

The Witness

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Newsletter

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Weird Guys? Or not?

I have known some pretty weird guys in my time, but none as weird as one particular group of guys. These guys took a long trip at Christmas interfering with family-planned events (wives were steamed I bet). Now they weren't much in the way of real men, as they had to stop and ask for directions (number one thing that men just don't do), didn't bring a GPS (probably just as well), and would have easily gotten lost except someone kept pointing out the right way (light kept getting in their eyes while on the road). They were real naïve about people (They got involved with some really bad folks along the way. They thought everyone thought like they did.). They finally arrived at the party, but they were really, really late (maybe as late as two years). Everyone else had gone home long ago. Then they tried to make up for their tardiness by giving some outrageously expensive gifts to the families' kid (there goes the Visa card) and saying some really nice things about him (how could some little kid appreciate flattery anyway?). These guys actually fell down and got their expensive clothes all dirty (they really took playing with a kid a little too far don't you think?). And people call these guys Wise Men? It makes for a nice kids' story, but I am sure that we would not have done what they did. We are much wiser than them!

In fact, they put vast resources of time, money, and energy into a journey that was risky and uncertain. They had to depend upon faith

in God to supernaturally show the way and lead them. They certainly came across criminals, religious hypocrites, and jealous leaders who sought to harm them and attempted to thwart their progress. They didn't even know the name of the person or family they sought, knowing only that the person had come into the world sometime in the previous two years. They spent vast amounts on gifts to honor this person they sought. They clearly were dedicated and focused. This journey was more important than anything else in their lives.

And their ultimate goal was merely to find and worship some little toddler that would become King of the Jews. Savior of the world. God among us. Wonderful Counselor. Everlasting Father. Mighty God. Prince of Peace. The Way. The Truth. The Life. The Bread of Life. The Great Shepherd. The Everlasting Water. The Lion of Judah. The Lamb of God. The Appeaser of the wrath of God for sin. The Guilt Sacrifice. The Redeemer of all mankind. The One who will someday recreate and set the world right. The future Judge of the world. The One who will be given the Name above every name. The One before whom every knee will bow. The Son of God. The Lord of lords. The King of kings.

You know, maybe they were wise men. Perhaps we should be wise men, too. Perhaps we should seek Him above anything and everything in life. Seek Him and wor-

ship Him. He is the one who died on the cross so that we might have life if we trust in Him. Yeah! I think those guys were pretty wise after all. We can be too. Let's follow and worship that same Savior during this Christmas season.

Pastor Danny

December Outreach

Christmas is upon us.

You may have already eaten the church Christmas dinner by the time you read this (Saturday, December 2). It's always such a great time to eat together to celebrate the birth of Christ together.

Upcoming is the CPR class on Saturday, December 9 at 10:00 in the Family Life Center. The local fire department folks will be providing emergency training that might help us save a life. Sign up if you plan to attend. It is open for up to 20 folks. Only 13 have signed up as I write this. It is free of charge.

Make plans for the Christmas Eve candle light service (Sunday, December 24). Bring someone with you for this special time.

FYI. The church packed 108 shoe boxes this year. This is the most we have done since I have been here. Kids around the world say "thank you."

Reminder: Business meeting after the AM service on December 10.

Pastor Danny

Music Newsletter

Sunday November 12th, the Pie & Praise Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall was absolutely fantastic! Started out with testimonies then PIES....Oh my at the Pies! Everyone had such a sugar high it sounded like a bunch of teenagers by the end of the night. Then we sang songs, by request, out of the hymnal. We also had a beautiful Patriotic piano special by Mrs. Betty Caudle! What a Great time was had by all.

We will start looking at Christmas songs this month to get ready for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This service will be at 6:00 PM on Sunday Night December 24th this year, which will be very special. During the month of December we will be doing Christmas specials each Sunday.

FBCY Cooking Video

The FBCY Cooking video on November 16th saw Edith McLendon (Pumpkin Crunch), Quata Eaves (Cheese Ball), Pat Couch (Debra Erwin's Mexican Dip) and Jeanetta Watson (Spiced Apple Cider and a Fruit Dip) showcasing some wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas recipes. We even heard a recipe for Elephant Stew from Jeanetta! Everyone attending really enjoyed the lunch after the video with Taco soup provided by Debbie Head and the desserts, cheese ball and dips from the folks in the video.

The next Cooking Video will be Thursday December 7th in the Fellowship Hall. There will be several featured cooks featuring more Christmas Treats. 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!

Thanks
Bro Steve

Youth Ministry

As we're entering December, there are a lot of things we're excited for upcoming in youth. First, we're transitioning from our series on the Sermon on the Mount and turning our attention to Christmas. We have a short series on the good news of the Christmas story and a party coming up.

In addition, we're excited to announce that we're planning a winter lock-in, that will serve as a shorter D-Now. With it, there will be a clear evangelistic theme, along with a bunch of fun things for the students to enjoy.

Please partner with us in prayer in a few different areas. First, our students are starting up their winter basketball season. They also are entering testing time, which means it is a busy and stressful time for all of them. Additionally, please pray for our upcoming lock-in. We are expectant that God can work mightily through this event and give us momentum entering into the new year! Pray that God can remove distractions that hinder the gospel, and that He will give all of us leaders wisdom and discernment.

-Dennis Wagner



We're excited to report that we collected over 100 boxes together!



At-A-Glance:

October's Gifts: \$24,886.⁰⁰
2023 Gifts So Far: \$217,150.⁶⁸
2023 Budget: \$279,287.⁰⁰

Connect with FBC Yantis Online

A new Facebook page has been created for the church. Our previous page will be retired, so be sure to follow the new page for the latest updates from FBC Yantis. The new page is a proper business account, rather than a regular user profile. This new account will allow us to take advantage of additional features.



Go to facebook.com/FBCY1870 to follow our new page.

We also have a YouTube channel. We publish our weekly worship services and our monthly cooking videos there!

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/@FBCYantis> to subscribe!

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