



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 be-
yond

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Producing More Fruit

There is something exciting about seeing something grow into what it was designed to do. While in Washington D.C., I got into gardening and grew my first garden with different vegetables. I remember when I put the seeds into the ground, watering it daily multiple times, caring for the garden, and just watching the growth day after day. If you are one that wants results quick, gardening might not be your thing; but for those who enjoy a slow process, you will find a lot of beauty in this.

At first, it seems like you are watering nothing; there is nothing to show for all the work that you put in. Then suddenly, one day you will see a plant sneak its way through the soil. Then you watch it grow and grow. One thing that is important is to make sure you prune the plants, taking away the dead parts so that you continue to grow the plants, and before you know it, these plants begin to produce the very thing they were called to produce.

As I look back at these past two months of our time here with you guys, you could sense the excitement, the unity, and the willingness to go forward. In my eyes, I feel like we have sneaked our way through the soil. As we continue to grow, we must continue to allow God to prune each one of us individually. The verse that God has instilled into my heart for this season is found in John 15:1-2. It states, *“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.”* (NIV)

The pruning process could be hard, but what we must remember is that God prunes not to cause us pain, but rather so we could produce even more fruit as individuals and then as a church. We welcomed the fall with our fall festival, along with our FLEX Friday camps, and that is just a glimpse of what is to come. My prayer for us as a church is that we abide in Him, that we go through this pruning process, and that our lives produce the very fruit we were called to produce. Get ready, FBC, for the plan God has for us is very exciting and I am honored to do this life alongside you!

Pastor Christian Garcia

New Vision

We are so excited to announce the new vision we have for our youth. We want to thank Vickie for the work she has done.

We begin our new way forward with our focus on utilizing our Family Life Center to bring our youth in. Our goal is to build and equip mature Christ followers. We meet with a purpose of leading and bringing people to Jesus Christ. In a world that has played tug-a-war with our youth, we are hoping to be the positive influence for our youth in this community.

As a church, it is important that we continue to focus and pour into our youth. We ask for your prayers, for both our leaders and students, that we build a familial and safe space for everyone! Pray that God continues to guide us and provide a way for us to bring more youth into our church.

Priscilla Garcia, Youth Team Lead



FBC Fellowship at its best
*by Judy Mitzel,
Church Hostess*

The FBC Hospitality Team is committed to having a servant's heart, to be humble before God, to love and serve others. We are so excited to be fully staffed as we welcome our new members—Laura Alsop, Mary Leamons, and Toney Urban—joining our ongoing staff of Linda Torres (team lead), Shelly Torres, Oralia Barrera, Pete Barrera (volunteer), and Judy Mitzel (church hostess).

October brought a year-long celebration of birthdays. On October 13 our church celebrated "Birthday Bash," which was a blast. We are so fortunate and thankful for those that participated by decorating, setting up, taking down, bringing food, and/or attending. If you were unable to attend, we missed you and look forward to seeing you at our next adventure.

Speaking of the next celebration, it will be Thanksgiving lunch on Sunday, November 17. How thankful we are to serve a risen Savior who is instrumental in our daily routines and lives. Please come celebrate with us as we show God's love be being His church this Thanksgiving.



**FBC Teamwork in action
at Fall Family Festival**
*by Marsha Gainer
Honorary Children's
Ministry Director*

The Fall Family Festival was an amazing success. We were able to provide a wonderful evening for a great number of children and their families! First Baptist really stepped up to provide cakes, candy, toys, and door prizes. First Baptist, your love and generosity touched the hearts of all involved. Thank you so much.

To the people who donated your time and heroic efforts, congratulations on a job well done. Each facet of operation from publicizing the event, setting up, registration, food, games, Go Fishing, cake walk, candy bar walk, pumpkin and face painting, photo shoot booth, door prizes, costume contest, maintaining tickets and candy bowls, Fall Store, the delivery of take home bags, and clean up--all took Herculean efforts. It took basically the whole church.

Praise God who provided the right people at the right time. The Rochelle students who painted the parking lot, cleaned the Family Life Center, and set up the games on Thursday before the event were delightful to meet and work with and never complained or tired. They were definitely an answer to prayers!

