

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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newsletter

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Music Team news

by Jeanagayle Behrens,
Music Team Lead

The music team has several to thank for seeing that the music room is ready for placement of chairs, piano and other musical accessories. The walls are freshly painted and it is so much brighter and welcoming. We also plan to spot clean the carpet and do some final cleaning of cabinets. We will soon be ready for Karen to suggest the choir needs to practice for a Sunday special.

Public Relations News

by Valerie Gonzalez, PR team lead

The Public Relations Team is hoping to start delivering small plants to families moving into Brady, along with our church information.

A friendly reminder that t-shirt orders can be made at Down Home Gifts (or submit an order form to me). You can pick and choose whatever you'd like and they'll get it done for you.

Buz showed me how to change the lettering on the marquee so I'll be getting that updated periodically.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any flyers or Facebook posts needed for our church. Thank you!

Children's Ministry: Camp Triple J, VBS, Children's Church, Sunday School

by Marsha Gainer, Honorary Children's Ministry Director

The Children's Ministry is looking forward to a busy summer. June will bring **Camp Triple J** which will focus on Jesus' June Jungle Adventure held every Monday in June from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Everyone is invited to be a part of this adventure.

VBS will be July 7 to 12 every evening. The 12th will be Family Night. We will begin decorating

the church the last weekend in June. If you would like to volunteer, these areas need help:

Food: see Judy Mitzel

Crafts: see Bev Waisner

Music: see Valerie Gonzales

Recreation: see Greg Torres

Teaching: see Marsha Gainer

Missions: see RaNon Caraway

Decorating: see Marsha Gainer.

It will take the whole church to pull this off, but you precious people always step up and meet the needs!

Children's Church is seeking volunteers to take a Sunday each month. It begins right after the offering. If you would like to be placed in the rotation schedule, see RaNon Caraway, Marsha Gainer or Becky Martin. Teaching materials and supplies will be provided.

Children's Sunday School is adding a 3 to 4 year old class that will be taught by Bev Waisner. Our babies are growing and we will grow with them!

Praise God that First Baptist is blessed with a whole team of people who have a heart for children.

Welcome New Member!

Robert Malmstrom
4-21-24, by promise of letter from FBC Brazoria

Missions Happenings

by Bev Waisner, Missions Team Lead

Thank you all for your participation in the mission study on Zambia on April 14. We will have another missions family night Sunday, June 9, at 5:00 We will look at some of the things our money to the BGCT is doing.

On Wednesday, April 10, Irene Stone from Zimbabwe met with the women of the church to tell of their ministry in a small village. Later our women collected enough money to buy three sewing machines and other supplies for that village.

We want to have an informational talk with a McCulloch County Resource Center representative to better inform us about what they are doing and how we can help. We are connecting with them and hope to set a time in May.

We will be doing a 6-week Bible study at Royal Oaks on Thursdays at 2:00 starting May 23.

And finally: *thank you* for your donations to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. Our goal was \$2000, and we have exceeded that amount for a total of \$2,240.91. Well done, FBC!

Youth Ministry

by Vickie Roddie, Youth Director

I was recently asked the question of how the youth ministry was going at First Baptist church. I suppose for any youth ministry the answer is I will tell you in five to 8 years how the ministry is doing right now.

In 2 Timothy 3:16 Paul states that *all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for re-proof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness*. In Scripture God gives us complete instruction in training our youth for godliness and faithfulness in life. Rather than teaching to all the situations our kids will face in this world, we can expose our youth to the full counsel of God's Word by teaching exegetically, I think we all want to equip our youth for a life of faithfulness to Christ's Kingdom. During the summer we will be concentrating on specific scriptures full of rich topics. We are thankful that as Paul says the full counsel of God's Word provides the tools necessary for a life of mission in the world. Please pray for our youth and the outreach programs we will be sharing this summer.

Congratulations, graduates!

Jace Jennings

Henrietta High School, Henrietta, Texas
Parents: Curtis and Genna Jennings
Grandparents: Kenneth and Mary Ann Wilton
Jace is headed for Texas A&M University.

Jakob Alan Thomas

Boyd High School, Boyd, Texas
Parents: Alan and Blandi Thomas
Grandparents: Jerry and RaNon Caraway
Jake plans to attend Texas A&M University.

Emma Strahan

Montague High School, Montague, Texas
Parents: Keven and Laurie Strahan
Niece of Jerry and RaNon Caraway

Logan Michael Josephson

V.R. Eaton High School, Haslet, Texas
Parents: Sean and Shawna Josephson
Grandparents: Gary and Judy Mitzel,
Mike and Cyndi Josephson

Jared Smith

Doane University in Nebraska
Parents: Joe and Rachelle Smith of San Antonio
Grandmother: Jerlene Smith

Keely Darden Avila (38, full-time mom, employee & student)

graduating with honors from Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas
Parents: Kani & Steve Darden
Grandparents are all in heaven.

Amy Elizabeth Tetens

MS in Professional School of Counseling, Angelo State University
Parents: Carrie and the late Albert Pearson
Grandparents: the late Ira and Margaret Pearson

Kyla D. Curry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Curry of Houston and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby G. Williams, Sr. of Brady was nominated to be an Outstanding First Year Student for 2023/2024 school year at the Honors College at the University of Houston. Kyla was one of fifteen first year students awarded this honor.

Biblical advice for graduates

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3:17

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

If I missed a graduate in your family, please let me know. I can do a second list in June.
—Becky

My family and I would like to thank everyone at First Baptist Church for the delicious meal you provided for us prior to Steve's services. It was such a kind gesture. May God continue to bless each of you. the

Love,
Carrie Grant
Family of Steven Grant

To First Baptist Church members:
Thank you so much for the meal you served to the family of Harold Nesbit. It was a loving, kind thing to do that blessed our family. Please accept this gift for your benevolence in the honor of Harold Nesbit.

