

Dear Friends,

I have really been challenged by our study of the book of James over the past five weeks. I pray that this study has challenged and blessed you also. James has challenged me to live out my faith especially in the season of life I find myself in today. Each chapter of the book of James has encouraged me one way or another. I would like to walk with you through some of the high points of my personal walk during this study. In James chapter one, I was challenged to consider it pure joy when you fall into all sorts of trials. Recently, I found myself facing trials that I never thought I'd ever face. I'll be honest with you; it is hard to be joyful during trials. But during the trials I am facing, God has revealed to me that this testing of my faith is producing endurance. This time of testing has driven me to my knees before God. I am confidently asking God daily to intercede on my behalf. He is encouraging me to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger. I am learning increasingly to not merely listen to the message, but to live out the message. In James chapter two, the chapter I wrote, and chapter 3, I was convicted of being judge, jury and executioner to those I have issue with. This manifested itself in how I spoke into certain situations. James 3:5 says, "So, too, the tongue is a small part of the body, yet it has great pretensions". God is revealing to me, this very moment, to guard my tongue by seeking the Holy Spirits power over it. I pray for true wisdom that is mentioned in James 3:13, "Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct he should show his works in the gentleness that wisdom brings". Here James writes of the things that I should seek, James 3:17, "But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, accommodating, full of mercy, and good fruit, impartial, and not hypocritical". James chapters four and five have revealed to me where my heart is. The trials I am going through today are a direct reflection of my passions battling within me (Ch. 4 v.2). In chapter four I have run across key words that are encouraging me; humble me, resist the devil, draw near to God, cleanse your hands and make your heart pure. Don't speak against others, don't play God by judging others. Chapter five goes on to tell me to be patient, to strengthen my heart, not to grumble with others, and to pray for others. I'll close with this question, "How has God spoken to you during these past five weeks studying James"? Meditate on this, submit to what God is revealing to you, and continue to work out your faith, because Faith Works!