**Interesting Numbers from
Fall Festival**

30: 30 or more volunteers ran all aspects of the event.

100: We gave away 100 bags (one per family) with info about the church.

40: More than 40 donated cakes and other goodies were given away in the Cake Walk.

About 60: Number of pumpkins painted

184: Number of hot dogs served

100: Over 100 large pieces of candy were given away to winners of the Candy Bar Walk.

And a **countless number** of folks donated hundreds if not thousands of pieces of candy, many dozens of toys, and a table-full of door prizes.

200, possibly 300: Total attendance. Too many to count!



Cantata Plans

It's that time of year again! That is right, it is time to prepare for the Christmas Cantata. We will start our choir rehearsal on Wednesday, November 6, at 7:00 pm.

This year we will be presenting *Peace Has Come* on Sunday, December 15, during the church service. We are all very excited to have a wonderful service.

Also on Thursday, December 19, at 5:30 pm, we will have our annual Christmas hay ride where we sing Christmas carols around the Heart of Texas. This is always a fun time and we invite everyone to come and enjoy the night with us.

Blessings,
*Karen Behrens,
Worship Leader*



Representing FBC Brady
at National Night Out
at Richards Park on October 1



*You
belong
here!*

How Do You Measure a Church?
by George Matula

Six thousand eight hundred eighty-six Sundays
Six thousand eight hundred eighty-six Sundays so dear
Six thousand eight hundred eighty-six Sundays
How do you measure, measure a Church of 132 years?

In salvations, in conversions
In blessing, in missions
In works, in giving
In gladness, in strife.

Six thousand eight hundred eighty-six Sundays
How do you measure a Church's life?

How about God's love?
How about the founding members' love?
How about our love?
Measure in love,
Measure all the love.
132 years of love!

Six thousand eight hundred eighty-six Sundays
Six thousand eight hundred eighty-six Sundays to hear
Six thousand eight hundred eighty-six Sundays
How do you measure the life
After one hundred thirty-two years?

In sermons that were preached
Or humns that were sung.
The hearts that were reached
And the tithes that were brung.

In six thousand eight hundred eighty-six Sundays
What is the measure of a Church's life?

God will measure the love,
He will remember the love.

Remember the love.
Let us measure this life in love.

Note: George Matula wrote this poem for Heritage Weekend, May 4-5, 2019.

The church was founded in November of 1887. That's 7,115 Sundays now.

As George said, measure the love.



We can take a few days off after the Fall Festival, but November Flex days will be held on November 1st and 15th from 1-4 pm. The theme is Thankful Hearts. Camp Christmas will follow on December 13.

Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to work with your children.

—Ms. Marsha

At right: some of the volunteers at the Fall Family Festival on October 26, pictured at the fun Photo Booth.

This wasn't everyone. There were too many moving parts for a complete group picture!





Happy Birthday!

November

1 Lucie Martin, Nicole Fish
3 Buz Roddie
8 Vickie Roddie
9 Gunnar Roberts
11 Liana Garcia
12 TaRell Day
14 Drew Wilton and Genna Jennings
16 Harold Underwood
25 Madison Jurrius Goss



Giving to the Mary Hill Davis Offering as of October 27 was \$1350.

Total giving for Don Fawcett's mission in Africa was \$1140.

Thank you, FBC!

Weekly Ministries

Sunday: Sunday School at 9:45, worship at 11:00

Wednesday: Bible studies for men and women, 6:00

Child care is available.

Tuesday and Thursday: Walmart pick-up for Food Pantry, 10:00

October Food Pantry

Adult boxes	66
Children's boxes	7
Adults over 65	39
Adults under 65	61
Children	15
Total Clients:	115

November radio spots

4-8: Bobbie Williams
11-15: Shelly Torres
18-22: Becky Martin
25-29: Christian Garcia
On KNEL radio, 7:45 weekday mornings

Deacons on call in November

Greg Torres: 325-456-0770
Jim Smith: 325-456-4921

For your calendar

November 1: Camp Thankful Heart, 1:00-4:00

November 3: Daylight Saving Time ends

November 4: LIBA Brady Breakfast, 8:30, Sandy's Kitchen

November 5: Election day. FLC is a polling place.

