



**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

newsletter

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## FBC faces an important decision

Bro. Ryan Buck of Immanuel Baptist Church in San Angelo preached here on August 27. At the end of his sermon he shared with us a possibility for the path forward: entering into a fostering agreement between our church and Immanuel.

He returned on September 17 and met with the church at 5:00. He explained some of the basics of this proposal, including providing supply preachers, some from his church; an “infusion” of fellow Baptists, possibly from Mason, to help with the music ministry and other ministries as needed; and implementation of new outreach ministries in the community. To begin the process we would work out a covenant agreement between our church and Immanuel Baptist Church; both churches would have input and would vote on accepting the covenant. We could withdraw from the agreement at any time by a 2/3 vote.

At the business meeting on September 24, members shared their observations and thoughts. Many present had questions that need to be answered concerning the details.

If you have a question, please write it down and place it in the offering plate this Sunday, Oct. 1, or soon after. You could also email your questions or bring them to the church office. These questions will be compiled and shared with Bro. Buck. A meeting with him will be scheduled in the near future.

Please be in prayer for God’s guidance and for unity.

## Music Ministry

I am feeling very thankful for the help with the music for the month of September. Pat, George, and Jeanagayle have stepped in to help when I am unavailable. We would encourage anyone who would like to sing and share in worship to come on up. We practice at 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning prior to the service.

Christmas time is coming, and with that being said I have picked several songs that we have done in the past and combined them for us to have a Christmas program. I plan on us having a full choir. We will start practicing on November 1st. More information will follow on the songs and time of practice as November approaches. —Karen Behrens

## Youth Ministry

The world has changed, and teenagers have changed along with it. Young people are making sure they don’t get too excited about anything, so they no longer have to be devastated when something doesn’t turn out the way they had planned. Since inconsistency and instability continue to be constant companions to today’s teenagers, what they need is stability. Every teenager needs a few adults who are consistently part of their lives over time. Adults who show up at moments and places that matter to that teenager, and who show up for them when it matters most. In October we pray we continue to be intentional for the youth of our community. We have upcoming sports and band events that keep us engaged and forthright. Pray that as we connect and meet students that we would gauge their spiritual interest so that throughout the school year we can be intentional in sharing faithfully with those we come across.

—Vickie Roddie, Youth Director

## Update from September 24 Children’s Ministry business meeting

Motions approved:

- To accept four amendments to the bylaws concerning terms of some church officers
- To accept the Nominating Committee’s nominating report on officers, committees, and teams for 2023-2024
- To accept the Budget & Finance Committee’s proposed budget for 2023-2024
- To go into a time of exploratory with Immanuel Baptist Church and present those results at the business meeting on Oct. 22, 2023

### Pastor Search Committee

The committee will meet October 8<sup>th</sup> following the church service. We have several internal documents to review. To date we have not had any more applications. Please continue to pray for the matters at hand and for God’s best for the process.

—Vickie Roddie, Chair of Search Committee

The children’s ministry is back in full gear for the fall. The Wednesday night BAM program features Bible and Missions beginning in the Family Life Center at 5:30. We greatly appreciate all the wonderful meals that have been provided.

We also had our final planning meeting for the Family Fall Festival, to be held on October 28 from 6 to 8 pm.

Sunday School and church in the nursery provide an active place with three to four precious little ones playing hard. We so much appreciate the gift of our beautiful new changing table!

Sharing Jesus with all of our children is our mission!

