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## SPOTLIGHT



### Women's Ministry

Reneé Brady gives an update on Women's Ministry

### FAMILY MINISTRY

David Booth shares an update about our Family Ministry

### New Members

See who joined our church this month



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HEART OF YOUR HOME**  
FEATURING JOSH STRAUB | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

**ALL-CHURCH**  
**The Heart of Your Home**  
Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 13 for The Heart of Your Home. Parents, grandparents, husbands and wives, everyone is invited to come hear how to have better family relationships.

**COMMITTEE INTEREST SURVEY**

**ALL-CHURCH**  
**Committee Interest Survey**  
We are currently collecting names of potential members for committees next year. If you would like to be considered for a committee, visit our website at [fbcbryan.org/survey](http://fbcbryan.org/survey) to let us know.

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**  
September 27, 5:30-9 pm  
[fbcbryan.org/events](http://fbcbryan.org/events)

**FAMILIES**  
**Parents Night Out**  
On Friday, September 27, take advantage of childcare at the church and enjoy a night out with you and your spouse. Cost is \$10 per child with a \$20 family max. Sign up now at [fbcbryan.org/events](http://fbcbryan.org/events).

Every woman. Every season.  
**FLOURISH**  
First Baptist Bryan Women's Ministry

**WOMEN**  
**Women's Bible Studies**  
This fall, we're offering a variety of daytime Bible studies for women. Come dive into the Word with other ladies in the church and go deeper in your walk. For a full listing of studies, see page 5.

**GROUPLIFE**

STOP BY GUEST RECEPTION TO FIND THE RIGHT CLASS FOR YOU

**ALL-CHURCH**  
**GroupLife**  
We are firm believers in the power of community. If you are not a part of a GroupLife class, we encourage you to stop by the Guest Reception to let one of our pastors find the right fit for you.



**flour-ish** | verb  
*to grow or develop in a healthy or vigorous way, especially as the result of a particularly favorable environment*

I dream of having a garden full of lush greenery and overflowing with fragrant flowers. In this daydream, I look out of the window of my English cottage over my window box with cascading vines at all the beauty in my yard from which I hand cut flowers to place around my house. The reality for me however, is that many plants in my yard and pots have lived a pitiful existence, getting just enough water to bring them back from the brink of death multiple times before they are finally too weak to go on. This is a far cry from my dream and I pray my yard is not a reflection of my spiritual condition. Thankfully, our Heavenly Father and Creator God is a much better Gardener than I am!

The Bible is full of passages, many spoken directly from Jesus, relating the believer's life of faith to that of the growth of plants. For someone who is in obvious lack of a "green thumb," I am strangely drawn to life and hope these passages point toward. As we look at Scriptures like John 15, we see the importance of being connected to the True Vine. While there may be seasons of fruitfulness and seasons of pruning, what remains true in either circumstance is the absolute necessity of remaining connected to the Source of Life,

Jesus. As Jesus declares in John 15: 5, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing" (ESV). We simply cannot flourish apart from Him.

As I dream and pray for the women of our church, my desire for each one of them is that they would flourish. I pray that women would have a healthy, thriving (not barely surviving), relationships with Jesus that are evident in the spiritual fruit produced in their lives. I believe that through the opportunities women have to gather together to study God's Word, to pray and share their joys and struggles, we can create an environment that allows women to thrive and deepen their relationship to the True Vine.

While the marketing and communication of Women's Ministry in our church may be "new," I am thankful that there have been groups meeting for quite some time to study God's Word together, to lift their hearts in prayer, and to serve others throughout the community in the name and love of Christ. Below are several opportunities available to women in our church and community to come together to create environments where women can flourish.

**BIBLE STUDIES**

Please sign up at [fbcbryan.org/women](http://fbcbryan.org/women)

**We Saved You a Seat by Lisa Jo Baker**  
*7 Practical Ways To Find And Keep Lasting Friendships*  
 Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 AM | Led by Laura Siegel  
 Preview Sept. 10, Starts Sept. 17  
 Childcare available with registration

**Quiet Time by Janet Curry**  
*A practical guide to cultivating a rich, abiding personal relationship with Christ.*  
 Wednesdays, 6-7:30 PM | Led by Jan Curry  
 This study runs on the Midweek schedule beginning Aug. 21-Dec. 11

**Hebrews: The Nearness of King Jesus by Lisa Harper**  
*Engaging and treasuring the book of Hebrews to draw near to the approachable Savior.*  
 Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 AM | Led by Annette Prince  
 Preview Sept. 12, Starts Sept. 19

**Seamless by Angie Smith**  
*Understanding the Bible as one complete story.*  
 Thursdays, 12:30-2:00 PM | Led by Cheryl Jackson  
 Preview Sept. 12, Starts Sept. 19

**MISSIONS & SERVICE**

**Women on Mission (WMU)**  
*A relational way for women to grow in Christ and answer His call to make disciples.*  
 4th Tuesday of the Month at 11:30 AM  
 Led by Marvella Thompson  
 \*Childcare available with registration, Cost of Lunch is \$5. RSVP to [marcia@fbcbryan.org](mailto:marcia@fbcbryan.org)

**Discovery**  
*A ministry to international women & their children.*  
 Wednesdays 9-11:30 AM at First Baptist College Station  
 Contact Melinda Hallmark at 979-828-3721 or visit [www.discoveryprogram.us](http://www.discoveryprogram.us) for details

**MOTHERHOOD**

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)**  
*A community of women supporting one another through the early years of motherhood.*  
 Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 AM  
 Contact [patsy@fbcbryan.org](mailto:patsy@fbcbryan.org) for inquiries & registration

