



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

Update from August 27 business meeting

Motions approved:

- To accept the new Employee Handbook
- To accept the policy on transgender issues
- To accept the Transfer of the Financial Control of Godly Impressions Preschool from First Baptist Church Brady to Vision Heights Church
- To allow GIPS to remain here until Vision Heights facilities are ready
- To approve the Facility Use Agreement between FBC and Vision Heights
- To schedule a church fellowship/game night in the FLC on Sept. 12 at 6:00

Other business included matters dealing with finances; scheduling a meeting with Ryan Buck of Immanuel Baptist Church in San Angelo to learn more about his offer to assist the church during this transition period; and an update on roof repairs.

Children's fall events



The Children's ministry will begin the fall activities on September 6 at 5:30 with the BAM program every Wednesday night. Drop off the children at the Family Life Center at 5:30 and pick them up at the church at 7:10. BAM is for children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

The BAM program is unique because half of the program is missions, placing emphasis on missionaries all over the world. Each month RaNon Caraway leads the children on an adventure discovering missionaries and their special duties using Missionary Kids material which highlights the different cultures and gives an in-depth look at the missionary life. Outside of the VBS scene, this study of missionaries is rare in our churches today, but it is so important for

our children to know what sharing Jesus looks like.

Betty Smith is the food coordinator for BAM, and she has placed a sign-up sheet in the hall for anyone who would like to provide a Wednesday night meal.

The next event will be our Family Fall Festival in the Family Life Center on October 28 from 6:00 to 8:00. It will feature food, pumpkin and face painting, cake and candy bar walks, go fishing booth, carnival games, candy, the costume contest, and the Fall Store. Everyone's help is needed, so please come and help us love and fellowship with the families of Brady! Last year the festival drew a big crowd and was fun for everyone. Thanks so much for your amazing support.

Love in Christ,

Marsha Gainer

Children's Ministry Team Lead

From the Music Team: Christmas is coming!

On the first Sunday of September, Pat Matula, George Matula, and Jeanagayle Behrens will lead music. I appreciate these folks stepping up to help out when called upon. If anyone would like to sing a special, play a special, or sing with the praise team, please let me know. There will be some Sundays I will be working and unable to lead music. We also appreciate Becky Martin playing the piano for us.

As we approach fall it is time to start thinking about Christmas music. The music team will begin looking for Christmas music. We would like to know the church's thoughts on the style of Christmas music each of you is interested in. If we have enough interest and participation, we may do something very similar to last year's music. If anyone would like to come forward and direct the Christmas program, please let me know. We will also

need some ideas for music for the Christmas Eve service. These are some things as we look ahead that we all need to think about and discuss.

In October, I will roll off of the music team. I have enjoyed serving for the last several years. I will still be serving as a team member and will help serve the church as the Lord leads:

*Karen Behrens,
 Music Team Lead*



Youth Activities

The next step. Christians who used to be involved are not showing up anymore. New visitors aren't sure what to do – or if they belong here. Volunteers are in short supply, and the ones we have are exhausted and burned out. Leaders leaving ministry. Our churches feel like a battleground for political culture wars – or a reflection pool no one dares disrupt. Post COVID there is no normal and the new normal has left many leaders trying new things. The world has changed, and church has changed along with it. The challenge of instability and the opportunity to prioritize consistency is what motivates us moving into the fall season of 2023.

We will begin youth fellowship night September 12th at 6:15 pm in the Family Life Center. September 27 is See You at the Pole in the morning and a Youth Rally with Jon Harper in the evening. Jon just completed a great week of ComePassion Revival at FBC Sanger, and he is excited to bring that same energy to Brady. Those who work in youth ministry in Brady are energized for a great fall season. We believe our cooperated efforts will help the youth of Brady see the power of God as we make those connections. Much prayer abounds in the upcoming months.

Vickie Roddie, Youth Director

Pastor Search Committee update

The committee continues to be challenged by the need to see God in every step of the process in searching for pastoral candidates for our church. We have our job posting on BGCT Minister Connection and on Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Those posts are refreshed on a regular basis. To date we have received five resumes not in the search criteria and one resume that is within the search criteria. We will continue to take applications and prepare for the process of receiving the chosen candidates for the interview - hiring process.

Please pray for the search committee: Vickie Roddie, Chair; Greg Torres, Amy Tetens, Janis Groves, Jason Behrens, George Matula, Laura Alsup, and Rusty Capps.

**Fall Wish List
for the Children's Ministry**

For BAM beginning Sept. 6:

1. Sturdy riding toys, scooters, trikes, big wheels for play time in the gym. (These don't have to be new, just sturdy.)
2. Volunteers to prepare and serve meals to the BAM children on Wednesday nights.

For the Family Fall Festival Oct. 28:

1. Individually wrapped candy 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

The Nominating Committee will present these changes to the Bylaws for a church vote at the business meeting on September 24.

Section IV Church Clerk, current provisions in Article II of the Bylaws:

The Church Clerk's term of office shall be one year from October 1 through September 30 each calendar year.

Proposed change: (The changes or additions are ~~marked out~~ or in *italics*.)

The Church Clerk's term of office shall be one year from October 1 through September 30 ~~each calendar year~~, *with the term renewable each year by vote of the church at the September business meeting.*

Section V Church Treasurer, current provisions in Article II of the Bylaws:

The Treasurer's term of office shall be one year from October 1 through September 30 each calendar year.

