

# BRADY LANE LEDGER

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## THE BIG TWO!

### Note from Jeff

I want to thank Stacey and his team for continuing to work on connecting with our next generation families. I know his team members have been calling our families, emailing, Facebook etc. To all of our families out there, we pray that you continue to soldier through the rest of this reopening time. We will be happy to have you back when this is all over!

### BLC LIVE on YOUTUBE

We are excited to announce that beginning May 17, we will come to you LIVE from YOUTUBE at 11am. We have secured some equipment that will allow us to go directly from our camera straight to YOUTUBE live.

I want to thank Trevor Leming, Steve and Cheryl Fletcher, Lee Anna and Mike Atwell, Scott and Vicki Maris, and Bobby and Amanda Parker for working so hard to keep our worship services going over the last two months. We will continue to air a blended service, but it will not air until 11am. It will still be available all day after the live video finishes on our YouTube Channel, Facebook Page, and Website. Big thanks to Mike Roller, Mike Atwell and Trevor Leming for getting the streaming equipment up and running.

## Finding New Ways in a New Time

Back when I was in college, our Choir group got to visit a Christian Children's Home in Oklahoma. As you walked around the grounds there was a lot that seemed "normal". There were kids who were laughing & playing, houses, playgrounds and several other things. But you could also see how different the world was for those who lived there, too. They had their own school, they did not take many trips off the grounds and they closed the gates to the road each night. They weren't sitting around watching tv or playing on computers or looking up things on their phones. Mostly because back then internet was newer, everyone didn't have a cellphone and technology was not as advanced. Imagine if we had been asked to shelter in place back then. What a different experience it would have been.



Luckily we are in a much more technologically advanced world today. We have been so blessed to be able to reach out to our families and kids through all of these technologies. When this first started, we hoped this would be just a couple weeks. We made sure to send Facebook messages, send text messages and/or call our families. Everyone seemed to be very appreciative. We also have been providing a Church at home page for parents to use with their families connected with a quick animated video for the Bible story.

But, then we realized that this was not a couple weeks away event. This was going to change how we do

## Brady Lane Church

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## Word from the Elders

On Thursday we unveiled the beginning of our come back to church plan. We know that originally we had planned to come back on May 17th. To be able to follow the Governor's plan for reopening the state, we have decided to push that opening date back to May 31st with a limited reopening. For now, until the 31st, we will continue to operate as we have, with the church building closed to all members and the community other than to operate the Food Pantry and record worship services. The staff has returned to the building to work but we ask that no one come in unless an appointment is made with a staff member.

May 10 - Closed. Services Pre-Recorded online at 8:30am.

May 17 - Closed. Services online YOUTUBE LIVE at 11am.

May 24 - Closed. Services online YOUTUBE LIVE at 11am.

More details will come soon!

ministry on every level. One of the blessings that has come from this is the families we have been able to connect with through our online platforms. Using our online platforms (Website, Facebook, YouTube, etc.) were resources we were just starting to test out. Now, these platforms have become a whole new way to minister to those who may have never thought about coming to Brady Lane for church in person. Maybe they would visit one of our events but not a church service. That has all changed. Now they are experiencing part of what we were blessed to experience each Sunday in person at Brady Lane.

Since we are still online only these days, we have started having weekly Zoom meetings with our kids called Zoom Home. We have one for Elementary on Tuesday's at 4pm, Preschool on Thursday's at 4pm and Middle School on Friday's at 4pm. It's a great opportunity to just spend time with the kids, play some games together and to pray as a group. The excitement on their faces is so reassuring that we can still connect with them even if it is exclusively virtual. Then on Friday's at 6:30pm, we are hosting a Facebook Live event to keep parents & visitors updated on what is going on.

As we go forward, we will be looking at current & new ways to minister to both our families and the families that visit our online platforms. This is both exciting and unnerving as we try to provide a consistent, effective ministry to everyone. Over the next couple weeks, months; we will be coming back into the church for services. As that happens, we will start by having our kids worship together with their families. Then we will slowly open up our Next Generation ministries in the safest, most effective way so we can continue the ministry we have always provided. That ministry will continue to happen at home, though. We are headed into a whole new world of life and ministry. Rest assured we are here to travel this road together. It won't just be Next Generation ministry but Family Ministry (Home, Online, Church). Keep an eye on all our online platforms to stay informed of our next steps.

