



**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*

newsletter

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At the business meeting on May 28 Bro. Jeff Quattlebaum submitted his resignation as pastor at First Baptist Church. He has taken a teaching position at Fredericksburg High School and he and his family will be moving there.

His resignation will be effective at the end of the service on July 23, with the following week as a vacation week. Please pray for him and his family and for our church as we move forward.

## Message from the Pastor: *Sit awhile with Jesus*

I will never forget the day when I heard a song written by Dennis Jernigan titled, "If I Could Just Sit With You Awhile." My grandmother (my dad's mom) had just passed away and I was with my dad looking at songs to be played or sung at her funeral. I was a member of FBC Athens at the time and the new pastor, Dr. Kyle Henderson, said we should listen to this song. We did listen to it and we used it in my grandmother's funeral a couple of days later. The second verse of the song always draws me to tears:

*When I know I've sinned*

*When I should have been*

*Crying out, "My God!" and hidden in You*

*Lord, I need You now*

*More than I know how*

*So I humbly bow hidden in You*

*If I could just sit with You awhile*

*If You could just hold me*

*Nothing could touch me*

*Though I'm wounded. . . Though I die*

*If I could just sit with you awhile*

*I need You to hold me*

*Moment by moment*

*Till forever passes by.*

That picture of asking God to hold us close to Him like a little child gets up in their parent's lap gets me all the time.

When we read the Bible, the Holy Spirit shows us that we have fallen short of God's glory (Romans 3:23). Just when we think all hope is lost, we find a remarkable message from God in Romans 5:8 and Romans 6:23. Holy God, Who cannot look on sin, made a way that sinful man can be reconciled with Him. It is through the cross of Jesus Christ that we can find this reconciliation with God Himself. The famous football coach Lou Holtz once said, "When we fumble due to sin – and it's going to happen – confession puts us back on the field." One of the conditions on getting reconciliation to a Holy God is the confession of sin. One of the lies out there by our enemy is that we have to clean ourselves up before we can come to God. We do not have to clean up our act to impress Him because the truth is we can't do it on our own.

We do, however, need to address the condition of our hearts with Holy God. When we pray to God, part of that prayer is confessing the wrong we have said, done, and even thought. C.S. Lewis says that confession is like the threshold of prayer. I think many times we skip over this part and go straight to our requests of things we would like from God. One reason for this is because confession is hard for you and me because we do not like to admit our flaws or when we are wrong. Here is some breaking news for you and me: GOD ALREADY KNOWS WHAT WE DID. God knows all the things we try to hide from Him. That thing we did years ago or said about people years ago that we swore we would take to our graves, God already knows about it. The crazy thing is that God loves us anyway despite our past. Paul reminds us, "Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more" (Romans 5:20 ESV).

God knows where we messed up, where we sinned, but we still need to confess our sins to Him. The Bible is crystal clear that, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9 ESV). When we confess our sins, we are making the choice to repent. Repentance means that we do a 180 or "about face" and literally turn the opposite way from the sin we just confessed. The Bible tells us that God will remember our sins no more, and David reminds us in Psalm 103:12 that our sins are removed from us as far as the east is from the west.

You may think that you are hopeless and your circumstance is helpless. Guess what, my friend: *hopeless* and *helpless* are God's specialty. Like a little child, will you crawl up in the lap of Jesus and ask Him to hold you awhile and bring your messy life to Him? You won't find judgement or condemnation; instead you will find love, grace, and mercy. Jesus Himself tells us, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28 ESV).

Will you just sit with Jesus for awhile?

Believe

Trust

Pastor Jeff!

## A busy summer ahead

The Children's Team is looking forward to a wonderful summer beginning with participating in the **Mini-Camps** during the week of June 12 and the week of June 19th. Vickie has created an exciting opportunity to reach out to the Brady children and offer them some fun and unusual activities.

Our visit to Babylon during **VBS** will be very challenging and will help us realize God's amazing plan for each of us. The main focus will be on how Jesus fulfilled every aspect of God's plan for mankind. We will need so much help. Feel free to contact Bev, Becky, RaNon, Betty or Marsha for information on how to get involved! The dates are July 9 through the 14th from 5:30 to 8:20 each night. Please pray about where God wants you this year. It is truly all hands on deck for Jesus! Thanking God in advance all the miracles that I know God will provide!

*Marsha Gainer*

*Children's Ministry Team Lead*

## From the Music Team

We are looking for members that have musical talent to share that talent with the church. If you would like to highlight your talent, whether it be playing an instrument or singing, please see Karen so she can place you in the service.

I know everyone is so busy this time of year taking vacations that you may miss a service. I just want to remind you that you can stay connected either by Facebook, or the YouTube channel.

Starting the first two weekends in June, we will be serving with Mission Brady. Please be in prayer for us during this time as well as the family whose house we are working on.

In Christ,

*Karen Behrens, Music Team Lead*

### Memory Verse for July 2023

<sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,  
Titus 3:5

## Summer missions 2023

- **The Mission at Brady** will be the first two weekends in June. The project will involve exterior renovation of a home at 406 S. College. Talk to Jason Behrens if you can help. Our church will serve lunch to the volunteers on Saturday, June 10. Please come by 11:00 to help if you can.

