



**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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## A Life Worthy of the Gospel

There have been moments in my life where I have strived to make a dream come true. For most of my childhood, I wanted to grow up to be a MLB player. I remember being at my grandma's house; she had big mirror sliding closet doors in her bedroom. I would stand in front of those mirrors watching a baseball game on the TV, and every time the pitcher would throw the pitch, I would swing. The imagination that a kid holds, the hope of one day becoming what he has always imagined, is priceless.

Then I got into 4<sup>th</sup> grade and began to play basketball, and my attention and passion turned from baseball to basketball. I remember the first time I laid my hands on that ball: I fell in love with the game. Day and night, you would find me playing and trying to perfect that craft in pursuit of my new dream of becoming an NBA player. I mirrored Kobe Bryant's game, I mirrored his shot, I mirrored his fade away jumper. I wanted to be like Kobe Bryant.

In our spiritual journeys, we are called to mirror the life of one person, THE person: our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Paul writes a letter to the church in Philippi and includes a verse that always has brought conviction to my life: *Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...* (Philippians 1:27 NIV) So I sit back and ask myself: do I live a life worthy of the Gospel? Paul doesn't just say, "When life is good, live a life worthy of the Gospel." Instead, he says, *whatever happens*. In the good and in the bad, we are all called to live this sort of life.

In many ways, God has gifted us His Word for this very purpose. We get to see great examples of what a life worthy of the Gospel looks like but also examples of what one doesn't look like. I have found myself devoting so much time to perfect a craft that, at the end, doesn't matter. The time I spent, the people I mirrored—at the end of it, it doesn't matter. I want to leave you with a set of questions to ask yourself: Who and what are you mirroring today? Is the life you are living today, a life worthy of the Gospel? Whatever happens, whatever comes our way, may our lives be a mirror of a life worthy of the Gospel.

*Pastor Christian Garcia*

## Pray for Our Youth

*by Vickie Roddie, Youth Director*

Jesus models character for His followers and teaches about character on multiple occasions through His journey. From the earliest days of Jesus' ministry, love was what marked His followers. In John 13:35, Jesus taught, *"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* Of all the options Jesus could have used as the metric for his success, he chose love – a virtue.

He spent valuable time loving His disciples and teaching them how to do the same. Then he sent them out into the world to do what He had taught them. May we be a church that teaches our youth to disciple well and love well, and the value of prayer to accomplish such tasks. As we journey through October may we continue in prayer for our local youth and the youth of this world.



**Nominating Committee Report approved by business meeting on Sept. 22, 2024**

**Church Officers**

**Church Clerk:** Becky Martin

**Church Treasurer:** George Matula

**Parliamentarian:** Jason Behrens

**Church hostess:** Judy Mitzel

**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, Greg Torres, Judy Mitzel, Carrie Pearson, Steve Darden, 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, Shelly Torres, Steve Shelton, Kay Holloway

**Nominating Committee:** Becky Martin, Rusty Capps, Linda Torres, Jeanagayle Behrens, William Gonzalez, Laura Alsop; Buz Roddie and Jerry Caraway, Deacon Representatives

**Property & Grounds Committee:** Buz Roddie, Charlie Bush, Rusty Capps, William Gonzalez, Robert Malmstrom, Steve Darden

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

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

**Music Team:** Jeanagayle Behrens, Amy Tetens, Pat Matula, Karen Behrens, George Matula

**Hospitality Team/Bereavement:** Linda Torres, Shelly Torres, Oralia Barrera, Mary Leamons, Toney Urban, Laura Alsop. Judy Mitzel, Church Hostess. Pete Barrera, volunteer

**Youth & Recreation Team:** Priscilla Garcia, Gage Behrens, Ed Alsop, Toney Urban

**Public Relations Team:** Valerie Gonzalez, Jerry Caraway, Becky Martin, Pat Matula, Priscilla Garcia

**Children’s Ministry Team:** Marsha Gainer, RaNon Caraway, Bobbie Williams, Mary Leamons, Bev Waisner

**Church Council**

Christian Garcia (pastor, moderator), Becky Martin (church secretary, non-voting), Buz Roddie (deacon chair), Janis Groves (Personnel Committee Chair), Buz Roddie (Property and Grounds Committee Chair), Jason Behrens (Budget & Finance Committee Chair), Bev Waisner (Missions Team Lead), Marsha Gainer (Children’s Ministry Team Lead), Jeanagayle Behrens (Music Team Lead), Valerie Gonzalez (Public Relations Team Lead), Priscilla Garcia (Youth and Recreation Team Lead)



Happy Birthday!

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.

