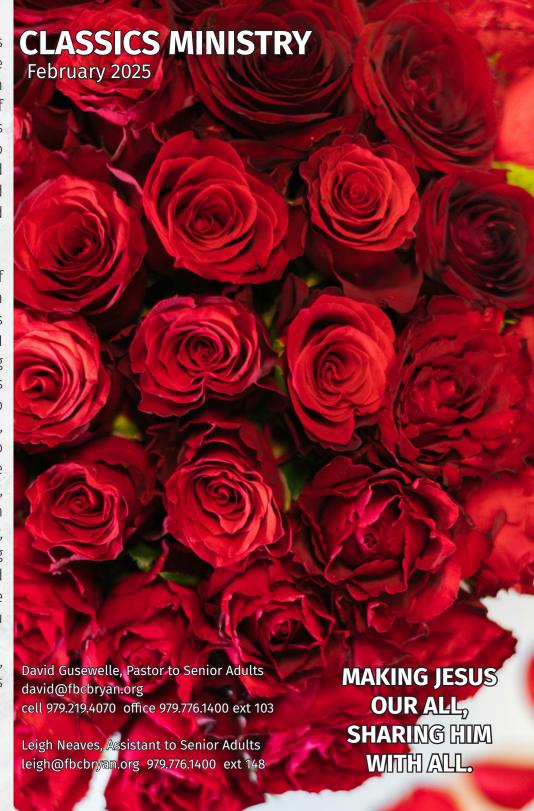
#### **Dear Classics**,

In our January newsletter I announced my New Years resolution was to Experience the presence of God in 2025 and beyond. We experience God's presence as we talk with Him, fellowship with Him and learn about Him. In my daily devotional I have been reading the prayer of Jabez in 1 Chronicles 4:9-10 2 . "Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request".

Amid the endless genealogies in 1 Chronicles comes the prayer of Jabez. Jabez is only mentioned twice in God's word, here and in 1 Chronicles 2:55 mentioned as the name of a town. What makes this prayer so important? God is using Jabez's prayer, buried in 1 Chronicles, to teach us how to pray today. Just like Jesus modeling prayer to his disciples in the Lords Prayer, God models prayer to us in the prayer of Jabez. The prayer of Jabez teaches us how to talk to God about our future. We need to pray with passion, and integrity, just like Jabez. Jabez knew who to talk to about his future, how to talk to him, and what to talk to him about. Pray this prayer with me today. Lord, bless me, extend my border, place your hand upon me, and keep me from harm. God is speaking to us today to believe him for greater things in our life. When we ask God to expand our border, we are asking Him to take us beyond our comfort zone. Stop limiting what God may want to do through you. God will move you beyond your comfort zone. Do not fear or fight this occurring in your life. The power of the Holy Spirit is with you. Plead with God to protect you and keep you from harm. Seek wisdom and understanding today, just as Job did in Job 28:28, "And he said to man, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding'."

Be blessed today. See you Sunday. David



# **February Events**





### February

Wednesday Night Dinner Menus Dinner: 5:00-6:00 PM | Cost: \$7

**Feb 5** -Spaghetti w/ Meatsauce, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

**Feb 12** -Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert

**Feb 19** -Chicken Enchilada Cassarole, Rice, Beans, Tortilla Chips, Salsa, Dessert

**Feb 26** -Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert

# **Save the Date**

#### Sr Adult Wellness Luncheon

March 7th
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Fellowship Hall
The presentation will feature first aid and wellness safety measures.
You will not want to miss this informative event!

### **5th Sunday Hymn Sing**

March 30th 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM Room 136





## Branson 2025 FBC Bryan Senior Adult Trip Trip Dates: October 20-23, 2025

Experience the charm of the Ozarks with an unforgettable journey packed with highlights. Begin with the high-energy entertainment of Clay Cooper's Country Express, showcasing music, comedy & variety. Savor a delightful lunch at the Keeter Center, a hidden gem known for its farm-to-table dining. Be inspired at the Sight & Sound Theater's awe-inspiring production of David, followed by a tour of the College of the Ozarks, where tradition meets innovation. Cruise the serene waters on Table Rock Lake aboard the Showboat Branson Belle, enjoying a blend of scenic beauty & live entertainment. Enjoy the Bible Muesum & find tranquility at the stunning Thorncrown Chapel, a masterpiece of modern architecture nestled in nature. Each stop blends culture, history & inspiration, creating a trip to treasure.

Contact leigh@fbcbryan.org for more information.

