



**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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## Updates from Feb. 25 business meeting

The deacon-led Wednesday night **men's Bible study** continues to grow, with 16 in attendance the last two weeks. The deacons will have a training session on March 23, led by Don Fawcett.

The clean-up and organization of the **Music Room** continues. The HOT Baptist Encampment was given all the no-longer-used sound equipment. Much of the remaining (old) sheet music and music books are being offered to a church in Kerrville.

The **roofing project**, done by West Texas Commercial Roofing, will begin this week—February 26-March 1. (Update: work began on Tuesday, Feb. 27.) The project should take about a week.

Much work has been done in the **Family Life Center** in advance of the county's use of the building as a polling place on March 4-5. Plumbing problems have been dealt with, damaged sheet rock has been replaced, tiles have been reset, lockers removed, and most walls have been freshly painted.

The church approved a new **supplemental logo** designed by Valerie Gonzalez. You'll soon have an opportunity to purchase a new FBC tee-shirt.

## For and about our youth

*by Vickie Roddie, Youth Director*

Is your church or mentoring program creating a sustainable faith beyond high school, middle school, or grade school? A new standard for viable youth ministry should be – not the number of attenders, the sophistication of the events, or the “cool” factor of the youth group- but whether teens have the commitment, passion and resources to pursue Christ intentionally and wholeheartedly after they leave the youth ministry.

Youth ministry is about 150 years old. Arising at first as a way of reaching out to troubled teens, especially in highly industrialized urban centers, parachurch ministries like the YMCA sought to provide safe activities and education in basic reading along with evangelism. Throughout the 19th century organizations grew. Bible societies and Sunday School movements increasingly supplanted the ordinary structures, resources, and content of church traditions.

However, the youth group emerged as its own “church-within-a-church,” distinct from the public ministry and worship. It has been increasingly easy for one to go from the nursery to children's church to youth group and on to college without having actually belonged to the local church. For many, the church is more a cafeteria of ministry offerings than a communion of saints.

As we prayerfully follow God's lead this year, may we also endeavor to understand God's way of discipleship and training for our ministries.

We recently participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) at the local high school. FCA started in 1954 and has 20,297 certified huddles. We are honored to be able to be a part of this program. The program incorporates coaches, campuses, students, and church ministries with integrated ages of participation.

Crossing the church generation gap as spoken in Psalm 145:4 is a wonderful blessing for a church body: *One generation commends Your works to another; they tell of Your mighty acts.*



## Passing of Bro. Ray Ash

Bro. Ray Ash, our beloved former pastor, passed away in San Angelo on Saturday, February 24. He was 86.

A Celebration of Life will be held at First Baptist Church Mason (where he pastored for several years) on Sunday, March 10, at 2:00.

Bro. Ray, the longest serving pastor in FBC history, pastored our church from 1968-1989.

He is survived by his wife Rita and their three sons and their families.

## Children's Ministry: Camp Nazareth, Wednesday nights, and Easter Sunday

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

March will be a busy month for the Children's Ministry. We will start off on March 1 with Camp Nazareth from 1-4 in the Family Life Center. Life in the hometown of Jesus will be recreated and explored. All children ages K-5th grades are invited.

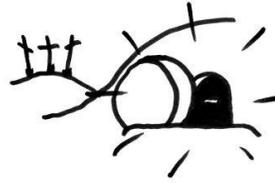
Next, to coincide with the ladies and men's Bible study times, all children from nursery to 5th grade are invited to attend a special children's program on Wednesday nights. We will study the miracles of Jesus. Games, crafts, and dramas will help enrich our studies.

The month will culminate with our special Children's Easter Sunday program. Breakfast will be at 9:30, Easter Egg hunt at 10:00, the Resurrection story, games, and crafts will finish out the morning in the Family Life Center. All children are invited for all or part of the events!

There are many events and many ways to get involved. We need and cherish all volunteers! We can faithfully share Jesus with the children of Brady!



# The Day That Changed Everything



## Jesus Has Risen

<sup>28</sup> After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

<sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

<sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." Matthew 28:1-10

## Well done, good and faithful servant!

Our dear friend and sister in Christ Betty Smith passed away on February 12, 2024, at her home. Her funeral was held in our sanctuary on Saturday, February 17.