In the love of Christ,
Smart Family
(Tammy, Tom, Billie, Margie, & Julie)
Also the Lackey families

Dear FBC family,
We are so appreciative of the delicious dinner that you provided for our family after Dad's funeral service. It was truly a Godsend after a very emotional day. We are also very thankful for all the prayers that were extended on his behalf these past few years, as was he.

In Christ,
Media Burns Nazareus and family

4-16-24

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for hosting Johnstone and Irene the last 2 weeks. They are on their way back to Zimbabwe now, but your hospitality really is a huge part of their hearts now.

May God bless the FBC Brady.

Sincerely,
Don Fawcett

Greetings to y'all. I wanted to express our profound gratitude for your warm reception, love, and the opportunity to share with you what God is doing in our lives and in ministry. We are praying for you and we ask that you pray for us as well. From the bottom of our hearts, Irene, myself, and the whole Kingdom Kinetics family say Thank you and God bless you.

God is so good and only He can bring us together. We really felt at home. We'll be praying for you.

John and Irene Stone
(Johnstone and Irene Magomana)
Zimbabwe, Africa



Happy Birthday!

Regularly Scheduled Ministries
Sunday: Sunday School at 9:45, worship at 11:00
1st & 3rd Tuesdays: Youth Night, 5:30-7:00, FLC
Wednesday: Women's Bible study, 6:00, in Fellowship Hall; Men's Bible study, 6:00, in FLC; childcare and children's class, 6:00
Thursday morning: Walmart pick-up for Food Pantry

May birthdays
 12 Crockett Jurius
 13 Jack & Jett Jennings
 15 Norma Ridout
 20 Jameson Torres
 26 Jeanagayle Behrens

April Food Pantry
 Adult Boxes: 60
 Children's Boxes: 11
 Adults over 65: 37
 Adults under 65: 82
 Children: 24
 Total Clients: 143

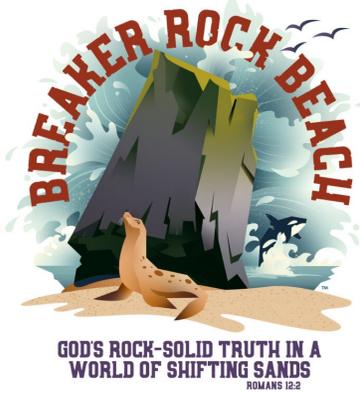
May radio spots
 6-10 Marsha Gainer
 13-17 Shelly Torres
 20-24 Valerie Gonzales
 27-31 Judy Mitzel
 On KNEL radio, 7:45 weekday mornings

Guest Pastors in May
 May 5: Don Fawcett
 May 12: Carlos Francis
 May 19: TBA
 May 26: TBA



For your calendar
May 6: LIBA breakfast, 8:30, Sandy's Kitchen
May 10: Food distribution 9-11
May 11: Ladies' brunch and program at FBC Eden, 10:00-12:00
May 12: Mother's Day
May 19: Church council, 5:00
May 21: Fellowship Night at the Pavilion
May 26: Business meeting, 5:00
Every Monday in June: Triple J Camp, FLC, 1:00-4:00
June 9: Mission study, 5:00
July 7-12: VBS: Breaker Rock Beach

Deacons on call in May
 Buz Roddie: 325-213-5104
 George Matula: 325-792-8611



Happy Mother's Day to all!
 Sunday, May 12

Come to Fellowship Night!
 Tuesday, May 21, 6:00
 At the Pavilion
 Come enjoy a cook-out, outdoor games, fun for all ages!



Update from the Pastor Search Committee
by Vickie Roddie, Chair
 The Pastor Search Committee met Sunday the 28TH to review some updates to a couple previously submitted resumes and review one new resume. The committee decided to proceed with a more intentional conversation with two of the candidates. Please continue to pray for all things related to the future of this process.

Who remembers this sweet lady?

Mary Ballew



In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:4-6

- Our Pastor Search committee
 - 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
 Beverly Bigby & Stephanie Pyle
 McKenna Brandenberger
 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
 Frankie Leamons
 Jackie Leamons
 Rob Leamons
 Janie Lowery
 James Mallow
 George Matula
 Billie Moreno
 Lois Patton
 Carrie Pearson
 Carole Ramsey
 James & Norma Ridout
 Joyce Scott
 Rhoda Shannon
 Jerlene Smith
 Jim Smith
 Wendy Smith

- Jack and Susan Turk
 Billy Turner
 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 family of Amelia Britteon.

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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 available at the church and can be mailed on request.

Regional Track Meet

by Gage Behrens

Last week I competed at the regional track meet. I qualified in triple jump, 4x200 relay, and the 4x400 relay. Friday I competed in the triple jump. My jumps were not long enough and I was disappointed. I was not able to advance to state with my jumps. My coach, Mom, and Dad reminded me that getting to regionals was a big deal. Next year I hope to improve and advance to state in that event.

The rain started in Denton on Saturday and the track meet was cancelled. My school decided to keep our rooms as we were to run on Monday at 5pm. So we stayed in Denton through the weekend and enjoyed Top Golf, games, and good food.

Monday came and my relay team won 4th in the 4x 200 and 3rd in the 4x400 relay. We had our fastest time all season. They only take the top 2 teams to state. Again I was a little disappointed that we were so close and did not make it to state.

Next year I will be a senior and am excited to see how far I will go. My Dad jumped a 44 his senior year, and that is a goal of mine is to out jump Dad. Thank you all for following my journey.

Gage

We love you, Gage! Well done!

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