



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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Rejoice in the Lord!

by Pastor Christian Garcia

What a time to be part of FBC Brady! We have so much going on throughout our church, from our children's ministry, to our youth ministry, to every other ministry that is within our church. In our business meeting on February 23rd, we were able to see a glimpse of everything that God is doing within our church. Truly exciting times ahead here at FBC Brady and we want you to continue to be a part of it all.

As I was preparing to write this, Philippians 4:4 came to my mind which says, "*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!*" What a powerful reminder from Paul to the church in Philippi, that we should rejoice! In the good times, in the challenging seasons, and in the in between. When we do this, we choose to live in joy all the days of our lives. This is a theme that we could find throughout the letter to this church in Philippians, and that is to seek joy!

Ever wonder how happy people are always so happy? How even in hard times, they just seem to always maintain that smile on their face? It's not fake, but instead, it's a way of life that they have chosen to do, seeking the joy of the Lord in every circumstance. The beauty is that you and I have that choice to make on a daily basis. So church, today I say to you, the way Paul told this church in Philippi, REJOICE IN THE LORD! He is so good and we have seen His hand, His guidance, His vision, become a reality in our church!

It is such a blessing to be a part of this church, it's a blessing to be called your pastor! I am excited for what the Good Lord has in store for you, for me, and for this church! May we continue to work with all our hearts, seeking joy in every season we encounter, and may we be a church that people see that is always rejoicing in the Lord!

FBC Youth

by Priscilla Garcia, Youth Team Lead

What a time it has been to be able to invest in our youth. We launched the youth on January 15th and started with only 4 students. Since then, we have been averaging 13-15 students on a weekly basis. We held a game day with the Rochelle Girls Basketball team on February 21st and enjoyed our day long competition over board games. God has been so good in giving us direction, vision, and an opportunity to pour into our next generation. We also took a leap of faith to sign up for our Summer Youth Camp that is happening on June 19-23 at Highland Lakes Camp! We are planning on taking 16 students and 4 leaders! We ask for your prayers in filling all these spots and funding the youth for this camp. We will be hosting fundraising events to raise the needed funds to pay for our students. Each spot is \$370.

We would love to ask for your partnership in 2 different ways:

- 1) **Pray for our youth.** Pray that God continues to send students across the doors of the church to hear the Good News and for us to have the opportunity to continue to pour into them and take them to this camp.
- 2) **Partner with us financially as we raise the funds to pay the students way to camp.** I know many of us could agree, camp is a life changing experience, and we want our students to experience that! Thank you FBC for all your love, support, and willingness to continue to spread the Good News in Brady, in Texas, in America, and to the end of the world!

**Vision statement for 2025:
Move together, grow together.**

The Ministry of Hospitality

by Judy Mitzel, Church Hostess
John 3:16 Lunch (Feb. 16)

Why John 3:16? Because God is love, and what better time to celebrate than the month of February?

Our menu was grilled brisket, potato bar with toppings, vegetable salad, and rolls. The congregation brought mac & cheese, cookies, cakes, candies, and puddings.

The food and company were exceptional. A special thank you to Chef Jason Behrens, who not only grilled five briskets but also sliced and served them during the meal. Thanks to our team of Linda Torres and Laura and Ed Alsop, and to others that helped clean up and serve all the things that made the day a very special day of love.

Folks, if you missed this meal, it was one for the books—but know we missed you and we are getting ready for our Easter lunch. So look for future dates to join us in an exciting time at FBC as God works through the Holy Spirit in keeping us as a family of God.

Missions & Ministries

by Bev Waisner,
Missions Team Lead

The Missions Team is continuing our ministry to Royal Oaks with the Bible study weekly and craft day every other week. The hospitality team is doing a dinner there on the 4th Thursday at 5. Feel free to join us.

I have received the Lottie Moon kit and will be planning some events using that material soon.

The team will be taking a trip to the Resource Center to find out more about their needs and where our money goes.