Betty lived a life of service and touched countless lives—from the preschoolers in Godly Impressions with her puppets and songs, to young couples referred by CPS in parenting classes, to GA's, to Food Pantry recipients, Children's Church, VBS. Over many decades she served and encouraged others to serve on summer mission trips to the Navajo people in New Mexico and Arizona. Serving the Lord was her joy.

She was my wonderful friend the last few years, and a wonderful example of what it means to live as a Christian.

I've thought about (it's Becky here) how we can honor Betty's legacy. Here are some ideas:

- \* Be faithful.
- \* Find ways to help and then follow through.
- \* Live a life of service; make serving the Lord your top priority.
- \* Don't be afraid to follow His lead.
- \* Love little children.
- \* Bake some Christmas cookies. Invite a child to help you decorate them.
- \* Err on the side of compassion, not rules.
- \* Make good plans, but don't cling to them. Remember God is in charge.



## What a Day That Will Be

There's coming a day when no heartaches shall come  
 No more clouds in the sky  
 No more tears to dim the eye  
 All is peace forever more  
 On that happy golden shore  
 What a day, glorious day that will be



What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see  
 When I look upon His face the one who saved me by His grace  
 When He takes me by the hand and leads me to the promised land  
 What a day, glorious day that will be

(Hymn by Jim Hill, 1955)



Happy Birthday!

**March birthdays**

- 1 Jackie Behrens
- 1 Kryste Boydston
- 4 Darlene Friar
- 4 Joy Jennings
- 4 Becky Martin
- 12 Bobbie Williams
- 14 Samarah (Bree) Castillo
- 16 Joel Jennings
- 27 Bobby Williams

A belated Happy Birthday to Mary Leamons, whose birthday was Feb. 26!

**Guest Pastors in March**

- March 3: Don Fawcett
- March 10: Carlos Francis
- March 17 & 24: David Vela
- March 31 (Easter): Keith Simpson

**Deacons on call in March**

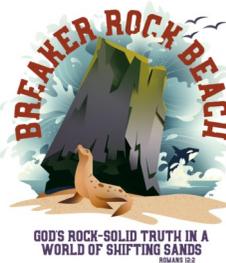
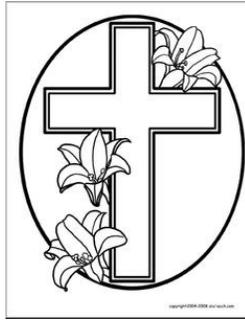
- Greg Torres 325-456-0770
- Buddy Cox 409-673-7916



Our Joyce Scott has sold her home and moved to Royal Oaks Assisted Living here in Brady. She joins two other FBC members there: Claudette Young and Carole Ramsey. Pay them a visit! You will be a blessing and will be blessed yourself.



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Give Grow & Go



**Weekly Ministries**

- Sunday:** Sunday School at 9:45, worship at 11:00
- Wednesday:** Women's prayer group, 4:00; Women's Bible study, 6:00, in Fellowship Hall; Men's Bible study, 6:00, in FLC
- Thursday morning:** Walmart pick-up for Food Pantry

**February Food Pantry**

- Adult boxes: 64
- Children's boxes: 13
- Adults over 65: 32
- Adults under 65: 72
- Children: 24
- Total: 128

**March radio spots**

- 4-8 Judy Mitzel
- 11-15 Bobbie Williams
- 18-22 Becky Martin
- 25-29 Valerie Gonzalez
- On KNEL radio, 7:45 weekday mornings

**For your calendar**

- March 1:** Camp Nazareth in FLC for K-5th, 1:00-4:00
- March 3:** Pastor Search Committee will interview 3 candidates
- March 4:** LIBA breakfast, 8:30
- March 6:** First night of women's Bible study, "When You Pray," 6:00, Fellowship Hall
- March 8:** Food distribution 9-11
- March 10:** Time change to Daylight Saving Time; Deacons meeting after church
- March 12:** Fellowship Night, FLC, 6:00
- March 17:** Church Council, 5:00
- March 23:** Deacon training led by Don Fawcett, 8:30-noon
- March 24:** Business meeting, 5:00
- March 31:** Easter Sunday, with special events for children
- April 14:** Zambia foreign mission study, 5:00
- July 7-12:** VBS: Breaker Rock Beach

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING**

**Come to Fellowship Night!**

Tuesday, March 12, 6:00  
Family Life Center

This is Game Night with games for all. (There's talk of a 42 tournament.) Bring a snack to share.

