

The Witness

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Newsletter

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A Life Well Lived

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing." (2 Timothy 4:7-8, ESV)

Funerals are times that remind me of the frailty of life. Sometimes they are sad, with reminders of how life can be squandered and wasted. Sometimes they seem incomplete, a young person who dies in the very beginning of life. Sometimes they are depressing, from a sense of life lived without hope. But then there are times when life has been lived completely and to the full, invested in the eternal, producing abundant harvest in this life and the life to come. What a difference to attend a funeral when a life has overflowed with faithfulness to the Lord!

This latter situation was the experience I felt at Maylene Johnson's funeral. Truly it was a celebration of life. What a faithful lady! A lady of the Word, privately and publicly. A lady known for godly wisdom and an unshakable dedication to what was right and what was honoring to God. A lady who unflinchingly stood for and held others accountable to the truth. A lady investing her life in ministry until the very end. A lady respect-

ed and honored. A lady who reproduced in her children her own faithfulness. Children who gave themselves selflessly to reinvest in their needy mother at the end as she had invested in them. She was truly a Proverbs 31 type woman with a Paul type of life.

Working with all ages of people, you wish the younger ones would have greater wisdom about spending their time. You wish the midlife people would not get so overwhelmed with the daily urgent responsibilities that they omit the essential, eternal items. You wish the older ones would have some of the drive and positivism of youth to avoid sitting on the sidelines retiring from ministry. Life has an expiration date. There are only so many grains of sand in our hourglass. They descend. They pass. And then they are gone. How were they invested? Often too late is this even considered.

Let us make the most of every day. Let us use our time to invest in people. Let us make the Lord preeminent in everything we do. Let us make ministry a priority. And let us finish well. Not a flash in the pan. Not a sprint. But a marathon. Persevering in the face of opposition and weariness. Let us live every day of life like it mattered for eternity. Because it does.

Pastor Danny

May Outreach

Have you ever heard someone play a saw? And dozens of other 'real' instruments? And also preach? Well, he's coming this summer to FBC! Watch for the announcement soon.

May is always hectic. Lots of kid's stuff now and into the summer. End of school. Graduation. All leading into VBS and camps. Key dates: May 19, Graduation Sunday AM / Baccalaureate PM. May 25, High School graduation. June 3-7, VBS. And later in the summer: July 8-12, Youth Camp. July 13-16 Children's Camp.

In addition, there are other good things for adults as well. May 2, Cottage Prayer Meeting at Parkers. May 4, Men's Breakfast. May 5, Gideons in the morning service. May 9, Senior Adult Rally at Lakeview. May 14, RBA Semiannual Meeting.

And how can we not also shout out about the numbers of folks that have been saved recently? Since the last week in March, 11 kids/youth/adults have been saved. A few each week. Mostly self initiated. The Lord is at work. Four have been baptized with the potential for several others in the coming weeks. Praise the Lord,

We invite you to be part of what the Lord is doing.

Pastor Danny

Authentic Youth April/May Update

April has been a great month in youth! We were blessed with great support for our first hotdog fundraiser. We are well on our way to being fully funded for the year. I cannot express enough how appreciative I am to be a part of a church who is so passionate about supporting the student ministry!

Coming up in May, we have a very busy month ahead. First, we have a service project, where we will be able to put together "In God We Trust" plaques for the school. That same week, we will have our second hotdog fundraiser on May 11th. Please help these students reach their financial goals and pay off their camp balances.

On May 19th, we will be celebrating our graduating seniors: Ethan, Garrett, and Ozzy during graduation Sunday! Mark your calendars and come out to support these young men. That same day, we will be hosting Yantis ISD's Baccalaureate, celebrating the entire senior class.

Finally, I want to highlight the upcoming Cottage Prayer meetings. The focus will continue to be on the children and youth who come on Wednesday night. Over this past year, it is so obvious that PRAYER WORKS! Children are having conversations regarding salvation weekly. WE have had a number of our students saved and baptized, and that's all because God is working. Please keep us in your prayers and come to the meetings. You can be a part of what God is doing in these young people's lives!!

Thank you,
Dennis Wagner

FBCY Sr Adult Cooking Video

The FBCY Cooking video on 18 April was cancelled due to Pat Couch being unable to present the video due to a personal health issue.

The next Cooking Video will be Thursday May 16th in the Fellowship Hall.

Be sure and watch on our new Facebook page Facebook/fbcy1870 or You Tube or come be part of the audience and enjoy samples of all the tasty goodies!

Upcoming Sr Adult Events

Mark your calendars for May 09th for the Spring Senior Adult Rally at Lake view Baptist Camp in Lonestar. The speaker for the event will be Jeremy Randolph (DOM, Harmony-Pittsburg) and Worship will be led by a young man, Miles Pike, who is a true blessing. Don't forget Mother's Day is May 12th!!

Music Ministry

Update on our Piano player, Sherri Jackson. She will have her right hip replacement surgery on May 21st. Please continue to pray for Sherri's healing!

We want to thank the ladies who have been filling in while Sherri is out. Pat Brown has been fantastic with her outstanding playing. Also, I want to thank Janice Parker for her help when needed.

I appreciate all these ladies stepping up when needed, sometimes at the last minute.

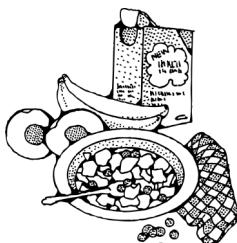
The Praise Band has been awesome to fill the gaps when needed. I thank all the musicians and singers for their dedication and faithfulness!

Thanks
Bro Steve

**Annie Armstrong
Collected this
Year: \$1,803.00**

At-A-Glance:

March's Gifts: \$23,007.⁰⁰
2024 Gifts : \$64,409.⁰⁰
2024 Budget: \$287,870.⁰⁰



Men's Breakfast takes place quarterly. Next meeting will be May 4th at 8am.

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