

...Water and Landscaping

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Cunningham outlined landscaping aspects homeowners should use in order to decrease the need for water. They include rainwater harvesting or greywater harvesting, native or adapted plants, pervious paving, edible landscaping, rain gardens, drip/efficient irrigation and reduced lawn area.

“Build landscapes as resilient as possible to drought, and we will be better off when those droughts do come,” Cunningham said.

Some other tips he offered includes:

Create healthy vibrant water-efficient landscapes without sacrificing aesthetics.

Water only when needed.

Water deeply to promote deep and healthy roots. Frequent watering does not encourage deep root growth.

Water slowly for better absorption. Use drip wherever possible and the “cycle and soak” method.

Maintain 2-4 inches of mulch in flower, ground cover, garden and shrub areas to hold the water for a longer period of time.

Design for efficiency.

Install irrigation systems for efficient use per state and local specifications.

Water without creating runoff. “The concrete is growing fast enough already. It doesn’t need to be watered.”

Check irrigation systems monthly and make repairs and adjustments when needed.

For more information, including tips and ideas for landscaping conservation, visit Wateruniversity.tamu.edu.

Finish the Race

[Editor’s Note: The following is the twelfth in a series of articles submitted by Brandon Broadbent.]

Imagine if you were injured bad, the bleeding out kind of bad. You get into the truck, you’re feeling faint. You have pressure on the wound and are heading to the emergency room. You know if you stop or give up you’re going to die. Would you be concerned about the people standing on the side of the road? Maybe they don’t like you. Maybe they talk about you all the time. Would it matter? There could be someone trying to block the road. Would that stop you? What if they were telling you all you need is an aspirin? Would you listen? No, you wouldn’t. There would be nothing that

would slow you down or stop you!

Jesus is the only thing that will save you from hell. Jesus is the only thing that can bring you the thing you need most. That is Himself. In our walk there are always distractions. Jesus says to forgive and go on. Just like the people beside the road if you are truly focused on Jesus it is not that hard to realize they are not the end goal. Things other than Jesus get offered to us all the

time but it won’t work. Jesus is the only cure.

Now what if it was someone else bleeding out? Would you help? Or be that someone on the side offering aspirin? Would you drive them and ignore everyone else telling you don’t worry about them? Who are you today?

Hebrews 12:2 *“looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the*

cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Keep your eyes on Jesus. Do not lose yourself in the distractions.

2 Timothy 4:7 *“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”*

Finish the race. There is eternity waiting. You will live have eternal life, you get to choose where you will spend it. Choose Jesus.

Love y’all. Tell someone what Jesus did in your life.

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Election Day

Saturday, May 5, 2018

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(Commissioner, Precinct 2)

Early Voting

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Election Day

Tuesday, May 22, 2018