**Pastor Search Committee update**

from Vickie Roddie, Chair  
Pastor Search Committee

The pastor search committee met on February the 11<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of reviewing pastor resumes. Invitations were sent to 4 candidates for informal interviews to be held by zoom on March 3. Please pray for the search team, our next pastor, the congregation and for God's best.

**Missions happenings**

by Bev Waisner, Missions Team lead

I want to invite all women to our new Women's Bible study on prayer. We will meet in Fellowship Hall starting Wednesday, March 6 at 6:00. Books are available if you want one but are not necessary. Child care will be available.

We will be participating in the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. Our goal is \$2000. This money will aid our missionaries as they minister in many different ways. Pray about what God wants you to give.

Also, we will be having an adult mission study on Zambia on Sunday, April 14, at 5:00. This is for all men, women, and youth. Older children would enjoy it too.



*In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!" Luke 24:5-6a NIV*

- Our church in a season of change & growth
- our members in care facilities and our homebound members
- the lost and unchurched in our community
- the youth of Brady
- the homeless in Brady

Rhonda Aguirre  
 Everett Andrews & his dad  
 Rita Ash  
 Angel Ballard  
 Judy Bell  
 Beverly Bigby & Stephanie Pyle  
 McKenna Brandenberger  
 Amelia Britteon  
 Bill Burns  
 Big John Campbell  
 Jerry & RaNon Caraway  
 Buddy Cox  
 Sherry Cox  
 Sue Crow  
 Victor Cruz  
 Mary Favoccia  
 Nicole Fish & Bruce Van Houten

Linda Flint  
 Charlie & Maria Garcia  
 Holly Groves  
 Melanie Groves  
 Roy and Janet Guthrie  
 Janabeth & Charles Hanson  
 Duwain & Velma Hendley  
 Curtis and Genna Jennings  
 Mabel Jones  
 Colleen Laman  
 Jackie Leamons  
 Rob Leamons  
 Janie Lowery  
 James Mallow  
 Vickie May  
 Billie Moreno  
 Lois Patton  
 Carrie Pearson  
 Carole Ramsey  
 James & Norma Ridout  
 Joyce Scott  
 Rhoda Shannon  
 Keith Simpson  
 Edith Slaughter  
 Jackie Smith  
 Jerlene Smith  
 Jim Smith

Wendy Smith  
 Jack and Susan Turk  
 Harold Underwood  
 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.

We extend Christian sympathy to the families of Betty Smith, Bro. Ray Ash, Abigail "RYCE" Meneley, Steven Allan Grant, Santos Gonzales, and Frank Flores.

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To First Baptist Brady,  
 Thank you for your generous donation of sound equipment. We will go through it and will use what we can. If there are components that we do not need, we will offer them to other churches or Christian Camps.  
 Thank you again for this donation!  
 Rhonda Roberts  
 Heart of Texas Baptist Camp  
 Brownwood

### Stock Show news from Gage

*by Gage Behrens*

Stock Show season is here. The McCulloch County stock show was good to me as I won Grand Champion Ag Mechanics. I had many other placings with sheep and goats at that show.

The San Angelo stock show did not go as planned but I had a great experience and was able to see friends that I hadn't seen in awhile. I showed 3 sheep in San Angelo, was pulled, but did not place.

On to San Antonio and I showed a Behrens raised Southdown and placed 3rd. This was a big victory for me because when you can take a lamb that you raised and place in a class of 50, you know you've really done something special.

Next we will go to Houston with another lamb that I raised. This is the best lamb in my barn and I am excited to see how he places against the best in the state. After Houston we will go to Austin. In the middle of all of this is track season which also will keep me on the road and busy. I appreciate my church family being a part of my journey.

*We're proud of you, Gage!*