

Dear Classics,

Let me be the first to say Merry Christmas! Thanksgiving has come and gone and now, here we are, 24 shopping days until Christmas. I love this time of the year, as Andy Williams sings, "It's the hap, happiest season of all." As Christ-followers, we celebrate the birth of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas. The biblical definition for advent means "arrival" and signifies the start of an event or the arrival of a person. In Christian communities around the world, Advent refers to the four-week season of remembering and celebrating the arrival of Jesus on Earth. Christians who celebrate Advent see it as a time of expectancy and preparation for Jesus's arrival, which happened first in the incarnation (Jesus' birth) and will happen again at his return. During this Advent season, I am contemplating two questions, and I pray that you will join me in my contemplations. First, why did Jesus come? And secondly, why did he need to come again? At first glance, the answer to both questions seems clear. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10). He comes again, ushering in a New Heaven and a New Earth where he will dwell with us, and we will be His people. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away (Rev. 21). Let's go a step further. Early in Jesus' earthly ministry, he read from the scroll of Isaiah in Nazareth the following scripture, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has appointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoner and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:17-21). Yes, Jesus came to seek and to save the lost, but he also came to challenge us to go into the world and preach the good news to all people, proclaim freedom and recovery from sickness, sin, and death. To release everyone from the chains that bind them, and finally to proclaim the Lord's favor on all who call upon His name. In Colossians 1:15-20, Jesus is described as the Creator, Sustainer, and Reconciler of everything. Yes, Jesus died for our souls, but he also died to reconcile, that is, to put in right relationship all that he created. This is what we sing every year in the Christmas carol, "He comes to make his blessings known far as the curse is found." The curse is brokenness, sin, and death. But as we saw earlier in Rev. 21, Jesus Christ is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, making all things new! This is the good news of the Gospel. This Holiday season, pray for divine appoints to share the good news of Jesus Christ to your family, friends, acquaintances, or people you just run into as you are out and about. Remember, this is the most important decision people will make in their lifetime. Merry Christmas!!
See you Sunday!
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**MAKING JESUS OUR ALL,
SHARING HIM WITH ALL.**

December Events

Mark Your Calendar

Young At Heart Christmas Party

December 10 | 6 PM

RSVP: leigh@fbcbryan.org by Dec. 3

Merry Christmas!

December Wednesday Supper Menu

Dec 4 - Salisbury Steak with Mushroom Gravy, Rice, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Dessert

Dec 11 - Spaghetti with Meatsauce, Tossed Salad, Garlic Toast, Dessert

Dec 18 - No Meal

Dec 25 - No Meal

Merry Christmas

and

Happy New Year

**Only 2 Midweek Classes Left This Year
Dec. 4 & Dec. 11**

No Midweek Meeting on Dec. 18 or 25
2025 Midweek starts back January 15

Welcome to Advent 2024 at First Baptist Bryan!

A season filled with music, worship, and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Christmas! This year, we're hosting a collection of events designed to bring joy, community, and reflection.

Preschool Christmas Program

December 8 / 4:00 pm / College Life Space
"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

Youth and Children's Christmas Program

December 8 / 5:00 pm / Worship Center
"Joy to the World"

Traditional Christmas Concert

December 15 / 8:40 am / Worship Center
"Here Comes Heaven"

Contemporary Christmas Concert

December 15 / 10:10 am & 11:30 am / Worship Center

Let Us Adore: A Christmas Night of Worship

December 22 / 6:00 pm / Atrium

Christmas Eve Services

December 24 / 3:00 pm, 4:15 pm, 5:30 pm / Worship Center

Save the Date

Chuck Crain in Concert

Friday January 17th @ 11:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall
Join us for lunch followed by
the concert.

Cost for lunch is \$7

RSVP: leigh@fbcbryan.org by January 13

Mark Your Calendar **2025 Senior Adult Events**

February 11th- Young at Heart Valentine Banquet

March 7th- Sr Adult Wellness Luncheon

March 30th- 5th Sunday Hymn Sing

May 13th- Lunch and Learn/Basic Safety for Senior Adults

June 10th- Young at Heart Celebrates 50th Wedding Anniversaries

June 29th- 5th Sunday Hymn Sing

July 11th- Cybersecurity Conference

August 12th - Lunch and Learn/TBD

August 31st- 5th Sunday Hymn Sing

Sept 9th- Fall Kickoff

Oct 14th- Lunch and Learn/Issues occurring in College Athletics

Nov 30th- 5th Sunday Hymn Sing

Dec 9th- Young at Heart Christmas Banquet

*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14*