

# BRADY LANE LEDGER

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## For the Least of These

Last week I gave a highlight to our Worship Ministry team for their efforts they are putting in to keeping us going during this weird season. This week I would like to put the spotlight on the other ministry team that hasn't missed a beat in the six weeks we have been on stay at home orders. Our Food Pantry Team has continued to operate, albeit in a different format than usual, and has been doing a fantastic job. Altering their handout strategies, to protect not only the public but themselves they have adapted and overcome with no grumbling or chatter...they just keep doing what they do.



One of the big changes they have made is to change to a drive through format. This keeps our food pantry guests in their vehicles and we bring their food out to them. All of our workers have been wearing gloves and masks to prepare and hand out the groceries.

Another precaution we have been taking is having some of our younger folks come in to do the handout. Our food pantry team is made up of many of our senior saints, and while they have been continuing to help with the packing of the food, we have been working hard to protect them from being accidentally exposed.

### THE BIG THREE!

#### Baptism Sunday at 10am

This Sunday at 10am on FACEBOOK LIVE we will be witnesses to the baptism of Grayson Mullikin! We are so excited to walk alongside Grayson as he accepts Christ as his Lord and Savior. Join us if you can at 10am on the BLC Facebook page for a LIVE video of Grayson's decision and baptism!

#### Article in the Christian Standard

There is an article in this month's Christian Standard giving the results to the annual church growth survey. BLC is featured in the statistical data. You can also see the all of the stats at:

<https://christianstandard.com/2020/04/2019-annual-church-survey/>

#### Join Stacey tonight at 6:30pm Live!

Tonight at 6:30pm our Next Generation Minister Stacey Smith will be LIVE on facebook on the Brady Lane Kids facebook page. Stacey will be sharing some things with our families, will have a special word for the kids, and will just be live with a chat so that kids or parents can ask him questions. Join Stacey at 6:30pm!

## Brady Lane Church

Believing–Living–Connecting



**Word from Elder Nathan Hazelgrove**

Dear Brady Lane Church family,

In these scary and uncertain times I'm sure you have been spending a lot of time thinking, praying, and hopefully seeking peace and comfort from God's Word.

We hope many people will draw closer to the Lord. I love the encouragement of reading John 16:33.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

These words of Jesus bring us comfort and peace in a time like we are going through. Peace be with you all and God bless you!

The Elders would like to thank the BLC family for your continued generosity during these unsettling times. While we are staying afloat with the gifts to God that are coming in, we are still seeing only about 2/3 our normal giving. With it being unknown when we will be able to meet again, we want to remind you that you can mail your offerings to the church office, or you can give online at [www.bradylanechurch.org/give-online/](http://www.bradylanechurch.org/give-online/)

Thank you again!

One of the neat stories from our Food Pantry was this past giveaway - Jacob and Nikki Stigall came to help and Jacob brought some boys from his Jr. High Wrestling team that he coaches. The boys were a huge help and they got to have a great experience at loving and caring for others! Way to go Jacob and Nikki!



While we continue to face challenges of many kinds, and as things change from week to week, it is a blessing to know that we are still making a difference and an impact for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Nearly 150 families have come through each of the two weeks that we have been in operation since the stay at home order has been given. As this situation continues to go on, we expect the number of folks coming through the pantry to increase.

Again, I want to thank all of those folks who either participate in or support our food pantry with financial gifts or donations of food. We would like to thank Food Finders and other businesses and organizations who help us fill our cupboards each month so that we can hand out food to families in need. 3000-4000 pounds of food come in every week and are unloaded and sorted by our Food Pantry Team. It is a ton of work but a labor of love.

**37** "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' **38** When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?' **39** When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'" **40** "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

**Matthew 25:37-40**