See you Sunday!  
David

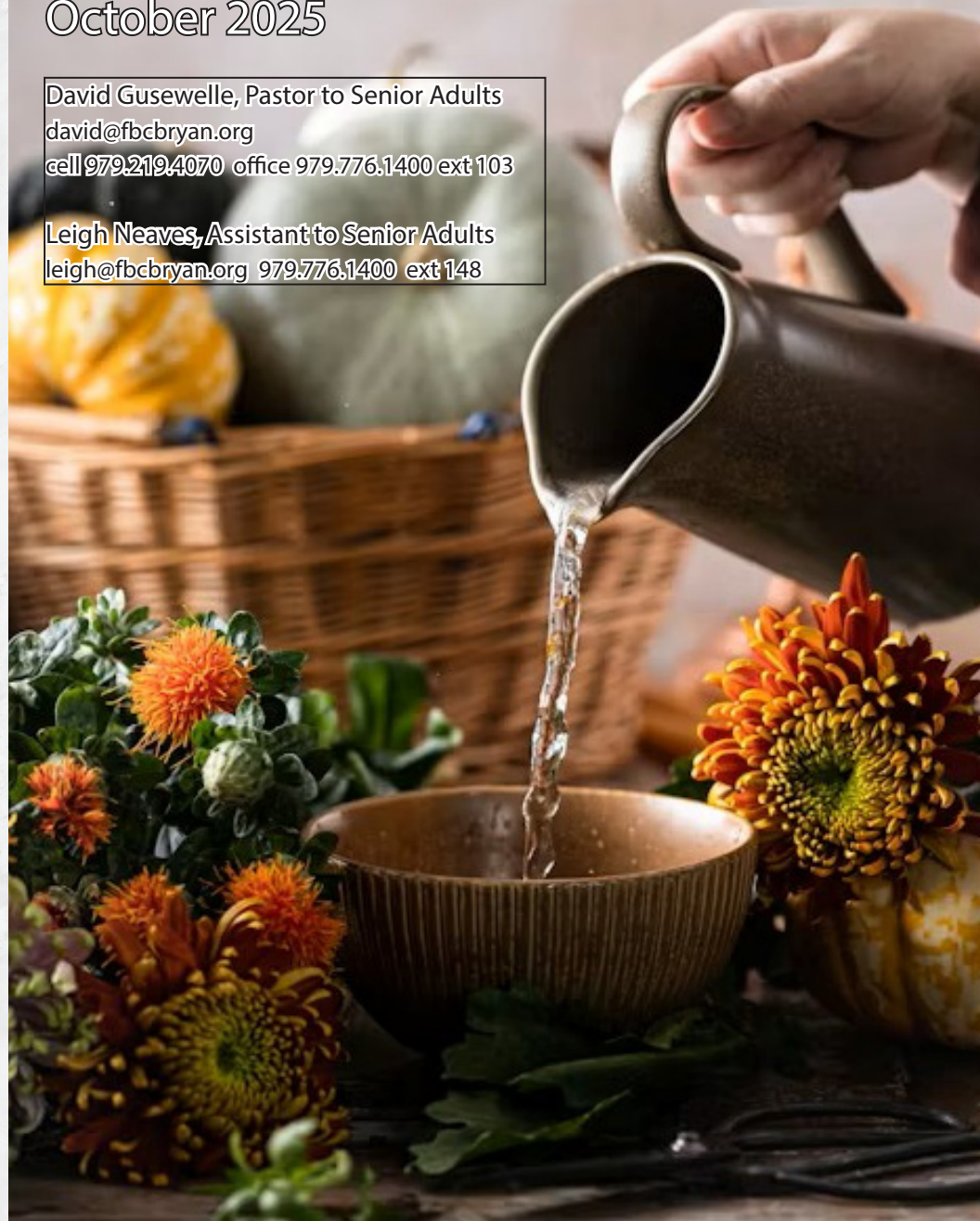


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OUR ALL,  
SHARING HIM  
WITH ALL.





## October Events

### Lunch & Learn

Monday, October 13 | 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](mailto:leigh@fbcbryan.org) by Oct 6

#### October

Wednesday Night Dinner Menus

Dinner: 5-6 pm in Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$5

October 1 - Lasagna, Garden Salad,  
Bread Sticks, Dessert

October 8 - Chicken Fried Steak,  
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green  
Beans, Dessert

October 15 - No Midweek Classes -  
Catered Meal. Chicken Alfredo, Salad,  
Bread Sticks, Dessert

October 22 - Salisbury Steak w/  
Mushroom Gravy, Peas/Carrots, Roll  
Dessert

October 29 - Chicken Spaghetti,  
Green Beans, Garlic toast, Dessert

### Dementia Live Experience

See what it might be like to live with dementia  
through this simulation experience to gain a deeper  
understanding!

Attention: 2nd Opportunity to participate in the  
Dementia Live Experience! Due to the overwhelming  
response the first time this was offered, we will  
host a 2nd opportunity to participate in this unique  
experience.

Date: Thursday Oct. 23

Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

An email will be sent out to all  
Senior Adults on Oct. 1  
with a signup link.

## Save the Date

Young at Heart

### Christmas Banquet

December 9  
5:30-7:30 pm

featuring Roy West  
& the Christian  
Country Music  
Ministry

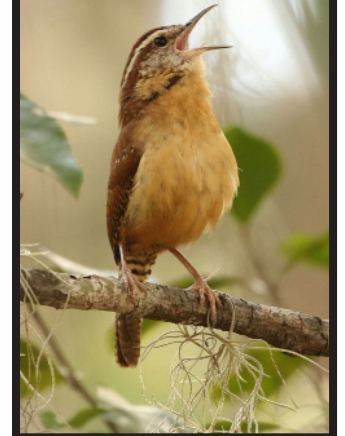
Cost: TBD



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by Dec 2

5th Sunday  
**NO Hymn Sing**

In November  
due to Thanksgiving



SINGING

MEN OF  
TEXAS

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2025

FBC BRYAN

7:00PM

Romans 8:31

"If God is for us,  
who can be against us?"

 **FIRST BAPTIST**  
BRYAN