



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

Well, we gathered on April 20, 2025, to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! It was a Sunday that will forever be in my heart, a day that God gave me a glimpse of what is to come. As I try to put to words what God did this Sunday morning the best I can, my prayer is that you experience this excitement for the things, big and small, that God continues to do in the history of this great church since 1887! My prayer is that you continue to be part of His Story, that you are inspired and motivated by the Holy Spirit to continue to do the work!

It was a beautiful Sunday morning; the weather forecast called for rain and thunderstorms to fill our sky, but it was very much the opposite. It was a day where the sun was out, shining in this beautiful Brady, Texas sky, a view that you must see in order to know the beauty behind it. In many ways, this day is a testament of what the Easter story is: the forecast of the enemy was a dark day, but the power of our God outshines the plans or forecast the enemy might have in mind!

As we gathered with our leaders for our regular Sunday Huddle, we were all encouraged and excited and prayed that God would send people to hear the Good News that morning. And let me just spoil it for you: He did! We had a total of 137 people come through the doors of our church and join us in this Spirit-filled worship service! We saw new families, new kids, and family members of our beloved church members. We had a total of 18 kids this Easter Sunday. Our attendance more than doubled our regular church attendance.

Now don't get me wrong, we know it's not about the numbers, but it is about seeing God's faithfulness in knowing that He still has much work left in store for this church! It's a Sunday that we hold onto as a church as a victory, a victory in being able to share the Gospel with 137 different people and be reminded that we are redeemed because He lives! That we could face tomorrow, because He lives! This excitement, this moment, hard to put into words, has lit a fire for us to continue the work the Good Lord has entrusted us with! Continue to be the church! Continue to do the work! At just the right time, as Galatians 6 says, we will reap the harvest IF we don't give up!

Pastor Christian Garcia

FBC Youth

by Priscilla Garcia, Youth Team Lead

We finally did it! Our church successfully hosted a garage sale fundraiser to help send our youth to camp this upcoming June at Highland Lakes, and it was a HUGE success! We raised an impressive \$3,105, bringing us closer to our goal of \$7,000. We are nearly halfway there, and we are excited to witness how God will continue to provide in ways only He can.

I want to take a moment to celebrate our church community. Everyone came together, contributing in various ways—from donating items for the garage sale to making delicious burritos, to setting up the event. It was truly a group effort, and together, we made it happen!

Our youth ministry is thriving! We had our largest Wednesday gathering yet, with over 20 students showing up, all filled with excitement of going to camp. Currently, we even have a waiting list of students eager to attend, which is incredible and all thanks to God!

What began as a vision from God has blossomed into a reality. This experience serves as a testament to us all: wherever God guides us, He will provide! We are grateful for the support and dedication of our church family and look forward to witnessing more miracles as we continue this journey.

Thank you all for your generosity, support, and faith. Let's keep working together, trusting in God's plan, and making a difference in the lives of our youth.

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

The Ministry of Hospitality
by Judy Mitzel, Church Hostess
John 3:16 Lunch (Feb. 16)

The past months the Hostess team has been in “assist” mode. Special birthdays, baby showers, flex days from school, Palm Sunday breakfast, youth projects, Easter activities—some part of all of these the Hostess Team has helped with.

Thank you, church, for continuing to support activities that involve our community, but never forgetting the importance of keeping the strength of our church and belief in God, our first priority.

Missions & Ministries

*by Bev Waisner,
Missions Team Lead*

We are collecting the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This is our yearly offering for North American Board missionaries. Please take the time to read and pray for the missionaries in the prayer guide. This will help you understand some of the work done by these missionaries. There are still many lost here in our own country. Pray for the lost and give as God encourages you. Our goal is \$2000.

**ANNIE
ARMSTRONG**
EASTER OFFERING

We are still doing dinner at Royal Oaks on the fourth Friday of every month. This month will be May 22 at 5:00. Mary Leamons is heading up the plan this time. We try to provide a main dish, salad or vegetable, bread, and dessert for about 20 people. The residents really enjoy the home cooking and the fellowship.

