

# BRADY LANE LEDGER

E-Newsletter | A Word from Pastor Jeff | A Word from Our Elders

## When? We don't know...

When will we be able to come back to BLC to Worship God together? The only answer we have is, we don't know. Our target is still May 17, but as this situation continues to change daily, we cannot guarantee any return date at this time. Please keep your eyes open for info to come.

## Urgent Prayer

Please continue to pray for **Bill Overbay**, our former Senior Minister. He continues his battle with COVID-19. Pray for his family as well!

## Please Tune in Sunday for Worship!

You can catch our worship services every **Sunday beginning at 8:30am**. Our pre-recorded worship service including a variety of music from both services along with communion and a message from Pastor Jeff is included. The location of this service is found in a number of places:

- YouTube
- Facebook
- [bradylanechurch.org](http://bradylanechurch.org)



## The Crisis or the Cross?

Good day Brady Lane Church family, this is Pastor Jeff writing our first e-newsletter in my time here. This is something that I plan to continue to produce, even after we are back to normal...but I felt a need to connect with you all in as many ways as possible. Each Friday we will publish this newsletter and post it on Facebook, and attach a PDF of it to One Call. Encourage people you know from the church to send their information to Lesley so that they can be added to One Call and/or follow us on Facebook!

This week's topic is the obvious. We find ourselves in week 2 of a crisis. A global pandemic is causing most of the free world to shut down in unprecedented fashion. Factories are closing. Churches are shutting down all activities. Restaurants and bars have had to close their doors. And we are just in the second week of it here in Indiana.

There's a lot of uncertainty...a lot of fear... a lot of anxiety.

Maybe you are also feeling the pressure. Maybe your job is in question. Maybe your 401k has taken a major hit. Maybe you have had extreme anxiety about being stuck at home. Maybe you are feeling extremely lonely.

## Brady Lane Church

Believing–Living–Connecting



### Word of from Elder Mike Roller

In times of struggle it is easy for Christian's to quote Philippians 4, "Don't worry about anything....." and though there is a lot of comfort and wisdom in this scripture, who of us can truly say we can live this? What about my family, what about the health care workers, what about those we have heard are sick? This is a difficult scripture to fully live by especially during the current crisis.

I would like to encourage you all with Ephesian 4:11-12. During tough times we clearly see Brady Lane Church as the body of Christ, it is easy to see that we have been working to equip people to do God's work and build up the church. I have personally had some of the most heart felt and meaningful calls in the last weeks as I have talked to BLC members and staff. During crisis God often reminds us of the important things. He has again reminded me that the Church is you all, my Christian family, and not where we work/ worship.

God calls us to be part of a family bigger than the one we are born into. So many of you have been reaching out, encouraging, and supporting one another and that is what it means to be the Church. Now is the perfect time to share the Church with everyone around you.

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Can I ask you to do something for me? Turn your attention away from THE CRISIS and put it on THE CROSS.

We are entering the weirdest Easter Week I can ever remember. Easter is my favorite weekend of the year. That probably goes without saying for a pastor. But I truly look forward every year to this time. Spring has sprung. Trees and flowers are blooming. Our snowbirds are coming back from Arizona and Florida and other places. New families and folks walk through the doors because they are open to trying church at this time of year. It's always our biggest Sunday!

But this year churches all over the United States will be empty. Doors locked. Congregations scattered. And pastors and staff members of churches working diligently to produce something special that can bring encouragement and hope to our people on such a special day.

As the staff of Brady Lane Church and I work toward that Sunday, trying to come up with something special...my mind keeps going back to the fact that there is nothing more needed than two images. **THE CROSS...and THE EMPTY TOMB.**



That's really all we **need**. We don't need fancy videos, pretty light shows, rocking music, sweet hymns, amazing sermons, quiet moments of communion...don't worry we will have these things in some fashion...but we don't **need** them. All we **need** is to meditate on the CROSS and the TOMB. The Cross that marks the sacrifice...and the Tomb that marks the victory!

**28** Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. **29** When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. **30** But God raised him from the dead, **31** and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem.

### Acts 13:28-31

This text goes on to say that those who witnessed these things became witnesses to all people of the Victory of Jesus Christ. Yeah...it will still be weird not to be at BLC on Easter Sunday. But I take heart that the church is not a location...it's a people. Our salvation is not a service; its the cross and the empty tomb of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God.