

# The Witness

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## A Red Phone for the War

I remember growing up - all the talk about the Red Phone. The one that connected the US President with the USSR Premier. If sudden crisis arose, one or the other could pick up the line and immediately contact the other leader. The intent was to prevent inadvertent nuclear war. Immediate access. Powerful responders. Crisis prevention. Safety the goal.

I also remember the old war movies. The platoon in enemy territory, lost and needing guidance trying to get home or on mission and needing urgent reinforcements. It seems the radio always acted up, and only at the last minute was communication reestablished—help just in time.

Do you ever wish you had that ability, that power, to connect with headquarters and get immediate help? ...You do have it! It's called prayer.

Prayer is the direct line to the Guy. We are in spiritual warfare and are ourselves inadequate. But He isn't. His side of the line is open and ready to hear and act. It's our side that is the problem.

Difficult days of depression? Call for help. A broken heart for those around us who are struggling? Grab the Red Line. A church that needs revival? Just ask. A desire

to be a vibrant community of believers where lives change regularly? Pick up the mic.

Could we be a growing and prospering church, reaching all ages, a lighthouse in the community for Christ, a place for people to come to be impacted spiritually? Yes, we could. Job's too big for us, but not for the Guy on the hotline. Could we see people saved and baptized often? Yes! Can we see families and kids engage in a real way? Yes! Yes! But only if we engage the One who can do it, the One who invites us to give Him a call.

By the time you read this, January will be over and perhaps the Friend and Family Day will be past us. As I write this, I look with anticipation at what the Lord will do on that day and the rest of February. We have invested in prayer. Let's see Him work. Let's keep talking to Him about it.

Let's get even more serious in the days ahead. It's a war out there. But our Commander-in-Chief invites us to engage Him in the task. Let's move forward with faith and expectation. Let's ask big things for this ministry.

Pastor Danny



## February Outreach

February starts off with a bang! Then let's get to planning.

By the time you read this Friend and Family Day and Men's Breakfast will likely be over. The rest of the month will be a time to take a breath as we finalize the rest of 2024 plans. The calendar is beginning to be populated. Unusual things like the Saw Guy will be here later this year – this will be a first! Of course we are planning a lot of the regular activities as well. We will provide an initial list of proposed events with dates shortly.

Youth activities in February will continue to be in full swing in February with a Super Bowl Party and a Youth Weekend at Lavon Encampment. Lots of good things are happening with them.

As always, if you have ideas, let one of the staff or Outreach Team know. Let's make 2024 a time of growth and renewal.

Pastor Danny

**Total Lottie  
Moon Giving  
for 2023/2024:  
1,680.<sup>02</sup>**

## “Authentic Youth Journal”— February

January has been an exciting month in our youth ministry. We were able to kick off the year big with a lock-in. We had a great turnout, with twenty-seven students attending. Our worship was led by a very talented youth band from Central Baptist, while Dalton boldly preached the gospel. Throughout, we had plenty of fun activities with the goal of building relationships with our students. While it was a blast, the highlight of the night was that eleven students made a profession of faith. This is a huge encouragement and answer to prayer for our youth ministry. We hope to build momentum from this and lead these students through the next steps of their newly found faith, starting with baptism.

January was also a month marked by prayer and connections with the families of our Wednesday night children and youth. I appreciate everyone’s prayers over the month, as well as those who made a connection with a family. This will all culminate on February 4th, as we look forward to our Friends and Family Day. The hope is that we can reach the parents of the children and teens in our ministries. Additionally, we look forward and pray that these newly saved teens will follow through with baptism on this day.

In February, we also look forward to Youth Weekend on the 16th-18th. This event will be awesome and focused on evangelism and discipleship. It will be a great opportunity to continue to grow relationships with our students and help them to engage with the gospel even further. Please pray that God will use this weekend for His

glory and to draw our students to Him!

Finally, let’s talk about summer camp. Last year, we were overwhelmed with your support, as we took fifteen students to camp. We’re finishing up details now for this upcoming summer. Along with it, we will be planning to have a monthly fundraiser. If you feel led, we would appreciate any support, as we take our students to where they will be immersed in the Word of God and in fellowship with believers. Above all, we covet your prayers and trust that God will provide and lead those students to go that He chooses to.

Thank y’all for all the support that you have given our ministry.

- Dennis Wagner

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### **At-A-Glance:**

December’s Gifts: \$23,753.<sup>00</sup>  
2023 Gifts : \$260,681.<sup>68</sup>  
2023 Budget: \$279,287.<sup>00</sup>  
2024 Budget: \$287,870.<sup>00</sup>

### **FBCY Sr Adult Cooking Video**

The FBCY Cooking video on January 18th was great!! Lu Ann Gammill shared her recipe for Breakfast Pizza, which was fantastic. She shared how good they are to freeze and have for quick breakfasts. She also showed her recipe for Homemade Cake Release which can be used instead of cooking spray. Pat Couch Showed her recipe for 7 Up Biscuits.

The next Cooking Video will be Thursday, February 15th in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be several featured cooks sharing recipes for the new year. Be sure and watch on our new Facebook page Facebook.com/fbcy1870 or on 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 19th for the Spring Senior Adult Rally at Lake view Baptist Camp in Lonestar. The speaker and entertainment will be announced as soon as available.

• A Community Health Fair will take place on Thursday, June 13th in the Fellowship Hall. Many of the participants from last year will be back, along with some new participants and events.

• A Sr Adult Cookout will take place in April. Date will be announced next month.

Thanks  
Bro Steve