**Moms in Prayer International**  
*Impacting children and schools for Christ by gathering mothers in prayer.*  
 Multiple Times, Locations & Languages  
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**NEW MEMBERS**



**Terry Hammond & Anna Nava**



**Jim & Glenda Johnston**



**Lamar Groce**



**Connor Simank**



**Andrea Ayala**



**Melissa Thane**



**John & D'Layne Fargason**



**William Whitley**



**Jocelin Sabine**



**Adam, Rose, Austin, Serenity & Starlene Delancy**



**Maria Pedraza**



**Gerardo Pedraza**

**Not Pictured:** Kimberly Rice

# FAMILY MINISTRY

## UPDATE FROM DAVID BOOTH

### **What on earth is “Families Ministry” at First Baptist Bryan?**

It’s a fair question. Not many churches have a Families Pastor or Ministry, and those that do vary wildly in what that actually looks like. When you say, “youth ministry,” everyone pretty much knows what you’re talking about. Not so with family ministry.

At First Baptist Bryan, Families Ministry refers to programming for married couples under 60 years old. Programming includes the adult discipleship programming of Group Life and Accountability, as well as specific programming designed to build marriages, equip parents, and encourage family discipleship. The goal of our families ministry is to encourage & equip families to make Jesus their all and share Him with all.

### **What’s the key to family ministry that makes a difference?**

The most effective thing moms or dads can do to produce lifelong love for Jesus and others in their kids is not academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, social acceptance, athletic success, or even church attendance. The key to effective family ministry is moms and dads continuing to grow in their relationship with Jesus and His Lordship in every area of life. At First Baptist Bryan, we emphasize three essential contexts for couples or parents to experience balanced and continued growth in Christ: Worship, Group Life, and Accountability. Out of that growth in Christ will come the desire,

willingness and equipping necessary to be spiritually responsible for those in their homes.

Second only to each parent’s relationship with Jesus, is the importance of a stable and maturing marriage relationship in the home. The main marriage event for the Fall of 2019 will take place on Sunday, October 13th during both morning services and during two evening workshops. The event is called The Heart of Your Home, featuring noted author & speaker, Dr. Josh Straub, who has made significant contributions to building up healthy kingdom marriages and families. This main event is unique in that the content addresses all family relationships, making it a can’t-miss event for anyone who is married, has extended family, or has children or grandchildren. Dr. Straub will be challenging and equipping couples, parents, and grandparents with practical tools for building emotionally and spiritually healthy marriage and parenting relationships.

In addition to the fall main event, couples are given opportunity to invest deeply into their marriages every spring semester. A marriage building program called Re|Engage provides a mentor-based ministry for couples to give focused, concentrated attention on their marriage relationship. Re|Engage meets during Midweek programming.

### **How do parents get equipped for their calling as disciplers at home?**

Parents are regularly encouraged to participate

in a variety of church initiatives designed to equip them to fulfill their parent calling. During Midweek programming every fall, parents are encouraged to attend EPIC for Parents. EPIC stands for encouraging and equipping parents in Christ. Parents in EPIC learn what the Bible says about parenting and how to apply that to the real-world challenges of family life. This semester, EPIC 2.0 will help parents build a biblical game-plan for disciplining kids that not only works, but that also advances God’s agenda for the home.

Finally, our Families Pastor, Dr. David Booth, will be leading the Parents of Preschoolers & Kids Group Life classes through the “Jesus@Home Seminar” on October 26, Sunday, 10am. The seminar will highlight God’s plan for family discipleship and key resources for parents to pursue this plan with intentionality. The Jesus@Home Seminar will be offered at least twice a year and is a pre-requisite for parents wanting to participate in Family Dedication. This Fall, Family Dedication will take place on November 10th in both services.

In the spring semester, another parenting “main event” will feature a livestream event led by Dr. Paul Tripp entitled Foundations of a Godly Home.

### **What resources are available to help parents become intentional about family discipleship?**

A subscription resource called 22:6 Parenting,

developed by Dr. Josh & Christi Straub, is made available at no cost to church families. It encourages and resources parents to develop biblical rhythms of family life that will lead kids to put Jesus first with their hearts and lives.

Dedication families receive a Seeds Family Resource Box full of other family discipleship resources, including audio and video resources from Seeds Family Worship, read-along books and Bibles, and family discipleship encouragement for mom or dad.

Also, members of First Baptist Bryan have access to RightNow’s full on-demand video library, which includes children & family videos, as well as videos produced to strengthen marriage and parenting.

All family discipleship resources can be requested via email to [families@fbcbryan.org](mailto:families@fbcbryan.org).

### **Get connected. Get equipped. Get resourced. And get after it!**

I hope that gives you a basic and helpful understanding of what the Families Ministry at First Baptist Bryan is all about, and our commitment to build marriages, equip parents and encourage family discipleship. You can stay current with the Families Ministry at First Baptist Bryan by visiting [fbcbryan.org/families](http://fbcbryan.org/families), but to truly benefit from it, you need to get intentional about your own growth and take advantage of programming and resources designed to grow your family to make Jesus their all and share Him with all.

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## THE RECORD SPEAKS (7/31/2019)

Actual Income – July.....	\$280,948.92
Actual Expenses – July.....	\$292,248.78
Actual Income – Jan-July.....	\$2,419,530.50
Actual Expenses – Jan-July.....	\$2,227,969.75
Building Fund Balance – July 31.....	\$50,103.71