

NOVEMBER 2014

# FIRST BAPTIST BRYAN



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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS PATTY  
TOUR

COMBINED WITH THE  
FBC BRYAN CHOIR,  
ORCHESTRA  
& HANDBELLS

IN THE FBC BRYAN  
WORSHIP CENTER

FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 12, 2014  
7:30 PM

SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 13, 2014  
7:30 PM

\$5 TICKETS  
AVAILABLE

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# IGNITE

## CHRIST in COLOSSIANS

### FBC Bryan welcomes expert insight for fall Bible conference

FBC Bryan and local community members gathered in the Fellowship Hall, during the evenings of Oct. 19-22, for a four-part series on Colossians, delivered by Dr. Todd Still, William M. Hinson Professor of Christian Scriptures in the George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University. An enthusiastic audience joined in a time of praise and worship each evening before listening to Still's message.

**RIGHT:** Dr. Todd Still delivers his final message on Colossians, "Serve Christ," during Wednesday's Ignite: Christ in Colossians session. Still utilized the fourth session to unpack practical applications of Colossians for Christians today.



**ABOVE:** FBC Bryan Associate Pastor and Business Manager David Gusewelle discusses finer points of Biblical text with conference speaker Todd Still, Ph.D.

**RIGHT:** FBC Bryan member Harvey McFalls calls the audience to worship on Wednesday evening.

**RIGHT:** Interim Ministry Associate for Adults 55+ Jim Adams greets an FBC Bryan member before Wednesday's session.



**RIGHT and ABOVE:** Conference attendees chat and laugh together before Wednesday's session.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADULT

#### Keeping in Touch Game Day

K.I.T. will meet Fridays, Nov. 7 and 21 in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00-3:00 pm. Bring a guest and a snack for this time of fellowship, fun, and table games.

#### ADULT

#### Brush Arbor

Join us for Brush Arbor at a **NEW TIME** this fall on Sundays at 5:00 pm in Room 136 for a special message and music.

#### ALL-CHURCH

#### Fall Back

Turn your clocks **BACK** by one hour on Saturday, Nov. 1, night, and join us for worship on Sunday morning.

#### MISSIONS / ALL-CHURCH

#### Mozambique Mission

Join us for an interest meeting on Sunday, Nov. 9, at 11:45 am in Room 137, about an opportunity to drill water wells in Africa.

#### ALL WOMEN

#### Women on Mission

Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 11:30 pm, for a message from Missionary Ginger Johnson. Contact Kay at 776-1400 ext. 102 to RSVP for the \$5 lunch. (Mission Action Project: Tract Ministries)



## MINISTRY RECAP

## The Vine embarks on weekend of fellowship, relaxation on Texas coast

FBC Bryan's college ministry, The Vine, traveled to San Leon, Texas, on Friday, Oct. 24, for a weekend retreat on the coast. 17 students spent Texas A&M football's "Bye Week" relaxing and getting to know each other better.

"We had a good balance of having a great, fun time, enjoying one another's company, but also getting to relax and rest our minds—mental rest," said Kali Bridwell, a Texas A&M University senior from Sugarland, Texas.

Bridwell said retreats focused on relaxation and fellowship have a special place in ministry.

"It gives you time to just rest, to rest in God, to rest from the business of life," Bridwell said. "Whether it's fun stuff with friends or serving, that takes a toll on your body, and you're not as in tune with God over time. When you finally get that rest, you're getting to bask in his goodness."

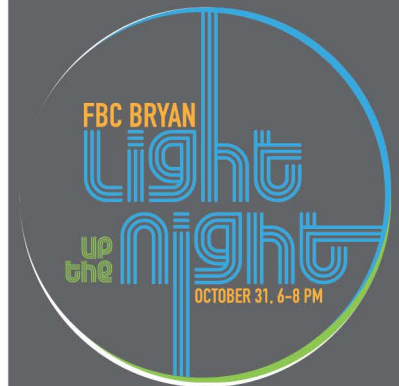
Vine Intern Tyler Boss, TAMU senior from Kaufman, Texas, said a focus on fellowship and connection becomes especially important in college ministry, because of the transient nature of college student demographics.

"There are a lot of students coming in and out [of the college ministry], and making personal connections and friendships between them really helps to strengthen the ministry and build it up for the future," Boss said.

Those connections have created a community of support and refocus for FBC Bryan's university students, said Bridwell, who started her third year with The Vine this fall.

"It's been a constant place of community, accountability—a place where I can go to have a good time but also learn about Jesus and how to live that out," Bridwell said. "It's been a place of learning to be equipped to go out and share Jesus with the world."

# the GRAPE ESCAPE [BYE THE BEACH!]



This is a new name and theme for the Halloween alternative we have offered the community over the past few years, formerly known as Trunk or Treat. Again this year, we will be asking **church members** to help by **serving** at the **Registration Table**, as **Greeters** and **Floater**s, by **hosting a game**, or **donating candy**! Please drop candy donations in the marked boxes, and sign up online to volunteer for the event.

## ALL-CHURCH

### Deacon Nominees

The Deacon Nominee Selection Committee is pleased to announce that the following men are being presented for ordination as Deacons by First Baptist Bryan:

Jonathan Cook, Chad Cox, Mike Downie, George Faulkner, Davey Griffin, Joseph Hill, Bill Moore, Robert Sanderson, Chris Thompson, Nathan Tichenor, Scott Vernon, and David Weir.

