First Baptist Church, Brady, Texas



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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Praise the Lord!

by Pastor Christian Garcia

What can I say except thank you, Lord! Church family, the Lord has been so good to our church and has shown us the fruit of the labor! As I recount just the month of June, I can't help but smile and tear up. I remember that when I first arrived in Brady and took on the position as your pastor, a dream of mine was to build a youth group but also to take the youth to camp. I knew this was a long shot, and if there was any hope of getting to this goal, God would have to provide.

God gave us a small glimpse after our launch of the youth group, when we had about 10 youth that came in on Wednesday nights. That number has grown and now we are averaging around 18 students every week. The dream of taking the youth to camp for free was far-fetched, but I am here to remind you all that where God guides, He will always provide. This doesn't mean we sit back and do nothing but instead, we get to work.

Through your hard work and gracious giving hearts, we raised \$4500 as a church through the fundraisers that we did. Not only did God provide there, but He would also put it in people's hearts to give towards what He is doing here. This was a Kingdom effort and not just an FBC Brady effort! For those who supported, I want to sincerely thank you. We would now be able to take all 12 students to camp at no cost to them! That's huge!! There was no excuse for the enemy to be able to come in as God had an ordained week for these 12 students.

The story gets even better: we would go to camp and aside from all the fun we had with the students, from flipping over the banana boats and making me swim until I was exhausted, or the silly dares we would have each other do, or the memories made over conversations, there would be 5 students, who at the end of camp, would dedicate their life to serving God! Not only that, but we also had one young man who would make the commitment to pursue the call over his life in ministry!! Church, this isn't just a tiny victory, but one that should make you jump out of your chair and continue to do the great work set out in front of us all! Thank you for your faithfulness in investing into our next generation.

"Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." Psalm 103:1-5 (NIV)

God Is Moving! Youth Camp Highlights

by Priscilla Garcia, Youth Team Lead

This year's youth camp was nothing short of life-changing. We saw God move in incredible ways in the hearts of our students.

By the end of the week, 5 youth made the decision to give their lives to Jesus—the greatest decision anyone can make. On top of that, 8 students expressed a desire to be baptized, wanting to take that next step in their faith journey. And one young man shared that God is calling him into a life of ministry.

Moments like these remind us that camp is more than just fun and games—it's Holy Ground. God is raising up the next generation, and we're honored to be a part of it. At FBC Brady, we believe in You(th)!







The Ministry of Hospitality

by Judy Mitzel, Church Hostess

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Colossians 3:23-25

June was full of congratulations on the graduation picnic which was a fun time with the cookout. Thank you to all who helped with the set up and take down of the tables, food, and cleanup. It was well attended and such a blessing to visit everyone in fellowship and congratulate our graduates.

church provided baseball hats with a spiritual slogan to the men on Father's Day. The fun part was having our children, young and older, throw the hats to our men sitthe first three ting on rows. The children were much better at throwing than the men were at catching! But what a blessing to see the smiles radiate the congregation.

Upcoming is the diaper shower on July 19 for the Gonzales (Gabriel and Monique) and VBS, July 13-18, where the hostess team will sponsor the "Honeycomb Cafe".

As always if you were not able to attend the events just know you were missed, and we are all looking forward to seeing you next time.

Can you help?

Five volunteers from Stonewater Church in Granbury will be here to help with VBS. They will be staying with the Garcias. Let's provide lunch for all of them (12 people in all) Monday-Friday that week (July 14-18). Judy says there are 4 hams available. You could go in with someone else for a meal, and it doesn't have to be something complicated.

There will be a sign-up sheet out in the foyer Sunday, July 6. The first 5 people to sign up will receive a prize! Sign up or let Judy or Becky know if you'd like to help.

Children's Ministry blessings & opportunities

by Marsha Gainer, Honorary Children's Ministry Director

June mini-camps were a great success! The number of chilattending was recordbreaking, All of the children were so involved in each activity from Bible, crafts, snacks/ Bible bingo, music/worship, to recreation! Because of the group size we had to call for additional help. Thank you to all who heeded the call! Jesus was presented as Savior each week and all the children expressed desires to follow Him!

We have begun work on VBS the week of July 1 from 10 to 3. Everyone is invited to come help decorate any day you can. We will decorate the rooms and halls first and then the sanctuary!

VBS takes the whole church's involvement. There is a place just waiting for you! Let's give the children of Brady the best VBS ever!!



Updates and thank-you's

- May 30 was the last day for Godly Impressions Preschool to be in our building. The move took place over that weekend. FBC has hosted the preschool for about 10 years.
- Worship Around the Fire on June 13 was held at the Brady Golf Course patio, with Gabriel and Monique leading us in worship. A good group of adults and youth gathered for this first-ever event. The location is lovely, with an amazing view from a wonderful facility. Let's do this again! Thanks to Charlie and Rusty for suggesting and organizing this.
- Thank you to Bro. Christian and Gabriel, the Behrens-Pearson-Tetens crew, and Steve Darden for mowing the grass! Contact Rusty Capps or sign up if you would like to take a turn at this this summer.

Missions & Ministries

by Bev Waisner, Missions Team Lead

We will be doing a missions rotation in VBS. And we will be doing a mission project. It will involve putting together a small package to be given out in Mexico. I will let you know more details on things you can bring to go in the packets.

We will also be making a bag to go with our Food Pantry boxes for the children. We will be making cards from the kids to go with them. For these, we would like a small pack of markers or colored pencils and a small toy. Also, a small pad of paper or activity book to go along would be nice. If you would like to donate some of these, please drop them by the office and leave them with Becky. (No war toys or things of that nature, please.) We will also be having a dinner at Royal Oaks on July 28.



