



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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“Fresh Start”

Moving from El Paso, Texas, to Washington D.C. was quite the experience. For someone who had never really traveled outside of Texas, I was in for quite the surprise: from the moment I landed in Ronald Reagan Airport, to being picked up by my new military instructors, to being commanded that I could not look anywhere but was only allowed to *keep my eyes straight forward*.

An odd command if you ask me, a command that many would deem as “silly.” At the time, I was anxious, frightened, nervous, but also in awe of just the amount of green that I was seeing, even by keeping my eyes straight forward. It was a beautiful October day, when the fall season really starts to settle in. You could feel the breeze blowing through you, the great temperature where it’s not so hot but not so cold, a perfect temperature if you ask me.

I look back at that day, and I am glad I kept my eyes straight forward. There was a goal in mind, a task at hand, and an opportunity for me to have a fresh start. The old was gone, the new was finally here. In many ways, the end of a chapter in my life meant the beginning of a new one as well. As silly as that command was to me, it really allowed me to soak in the moment in a unique way. I remember thanking God for those feelings. I remember the prayers of those times, but also how much I relied on God like never before.

2 Corinthians 5:17 reminds us, “*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*” Many of you have probably read, memorized, and probably referenced this verse before. Let this serve you as a reminder that God has given us the ability to have a fresh start. With a fresh start come new methods, but the same Gospel. With a fresh start come new people, but the same Christ-centered love. With a fresh start come new perspectives, new ideas, new goals, new opportunities for us to reach those not yet reached.

Church, I want to say that God has given us a “fresh start.” Very much like the command I took that day in Washington D.C., I want to urge you as well: *keep your eyes forward*. Do not look back, do not dwell on what was, but dwell on what God is doing, in the beautiful story that is unfolding right before our eyes. The end of a chapter in our church’s life simply means that we are starting a new one. The beauty in this is that God is inviting you, He’s inviting me, to be part of this story.

Pastor Christian Garcia

Pray for Our Youth

by Vickie Roddie, Youth Director

September ushers in a new school year with all its excitement, challenges and memory making. As young people face unique challenges in today’s world, it is important to lift them up in prayer. Praying for our young people should be a part of our daily prayer life.

I believe that prayer is one of the most powerful tools we have as Christians. When we lift up people in prayer, we are opening up a channel of communication with God on their behalf.

We are asking that during September our church community pray daily for all the young people in our community and around the world.

Loving Father, we ask that You speak to the young people in our community and worldwide. We pray that they would be open to hearing Your voice. Please guide them in the path You have set before them. And help them to trust You even when they can’t see where the road is leading.

Amen

Psalm 91:11 – “*For He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.*”

Fall Family Festival, Flex Day Camps, Wednesday nights

by Marsha Gainer, Honorary Children's Ministry Director

The Children's Ministry Team invites everyone who would like to help plan the next year's events to come to a meeting on September 12 at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The biggest upcoming event will be the Fall Family Festival to be held on October 26. This event takes an entire church effort because we invite the whole city of Brady. Please begin to collect small toys for our fall store and candy for the games.

At the September 12 meeting we will also plan our flex day schedule for the rest of this year.

On September 11th, the women's Bible study will begin at 6:00. There will be a nursery and children's program available.

Thank you so much for all of your support, prayers, and limitless effort that you give to our precious children!



LIBA Annual Meeting October 20

by Keith Simpson

The Administrative Team of Lake Ivie Baptist Association feels that we would like to change things up a little bit for our LIBA Annual Meeting. Our Annual Meeting will be held on October 20, 2024, at 4:00 pm at the Heart of Texas Baptist Encampment on Lake Brownwood this year. The camp is located at 8025 FM 2125 outside of Brownwood.

Rather than have the normal break-out sessions as we usually do, we thought a time of celebration through music would be appropriate for this year's meeting and would be something different that we thought our churches might enjoy. Of course, we will need to have our business meeting to vote on these three items: budget for 2025, leadership positions for 2025, and the calendar for 2025. Plus, during the meeting we will probably be having some reports from BGCT and the camp as well.

We would encourage you to come early that afternoon to look around the camp and check it out if you have never been there. If you do not feel like walking, we will have the wagon available to take you around to the various parts of the camp. Make sure to check out the WOW village consisting of 5 small portable buildings that have been converted into cabins, each with a different theme, complete with bed, shower and a kitchenette. They are located west of the Hammond Auditorium.

Fellowship Meal on August 18

by Judy Mitzel

Thank you to all who attended our "All Things New Celebration." To those that could not attend, we missed you and hope you can be there at our next meal together.

My, can't you just feel God's presence?

FBC has a Hospitality Team that thrive on being and having a "Servant's Heart."

It takes the work of many, not just a team but the whole church, for a successful celebration. Thank you, Church!

Special thank you to your Hospitality Team: Linda Torres, Shelly Torres, Pete and Oralia Barrera, Bobbie Williams, and Judy Mitzel. Special mention to Vickie and Buz Roddie for setting up, and to Vickie for helping prepare the meal.

