

Senior Adults,

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!! This holiday season has been wonderful for me, my family, and my Church family. I was blessed by our Traditional and Contemporary Christmas Presentations and our Christmas Eve services. I'm thankful that I am part of a church that values both worship styles and does them well. 2025 has been a banner year for FBC Bryan, including our ministry to Senior Adults. Give God all glory and honor in bringing us to this point. I am excited for what God will do in 2026. In Hebrews 11:1, faith is described as "confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Since our church split ten plus years ago, my faith in God has never diminished. I've confidently hoped for a resurgence in the mission of the church, being assured that God would make this happen. As we finish out 2025 and dive into 2026, I want us to look at our faith in God. This morning, my devotional was entitled "The Faith of Joseph." Matthew 1:20, "As he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit." In Joseph's dream, God shined his light on him and directed him not to deny Mary. Joseph, facing complicated implications, took Mary as his wife even though she was with child. This would have been scandalous in these days, a curse on Mary and her family, punishable by public disgrace, expulsion from the community, or even death. But Joseph, knowing the divine nature of Mary's condition, accepted Mary and all was well. People would still talk but Joseph and Mary, being betrothed (engaged) were allowed to be married. In this era, to be engaged was legally binding as marriage. When Joseph discovered Mary was pregnant, he did not want her publicly shamed. Since engagement was a legal agreement, he was willing to divorce her secretly. However, when God communicated with him through the dream, everything changed. He knew God was at work. By faith, Joseph took Mary as his wife. 1 What great faith Joseph had! What about my faith, our faith? I've never had an angel come to me physically, but I still have faith in God. In John 20:29 Jesus says to Thomas, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." My prayer today for myself, my family, and the church is that God would give me the kind of faith that never sees but always receives. Bless this day, bless my family, and bless your church. God, shine your light on me today and allow me to step into it. I pray that I will always accept your light and never turn away from it. "Faith is a leap into the light not a step into the darkness."

See You Sunday,  
David Gusewelle



# January 2026



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## January Events

### Lunch with Gary Blair

January 13 | 11:00am

Fellowship Hall

Cost \$5

RSVP: [Leigh@fbcbryan.org](mailto:Leigh@fbcbryan.org)

by January 5

### Southern Gospel Concert

featuring: Chuck Crain

January 23 | 11:00am

Fellowship Hall | Cost for Lunch: \$5

RSVP: [leigh@fbcbryan.org](mailto:leigh@fbcbryan.org)

by Jan 19

January  
Wednesday Night Dinner  
Menus

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

January 7 - TBD

January 14 - TBD

January 21 - TBD

January 28 - TBD

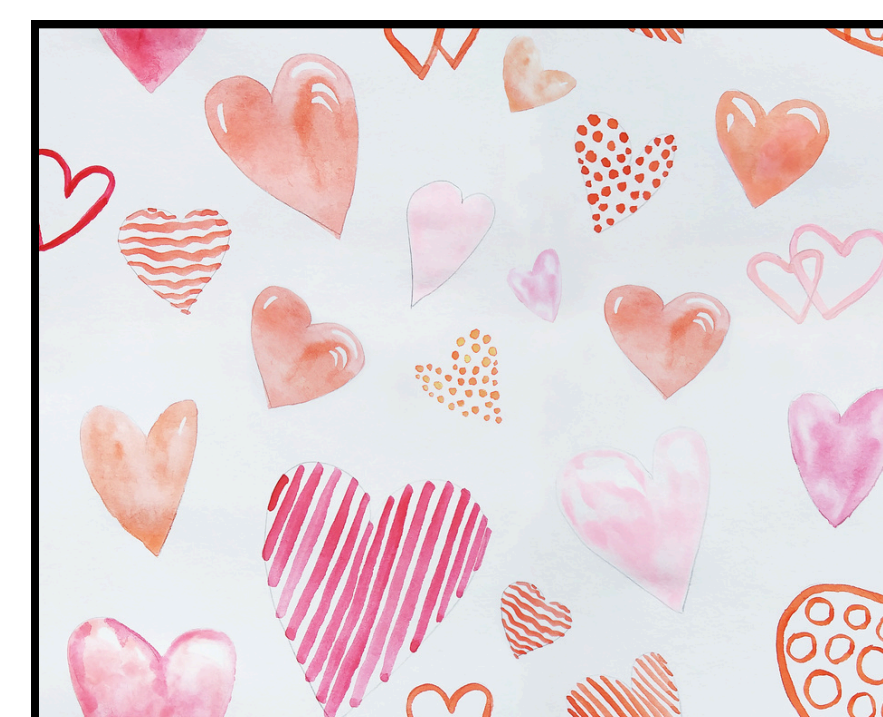
The Great Passion  
Play informational  
meeting | Sunday,  
January 11, 2026 |

11:30AM

More information  
about the meeting to  
be sent out later

Tentative trip dates:  
May 1-4, 2026

Making  
Jesus our  
All, Sharing  
Him with All



## Save the Date

Young at Heart  
Valentine's Banquet  
February 10 | 5:30PM

Fellowship Hall

RSVP: [leigh@fbcbryan.org](mailto:leigh@fbcbryan.org)  
by February 5



**Deadline Reminder!**  
Last day to sign up for  
America's Cowboy  
Country Trip is January  
21, 2026!

For more information  
about the trip, please  
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