

Dear Classics,

April showers bring May flowers, that is what we say. But, if all the showers turned to flowers, we'd have quite a colorful day (Karen Chappell). I knew that this saying had to be related to a poem somewhere, so I do what all great researchers do, I Googled it. As I was typing the first stanza of this poem, it dawned on me that this work draws a good analogy of God and our relationship with him. Some people say that their lives are a trainwreck. There are so many issues we face in the world each day. We have personal, relational, financial, and vocational struggles just to name a few. We will face trials and temptations daily. How can this be the case in a world created by God? The Christian life is a fulfilling life, but it doesn't shield us from the attacks of the evil one. In John 16:33 Jesus says, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Jesus tells his disciples this because he knows that a time is coming when anyone who kills one of them will think they are offering a service to God. We may not be facing death because of our relationship with Jesus Christ, but we are facing trials and tribulations. James, the half-brother of Jesus, says, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds". Why should we be joyful during our struggle? James says, "because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything". The older I get the more I see God using my trials and tribulations as training tools for ministering to the needs of others. The showers of my life turn to colorful flowers, or encouragement to others in need. One thing that helps me in my struggles is fellowship with other Christ-followers. The fellowship I am speaking of is Koinonia. Koinonia is defined as the deep, intimate fellowship and communal participation among believers, as well as their shared relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We come to koinonia as we love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, as we submit to God's sovereign rule, as we experience God in close and personal ways, and as we completely trust in God. Koinonia boils down to each of us totally surrendering to God and absolutely trusting in His plan for our lives. If you want to know more about Koinonia, read the Bible. Here are a few places to start: Jesus - 1 Corinthians 1:9; The gospel - Philippians 1:3-5; The Holy Spirit - Philippians 2:1; The sufferings of Jesus - Philippians 3:10; The apostle John - 1 John 1:3. Again, My prayer for you today is that God will turn your showers into colorful flowers.

See you Sunday!

David

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May Events

Lunch & Learn

May 13 | 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Includes Lunch

Cost for Lunch is \$7

Topics: Fall prevention & awareness presented by Rachel Foster with Area Agency on Aging.

Rachel will be introducing

“A matter of balance” class that will begin at the end of May.

RSVP: leigh@fbcbryan.org by May 5

May Wednesday Night Dinner Menus

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

May 7 - Grilled Chicken w/Peppers, Rice, Buttered Broccoli, Rolls, Dessert

May 14 - 21 - 28 - No Mid-Week

Garage Sale | June 5, 6, 7

This one week of work raises a massive amount of money that our students are then able to use throughout the year to pay for mission trips, camps, retreats, and more! Garage Sale isn't possible without our whole church body though. Whether you are a youth family / volunteer working the sale, a member donating items to be sold, or shopping the sale it all works together for a huge impact. Every item you donate and every dollar you spend helps students follow Jesus wherever He leads. Check our web site to find out how to donate items to the sale. There is a link to request a pick up for items. Click on the tab: [Learn More](#) | [Learn More About Donating](#) | [Request A Pickup](#).

No donations accepted before June 2

fbcbryan.org/garagesale

Thursday, June 5 | 6PM-8PM Double or Nothing!

Get first access to the sale on Thursday, but everything is double the price on June 5!

Friday, June 6 | 7AM-6PM & Saturday, June 7 | 7AM-1PM

Save the Date

Are you celebrating your 50th Anniversary this year?

YAH 50th Anniversary Celebrations

June 10 | 11:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Featuring Ricky Dickson, former CEO & President of Blue Bell Creameries

Cost: \$25 per couple or \$20 for single

Includes his Book, “One Scoop at a Time” & Meal

If you are celebrating your 50th Anniversary this year, please email a wedding picture to Leigh no later than June 1.

RSVP: leigh@fbcbryan.org by June 1

5th Sunday Hymn Sing

June 29th

4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Room 136

Leaving a Legacy

Senior Adult Conference with Richard Blackaby

Saturday, July 26

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cybersecurity Conference

August 8 | 9 AM - 2 PM

Genius Bar 2-4

College Life Space

Featuring: Wade McCain

Includes Lunch | Cost: \$7

RSVP: leigh@fbcbryan.org by Aug 1

Senior Adult

Summer Wednesday Nights

Begins Wednesday, July 2

and will meet

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Dinner: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Cost: \$7.00

*Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good; His love
endures forever.*

1 Chronicles 16:34

 **FIRST BAPTIST**
BRYAN