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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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Ordinary People

by Pastor Christian Garcia

As I was thinking about going into full-time ministry, there was a mixture of so many emotions and questions. From fear, to excitement, to worry, to eagerness... you name it, I had that feeling. One of the biggest obstacles that I had to overcome was the feeling of 'inadequacy.' Maybe you're reading this and you know exactly what I am talking about. Maybe you have felt that way when it comes to sharing your faith with a friend or family member. If that is you, well, this article is just for you.

One of the tools that God gives us as believers is His Holy Word. Through the Bible, you and I are given answers and guidance for our life circumstances. If you are ever struggling with something, Scripture always has a way to answer your questions. Although there may be some questions that will always linger in our minds, remember that is what faith is all about. During my struggle of replacing the lie of inadequacy with the truth of what Scripture says, I came across Acts 4:13, which states, "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus." (NIV)

This passage gives hope to us that God can and will use anyone to share with all people, to the ends of the earth, the Good News! Peter and John, two iconic characters we read about in the New Testament, key instruments of the Gospel being spread, were unschooled, ordinary people, just like you and me. There are times that we feel we must know the Bible like the back of our hand in order for us to share our faith with people. I am here to tell you, that could not be further from the truth. If you have been saved, then you understand salvation. Share your story, stand firm in your faith, and say it with great boldness.

Remember our verse for our year in 2025: 1 Corinthians 9:19 says, "*Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.*" (NIV) Don't allow the enemy to trick you into thinking you cannot share your faith. Trust me, it's worth being shared. In fact, we all have a testimony, given that we dedicated our lives to Christ Jesus when someone shared this Good News with you and me. Many times, through testimonies I hear, it was unschooled, ordinary people that had the biggest influences in a believer's life. Church, let's continue to fulfill the Great Commission and make this the church God has called us to be.

From 5 to 15!

by Priscilla Garcia, Youth Team Lead

It looks like our FBC Youth Group has been experiencing a fantastic start to the year with remarkable growth and enthusiasm! On January 15th we launched our Youth Group, beginning with just five attendees. It's inspiring to see how the efforts of the group, particularly Allie, Zoe, and Bree, have encouraged more young people to join. This past week, on January 22nd, we reached a total of about 15 participants. This growth not only reflects the dedication of the hosts, Greg and Shelly, but also the welcoming and inclusive environment being cultivated within the group. The expansion of our youth group is a testament to the positive impact it can have. Our goal is to provide a space for our Brady youth to connect, share, and grow together in their faith, love of Jesus and community. Here's to even more victories and blessings in the coming months!

Vision statement for 2025:
Move together, grow together.

The Ministry of Hospitality

*by Judy Mitzel,
Church Hostess*

After the busy holidays I'm reminded of an old hymn, "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes." The hymn ends with "And we'll be gathered home."

In 1 Corinthians 15:58 Paul states: *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."*

Putting on the new, the beginning of a new chapter—that was the theme the month of January. In celebrating this event the Hospitality Team, including volunteers DeAnna and Jeanagayle (a special thanks to all of them), sponsored a "New Creation Luncheon" where a new dish was brought and tested by those brave enough to stay. My, my, there were some interesting concepts. Some of the new recipes included Turkey Meatloaf, Herb Bread, Hominy with Green Chilies and Cheese, Crawfish Etouffee, and Chocolate-Covered Peanut Butter Crackers. (Some were thankful for the usual cornbread, beans, peach cobbler, and M&M Casserole.)

It is such a blessing to be in the house of our Lord and Savior and spend time getting acquainted with others and share our love of Christ with each other.

If you missed January's lunch, just know we missed you and hope you can be with us in February as we celebrate a month filled with the love of Christ and each other. We'll have a "John 3:16 lunch," with barbecued brisket (thanks, Jason!), a potato bar, salad, rolls, and drinks. Bring a dessert if you would like. A sign-up sheet for desserts is on the table in the west foyer.

We look forward to being a part of "abounding in the work of the Lord."