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

October

- 2 Elijah Garcia
- 9 Susan Turk
- 10 Samuel Torres
- 10 Christian Garcia
- 12 Priscilla Garcia
- 15 Jack Turk
- 18 Loreta Hiller
- 18 Kameron Roberts
- 20 Elise Torres
- 21 Travis Gary
- 21 Becky Weber
- 22 Cathy Holloway
- 26 Judy Mitzel
- 28 Dillon Roberts
- 28 Cody Crouch
- 31 Gary Mitzel

September Food Pantry

Adult boxes:	77
Children's boxes	16
Adults over 65:	45
Adults under 65:	76
Children:	35
Total Clients:	156

October radio spots

30-4: Karen Behrens  
7-11: Marsha Gainer  
14-18: Judy Mitzel  
21-25: Kay Holloway  
28-1: Janis Groves  
On KNEL radio, 7:45 week-day mornings

Deacons on call  
in October

Buz Roddie 325-213-5104  
Jerry Caraway 325-792-8671

For your calendar

**Oct. 1:** National Night Out at Richard's Park, 6:00-8:00. FBC will have a booth.

**Oct. 4 & 18:** Camp Firelight, 1:00-4:00, pre-K-6th, FLC

**Oct. 7:** LIBA Brady breakfast, 8:30, Sandy's Restaurant

**Oct. 11:** Food Pantry, 9:00-11:00

**Oct. 19:** Workday

**October 20:** LIBA Annual Meeting, 4:00, HOT Baptist Encampment on Lake Brownwood

**October 26:** Fall Family Festival, 6:00 to 8:00

**Oct. 27:** Church Council, 4:00 Business Meeting, 5:00.

National Night Out, October 1

We have an opportunity to engage with the public on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> for National Night Out. We will have a booth at the Richards Park block party where we will be handing out church information. If you plan on attending, please wear your FBC shirts.

*from Valerie Gonzalez  
Team Lead, Public Relations Team*



Giving to the Mary Hill Davis Offering as of Sept. 25 is \$950.00.

Our goal is \$2000. There's still time to give to this important offering that helps fund missions throughout Texas.



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Goat Gallop outreach. Many of the runners stopped at the table in front of the church for water and a little rest and conversation! From all accounts this outreach was well-received and was lots of fun for everyone. It's definitely worth doing again.

Children's Ministry: Lots happening!

*by Marsha Gainer,  
team lead of children's ministry team*

Fall is here and the Children's Ministry will begin with 2 mini-camps called **Camp Firelight--Jesus is the light of the world**--on October 4th and 18th from 1-4 in the Family Life Center. Everyone is invited to come and be a part of this fun event. We will definitely need everyone for the event after that: **Fall Family Festival** on October 26th from 6-8. We need people to help with all the games, food and fun activities. We also need everyone to come and enjoy the interaction with the whole community. During the Adult **Wednesday night** Bible study time, the nursery and the children have activities so that the whole family can be involved. We always need people to be a part of all of the programs. We also need toys and candy for the Festival. These items can be turned in to the front office. Your help and prayers are so very much appreciated.





Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.  
Psalm 20:7 NIV

October Prayer List

- |  |                                |                           |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Christian, Priscilla, Zoe, Liana, and Elijah Garcia      | Carma Eary                     | Jerlene Smith             |
| • T.J. & Katie Beth Stroudt, Harlem Community Church in NY | Nicole Fish & Bruce Van Houten | Wendy Smith               |
| • Johnstone & Irene Magomana                               | Linda Flint                    | Jack Timmerman            |
| • McKenna Brandenberger                                    | Charlie & Maria Garcia         | Jake Trevino              |
| • our members in care facilities and our homebound members | Elias Garcia                   | Jack and Susan Turk       |
| • the lost and unchurched in our community                 | Holly Groves                   | Harold Underwood          |
| • the youth of Brady and worldwide                         | Janis Groves                   | Linda Wall                |
| • the homeless in Brady                                    | Melanie Groves                 | Gene Walton               |
|  | Roy and Janet Guthrie          | Becky Weber               |
|  | Janabeth & Charles Hanson      | Addie Jo Webster          |
|  | Jackie Harper & Penny Copage   | Bobby and Bobbie Williams |
|  | Curtis and Genna Jennings      | Debbie Winkle             |
|  | Jenny, Chris, and Luke Jones   | Claudette Young           |
|  | Frankie Leamons                |                           |
|  | Janie Lowery                   | <i>In military:</i>       |
|  | James Mallow                   | Jon Bradshaw              |
|  | Brenda Mennis                  | C.J. Gonzalez             |
|  | Glenda Middleton               | Jennifer McAnally         |
|  | Gary Mitzel                    | Brandon Pfannenstiel      |
|  | Lois Patton                    | Christian Pittman         |
|  | Carole Ramsey                  | Jace Telford              |
|  | James & Norma Ridout           | Jonathan Torres           |
|  | Buz Roddie                     | Ricky Williams, Jr.       |
|  | Joyce Scott                    |                           |
|  | Rhoda Shannon                  | Family of Mary Favoccia   |

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The newsletter is available on the church website: [fbcbrady.org](http://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](mailto:becky@scottmartin.net).  
Print copies are always available at the church and can be mailed on request.

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Philippians 1:27 NIV

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PRE K- 6TH GRADE  
FREE EVENT

**Camp  
Firelight**  
*Psalm 56:3*

REGISTER NOW

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH & 18TH  
1 PM - 4 PM  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
1103 W 17TH ST