

Grigsby family debuts its Christian Brothers Automotive facility

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The Grigsby family has returned to its West Texas roots to own and operate a CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AUTOMOTIVE location now open at 5317 W. Loop 250.

Trey Grigsby, who operates the business with his wife, Amanda, said it offers "bumper-to-bumper, full-service repair." He added: "If it's broke, we can fix it."

Because of Midland's thriving economy, the Grigsbys said they have hired three technicians and could employ as many as five if business demands it.

The couple described the new business as not a typical auto repair shop. Instead, they boasted its wood floors and couches, giving it a "cottage" feeling, Trey said.

Amanda said the duo is committed to following the Houston-based company's mission statement to "glorify God and provide excellent and ethical auto repair services to our customers."

She grew up here, moving away at age 14, but she still has family in the area. She said she and her husband loved West Texas but didn't necessarily have Midland in mind when they considered buying a Christian Brothers franchise. But, it was fortunate that a Midland location was available.

"We feel was an answered prayer," Amanda said.

Initially, Trey said he wasn't interested in the company's franchise when he met with some friends who were franchise owners, but it didn't take long to be won over.

"(After 45 minutes,) I was asking for Christian Brothers' phone number," he said.

Mark Carr founded the business in Houston in 1982, and Midland is its 97th location. Trey said it should reach 100 locations in a few months.

In addition to returning Amanda's roots with their children, Trey said opening the business gives the couple the opportunity to work together outside the ministry they perform together. He vowed she would be an active participant in the business.

While the vehicle is in his shop, Trey said his customers can take advantage of a courtesy shuttle that will take them anywhere in the region. That includes trips to Midland International Airport if they're leaving on a business trip or vacation.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and, for at least the first several months, on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments are available. For more information, call 694-0400.

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