Dear Friends,

Last night we had a wonderful Thanksgiving Night of Worship. Over eighthundred people came to rejoice over what God has done in the life of FBC Bryan over the past year. Eight new believers were baptized and over sixty new members filled our choir loft. We celebrated testimonies, both live and recorded, of how God has used His church to change lives. Pastor Jim shared from His heart how God is using this church to impact His kingdom. Jason and Matt, as always, led us in worship in a manner that drew us all close to God. The Holy Spirit is alive and well in our fellowship. We followed this time of praise and worship with a fellowship meal for all who came. Renee Brady was awesome in organizing the meal. Everything went very smoothly. As matter of fact, it was the smoothest Thanksgiving celebration I had ever been a part of. For the Thanksgiving meal, I was assigned to the Fellowship Hall. During the meal, there were two things that struck me. The big turnout of college students and Spanish ministry volunteers. As I was navigating my duties in the Fellowship Hall, the bible verses that kept coming back to me was Hebrews 10:24-25, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching". I think we have the best batch of college students that I've seen in years. They were a joy to be around. They plated food for our guests in the Fellowship Hall and atrium. When the line was at its longest, most congested moment we had to replenish the line. When everything slowed down to a halt and people felt stuck, the college students started to sing Christmas carols, which in turn led to our guests joining in. The Spanish ministry volunteers were the hardest working, most efficient volunteers I've witnessed in a long time. They didn't miss a beat manning the drink tables and helping in the thankless job of cleanup. For me, this is a picture of spurring one another on toward love and good deeds. This is the body of Christ demonstrating how essential it is that we continue always meeting together. As we enter this holiday season, let's be thankful for the goodness of God. I pray that the sweet spirit that surrounded the Thanksgiving Night of Worship will be ever-present this Holiday season. Always remember, Jesus is the reason for the season. Isaiah 9:6, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Merry Christmas!!

David



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December Events

Young at Heart Christmas Banquet
December 9 | 5:30-7:30 pm
featuring Roy West &
the Christian Country Music Ministry
Cost: \$12 per person
RSVP: leigh@fbcbryan.org
by Dec 5

December Events

December 7th | 4:00 pm | Worship Center

"Look Who Just Checked In" Children's & Youth Christmas Program

December 14th Christmas Concerts in Services

"Joy to the World" Traditional - 8:40 am "Gift of Heaven" Contemporary - 10:10 & 11:30 am

Christmas Eve Services

December 24th @ 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm in the Worship Center

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

December 3 -Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Pickles, Onions, December 10 - Sausage & Beans, Rice, Tossed Salad, Cornbread, Dessert December 17 - No Meal December 24 - No Meal December 31 - No Meal

Save the Date

Southern Gospel Concert
featuring: Chuck Crain
January 23 | 11:00 am
Fellowship Hall | Cost: \$5
RSVP: leigh@fbcbryan.org
by January 19



Lunch
with Gary Blair
January 13 | 11:00 am
Fellowship Hall
Cost: \$5
RSVP: leigh@fbcbryan.org
by January 5