November 6: First of 5 Christmas cantata rehearsals, 7:00

November 8: Food Pantry food distribution, 9:00-11:00

Nov. 10-12: BGCT convention

November 14: Royal Oaks meal, 5:00

November 15: Camp Thankful Heart, 1:00-4:00

November 17: Church Thanksgiving meal and fellowship

November 19: November fellowship: Soup/Chowder/Chili cookoff, 6:00, FLC

November 24: deadline for Operation Christmas Child boxes

Church Council, 4:00; Business meeting, 5:00

Dec. 13: Food Pantry food distribution and Christmas reception, 9:00-11:00

Camp Christmas, 1:00-4:00

December 15: Christmas Cantata and fellowship meal

Dec. 19: Christmas caroling

Congratulations to our youth!

- Gage Behrens, senior at Richland Springs High School, plays defensive lineman and running back on the varsity football team. The Coyotes' season record is currently 8-0.
- Riley Eckert, senior at Richland Springs High School, competed at the Regional cross country meet in Corpus and placed 1st in the girls division. She will advance to state. This is her 4th year to make it to state.
- MJ Penn, senior at Rochelle High School, was chosen Homecoming Queen.
- The Famed Brady Bulldog Band advanced in October to area competition in Lubbock. Bree Castillo, 7th grade band student, is a member of the prop crew.
- Zoe Garcia and Avery Virdell completed their 8th grade volleyball season. Zoe also competed in cross country. Way to go, girls!



Wedding Announcement

McKenna Claire Brandenberger
and
Britton David Forney
were united in marriage
October 12, 2024



Hasse House
Art, Texas



Parents of the bride: *Carl Max and Kathy Brandenberger*

Parents of the groom: *Dave and Joy Forney*

October 27 business meeting updates

The church accepted the resignation of Vickie Roddie as Youth Director effective October 18. Vickie will continue as Financial Secretary.

The church agreed to enable on-line giving through Venmo and Zelle. Greg Torres, trustee and member of the Budget and Finance Committee, will make this happen.

The church agreed to open the gym one night a month to the youth, under the leadership of Priscilla Garcia (team lead) and the Youth and Recreation Team.

The November Fellowship Night in the FLC will be on November 19 for a Soup-Chowder/Chili cookoff at 6:00.

Christian and Priscilla Garcia and Greg and Shelly Torres were approved as our Messengers to the BGCT convention in Waco November 10-12.



Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
Hebrews 13:8

November 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
Randy Bedwell
Jackie Behrens
Holden Bedwell
Beverly Bigby & Stephanie Pyle
Jerry & RaNon Caraway
Cristobal Castillo
Sherry Cox
Sue Crow
- Carma Eary
Nicole Fish & Bruce Van Houten
Linda Flint
Charlie & Maria Garcia
Elias Garcia
Holly Groves
Janis Groves
Melanie Groves
Roy and Janet Guthrie
Janabeth & Charles Hanson
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Jenny, Chris, Luke, & Elle Jones
Frankie Leamons
Janie Lowery
James Mallow
Brenda Mennis
Glenda Middleton
Gary Mitzel
Lois Patton
Carole Ramsey
James & Norma Ridout
Joyce Scott
Rhoda Shannon
Jerlene Smith
Wendy Smith
- Jake Trevino
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.

families of Randy Ortegon and Everett Andrews

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Print copies are always available at the church and can be mailed on request.

Three More Things!
The deacons organized a work day on Saturday, Oct. 19. They loaded and hauled off some bulky items from behind the FLC.
The Youth Team hosted the Rochelle girls volleyball team for lunch on Oct. 25.
Operation Christmas Child boxes are due on Nov. 24. Clifford Crouch will take them to Coggin Ave. Baptist in Brownwood for us.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ 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 1:6

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Elijah Garcia and Jameson Torres
at the 2024 Fall Family Festival