- Missions Team members are involved with the **Mini-Camps in June**. See page 3 of the newsletter for the schedule.

- Betty Smith and her friend Barbara Kristof are planning to go on the **LIBA mission trip** to the Navajo in June.

- FBC exceeded our goal of \$2000 for the **Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions**. Total giving was \$2170. Thank you!

- Linda Wall is leading a twice-monthly **Bible study at Royal Oaks Assisted Living**, on every other Thursday at 2:00.

- **The Haven** continues to welcome donations to help the families who come there, as well as others in the community in need of basic supplies. (A current need is deodorant.)

- We are hoping to host a **Back-to-School Block Party** at the Trails of Brady Apartments the first week in August. We will collect school supplies and backpacks to share at that time. More info will follow.

*Becky Martin, Missions Team Lead*

*From the May 28 business meeting: Vickie Roddie, Youth Director, stated that she will resign from that position on June 23.*

## 325 Ministries: Youth news

God fills our lives with His love so we can pour love out on others. The more of God's love and joy we pour out, the more He pours back in. As a cooperative team of ministry-minded people, we continue to look for

ways to do outreach in our community. In May several members of the church came together to plan a series of summer activities for children and youth ministry. In June we will help with two weeks of Kids Mini Camps that will allow our youth to help with evangelism. On June 28th we will have a youth sports camp at the BISD High School, July 9<sup>th</sup> our youth will help with VBS, and on July 29<sup>th</sup> we will have a community wide youth rally. The first Wednesday of every month we work with Vision Heights youth to do an evening youth rally at the football field. We will be involved in other events with other youth pastors in our area throughout the summer. *Psalm 118:24 This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!*

*Vickie Roddie, Youth Director*

## Two big events of fellowship, hospitality, and mission: June 4 & June 10

1. The Hospitality Team is organizing a fellowship meal for the church on June 4 at 5:00. The First Responders and their families have been invited. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and desserts are on the menu. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hall for what you can bring. Come at 4:30 if you can to help set up tables and chairs in the pavilion.

2. The Hospitality Team is also coordinating a meal for the Mission Brady volunteers on Saturday, June 10. The menu is hot dogs, chips, and cookies. **Cookie alert!** Cookies are needed in quantity. Joyce says: **Double batch please!** And please bring them to the FLC before noon on Friday, June 9, for packaging.

### Memory Verse for June 2023

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.<sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:1-2 NIV

**June**

June 3-4 and 10-11 The Mission at Brady  
 June 4 Outside fellowship 5:00  
 June 9 Food Pantry Food Distribution, 9:00-11:00  
 June 10 Meal in FLC for Mission Brady volunteers  
 June 12-16 and 19-23 Mini-camps, FLC, 1:00-4:00 each day  
 June 18 Church Council, 5:00  
 June 24-July 1 LIBA mission trip to the Navajo  
 June 25 Business meeting, 5:00  
 June 28-29 FCA sports camp

**July**

July 9-14 Vacation Bible School  
 July 14 Food Pantry Distribution, 9:00-11:00  
 July 16 Nominating Committee meeting, 3:00; Church Council, 5:00  
 July 23 Business Meeting, 5:00  
 July 28-29 Youth Rally

**Weekly Ministries**

**Sunday:** Sunday School at 9:45, worship at 11:00  
**Monday:** Minor Prophets Bible study in library, 6:00 (will not meet in July)  
 325 Ministries (Youth) in FLC, 6:15-7:30 (**Wednesday:** Women's prayer group, 4:00)  
**Thursday morning:** Walmart pick-up for Food Pantry

*Thank You,  
 Lord, for the  
 rain in  
 May!* 

**June radio spots**

5-9 Bro. Jeff  
 12-16 Betty Smith  
 19-23 Velma Hendley  
 26-30 George Matula

**May Food Pantry Report**

21 under 18  
 27 ages 18-54  
 25 ages 55-64  
 28 over 65  
 101 individuals  
 52 families

**Mini-Camps schedule**

1:00-4:00 in FLC each day for 1st-5th grades  
 June 12-13 mission focus on Philippines  
 June 14, Bible study & crafts "Adam 2U"  
 June 15, Painting workshop  
 June 16, Block Party trailer  
 June 19-20, Puppet workshop  
 June 21-22, Bible games  
 June 23, Pinewood Derby

**Welcome new members!**

*Awaiting baptism:*  
 Valerie Gonzalez  
 William Gonzalez



**Deacons on call in June**

Farion Morton 325-792-6596  
 Rusty Capps 325-347-4974

**Birthdays in June**

June 1 George Matula  
 June 6 Jeff Quattlebaum  
 June 9 Whitney Gainer, Karen Behrens  
 June 13 Addyson Wilton  
 June 14 Shirley Nelson  
 June 15 Alma Lyon  
 June 19 Jason Behrens  
 June 20 Bill Butts, Valerie Gonzalez  
 June 22 Joyce Scott  
 June 23 Denise Owens, Madison Lyon  
 June 26 Daniel Gainer