These men were nominated by church members, they have been through an interview process and background check and have prayerfully agreed to fulfill the duties of a Deacon. They have presented their testimonies by way of video tape messages and will be present for election in a called business session in both morning services on Nov 2.

A Deacon Ordination is being planned for Sunday evening, Nov. 16, with a second service on Wednesday evening, Nov. 19.

Please be in prayer for these men and for our church during this process.

## PRESCHOOL

### Recruiting VIPs

Are you ready to invest in the lives of the youngest members of our church family? We provide the curriculum, activities and trained assistants - you provide love, time and Biblical teaching to help build the Kingdom. If you feel called to partner with us in preschool, contact Debbie Prince at [debbie@fbcbryan.org](mailto:debbie@fbcbryan.org) or 776-1400 ext. 130 to find out how you can be a VIP.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS / FAMILIES

### ABF Holiday Social

Childcare will be available from 6:00-9:30 pm for parents participating in their ABF's winter social event on Friday, Nov. 21. RSVP at \$5 per child, with a \$20 family maximum.

## FBC KIDS / ALL-CHURCH

### Samaritan's Purse

Boxes are now available for pick-up in the Atrium. See this week's bulletin for details on how to fill your box. Please return filled boxes to the church by, Sunday, Nov. 16.

## ADULT 55+

### Young at Heart

Bill Youngkin, local attorney FBC Bryan member will be the speaker for the Young at Heart Luncheon on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at 11:30 am. Bill has researched local veterans and writes a column about their service for the local newspaper.

## CROSSWALK YOUTH MINISTRY

### Casting Crowns Concert

Mandisa and Sidewalk Prophets will join Casting Crowns at Reed Arena on Friday, Nov. 21, for their Thrive Tour. To join Crosswalk for this incredible night of worship and music, cost will be \$31.50. Watch for the sign-up sheet coming soon!



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of BRYAN

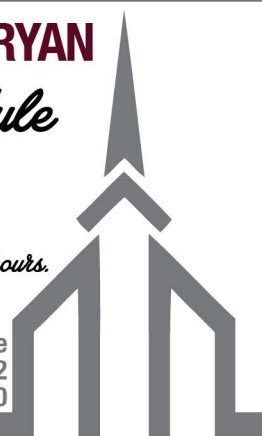
## Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 am CONTEMPORARY SERVICE  
10:30 am TRADITIONAL SERVICE

*Bible Study is available during both Worship hours.*

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## UPCOMING BUSINESS MEETINGS

**Sunday, November 2**

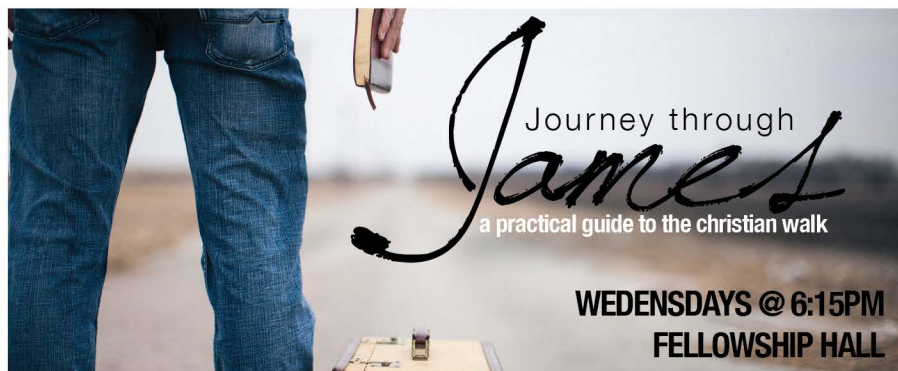
during both morning services, to vote on Deacon candidates

**Sunday, November 23 at 6:00 pm**

to discuss the 2015 Proposed Budget

**Sunday, December 7**

during both morning services, to vote on the 2015 Proposed Budget



## PRAYER UPDATE

- The family of Merrill Kirkpatrick on the death of her mother, Glenda Bond
- The family of Kathy Adams on the death of her brother
- The family of Mary Robertson & Janis Wiman on the death of Mary's great-grandson & Janis' great-nephew, Cole Hamilton
- The family of Hubert Banta on his death
- The family of Ray Criswell on his death
- The family of Jack Threadgill on his death
- The family of Tom & Melinda Hallmark on the death of their grandson, Ethan Hallmark
- The family of Angela Gusewell on the death of her grandmother, Dorothy Moody
- The family of Sheryl Lampo on the death of her father, Robert Smith
- The family of Tom Giesenschlag on the death of his mother Helen Giesenschlag
- The family of Jim White on the death of his mother, Virginia White
- The family of Susie Stephenson on the death of her mother, Shirley Foster
- The family of Joyce Weedon on her death
- The family of Patsy Fletcher on the death of her father-in-law, J.T. Fletcher
- The family of Leslie Jones on the death of her father, Allen Peebles
- The family of Clarence Ellis on his death

## CHURCH RECORDS

OCTOBER 26, 2014

A TIME TO BUILD

Sunday School Enrollment	2155	Contributions	\$2,625.50
Sunday School Attendance	699	Gifts Year-to-Date	\$161,869.14
Budget Required Per Week	\$69,155.58	Loan Balance	\$2,645,255.26
Budget Gifts	\$43,113.23	(as of 08/31/14)	
Budget Req. to Date	\$2,973,689.81		
Budget Gifts to Date	\$2,556,610.99		
Gifts Over/Under Budget	-\$417,078.82		

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