Sermon Titles, 4-27—5-4

Church is. . .

Crazy loving: “We love Jesus here.”

Hope hustlers: “Spread hope.”

United: “One big, messy family.”

Real: “No one is perfect.”

Change makers: “Saying yes to crazy”

Holy Spirit-led: “Allow Him to guide.”

Children’s Ministry blessings & opportunities

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

We had a wonderful Easter Sunday with 18 children learning about the amazing resurrection of Jesus! The block party and Easter Egg hunt were very well attended! We look forward to growing every week! A big thanks to everyone who donated eggs. We had hundreds!

Next, we will have a Flex Day mini-camp on Friday, May 9. This one is called “Springing into Jesus.”

The Wednesday Kids Club meets at 6:00 in the Family Life Center.

Every Monday in June from 1-4 we will hold summer mini-camps!

Magnified VBS will be held July 13-18 from 5 to 8:15 pm.

We have a very busy summer ahead and there is a spot just waiting for you! Please feel free to get involved in any or all of the events!



New website launched

Our new website address is fbcbrady.church.

Thanks to Bro. Christian, Eddie Menezes, and Subsplash for making this happen.

The new website has a fresh format and is packed with information about our church. It will continue to be updated. Take a look!

**From the April 13
Business Meeting**

Ed Alsop moved and Karen seconded that we donate the pews stored in the FLC to the church in Mexico led by Priscilla’s parents. The motion passed.

Bro. Christian proposed hiring an intern to help with ministry, possibly May through August. This person would commit to 25 hours a week with a salary of \$1500 a month. Copies of a job description were shared. Ed moved to go forward with this, with Personnel and Finance committees to consider hiring someone as soon as possible. A possible candidate is Gabriel Gonzalez. Ed’s motion passed.

Makeovers

This was Judy’s radio devotional on KNEL on April 27.

Have you ever watched those makeover shows—furniture, food, well, just about everything? It’s so interesting how they can take something so worn, ugly, or didn’t taste right and transform it into a beautiful, restored new product.

You know, God in your life by salvation can make you feel this same way; you may look the same, but in your heart and soul you become a new person. Romans 6:4 speaks of walking in a new life. Ephesians 4:22-24 says, “Put your old and former life behind you and put on the new self created after the likeness of God.”

That’s not do say we won’t have trials or bumps in our life, however. Philippians 4:13 says, “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

Are you asking God for a makeover today?

Dear Lord, Thank you for being the God of second chances. Go with us today and remind us of our love for you. Amen

Note from Becky

Thank you, FBC! I recently had hip replacement surgery and recovery is taking a while. Thank you, everyone, for your prayers, visits, calls, texts, and food! Thank you, Kay Holloway, for taking my place in the church office for the first three weeks. You did an excellent job.

Because I skipped doing an April newsletter, it has been two months since the last one. FBC continues to be an exciting and very busy place as we serve our Lord together. The calendar stays packed.

As you’ve read, Easter Sunday was amazing. And so was the garage sale! All because: *He is not here. He has risen.*



Happy Birthday!

April 1 Sherry Power 4 Sherry Cox 11 William Gonzalez 13 Becky Elliott 15 Jonathan Torres 19 Kelsey Crouch 22 Glenda Douglas 28 Shelly Torres 30 Carrie Pearson 30 Toney Urban
May 12 Crockett Jurius 13 Jack & Jett Jennings 15 Norma Ridout 20 Jameson Torres 26 Jeanagayle Behrens
Deacons on call in May Jim Smith 325-456-4921 Greg Torres 325-456-0770