Happy Birthday!

July

- 6 Gage Behrens
- 9 Carole Ramsey
- 10 Linda Cox
- 12 Linda Torres
- 12 Pete Barrera
- 13 Claudette Young
- 13 Amy Tetens
- 15 Frieda Chew
- 18 Kim Menefield
- 21 Jim Smith
- 21 Jenny Brady
- 22 Velma Hendley
- 22 Colton Lyon
- 22 Gabriel Gonzalez
- 23 Janet Guthrie
- 25 Kani Darden

Deacons on call in July

Greg Torres 325-456-0770 Jim Smith 325-456-4921

Open Gym

Thursdays at 7:00-8:30 PM Family Life Center

June Food Pantry

Families -78

People - 184 Children - 48

Adults over age 60 - 71

Pounds of food - 3,910 lbs

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.

radio spots for July

On KNEL radio, 7:45 weekday mornings

7-11 Shelly Torres 14-18 Becky Martin 21-25 Jeanagayle Behrens 28-Aug.1 Janis Groves

For your calendar

July 6: Baptism service, 7:00

July 11: Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-11:00

July 12: Churchwide work day, outside and in the buildings, 8:00

July 13-18: Sunday-Friday: Vacation Bible School, 5:00-8:15

July 19: diaper shower for Monique and Gabriel, 2:00-4:00

July 20: church council, 5:00; business meeting, 6:00

July 24: meal at Royal Oaks, 5:00

July 27: Boot Sunday: wear your favorite boots!

Youth Camp Praise Reports and Testimonies

Youth camp this year was such a blessing! God gave us the opportunity to take 12 amazing students, and we had a blast walking, playing, and joining in on tons of activities. But beyond all the fun, it was clear that God was truly moving in that place.

Pastor Zack Randle brought powerful messages centered on the hope we receive through the Gospel—reminding us that our testimonies are not wasted. What the enemy meant for evil, God turns for good, and He uses our stories for His glory as seen in Genesis 50:20.

Worship was another highlight, led by Denver Duncan and his incredible team. We sang new songs like Goodbye Yesterday and I Thank God, alongside timeless classics like Blessed Assurance and How Great Thou Art.

I'm beyond blessed that God allowed me to be a part of this Spirit-filled week. God is doing something real and lasting in the lives of this generation! Remember, we believe in You(th).

> With blessings, Gabriel Gonzalez, Ministry Intern

These are from text messages from several of our students:

Camp changed my life. . . Zack was the preacher of the Bible camp, and on the last day Jesus saved my life and I thank Zack for that. He was such an inspiration to me because he made me realize that the Bible is one of the biggest things ever. and guilt or self sabotage are always okay as long as we know how to get through it!

Brooklyn

Worship was really fun and cool because I've never really got to like jump and sing and dance before to a worship music, and I thought the band was really good and really cool. From Pastor Zack I learned that you need to be more patient with stuff and that God created us and God doesn't create garbage and that there is power in story and that I need to start reading the Bible more.

Leia

Being part of something within the church makes it feel like I have a purpose here. . . . I have learned that it's not about how well you sing, its's about being confident and feeling God when you sing. Thank y'all for the opportunity to be a part of the worship team!

Tori, on being part of our worship team

Everybody at FBC is so welcoming and supportive. It makes me want to be involved more in things that would normally be out of my comfort zone, such as being a part of the worship group. This has helped me in so many ways, including growing my relationship with God through songs and growing my relationships with fellow team members.

Emily, new member of the FBC worship team

[One of my favorite parts] about the camp was the banana boats that they have for wet activities. Also, how our own pastors try to make everyone comfortable in learning and accepting Christ and learning from their own journeys.

Estevan

One of the biggest thing I took away from Pastor Zack was that you need to spread the Gospel. I also realized I need to pay more attention to what I'm reading when reading my Bible. . . I had a really good time learning more and praising God and also had a good time hanging out with my friends and experiencing this with them.

Camp was something that you had to be at to fully experience. It was a fun time that cannot really be understood through words. We rode banana boats, we shot arrows and BB guns, we went swimming several times. But the best part of camp was the worship and the lessons pastor Zack had to give. He encouraged me to give my testimony and give my life to the Lord. He taught us what a real testimony sounds like, and taught us what we should really be looking for when we read the Bible. The whole camp experience is amazing and I encourage all of you young people to go to camp next year and get closer to the Lord, Give yourself to Jesus, make the commitment to the Lord, and follow Him. It's something you won't regret.





Proclaim the Lord's greatness with me; let us exalt his name together.

Psalm 34:3 VBS theme verse, 2025

July Prayer List

Christian, Priscilla, Zoe, Liana, and Elijah Garcia

Gabriel and Monique Gonzalez

Nuevo Amanecer Church in

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

VBS, July 13-18

the homeless in Brady

Rhonda Aguirre Oralia and Pete Barrera Jackie & Jeanagayle Behrens Holden Bedwell Ronnie and Kent Beckett Mike & Beverly Bigby & Stephanie Pyle Perry Boggs Jerry & RaNon Caraway Cristobal Castillo Frieda Chew

Sherry Cox

Linda Flint Darlene Friar Charlie & Maria Garcia

Elias Garcia Holly Groves Janis Groves Melanie Groves

Roy and Janet Guthrie 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 Bobby and 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 family of Rita Nichols.

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becky@scottmartin.net.

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