy. What I want to point out is that David, being a warrior and soldier of Israel, was part of Saul's team. They were on the same team! Which means every victory David experienced, Saul experienced as well. Israel was a united front, coming off a big victory and rejoicing and dancing before Saul. Then the infamous chant started, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands." I know we all have heard this story but can I just say, for people to shout that you have slain thousands is still such a high compliment! However, jealousy crept in on Saul and Scripture goes on to say, "Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly... And from that time on Saul kept a close eye on David."

Church, in the midst of great victory, the enemy will try and come in and stir emotions to cause division. What I got from this story is that jealousy will rob your joy. Not only that, but jealousy will make a united team, enemies. Remember, we are all on the same team. The enemy hates the numbers I shared with you at the start of this article. He hates the joy we feel in our church. He hates the presence of God being here. Stand guard! Be alert! Remember that the enemies' schemes don't change. Don't fall into the trap of letting the enemies' lies get the best of you! Choose today, along with me and many others, to rejoice in all that God is doing. Once again, remember, we are all on the same team!

### Exciting Times for Youth

*by Gabriel Gonzalez, FBC Intern*

This month, I had the great honor of teaching our Youth Sunday School on July 13th. We dove into the powerful story of Naaman in 2 Kings 5—a story not just of healing, but of obedience, boldness, and the ripple effect of one faithful servant. Naaman, a respected military commander, found healing only after humbling himself and obeying the word of a prophet. But what moved me most was the courage of a young servant girl, who confidently spoke up and pointed him toward a man of God, who would reveal the one true God. Her single act of obedience didn't just change Naaman's life—it planted the seeds of transformation for an entire nation (v.1-19).

Moments like that remind us how God can use our students today to change their homes, their schools, and their generation.

This month has been full of joy and connection. We hosted a Game Night where laughter echoed through the rooms as we played everything from reverse charades to basketball, with plenty of food and fun to go around. On Wednesday the 30th, we gathered for a powerful night of worship, and the presence of God was unmistakable. It's clear: God is moving in this generation—right here, right now.

As our students prepare to head back to school, we want to keep the momentum going! Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, August 6 from 6–9 PM** as we host our **Back to School Bash: Silent Disco — Glow Night/Radiant Lights Edition** right here at First Baptist Church Brady. It's going to be a glowing celebration where students are reminded that they are called to be "*the light of the world*." With glow-in-the-dark fun, music, and meaningful moments, it'll be a night they won't forget.

As always, thank you for praying, supporting, and cheering on our youth. We believe in them. We believe in **You(th)**!

Vacation Bible School reaps eternal rewards

by Marsha Gainer, Honorary Children’s Ministry Director

VBS 2025 was one to be remembered! The work that goes into a 6-night event staggers the imagination. First Baptist Church gave 200 percent! Heaps of praise need to be given to each team.

We had a new **registration** system that worked flawlessly. Thanks Priscilla, Christian, and Becky!

The **decorating** team began in February making flowers, mushrooms, free-hand drawn animals who were “Magnified.” The early deco team was Mary Leamons, Bev Waisner, Valerie and Bree Gonzalez, DeAnna Holloway, and Laura Alsop.

The **advertising** team of Priscilla and Valerie went into overdrive. Every office and business got beautiful Magnified flyers. All of the online advertising helped fill our classes.

The **crafts** team started early putting together all of the fun and amazing crafts. Thanks Bev, DeAnna, Neysa, Pete, Tony, and Laura. This event takes many hours of planning and cutting!

This year’s **music** was such a blessing. Shelly taught songs and motions, but also Bible concepts. She was absolutely wonderful, and the songs were precious. The sound board was run by Rod, Christian, and Gabriel. Only year that I can remember with no mistakes! Lol!

This year Bev had a different vision for **missions**. Not only did we learn about special missionaries, but the children got hands-on training by filling backpacks for low-income children in Mexico. Each child wrote a card to the child who would receive the backpack.

One of the favorite activities is always **recreation**. Greg, Gabriel, and Jensen had something new and fun each night. Even though they worked hard at each activity, no one complained! By the way, a huge, huge thank you to First Baptist for the two coolers in the gym! They helped tremendously!

Our **worship** team of Gabriel and Monique really set a high bar for anyone to follow. I truly have not seen a more excellent job of getting the children involved in truly worshipful fun!

