FROM THE DIRECTOR

Stop! Yes, I said stop! Now, inhale deeply, hold for 5 seconds, and exhale. Inhale again, holding for 5 seconds, and exhale. Now, what was so important that you had to skip those first sentences instead of taking the time to actually do them? I’m not trying to control your life. But someone else is. And he does a pretty good job of keeping us too busy and worried about things of lesser importance, so that we are distracted from the main thing, especially this time of year. I remember hearing about a woman who was so harried about all of her Christmas preparations that she said in exasperation, “Whoever started all of this should have been executed!” To which, her friend said simply, “He was.”

I just wanted to encourage everyone not to just maintain, but really strive to expand their relationships with Jesus and with others this Christmas. Here’s a really good scripture verse that you have probably never associated with this season, but fits it perfectly: Luke 6:38: “Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.” (NASB). Don’t forget the emphasis is on the first word. Do that to the Lord and to those around you, and regardless of what happens to you this season, you will experience true joy and peace. I guarantee it. Oh, and share this message with someone else who needs to hear it, that is probably too busy to read this newsletter!

- Dr. Gary Fitsimmons

END OF SEMESTER REMINDERS

Attention Seniors:
Will you be working on your senior thesis next semester? Visit Mrs. Vonnie Johnson behind the library front desk before the semester ends to reserve a locking study carrel for your research and writing. Or you can make contact by email at vonnie.johnson@bryan.edu.

Attention December Graduates:
Don’t forget to login to your RightNow Media account and change your email address from your Bryan address to your personal address in order to still have access after graduating.

Also, don’t forget to return any library books you have checked out!

DATABASE SPOTLIGHT

The "Netflix of Video Bible Studies"
RightNow Media is a huge library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV. RightNow Media has videos for everyone—kids, youth, parents, married couples, college students, single adults, working professionals—all aimed at helping you grow.

To create an account, click this link or scan the QR code to access the invitation.

https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/BryanCollege

HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY THIS MONTH

Season’s Readings! Share what you are reading this Christmas season on the Season’s Readings wall in the library atrium!

Finals Week Hours, December 10th-14th --
Monday-Wednesday 7:45am-Midnight
Thursday 7:45am-7pm
Friday 7:45am-5pm
Saturday-Sunday CLOSED

Christmas Break, December 22nd-January 1st -- The library will close at 5pm on December 21st and reopen at 8am on January 2nd. Until classes begin again on January 9th, the library will only be open Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm and closed on weekends.

REGULAR SEMESTER HOURS

Sun 6pm - Midnight
M - Th 7:45am - Midnight
Fri 7:45am - 5pm
Sat 1pm - 5pm

THE STUDY GRIND
is open from 8pm - 11pm
Monday through Thursday.

THE LIBRARY STAFF WISHES YOU A

Merry Christmas! & Happy New Year