Children's Ministry blessings

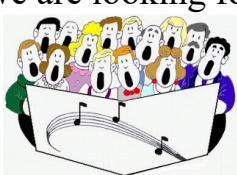
*by Marsha Gainer, Honorary
Children's Ministry Director*

The new year brings many opportunities for people to get involved in a large variety of different areas within the Children's Ministry:

- Our Sunday worship activities are growing, and we need volunteers to help in Sunday School and Children's Church.
- Wednesday night Kids Club held from 6 to 7:30 every Wednesday focuses on developing Bible skills, missions, and a deeper look at the disciples of Jesus. The class is open to all ages up to youth.
- We also have three Flex Day camps scheduled on February 14, February 28, and May 9 from 1 to 4 pm.
- Summer brings a very busy schedule for the Children's Ministry with camps held every Monday in June from 1 to 4 pm.
- Our biggest event is VBS to be held on July 13 through 18. VBS takes an entire church effort.

Please consider volunteering for any or all of these events. Inquiries and sign up sheets will be available to inform everyone about all of the opportunities available. You will also be able to choose times and frequency of your service! Feel free to just come and observe in order to get more comfortable and informed about the Children's Ministry!

Music News: We have started our Celebration Choir back up and are looking for members. We will hold choir practice again on February 20th at 6pm. We are also looking for volunteers to run the power point presentation, video, and sound board. Karen will be starting a sign up for the month of February for Power point, soundboard, and praise team singers. We are looking for 4 total people to sing in the praise team. If you are interested in helping, please see Karen to sign up.



Missions Ministries

*by Bev Waisner,
Missions Team Lead*

The Missions Team has restarted the Bible study at Royal Oaks. We are studying women of the New Testament. It's a great way to start the new year.

We have also started a craft time there every other Tuesday at 2:00. We are doing this on Tuesday at the request of one of the ladies. On February 4th, we will be doing some Valentine themed crafts.

Some of our people did a meal at Royal Oaks on Jan. 23. Jeanagayle, Jackie, Judy, and Becky brought a home-cooked meal of chicken and dumplings, seasoned green beans, and peach cobbler as a treat for the residents. Part of this ministry is a time of visiting and catching up. It's a blessing to everyone.

We set up some prayer stations at church the last three Thursdays in January to help us focus on specific prayer areas during our 21 days of prayer and fasting. Participants prayed individually or with family and friends. Remember Colossians 4:2: *Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.* Please continue to pray for the Lord to guide us this new year. We are planning other activities and will update you.

Thank you, Scott and Toney, for your work dealing with the sink issues in the copy room! Well done!





Happy Birthday!

February

- 1 Charlie Bush
- 6 Kelli Medrano
- 6 Janie Lowery
- 16 Kim Galindo
- 22 Steve Darden
- 24 Robert Tetens
- 26 Mary Leamons
- 27 Rusty Capps
- 28 Lilly Tetens

Deacons on call
in February

Greg Torres: 325-456-0770
Rusty Capps: 325-347-4974

Weekly Ministries

Sunday: Sunday School at 9:45, worship at 11:00

Tuesday and Thursday: Walmart pick-up for Food Pantry, 10:00

Wednesday: The Strand discipleship study for men, women, and youth, Kids Club for children, meal for everyone at 6:00

Thursdays: Bible study at Royal Oaks, 2:00

January Food Pantry

Adult boxes	73
Children's boxes	16
Adults over 60	55
Adults under 60	65
Children	38
Total Clients:	158
Total weight:	5,762 pounds

For your calendar

Feb. 3: LIBA breakfast, 8:30, Sandy's Kitchen

Feb. 4: Craft session at Royal Oaks, 2:00

Feb. 14: Food pantry food distribution, 9:00-11:00; Flex Day camp, 1:00-4:00

Feb. 16: John 3:16 fellowship meal after church

Feb. 4: Craft session at Royal Oaks, 2:00

Feb. 20: Choir practice, 6:00

Feb. 21: meal for Rochelle H.S. girls basketball team

Feb. 23: Church council, 5:00; business meeting, 6:00

Feb. 27: Meal at Royal Oaks, 5:00

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Find out how to give your time by
volunteering in our various ministries.
Please feel free to contact us for more
information: christian@fbcbrady.com

GIVE YOUR TIME



NOTE: (Please remember when giving online a processing fee may apply)

February radio spots

On KNEL radio, 7:45 weekday mornings

3-7 Valerie Gonzalez

10-14 Kay Holloway

17-21 Marsha Gainer

24-28 Judy Mitzel

FYI: There's an optional processing
fee for online giving.

FEBRUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 LIBA Breakfast 8:30am @ Sandy's Kitchen	4 CRAFT SESSION @ ROYAL OAKS 2PM	5 6pm -THE STRAND -KIDS CLUB -YOUTH GROUP	6 Bible Study at Royal Oaks 2pm	7	8
9	10	11	12 6pm -THE STRAND -KIDS CLUB -YOUTH GROUP	13 Bible Study at Royal Oaks 2pm	14 Food Pantry 9am-11am & Flex Friday Camp 1-4pm	15
16 John 3:16 Food & Fellowship Right after church	17	18	19 6pm -THE STRAND -KIDS CLUB -YOUTH GROUP	20 Choir Practice 6pm Bible Study at Royal Oaks 2pm	21 Meal for Rochelle H.S. Girls Basketball Team	22
23 MEETING Church Council @5pm Business @6pm	24	25	26 6pm -THE STRAND -KIDS CLUB -YOUTH GROUP	27 Meal @ Royal Oaks 5pm	28 Flex Friday Camp 1-4pm	



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As we continue our
study through the
book of

NEHEMIAH

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Thanks, Priscilla, for designing the flyer and calendar!



Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38

February Prayer List

- Christian, Priscilla, Zoe, Liana, and Elijah Garcia
- T.J. & Katie Beth Stroudt, Harlem Community Church in NY
- 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
- the homeless in Brady

Rhonda Aguirre
Oralia and Pete Barrera
Jackie & Jeanagayle Behrens
Holden Bedwell
Kent Beckett
Beverly Bigby & Stephanie Pyle
Shaunna Blair
Perry Boggs
Jerry & RaNon Caraway
Cristobal Castillo
Frieda Chew
Sherry Cox
Sue Crow
George & Carma Eary

December Fish
Nicole Fish & Bruce Van Houten
Linda Flint
Darlene Friar
Charlie & Maria Garcia
Elias Garcia
Holly Groves
Janis Groves
Melanie Groves
Roy and Janet Guthrie
Debra Karnes
Janabeth & Charles Hanson
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Jenny, Chris, Luke, & Elle Jones
Frankie Leamons
Janie Lowery
James Mallow
Glenda Middleton
Gary and Judy Mitzel
Sam & Aby Navarro
Lois Patton
Carole Ramsey
James & Norma Ridout
Joyce Scott
Rhoda Shannon
Avanell and David Siler
Jerlene Smith

Wendy Smith
Joshua Torres
Jake Trevino
Harold Underwood
Josie Waldron
Linda Wall
Gene Walton
Addie Jo Webster
Bobby and Bobbie Williams
Debbie Winkle
Claudette Young

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

families of Brenda Mennis and Jack Turk

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

Changes are in the works for our website. We are transitioning from what we have now to a new format with Subsplash. For now the usual one is active, but probably by next month, we'll have the new one up. I'll let you know!
—Becky



MICHAEL RAY LANE
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December Fish and Jayden Lane welcomed their baby boy Michael Ray Lane on January 28th 2025.
Congratulations, Grandma Nicole!

First Baptist Church
Brady, Texas

- Call for Volunteers**
Volunteers are currently needed in several areas. If you could help, please contact the person listed to find out more.
- Property and Grounds: Rusty Capps (325-347-4974)
 - Hospitality: Judy Mitzel (325-792-4725)
 - Children’s Ministry: Marsha Gainer (325-234-6591)
 - Youth: Priscilla Garcia (915-408-0909)
 - Missions: Bev Waisner (765-586-5448)
 - Music: Karen Behrens (325-456-6760)
 - Public Relations: Valerie Gonzalez (956-602-6318)