**Birthdays in July**

July 6 Gage Behrens, Jeanie Williamson  
 July 9 Ryan Boydston, Carole Ramsey  
 July 10 Linda Cox  
 July 12 Pete Barrera, Linda Torres  
 July 13 Amy Tetens, Claudette Young  
 July 15 Frieda Chew  
 July 19 Melanie Couvillion  
 July 21 Jim Smith  
 July 22 Velma Hendley, Colton Lyon  
 July 23 Janet Guthrie

**JUNE 2023**

(AM)	(PM)
<b>SAMUEL (2<sup>ND</sup>)</b>	<b>PSALMS</b>
8-10	72
11-13	73
14-17	74
18-20	75
21-24	76
<b>COLOSSIANS</b>	
1-4	77
<b>KINGS (1<sup>ST</sup>)</b>	
1-3	78:1-39
4-6	78:40-72
7-9	79
10-12	80
13-15	81
16-19	82
20-22	83
<b>JONAH</b>	
1-4	84
<b>PHILEMON</b>	
1	85
<b>KINGS (2<sup>ND</sup>)</b>	
1-4	86
5-7	87
8-11	88
12-14	89:1-18
15-18	89:19-52
19-21	90
22-25	91
<b>LUKE</b>	
1-3	92
4-6	93
7-9	94

**JULY 2023**

(AM)	(PM)
<b>LUKE</b>	<b>ECCLESIASTES</b>
10-12	1
13-15	2
16-18	3
19-21	4
22-24	5
<b>AMOS</b>	
1-3	6
4-6	7
7-9	8
<b>CHRONICLES (1<sup>ST</sup>)</b>	
1-4	9
5-8	10
9-11	11
12-14	12
	<b>SONG OF SONGS</b>
15-17	1
18-20	2
21-22	3
24-26	4
27-29	5
<b>HOSEA</b>	
1-4	6
5-8	7
9-11	8
	<b>PSALMS</b>
12-14	95
<b>CORINTHIANS (1<sup>ST</sup>)</b>	
1-2	96
3-5	97
6-8	98
9-11	99



**Be kind and compassionate to one another,  
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.  
*Ephesians 4:32 NIV***

- Bro. Jeff Quattlebaum, Misty, Regan, and Sam
- our church staff and pre-school
- 325 Ministries (youth)
- our children's ministry
- McKenna Brandenberger on mission in Fiji/New Zealand and El Salvador
- Texas Baptist Men
- our members in care facilities and our homebound members
- the lost and unchurched in our community
- Brady Clergy Association
- Betty Smith & Barbara Kristof on the Navajo mission trip, along with others from LIBA

Rhonda Aguirre  
 Laura Alsop  
 Ray and Rita Ash  
 Pete and Oralia Barrera  
 Holden Bedwell  
 Karen Bivens  
 Tiffani Bohannon  
 Amelia Britteon  
 Bill and Wanda Burns  
 Sherry Cox  
 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  
 Eileen Mitzel  
 Gabe & Lisa Moreno  
 Louise Morrow  
 Lois Patton  
 Carrie Pearson  
 Charles & Carole Ramsey  
 Anna Richards  
 Donald & Margie Richardson  
 James and Norma Ridout  
 Tommy & Kathy Stanley  
 Edith Slaughter  
 Ricky Teague  
 Jack and Susan Turk  
 Gene Walton  
 Virgil & Anita Webb  
 Addie Jo Webster

Bobby and Bobbie Williams  
 Angie Willis  
 Claudette Young

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

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## Summer at Godly Impressions Preschool

We have finished out another year at the preschool. On May 26 we recognized the five children that are graduating from Godly Impressions and heading off to their next adventure. It was such a blessing to gather with family and friends to celebrate this milestone in the lives of these children. Each child was presented a Bible courtesy of First Baptist Church and presented by Pastor Jeff, along with a quilt that was presented by Becky and Bev.

During May we also welcomed new staff members to the preschool/daycare: Angi Ugalde, Sierra Davee and Makenna Garza. As we welcome new, there are also those that are leaving the program. This will be my last newsletter to share; my last day with Godly Impressions will be May 31. I want to thank you for welcoming me and my children when I started this journey a year and a half ago; however, I feel it is best for my young family that I resign. Hopefully, I will still see you around town from time to time; after all, there is always Walmart!

As we head into the summer months, there is sure to be lots of water days and fun going on in the daycare.  
 Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!  
 Blessings,  
 Meredith Navarette



## Congratulations to our 2023 graduates!

(See the May newsletter for more.)

**Anthony W. Groves**, Texas A&M University; degree in Construction Science; grandson of Tony and Janis Groves

**Gabriel Isaac Torres**, Heartland Christian School (high school) in Lee's Summit, Missouri; grandson of Raymond and Linda Torres

**Joel Jennings**, Henrietta Junior High in Henrietta, Texas; grandson of Kenneth and Mary Ann Wilton

**Sam Quattlebaum**, Brady Middle School; son of Jeff and Misty Quattlebaum