Music Ministry Updates

by Karen Behrens, Music Leader

With nice springtime weather in mind, the Music Team would like some suggestions of hymns for the month. If you would like to hear something special, reach out to Karen.

We are still searching for PowerPoint, media, and soundboard help. If you would like to help us, please get with Karen to sign up for a day of training. Training can be done during Sunday service. We appreciate all help and input into our services. A big thank you to all of the music team members for all you do.

Children's Ministry blessings & opportunities

by Marsha Gainer, Honorary Children's Ministry Director

Our first Camp Love One Another was so much fun we had 17 precious children and 6 workers. The Bible story was on the Prodigal Son featuring a reenactment of the story done by Allie and MJ as told by a reporter interviewing the Prodigal on her return home! Bev's craft team created a pouch for the children to sew and fill with goodies for their moms and dads. Becky gave a wonderful cross presentation to help the children learn John 3:16. The evening culminated in a treasure hunt for Valentine candy! We will have one more Love One Another Camp on February 28 from 1-4 p.m.

The Wednesday night Kids program focuses on Bible Skills, the disciples, and missions. For Valentine's Day, the children decorated pails which they then filled with items and candy. Bev delivered them to Royal Oaks for the tenants!

We have a rotating schedule started for Children's Church. The fourth Sunday is Valerie and William. The first Sunday is Marsha and Bev. The second and third are still open if anyone is interested!

We will have a planning meeting for VBS at 5:30 on March 5th in the Family Life Center. Everyone is invited because it takes the whole church! We do appreciate all of your help and prayers!

Update: StoneWater Church in Godley, Texas, has offered to send a team to help with VBS!



Gage Behrens competed with 1600 students at the San Antonio show Feb. 22-23. He placed second in his class: Resource Recovery. His prizes included a welder, welding helmet, and welding torch. Congratulations, Gage! (and Jason and Karen!)

Progress on many fronts

At the February 23 business meeting, these encouraging reports were made.

Greg reported from the Finance Committee. With the help of Judy and Carrie, these steps have been accomplished: switching book-keeping software to StartChurch; changing log-in user names; moving to direct deposit of pay; changing to ADP for payroll; adopting a new system of reporting time for hourly employees.

George and Travis are handling the ordering and record-keeping for the Food Pantry.

Priscilla reported attendance at Youth Group on Wednesdays from 13-18. Reservations have been made for summer youth camp for 16 youth.

Valerie will take photos for the new website on Sunday, March 2.

Pastor Christian reported:

- The new website through Sub-Splash had added sections for Vision, Mission, and Core Beliefs. Plans are for the website to be up and running by the March business meeting.
- A security team led by Ed has begun developing fire escape plans in every room, an active shooter plan, a natural disaster plan, and a 911 caller plan.
- An iPad and printer have been purchased for check-in of children for Sunday School and other events.
- CPR training will be March 16 after church. Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$50 per participant. Karen will teach this.
- Little Dribblers has completed a successful season with no problem in the FLC. The family using the FLC for a birthday party gave us a "5 star" review.
- A "Hall of Remembrance and Gratitude" project is in progress. Priscilla and Becky are working on this display of FBC's history—since 1887!





Happy Birthday!

March

- 1 Jackie Behrens
- 2 Zoe Garcia
- 3 Palmer Williams
- 4 Darlene Friar
- 4 Joy Jennings
- 4 Becky Martin
- 12 Bobbie Williams
- 14 Samarah (Bree) Castillo
- 14 Morgan Williams
- 16 Joel Jennings
- 27 Bobby Williams

Book Recommendations

- by Bro. Christian
Forgotten God by Francis Chan
This book talks about the Holy Spirit and gives theology and a biblical view on how we should view the Holy Spirit in our lives!
Winning the War in Your Mind by Craig Groeschel
This book talks about dealing with anxiety, fear, and all of the above! It's about viewing ourselves the way that God views us!
- by Becky, from church library:
World Aflame, by Billy Graham
Light Force, Brother Andrew and Al Janssen
Marcus, a Novel of the Youngest Apostle, Laurene Chinn

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

February Food Pantry

Adult boxes - 76
Children Boxes - 18
Adults over 60 - 63
Adults Under 60 - 52
Children - 42
Total clients - 157

March radio spots

On KNEL radio, 7:45 weekday mornings
3-7 Priscilla Garcia
10-14 Becky Martin
17-21 Valerie Gonzalez
24-28 Jeanagayle Behrens
31-April 4 Karen Behrens

If you would like to recommend a good book to the church family, send or give the title and author to Becky.
The church library is open to all. It works on an honor system for check-outs.