Love in Christ,  
—Marsha Gainer



**Nominating Committee Report approved by business meeting on Sept. 24, 2023**

**Church Officers**

**Church Clerk:** Becky Martin

**Church Treasurer:** George Matula

**Parliamentarian:** Jason Behrens

**Church hostess:** *vacant at this time*

**Missions Prayer Coordinator:** Laura Alsop

**Trustees:** George Matula, Chair; Greg Torres, Jason Behrens

**LIBA Board Member:** Jerry Caraway

**Committees** (The first person listed is the chair.)

**Budget & Finance Committee:** Jason Behrens, Jim Smith, Travis Gary, Joyce Scott, Greg Torres, Judy Mitzel, George Matula (advisory/non-voting as Chair of Trustees and Treasurer,) Vickie Roddie (advisory/non-voting as Acting Finance Secretary)

**Personnel Committee:** Janis Groves, RaNon Caraway, Travis Gary, Pat Matula, Jim Smith, Buddy Cox

**Nominating Committee:** Becky Martin, Rusty Capps, Joyce Scott, Linda Torres, Betty Smith, Jeanagayle Behrens; Buz Roddie and Jerry Caraway, Deacon Representatives

**Property & Grounds Committee**

Buddy Cox, Buz Roddie, Ed Alsop, Jerry Caraway, Charlie Bush, Rusty Capps

**Teams** (The first person listed is the team lead.)

**Missions Team:** Bev Waisner, Becky Martin, Valerie Gonzalez, Linda Wall, Oralia Barrera, Janis Groves, Laura Alsop (ex-officio, advisory/non-voting as Missions Prayer Coordinator)

**Music Team:** Jeanagayle Behrens, Amy Tetens, Pat Matula, Buz Roddie

**Hospitality Team/Bereavement:** Judy Mitzel, Shelly Torres, Betty Smith, Pete Barre-ra, Linda Torres, Linda Cox, Bobbie Williams, Oralia Barrera, Velma Hendley, and Church Hostess (position vacant at this time)

**Youth & Recreation Team:** Shelly Torres, Gage Behrens, Ed Alsop, Toney Urban, William Gonzalez, Karen Behrens (volunteer)

**Public Relations Team:** Valerie Gonzalez, Mary Leamons, Linda Cox, Jerry Caraway

**Children's Ministry Team:** RaNon Caraway, Bobbie Williams, Mary Leamons, Bev Waisner

**Church Council**

Buz Roddie (deacon chair), Janis Groves (Personnel Committee Chair), Buddy Cox (Property and Grounds Committee Chair), Jason Behrens (Budget & Finance Committee Chair), Bev Waisner (Missions Team Lead), RaNon Caraway (Children's Ministry Team Lead), Jeanagayle Behrens (Music Team Lead), Valerie Gonzalez (Public Relations Team Lead), Shelly Torres (Youth and Recreation Team Lead)

**Daily Bible Readings**

**October 2023**

(AM)	(PM)
<u>Jeremiah</u>	<u>Isaiah</u>
13-15	15
16-18	16
19-21	17
22-24	18
25-27	19
28-30	20
31-33	21
34-36	22
37-39	23
40-42	24
43-46	25
47-49	26
50-52	27
<u>Lamentations</u>	
1-2	28
3-5	29
<u>John (1<sup>ST</sup>)</u>	
1-3	30
4-5	31
<u>John (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup>)</u>	
1	32
<u>Peter (1<sup>ST</sup>)</u>	
1-3	33
4-5	34
<u>Ezekiel</u>	
1-4	35
5-7	36
8-11	37
12-15	38
16-19	39

**Weekly Ministries**

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

**Tuesday:** Youth group, 6:15

**Wednesday:** Women's prayer group, 4:00; Men's Bible study, 6:30; BAM, 5:30-7:10

**Thursday morning:** Walmart pick-up for Food Pantry

**September Food Pantry Report**

56 boxes total  
 30 adult boxes  
 26 children boxes  
 34 adults over 65  
 70 adults under 65  
 30 children

**October radio spots**

2-6 Vickie Roddie  
 9-13 Judy Mitzel  
 16-20 Marsha Gainer  
 23-27 Greg Torres  
 30-Nov. 3 Pat Matula

**Deacons on call in October**

George Matula 325-792-8611  
 Jerry Caraway 325-792-8671

**Deacon Ordination Service**

for Greg Torres  
 Sunday, October 15, at 3:00  
 Ordaining Council at 2:00  
 Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall

**Birthdays in October**

10-10 Samuel Torres  
 10-18 Loreta Hiller, Kameron Roberts  
 10-19 Benjamin & Caleb Galindo  
 10-20 Elise Torres  
 10-21 Travis Gary, Becky Weber  
 10-22 Cathy Holloway  
 10-26 Judy Mitzel  
 10-28 Dillon Roberts  
 10-31 Gary Mitzel

**For your calendar**

**Oct. 2:** LIBA breakfast, 8:30, Sandy's Kitchen  
**Oct. 11:** Fields of Faith  
**Oct. 13:** Food pantry food distribution, 9:00-11:00  
**Oct. 15:** Deacon Ordination for Greg Torres, 3:00, ordaining council at 2:00  
**Oct. 17:** Trivia Night Church Fellowship, 6:00, FLC  
**Oct. 22:** Church Council, 3:00; business meeting, 5:00  
**Oct. 28:** Family Fall Festival, 6:00-8:00  
**Oct. 29:** LIBA Annual Meeting at First Baptist Church, Ballinger, 4:00  
**Nov. 1:** First Christmas Choir practice



**Short-term volunteer opportunities**

- The FLC custodian has resigned, and the custodian for the main building will be gone from Oct. 1 until early November. Volunteers are needed to help clean the buildings, probably once a week. Contact Jeanagayle Behrens or Janis Groves if you can help.
- The Personnel Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee are responsible for organizing some boxes of church records. If you are on one of these committees, your help is needed. If anyone else would like to volunteer also, contact Jason Behrens (Finance chair) or Janis Groves (Personnel chair.)

**Needed for the Family Fall Festival Oct. 28:**

1. Individually wrapped candy for prizes and candy bars for the Candy Bar Walk
2. Dollar tree toys, stuffed animals, balls, dolls, cars, puzzles, art supplies, water bottles, lunch kits, etc., and cakes for the Cake Walk

*Welcome New Member*  
 by baptism on Sept. 17, 2023  
 Kent Beckett





Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.  
*Philippians 4:6 NIV*

- Our church in a season of change
- our members in care facilities and our home-bound members
- the lost and unchurched in our community

Rhonda Aguirre  
Everett Andrews  
Ray and Rita Ash  
Abigail Ballard  
Angel Ballard  
Pete and Oralia Barrera  
Beverly Bigby  
Karen Bivens  
Amelia Britteon  
Sonny & Judy Brooks  
Bill Burns

Sherry Cox  
Sue Crow  
Nancy Cruz  
Linda Flint  
Charlie & Maria Garcia  
Holly Groves  
Melanie Groves  
Roy and Janet Guthrie  
Curtis and Genna Jennings  
Mabel Jones  
Janabeth & Charles Hanson  
Colleen Laman  
Janie Lowery  
James Mallow  
Louise Morrow  
Lois Patton  
Carrie Pearson  
Elosia Ramirez

Carole Ramsey  
James and Norma Ridout  
Joyce Scott  
Keith Simpson  
Jerlene Smith  
Richard Smith  
Wendy Smith  
Tommy & Kathy Stanley  
Edith Slaughter  
Jack and Susan Turk  
Linda Wall  
Gene Walton  
Virgil & Anita Webb  
Addie Jo Webster  
Bobby and Bobbie Williams  
Jeanine Willis  
Steve & Laurie Woerner  
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 Doug Avants, Charles Ramsey, and Wanda Burns.

And we thank You, Lord, for the rain in September.

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**God's wonderful promises**

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For I am the Lord, your God,  
Who takes hold of your right hand and says to you,  
*Do not fear;  
I will help you.*  
Isaiah 41:13 NIV

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Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised.  
Romans 4:20-21 NIV  
(Memory verse for this month)

**Guest Preachers in October**

**Oct. 1:** Donald Moon of CVBiblical Counseling Center and Immanuel Baptist Church, San Angelo

**Oct. 8:** Donald Moon

**Oct. 15:** Mike Dorman from Immanuel Baptist Church

**Oct. 22:** TBA

**Oct. 29:** TBA