

Dear Classics,

I was blessed by Dr. Richard Blackaby's sermon about the study of God's Word this past Sunday. Have you ever asked, "God, set my heart on fire for you". Scripture warns us how knowledge can puff us up so that we become arrogant, yet our hearts remain cold spiritually. Dr. Blackaby alluded to this in his story of Jesus and His encounter with the religious leaders of His day at the Pool of Bethesda. They knew God's ordinances, statutes, and commands. They even added hundreds of rules on top of that. But when they came face to face with Jesus Christ, God in human flesh, the author of all creation, they wanted to kill him. They were blinded by their knowledge. Your heart will never be on fire for God if you just know of God. I challenge you to pray today for God to light a spiritual fire within your heart for Jesus Christ. How can I turn my knowledge of God into a love for God. The only way to do this is to know the truth about Jesus from the Scripture. Paul tells us that he is not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then top the Gentile. He writes to his friend Timothy that all scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. Finally, we read in Hebrews that the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Does this sound like God wants us to casually approach His Word? No, he wants us to treat it as a powerful tool to understand Him and His righteousness in our fallen world. I agree with Dr. Blackaby that the Bible should come with a warning label – "Beware, opening this Book will change your life forever". I'll close with a few ways that God can set our heart on fire for Him. Read the Bible continually, receive the Word, meditate on the Word, pray the Word, memorize the Word, and live the Word. God wants us to develop our prayer life, to learn from others who have a spiritual fire in their lives, to walk with Jesus daily, and to experience God's power and work all around us. I pray today that God will set your heart on fire for Jesus Christ.

Have a Great Day. See you Sunday!

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**MAKING JESUS
OUR ALL,
SHARING HIM
WITH ALL.**

August Events

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

Church-Wide Study Begins August 24

Faith Works: A study in James

5th Sunday

Hymn Sing

August 31

4:00 pm | Rm 136

Night of Worship

August 13

6:30 pm

College Life Space

August

Wednesday Night Dinner Menus

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

August 6 - No Wed. dinner

August 13 - No Wed. dinner

August 20 - **Mid-week Kick-Off**

Menu: TBD

August 27 - Menu: TBD

Choir & Orchestra Open House

August 13 | 6:30-8:30 pm
Room 136

Come see what it looks like to sing or play in our Worship Arts Ministry. Followed by a reception where you can learn more.

Save the Date

Fall Kick-Off

September 9 | 11:30 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

Lunch & Learn

October 14 | 11 am - 1 pm

Fellowship Hall | Cost: \$5

Attorney Paul Battista will share, discuss & explain the issues that have been occurring over the last several years related to NIL (name, image, likeness) in college athletics.

RSVP: leigh@fbcbryan.org by Oct 6

Young at Heart Christmas Banquet

December 9 | 5:30-7:30 pm

featuring Roy West

& the Christian Country Music Ministry

Cost: \$5

RSVP: leigh@fbcbryan.org by Dec 2



No Hymn Sing in November

Be joyful always,
pray at all times,
be thankful in all
circumstances.

Thessalonians 5:16-18



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