[Note: Fellowship Hall was colorfully and artistically decorated. The menu featured a taco bar with many side dishes and a dessert table of wonderful treats.

Well done, Judy and team! Also, well done, FBC. Almost everyone stayed and helped clean up when the meal was over. We really are a family.]

Welcome New Members!

by statement:

Christian Garcia

Priscilla Garcia

Liana Garcia



Week of Prayer for Texas Missions:
September 8-15
Our offering goal: \$2,000



Happy Birthday!

September

- 1 Eeve Gonzalez
- 8 Raymond Torres
- 10 Virgil Middleton
- 11 Joshua Torres
- 12 William Bell
- 17 Keith Simpson
- 22 Buddy Cox
- 24 Greg Torres
- 25 Bev Waisner
- 26 Gracie Galindo
- 30 Minnie Rivera

Thank you to all who have brought donations of hygiene items and toiletries. These will be given to local school counselors to meet daily needs of students who need help.

This, plus the Haven, are ongoing ministries. Donations are always needed and appreciated. **Thank you, FBC,** for your generous hearts.

Updates from August 25 business meeting

- The Deacons reported a good training session led by Don Fawcett and Christian Garcia on August 24.
- The problem with one of the screens in the sanctuary was resolved with a new power cord.
- We have a new refrigerator in the main kitchen. Thank you to the Wednesday night men's group who moved the old one out and put the new one in—not an easy task.
- Ongoing plans include deciding when and how to do the sidewalk/drive to the pavilion; completing the outside painting; and painting the finance office and one more small classroom.
- The Royal Oaks outreach continues with 3 Bible studies each month and a monthly meal for the residents and staff.

Fellowship Night

September Fellowship Night will be Sunday, September 22, in the FLC, immediately following the business meeting, which starts at 6:00. Come to both if you can!

Bring some food to share.
It's Trivia Night!

Weekly Ministries

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

Wednesday: Both Bible studies resume on September 11, Men's Bible study, 6:00, FLC; Women's Bible study, 6:00 in Fellowship Hall. Child care is available.

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

August 9 Food Pantry

Adult Boxes: 63
Children Boxes: 14
Adults over 60: 47
Adults under 60: 41
Children: 25
Total Clients: 113

September radio spots

2-6 Valerie Gonzalez
9-13 Jeanagayle Behrens
16-20 Valerie Gonzalez
23-27 Vickie Roddie
On KNEL radio, 7:45 week-day mornings

Deacons on call in September

Rusty Capps, 325-347-4974
Greg Torres, 325-456-0770

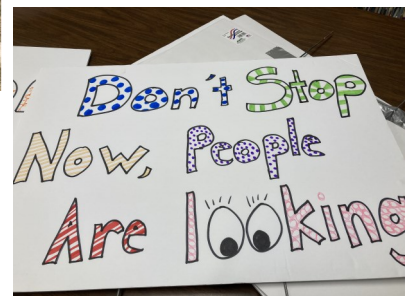


Goat Gallop Ministry

(Who else gets to put that headline in their newsletter? =)

As this newsletter goes out, Brady is prepping for the Goat Cook-off and hundreds of out-of-town visitors. The runners in the Goat Gallop will run by our church Saturday morning. Some of our people are planning to run: Shelly and Greg, Christian and Zoe, maybe others.

We will have tables set up in front of our buildings to offer water and encouragement to the runners. Signs will be out, including these:



For your calendar

Sept. 2: Labor Day holiday, office closed. No LIBA breakfast this month.

Sept. 8-15: Week of Prayer for Texas Missions and Mary Hill Davis Offering

Sept. 12: Children's Team meeting, 5:30

Sept. 13: Food Pantry, 9:00-11:00

Sept. 15: Church Council, 5:00

Sept. 22: Business Meeting, 5:00. Monthly fellowship will follow in FLC.

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

October 26: Fall Family Festival



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

September Prayer List

- Christian, Priscilla, Zoe, Liana, and Elijah Garcia
• 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
Jackie Behrens
Holden Bedwell
Beverly Bigby & Stephanie Pyle
McKenna Brandenberger
Jerry & RaNon Caraway
Cristobal Castillo
Sherry Cox
Jilian Criswell
Sue Crow
Carma Eary
Mary Favoccia
Nicole Fish & Bruce Van Houten
Linda Flint

Charlie & Maria Garcia
Holly Groves
Janis Groves
Melanie Groves
Roy and Janet Guthrie
Janabeth & Charles Hanson
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Jenny & Mike Jones
Frankie Leamons
Janie Lowery
Johnstone & Irene Magomana
James Mallow
Brenda Mennis
Lois Patton
Carrie Pearson
Carole Ramsey
James & Norma Ridout
Buz Roddie
Joyce Scott
Harrison Shoemate
Rhoda Shannon
Jerlene Smith
Wendy Smith
Jack Timmerman
Jack and Susan Turk
Harold Underwood

Linda Wall
Gene Walton
Becky Weber
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 Johnnie Forcuier, Colleen Laman, Billy Turner, Billie Ricks, Cookie Underwood, Curtis Martin, and John Jackson

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