

The Witness

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Newsletter

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A Summer of Harvesting through Prayer

Summer is often viewed as a time of disengagement. A time to just enjoy oneself. Do less. Stop stuff. And that can be true of Christians as well. Let's stop ministry. Let's stop reaching out. Let's make life about us and coast for a few months. Is that what Christ desires?

People are still lost. People are still dying. Christ may come tomorrow so there is an urgency to the task.

This summer I would like us to consider being intentional about reaching people. That begins with prayer (and continues with prayer as well – this is a supernatural task). I would like each of us to develop a list of people we know who need Christ. Let's start with "ONE". But then let's not be limited to one. Pray about who the Lord will put on your heart to pray for them and to intentionally reach out to them this summer.

Once you develop the list, list the names on a card that we will provide, and place it in the box that will be available. From these names, we will develop a prayer list for those who need Christ. Then some of us will dedicate ourselves to pray with you over these names. A time and place will be announced if you would like to join us in collective prayer for these names. Let us pray together

and see what the Lord might do.

All revivals began with prayer. If we began to pray specifically, do you think the Lord would bring revival into our place, into our town, transforming lives of people we know and care about? Let's get serious about the harvest. It begins with prayer. I invite you to engage.

Pastor Danny

From the Youth Pastor

As our Wednesday night Authentic Youth Ministry has ended, it's a good time to reflect on this past semester. I had several goals this semester. First, I wanted to begin to build relationships and trust with our students. Second, I wanted to experiment with different ways to structure our program. Finally, I wanted to be able to share the Gospel as often as possible. Thanks to God's goodness and grace, as well as the help of our awesome youth leaders: Wayne and Christine Miles, Keith Teague, Marilee Mott, Stephanie Roop, and Samantha Wagner.

Be on the lookout for our summer programs as well. We have two fundraisers planned for this upcoming month, a dinner and dessert auction on

June 4th after church and a carwash on Saturday, June 17th at 9 am. In addition, I will be giving out a prayer guide regarding camp soon.

Thank y'all and I appreciate your prayers and support!
Dennis Wagner

Summer Outreach — Intensive Ministry Ahead

Summer brings new opportunities for ministry. Intense days. Vacation Bible School. Summer Camps. Special events.

Consider engaging in ministry this summer. Have you ever been to camp? What a great time to 'wear yourself out' in ministry! And have an eternal impact on kids. Vacation Bible School is a different option (more manageable). But again, what an impact on kids. What about helping with the potential new Single Parents Ministry? Ask a ministry leader (Youth, Children, Senior Adults, Single Parent) how you could help. There are always needs for helpers. Try it. Maybe you'll like it.

There will be lots of fellowship times with fun and food. Even the Business Meeting will include an ice cream fellowship. Plan to do ministry. Stay engaged this summer.

Pastor Danny

Children's News

Jesus Kids are taking their summer vacation, but we will be back in the fall, ready to go! This is a great ministry to get involved in, and volunteers are always welcome.

VBS is Coming Soon! June 19-23, 2-5 p.m.! The KICKOFF will be Sunday afternoon, June 18, from 4-6 p.m. Preregistration is available online at fbcyant.com, or at the kickoff on June 18.

CHILDREN'S CAMP IS COMING!

JULY 15-18. See Kathy Freeman for more information.



NEWS FOR YOUTHS

Youth Camp will be July 10th thru 14th.

Sunday, June 4 — potato bar (served by youth), followed by our famous dessert auction, to raise money to help the youth going to camp.

Saturday, June 17
A carwash/camp fundraiser is happening. Save that dirty vehicle for this day, and please consider a generous donation to the camp fund.



At A Glance

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| April's Gifts: | \$22,727. ¹⁸ |
| 2023 Gifts So Far: | \$77,677. ⁶⁸ |
| 2023 Budget: | \$279,287. ⁰⁰ |

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Women's Ministry

Our "Plus One Ladies Luncheon" was wonderful! Thank you to Pat Couch, Marty Smith, and Stephanie Roop for all you did. Special thanks to Vonnice DeFreese for heading it all up, and making sure everything was covered. Karen Libs was our speaker, and did a great job. Be watching for information on our next fellowship! All ladies are welcome!

For Him,
Janice Parker

June 2023 Senior Adult Ministry

We had a great time at the Lakeview Senior Adult Rally. We had 10 who went with us. Great music, great speaker, and also great food. Everyone had a good time.

- Add October 5th on your calendar for the fall Senior Adult Rally. We will have more info as it comes available.
- We are hoping to go to the Mineola Cross County Line singing on Saturday, June 17. We will take the church van if enough folks sign up to go. I will have a sign-up sheet outside my office.
- Keep looking for additional Senior Adult info in our weekly church bulletin.

God Bless
Bro Steve