Deacons on call in March

George Matula 325-792-8611
Rusty Capps 325-347-4974

For your calendar

March 3: LIBA breakfast, 8:30, Sandy's Kitchen
March 4: Craft session at Royal Oaks, 2:00
March 5: VBS planning meeting, FLC, 5:30
March 9: Daylight Saving Time begins
March 10-14: Spring break
March 14: Food pantry food distribution, 9:00-11:00
Weekend of March 15: Churchwide garage sale
March 16: CPR training after church
March 18: Craft session at Royal Oaks, 2:00
March 23: Church council, 5:00; business meeting, 6:00
March 27: Meal at Royal Oaks, 5:00, choir practice 6:00
March 30: Dr. Jacob West of Hardin-Simmons University will preach.

Church Family, we are excited to announce a **church wide garage sale** for the weekend of March 15th. All proceeds will benefit our youth group for camp this summer! And hey... This is also a great time to start on any spring cleaning. Here's what we need from you donation wise:

Clothing--Men's, women's and children's clothing is all appreciated! This includes shoes and hats as well. (Please make sure everything donated is wearable.)

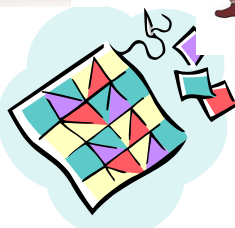
Furniture--Any old dressers and drawers, tables & chairs, couches, sofa chairs, etc. If you have something to donate but cannot load/unload, we will come by and pick it up for you! Just contact the church office, Christian, Priscilla, Greg or Shelly.

Old Toys--Always a big seller! Includes old DVDs, video games, etc.

Knickknacks & decorations-- old dishes, lamps, and house decorations.

Volunteers-- We want to make this a successful event for our youth—a big venue for a big garage sale! We will need cashiers, monitors, individuals to help price and organize items, etc. If you're interested, please reach out to one of us.

Again, our goal is to make this bigger with more items to sell than our last one in 2023. Your help is truly appreciated. *from Greg Torres and the youth team—and the FBC Youth Group*





*from Nehemiah 4: So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart. (v. 6)
Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there.
Our God will fight for us!” (v.20)*

March 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
Perry Boggs
Jerry & RaNon Caraway
Cristobal Castillo
Frieda Chew
Susan Goldman
Sherry Cox
George Eary
December Fish, Jayden,
& baby Michael

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
Dean Irwin
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Jenny, Chris, Luke, & Elle Jones
Frankie Leamons
Janie Lowery
James Mallow
Virgil and 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
Drew Wilton
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 Preasley Cooper, Herb Cavness, Sue Crow. Carma Eary, and Bonnie Lackey

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The newsletter is available on the church website: fbcbrady.org. If you would like a reminder of when it is posted each month, send your email address to Becky Martin: becky@scottmartin.net.
Print copies are always available at the church and can be mailed on request.

The new website is nearing completion! The monthly newsletter will have the same format and will be available online, by mail, and at the church as always. There will be a link to it on the website, For now, go to fbcbrady.org for the link. I'll let you know when the new website is launched.
—Becky

First Baptist Church
Brady, Texas

WE INVITE YOU TO A
PLACE FAR FAR AWAY
to Celebrate the 13th Birthday of
Samarah **B**ree
Please dress as a character from the movie
SHREK
Saturday, March 15th 2025
6:00pm-9:00pm
900 S. Blackburn
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