Proposed change:

The Treasurer's term of office shall be one year from October 1 through September 30 ~~each calendar year~~, *with the term renewable each year by vote of the church at the September business meeting.*

Section VI Parliamentarian, current provisions in Article II of the Bylaws:

Term of office: One year, after which the Parliamentarian may be re-nominated and may serve a maximum of three (3) consecutive years, after which one (1) year must pass before an individual may serve as Parliamentarian again.

Proposed change:

Term of office: The Parliamentarian's term of office shall be one year from October 1 through September 30, *with the term renewable each year by vote of the church at the September business meeting.*

Section VII Church Trustees, current provisions in Article II of the Bylaws:

Term of Office: Each individual Trustee shall serve three years on a rotating system, after which one year must pass before the individual may serve as a Trustee again.

Proposed change:

Term of Office: ~~Each individual Trustee shall serve three years on a rotating system, after which one year must pass before the individual may serve as a Trustee again.~~ *Each Trustee's term of office shall be one year from October 1 through September 30, with the term renewable each year by vote of the church at the September business meeting.*

SEPTEMBER 2023 Bible Readings	
(AM)	(PM)
TIMOTHY (1ST)	PSALMS
1-3	119:49-64
4-6	119:65-80
ESTHER	
1-3	119:81-96
4-7	119:97-112
8-10	119:113-128
TIMOTHY (2ND)	
1-4	119:129-144
JOB	
1-3	119:145-160
4-6	119:161-176
7-9	120
10-12	121
13-15	122
	ISAIAH
16-18	1
19-21	2
22-24	3
25-27	4
28-30	5
31-33	6
34-36	7
37-39	8
40-42	9
TITUS	
1-3	10
JEREMIAH	
1-3	11
4-6	12
7-9	13
10-12	14

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, through Sept. 20, BAM, 5:30-7:10
Thursday morning: Walmart pick-up for Food Pantry

August Food Pantry Report
 60 boxes total
 43 adult boxes
 17 children boxes
 35 adults over 65
 70 adults under 65
 17 children

September radio spots
 4-8 Betty Smith
 11-15 Becky Martin
 18-22 Velma Hendley
 25-29 George Matula

Deacons on call in September
 Buz Roddie 325-213-5104
 Buddy Cox 409-673-7916

Birthdays in September
 9-1 Eeve Gonzalez
 9-8 Raymond Torres
 9-10 Virgil Middleton
 9-11 Joshua Torres
 9-12 William Bell
 9-17 Keith Simpson
 9-22 Serena Alexander, Buddy Cox, Laurie Morton
 9-23 Judy Owen
 9-24 Greg Torres
 9-25 Bev Waisner
 9-26 Gracie Galindo



FBC on Mission
 The Clergy Association organized a meal for staff members at all the county schools on August 16. The Missions Team made cookies for this event, and three FBC folks helped serve the meal at Brady Middle School. Please pray for the students and educators in our community.
 Betty and RaNon are completing a parenting class for one client referred by CPS. Linda Wall is leading a Bible study at Royal Oaks twice a month.
 September is the month for the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions. The Week of Prayer is September 10-17. Our church goal for the offering is \$2000.
 Thank you to everyone who donated money in exchange for a copy of the FBC cookbook from several years ago. We gave the \$82 that was donated to the Haven.
Becky Martin, Missions Team Lead

For your calendar
September
Sept. 3: Fellowship meal right after church with Lee Floyd
Sept. 4: LIBA breakfast, Sandy's Kitchen, 8:30
September 6: First night of BAM, 5:30-7:10, K-5th
September 8: Food Pantry Distribution, 9:00-11:00
September 10: Deacons Meeting, 5:00, with Carlos Avila
Sept. 10-17: Week of Prayer for Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions
September 12: Missions Team Meeting, 3:00; All-church fellowship and game night, 6:00, FLC
September 17: Church Council, 5:00
September 24: Business Meeting, 5:00
September 27: See You at the Pole and Youth Rally
October
 October 11: Fields of Faith
 October 28: Family Fall Festival, 6:00-8:00

What Is the Mary Hill Davis Offering?
 In 1935, the Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union of Texas recommended a resolution that the Week of Prayer for State Missions Offering be named the "Mary Hill Davis Offering". The resolution was unanimously adopted and the offering was thus named for the woman who had led Baptist women of Texas to pray for and give to missions efforts in Texas. Today, eight-five years later, your gifts to the Mary Hill Davis Offering continue to empower state missions efforts for Texas Baptists.





Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,
I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has
called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 3:13b-14 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
Karen Bivens
Amelia Britteon
Sonny & Judy Brooks

Bill and Wanda Burns
Sherry Cox
Sue Crow
Linda Flint
Charlie & Maria Garcia
Holly Groves
Melanie Groves
Roy and Janet Guthrie
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Mabel Jones
Colleen Laman
Janie Lowery
James Mallow
Louise Morrow
Lois Patton
Carrie Pearson

Charles & Carole Ramsey
James and Norma Ridout
Joyce Scott
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
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 Charles Ewing and Ronnie Holloway.

The newsletter is available on the church website: fcbbrady.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.

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Hello, Friends at FBC Brady,
Thank you for the joy of sharing in ministry. You are a delightful bunch; I pray you will enjoy a wonderful future together as you seek a new pastor.

Blessings,
Bruce McCoy

.Memory Verse for September 2023
7⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
Acts 1:8

Guest Preachers in September

Sept. 3 Lee Floyd, Student Programs & Activities Coordinator at ASU; former interim pastor at FBC

Sept. 10 David Vela, Area 2 BGCT representative from Odessa

Sept. 17 Carlos Francis, Director, Single & Young Adult Ministry of BGCT

Sept. 24 Craig Christina, Associate Executive Director of BGCT