#### **Dear Classics**,

July is the month that we celebrate our independence from the tyranny of British rule. Celebrating July 4th causes us to remember the great sacrifices that men and women gave for such a great cause. Let's remember this Independence Day and pray for those who have lost loved ones for the cause of freedom, and for the cause of Christ. As I contemplate the sacrifices made for our independence as a nation, I also think of the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for us. In the new Mission Impossible movie, Luther Stickell makes the following statement, "All that is good inside us is measured by the good we do for others. We all share the same fate, the same future. The sum of our infinite choices. One such future is built on kindness, trust, and mutual understanding, should we choose to accept it. Driving without question towards a light we cannot see. Not just for those we hold close, but for those we'll never meet." This is a noble statement, but it is misguided. Humans do not share the same fate or future. As Christ-followers we share the fate ascribed to us, abundant life here on earth, and eternal life in heaven. Those who reject Christ will share the same fate of eternal separation from God. All mankind can claim a future built on kindness, trust, and mutual understanding if they choose to do so, but only those who call on the name of the Lord will be able to see the light that Luther Stickell says he cannot see, the light of Jesus Christ. What will you choose today? God is calling each of us today to come to him. God uses our life experiences to remind us to never forget the cost for our freedom from sin and death. May we never forget that Jesus Christ paid the ultimate price on the cross at Calvary, rising victoriously over sin and death. Hebrews 11 speaks of never forgetting the heroes of the faith. These men and women followed God wherever He led them, their faith was an active faith. Is your faith as strong these spoken of in Hebrews 11? Faith is the confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. None of the biblical heroes of the faith lived to see their aspirations realized and none of our founding fathers lived to see what a powerful nation we've become. As faithful Christ-followers, we may never see many of God's promises, but today I claim Hebrews 11:39-40, 39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, 40 since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. As we celebrate our nations Independence Day on July 4th, lets also celebrate the price Jesus Christ paid for all who call upon His name.

See you Sunday! David

### **FIRST BAPTIST** BRYAN

## CLASSICS MINISTRY July 2025

David Gusewetle, Pastor to Senior Adults david@fbcbryan.org cell 979.219.4070 office 979.776.1400 ext 103

Leigh Neaves, Assistant to Senior Adults leigh@fbcbryan.org 979.776.1400 ext 148 MAKING JESUS OUR ALL, SHARING HIM WITH ALL.

## **July Events**

### July - Senior Adult Summer Wednesday Nights Please join us for dinner at 5:00 pm (Cost- \$5)

followed by a devotional & hymn singing.

- July 2 Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Dessert
- July 9 Chili Cheese Dogs, French Fries, Dessert
- July 16 Fried Chicken, Corn, Tossed Salad, Roll, Dessert
- July 23 Beef Taco Salad Bowl, Dessert
- July 30 Baked Potato Bar, Tossed Salad, Dessert

### This Is My Country 4th of July Concert & Picnic

July 4 | 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm | Worship Center Join us for a special community-wide event on Friday, July 4 starting at 5:30PM in the Worship Center as we present This Is My Country, a concert celebrating our nation's heritage.

Immediately following the concert, we'll gather for a free picnic—a perfect opportunity to connect with neighbors, enjoy great food, and continue the celebration together.

This event is open to everyone, and childcare will be provided during the concert. Whether you're new to FBC or part of the family, come be a part of this meaningful and joyful 4th of July gathering.

## School Supplies Collections....

The month of July we will be collecting school supplies for the Closer Walk's back to school event on July 31. There will be collection boxes in the atrium, and we would like to have all donations received by Sunday, July 27, so we can assemble the backpacks for the event.

Dry Erase Markers - Black, Thin Tip
Notebook Paper - Wide Rule
Highlighters - Yellow
Box of 12 colored pencils
Blue or Black Ballpoint Pens
Red Ballpoint Pens
Pkg. Post-it notes
Box of 12 Crayola Markers
Box of Ziploc Bags (1 quart or 1 gallon)
Spiral Notebooks - Wide Rule
Earbuds/Headphone

#### E6 MEN'S MINISTRY PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

We are excited to announce our firstever Men's Ministry Pickleball Tournament happening on Sunday, July 13th from 3-6 PM at Legends Event Center in Bryan.

Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out, this tournament is for you and the best part? It is completely FREE and open to both men and women - you can sign up for Singles or Doubles!

We'll be serving up delicious food from Raging Bull Street Tacos, handing out awesome prizes, and will have a great time of fellowship together.

Registration is open now thru Wednesday, July 9. To register, click on the link below



or visit fbcbryan.org/events.

We can't wait to see you on the court!

# Save the Date

## Leaving a Legacy Weekend

Conference featuring Richard Blackaby Saturday July 26, 9:00am -2:00pm There will be 3 teaching sessions, snacks, lunch, devotional, and a giveway. Cost for this event is \$25 per person. RSVP to leigh@fbcbryan.org

Cybersecurity Conference August 8 | 9 am - 2 pm Genius Bar 2-4 pm | College Life Space Featuring: Wade McCain Includes Lunch | Cost: \$5 RSVP: leigh@fbcbryan.org by Aug 1

# Fall Kick-off

September 9 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall | Including lunch | Cost: \$5 Featuring: P. K. Carlton, Retired Air Force. He will be sharing his experience from 9/11 when he was in the Pentagon. RSVP: leigh@fbcbryan.org by Sept 2



You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Galations 5:13-14