The most demanding part of the actual schedule is the **food**! Judy, Linda, Jeanagayle and Rhonda met each night with excellent and plentiful food! The Honeycomb Cafe was decorated completely. The children said it made them happy to just walk in there!

The main reason we have VBS is to share our Lord and Savior, Jesus! The teachers each had good-sized classes to share the need for Jesus! Allie and MJ taught the 3 years, Mary and Carrie taught the 4/5 years, Briana and Jennifer taught the K-1 grade, Kay and Kani taught the 2-3 grades, Marsha taught the 4-5-6 grade class! Please understand that this VBS was coming after the month of June mini-camps. These children gained an understanding of sin, the consequences of sin, the need for a Savior, and the absolute knowledge that God sent Jesus to be our Savior! The only thing left was to give an opportunity to respond to the call Jesus was making! *Pastor Christian, after sharing his moving testimony, gave the opportunity for decisions to be made and many of the older children chose Jesus!!* Church, I hope you can take a moment to ponder the ramifications of these decisions! The children will be witnesses to their families, their schools, Brady and by extension the world. We need to be humbled by the fact that God allowed us to teach his precious children!

Missions & Ministries

by Bev Waisner,  
Missions Team Lead

The Missions Team has had a wonderful month. The preschoolers at VBS packed 25 bags consisting of markers, notebook, pen, toy, snack bag, and a personal note card to go in the children's boxes we give out at food pantry. They will be handed out in August. Thanks to donations from our congregation, the older children helped pack many of the backpacks for our mission project with Hope and Compassion. It is always a joy to see our children share in these mission activities. Truly this is missions in action. Thank you to all who have helped us gather and pack the supplies. Praise the Lord for His many blessings!

The Missions Team has set a goal of \$2,540 for the Mary Hill Davis State Mission Offering in September. That amounts to \$10 a county for each of the 254 counties in Texas! Look for a visual a little later that will keep track of our giving in a new way. The Week of Prayer for State Missions is September 14-21.

We ended up donating the bags of clothing you brought to the Resource Center/Mercantile here in Brady, as the FBC in San Saba had been overwhelmed with clothing donations for flood victims and could not take any more. We also donated the clothing left from the garage sale, as well as one load of other items.

Thank you, Church, for your generous hearts.

August birthdays

- 2 DeAnna Holloway
- 3 Linda Wall
- 4 Destani Miller
- 7 Charlie Douglas
- 7 Steve Shelton
- 9 Glenda Middleton
- 13 Clifford Crouch

- 18 Jessica Medrano
- 20 Robert Malmstrom
- 21 Tony Groves
- 25 Scott Martin
- 25 Jackie Harper
- 27 Laura Alsop



Happy Birthday!

**July Food Pantry**  
77 adult boxes  
16 children’s boxes  
144 total people served  
32 children  
69 adults over 60  
4,090 total pounds of food distributed

**radio spots for August**  
On KNEL radio, 7:45 weekday mornings  
4-8 Valerie Gonzalez  
11-15 Kay Holloway  
18-22 Marsha Gainer  
25-29 Judy Mitzel

**Weekly Ministries**  
**Sunday:** Sunday School at 9:45, worship at 11:00  
**Tuesday and Thursday:** Walmart pick-up for Food Pantry, 10:00  
**Wednesday:** Kids Club for children; youth group; adult Bible study FLC, meal for all at 6:00.  
**Thursday:** Open gym, 7:00

**For your calendar**  
**August 2:** Memorial service for Bobby Williams, 2:00, here  
**August 3:** Psalms Journey here for morning service  
**August 6:** Back to School Glow Night  
**August 8:** Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-11:00  
**August 10:** Lego Sunday: we’ll give all the kids a box of Legos for back-to-school! Nominating committee meeting, 3:00  
**August 17:** Fellowship meal and anniversary celebration for the Garcias’ first year with us  
**August 23:** PNO—Parents Night Out, more details to come  
**August 24:** Church council and business meeting  
**August 28:** meal at Royal Oaks