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 to resume May 7, FLC, meal for all at 6:00.	
April Food Pantry Adult boxes - 71 Children Boxes - 20 Adults over 60 - 58 Adults Under 60 - 55 Children - 48 Total clients - 161	For your calendar May 3: baby shower for Valerie & William Gonzalez, 2:00-4:00 May 4: special called business meeting after church May 5: LIBA breakfast, 8:30, Sandy's Kitchen May 9: Food pantry food distribution, 9:00-11:00; flex day camp, 1:00-4:00, FLC May 11: Mother's Day May 22: Meal at Royal Oaks, 5:00 May 25: Enchilada plate sale after church (youth fundraiser), church council, 5:00; business meeting, 6:00 May 26: Memorial Day Jun 1: Graduation celebration at the pavilion, 6:30 June 14: bake sale (youth fundraiser)
radio spots for May On KNEL radio, 7:45 weekday mornings 5-9 Bobbie Williams 12-16 Becky Martin 19-23 Pat Matula 26-30 Jeanagayle Behrens	Note from Becky: If you have a graduate in your family that I've missed, let me know. I'll put another list in the June newsletter.

From US Army basic training **Congratulations to our Spring Graduates!**

Cooper Faulkner
Parents: Mike and Rebecca Faulkner
Grandmother: Nancy Cooper
Grandfather: Darrell Hubbart

From Boyd High School
Kameron Joyce Roberts
Parents: Destani and Keith Miller, Alton Roberts
Brothers: Gunnar, Dillon, & Logan Roberts
Grandparents: Jerry and RaNon Caraway

From Granbury High School
Gavin Torres
Dad: Samuel Torres
Grandparents: Raymond and Linda Torres

From Richland Springs High School
Gage Behrens
Parents: Jason and Karen Behrens
Grandparents: Jackie and Jeanagayle Behrens
Kenneth Knotts and Lydia Green

Rylie Eckert
Parents: Chad & Stephanie Eckert
Grandparents: Edward & Judy Howell
David Eckert

From Rochelle High School
Miranda Jane (M.J.) Penn
Parents: T.J. and Tracy Penn
Grandparents: Lee Tetens and Jane Penn

From Brady Middle School
Zoe Garcia
Parents: Christian and Priscilla Garcia
Grandparents: Raul & Lilly Gonzales, Jose & Zulma Molina
Angelissa Sanchez
Parents: Elizabeth Domingez & Juan Sanchez
Grandmother: Lisa Medrano

From Godly Impressions Preschool
Elijah Garcia
Parents: Christian and Priscilla Garcia
Grandparents: Raul and Lilly Gonzales, Jose and Zulma Molina





He is not here. He has risen.
Matthew 28:6, Mark 16:6, Luke 24:6

May Prayer List

- Christian, Priscilla, Zoe, Liana, and Elijah Garcia
- 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
Candice Andrews & family
Oralia and Pete Barrera
Jackie & Jeanagayle Behrens
Holden Bedwell
Kent Beckett
Mike & Beverly Bigby
 & Stephanie Pyle
Perry Boggs
Jerry & RaNon Caraway
Cristobal Castillo
Frieda Chew
Susan Goldman
Sherry Cox
Linda Flint
Darlene Friar
Charlie & Maria Garcia
Elias Garcia
Holly Groves

Janis Groves
Melanie Groves
Roy and Janet Guthrie
Debra Karnes
Carolyn Kemper
Janabeth & Charles Hanson
Bruce Van Houten
Dean Irwin
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
Haisynn Roberts
Joyce Scott
Rhoda Shannon
Steve Shelton
Avanell and David Siler
Jerlene Smith
Wendy Smith

Joshua Torres
Jake Trevino
Harold Underwood
Bev Waisner
Josie Waldron
Linda Wall
Gene Walton
Addie Jo Webster
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.

families of Richard Evans, Sr., Carma Eary, Frank Teague, Jackie Airheart, and Jackie Maxcey

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The newsletter will soon be available on the new church website: fbc-brady.church. If you don't find it there, it will also be on the old website for now: 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.

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