



The Vine & Branch

September 2026

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." John 15:5

FALL KICK OFF WITH ALAN CANNON SEPTEMBER 15TH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

COST FOR LUNCH: \$10

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**Alaska Trip
Meeting
September 9th
3:00pm
Room 136A**



**September 22nd
Women on Mission
Lori Herrington,
IMB Missionaries Costa Rica**

Photos from America's Cowboy Country Trip



Save the Date

October 13- Lunch and Learn
11:00am Fellowship Hall
Cost for lunch \$10

November 12- Homestead
Heritage Day Trip
9:00am to 4:00pm



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Abiding Thoughts from Pastor David

Summer is over and fall is quickly approaching. To me, this is the best time of the year. It is an exciting time for new beginnings. Our community is greatly influenced by Texas A&M University. It is exciting to see the students back. We eagerly anticipate the upcoming football season. Will this be the year? SEC title? National Title? Fall represents new beginnings, but it also represents new challenges. I'm excited about Fall Kickoff at FBC Bryan. We have many great days ahead of us as we remain faithful to our mission, to make Jesus our all and to share Him with all. Here is my challenge to myself and to our ministry today – that my functional theology aligns with my confessional theology. Does what I say I believe about God reflect in the way I live? Our churchwide focus this fall is the study of Job, Handling Hurts. How does the study of Job encourage us to reflect on our functional theology aligning with our confessional theology? Before we get to Job, let's turn to the Psalms. The book of Psalms is the largest book in the Bible. It has more chapters than any other book in the Bible. God dedicated the longest chapter in scripture to remind us of the inescapable importance of His Word. For us to know what our functional theology is, we must read and understand God's Word. Two verses in Psalm 119 speak of God's Word; Psalm 119:11, "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you", and Psalm 119:105, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path". Every November I hunt deer with my brother near Little Rock. Before sunrise, Dennis and I go to our deer stands. He drops me off near mine then heads to his. I'm dropped off in the forest, pitch dark, about 30 yards from my stand. Thank goodness I brought my flashlight. The flashlight, and some tiny reflectors on the trees, lead me to my blind. This is a picture of God being a lamp to our feet and the light to our path. Simply speaking, God's Word is our flashlight illuminating the dark and dangerous paths of life. Job is described as "a man that was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil". Job's understanding of God required him to "fear God". Every time I read the book of Job, I want God to reveal to me why Job had to suffer. But this is not the point of the book of Job. Job's functional theology was to fear God; his confessional theology was revealed in how he responded to his suffering. Job 2:9-10, "Then his wife said to him, 'Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die.'" But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips". After all the back-and-forth conversations with God, his friends, and himself, Job finally confesses his lack of understanding of God. Job 42:1-6 – Then Job answered the LORD and said: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore, I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore, I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes." Job finally gets it. He acknowledges God's unsearchable greatness and repents. Let's start this new fall season leaning into God's infinite power. May what we believe about God be reflected in how we live out our lives.

See you Sunday!

David