**WELCOME**  
*new members*

**New Members:**  
*by baptism on July 6*  
Melissa Burkes  
Emily Gonzales  
Tori Kilgore  
*by statement*  
Beverly Bigby  
Mike Bigby  
Lonnie Medford  
Anthony Molina  
Briana Molina  
Allie Penn  
TJ Penn  
Tracy Penn  
*awaiting baptism*  
DeAnna Holloway  
Julia Ramirez



**Psalms Journey Returns to FBC**  
**August 3rd at 11AM**  
We are thrilled to welcome back **Psalms Journey**, a wonderful men's gospel group that has blessed First Baptist Church with their powerful ministry for several years. Their heartfelt harmonies and uplifting message have always inspired and encouraged our congregation—and this year will be no different!  
Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 3rd at 11:00 AM**, during our morning worship service. This special time of praise and worship is open to all, and we invite everyone to come and experience the joy and spirit-filled music that Psalms Journey brings.  
Come ready to worship, rejoice, and be renewed. You won’t want to miss it—you **will be blessed!**

**Joyful!**  
*by Judy Mitzel, Church Hostess*  
*Joyful*—a word that describes this month as it left a lifetime memory for children and adults. July 6<sup>th</sup> was a time we celebrated with a brunch after the baptism service, a chance to spend time with the families and friends that took part of this commitment in following Christ’s example.  
As our church took a day to clean up outside, we also had workers inside cleaning out the kitchen. A long overdue task has begun. We are so thankful for the donation of two new garbage disposals provided by Raymond and Linda Torres. These were installed by Steve Darden.  
VBS week brought so many blessings each day to the hostess team at “Honeycomb Café.” We loved every minute prepping and making meals for around 70. Thank you to our awesome team of Linda Torres, Jeana-gayle Behrens, and Rusty and Rhonda Capps, and to the leaders in each group who helped to move the kids through the lines and directed them where they needed to go. A big thank you to Valerie Gonzales for making mac and cheese and fried rice. This wasn’t just a bowl—it was turkey roaster pan full. This year we had children as young as three years old. What a delight to see each group of children of all ages march in with excitement and energy in anticipation of what was to come. They were respectful and well-mannered. We are just so grateful for this time to celebrate our Lord and Savior.  
Another baby shower! Yes, we had the honor of hosting a diaper shower for Gabriel and Monique Gonzales, who are expecting the arrival of a baby girl in August.  
As a church family, it is such a blessing to see these children light up our halls.  
*When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*  
John 8:12





“A new command I give to you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”  
*words of Jesus, John 13:34-35*

August Prayer List

- Christian, Priscilla, Zoe, Liana, and Elijah Garcia
  - Gabriel and Monique Gonzalez
  - Nuevo Amanecer Church in Brady
  - Johnstone & Irene Magomana
  - Britton and McKenna Forney
  - our members in care facilities and our homebound members
  - the lost and unchurched in our community
  - the youth of Brady and worldwide
  - flood victims and relief workers
- Rhonda Aguirre  
Oralia and Pete Barrera  
Jackie & Jeanagayle Behrens  
Holden Bedwell  
Ronnie and Kent Beckett  
Mike & Beverly Bigby  
    & Stephanie Pyle  
Cristobal Castillo  
Frieda Chew  
Sherry Cox  
Sarah Early  
Linda Flint  
Darlene Friar  
Brittney Fry

- Charlie & Maria Garcia  
Elias Garcia  
Holly Groves  
Janis Groves  
Roy and Janet Guthrie  
Cathy Holloway  
Janabeth & Charles Hanson  
Bruce Van Houten  
Curtis and Genna Jennings  
Jenny, Chris, Luke, & Elle Jones  
Frankie Leamons  
Mary Leamons  
Janie Lowery  
Wendy Lowery  
James Mallow  
Virgil and Glenda Middleton  
Gary and Judy Mitzel  
Kash Nelson  
Lois Patton  
Victor & Carmen Ramirez  
Carole Ramsey  
James & Norma Ridout  
Wesley Roberts  
Joyce Scott  
Rhoda Shannon  
Steve Shelton  
Avanell and David Siler

- Wendy Smith  
Frank Torres  
Jake Trevino  
Harold Underwood  
Bev Waisner  
Linda Wall  
Bobbie Williams  
Debbie Winkle  
Claudette Young

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

Please pray for the families of Rita Nichols, Bobby Williams, Bobbie Turner, Melanie Groves, and Perry Boggs.

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