

# THE WITNESS

First Baptist Church of Yantis Newsletter

April 2026

## What is my legacy?

Losing those who are important to us has an impact. And in the midst of grief and pain, it is also a time to rejoice and reflect.

The grief and pain is normal. It is human. The more we care about people, the harder it is to lose them from our current life. Even Jesus recognized the pain of loss of death as He attended His friend's funeral. He felt the pain of those around Him. He recognized the sorrow that death brings even for the Christian.

However, a larger perspective must also exist. This current life is a sliver in eternity. For the Christian, the brokenness of the now will soon be replaced with the glory of forever. The pain and suffering of illness will result in true healing in heaven. The struggles in this life yields reward in the next. Truly for the person transitioning into heaven, it is a good thing. To be with Christ is better. This is the foundation for our rejoicing.

But perhaps the most valuable reflection for our current lives is to evaluate our own legacy. As we remember the one who has died, we remember their lives. Almost invariably a lot of good things can be said about anyone. The Lord made us in His image, and some of that spills out as we live our lives. All people have the capability to love, to give, and to provide. These are good memories. These are good legacies to leave.

But for some the vast amount of their lives modeled Christ. Their actions of faithfulness, graciousness, appreciation, helpfulness, and on and on, made them shine in this lost world. Actions that were spawned from who they became. Fruit that almost naturally (supernaturally) occurred because they were intentionally connected to the True Vine. A lifetime of fruitfulness. A legacy that pointed beyond themselves. This is the legacy we need to desire.

These well-lived lives should cause us to reflect. What will people say about us when we die? What legacy will we leave? Have we been faithful? Does our life show a graciousness that reflects the grace of Christ? When people see us do they see evidence of Christ?

It is not too late to modify our legacy. Let us reflect on our lives. Perhaps we could ask others to evaluate our lives. For sure we can ask Christ to reveal the areas that need work. The Christian life is a process. He seeks to change us little by little each day and, He will if we yield to Him. The result will be a legacy that He would be proud of.

Let us finish well. May we seek to be more like Him every day. May we leave a legacy that points beyond ourselves. A legacy that points people to Christ.

## Pastor Danny

### Youth Ministry update— April

We are incredibly thankful for our church family and the way you continually support and invest in our students. They are an important and active part of the church today.

This past Sunday, during our dinner and dessert auction, we saw the Lord provide in a powerful and encouraging way. Through your generosity, we were able to raise over \$4,000 for our Student Ministry camp fund. What a blessing.

We want to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who played a part in making this event such a success. Thank you to those who baked and brought desserts, those who joyfully placed bids, those who gave additional donations, and everyone who came to enjoy the meal and fellowship together. We are also especially thankful for those who worked behind the scenes, serving in the kitchen, helping with setup and cleanup, and making sure everything ran smoothly. Every act of service and every gift given mattered.

Scripture reminds us in Philippians 4:18 that our giving is "a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God." That truth was clearly on display this weekend. Your generosity was not only a blessing to our students but an act of worship to the Lord.

Because of your support, more students will have the opportunity to attend camp this summer at Mt. Lebanon. We are praying and believing that God will use that week to change lives, drawing students to Himself, strengthening their faith, and helping them take meaningful steps in their walk with Christ.

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## Youth Ministry—April Continued

Thank you again for your kindness, your generosity, and your heart for students. We are truly grateful to serve alongside a church family that cares deeply about their spiritual growth and discipleship.

**Thank you, Dennis and Sam Wagner**

### Sr Adult Ministry

We have several new activities lined up for our Senior Adults this year.

- Walking in the Gym on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 09:00 AM to 10:00 AM
  - o Come walk at your own pace and enjoy the fellowship with everyone.
- Quarterly Cooking Videos will continue with our next video happening on 21 May.
  - o Great recipes and lunch following the video.
- Game Days will follow the Cooking Videos then possibly every month (stay tuned for updates).
- The Spring Sr Adult Rally at Lakeview Retreat will be 14 May 2026. The Speaker and Worship Leader will be updated later.
  - o A Sign Up Sheet will be available the first of May.

In His Love

**Bro Steve**

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## Music Worship

As we step into April, we find ourselves in a season of reflection, renewal, and rejoicing. This month draws our hearts toward the hope and victory we celebrate at Easter—a powerful reminder of God’s unfailing love and the new life we have through Christ.

We hope to debut a choir at our Easter Sunday services. I hope you’ll invite family, friends, and neighbors to join us as we celebrate together. There is something uniquely moving about lifting our voices in unity during this season.

As we continue forward, let’s remember that worship is not confined to Sunday mornings. It is a daily offering of our lives to the Lord. My prayer is that the songs we sing together will echo in your hearts throughout the week, encouraging and strengthening you in your walk.

If you’ve ever considered joining the choir or getting involved in our music ministry, there is always a place for you. April is a wonderful time to step in and be part of what God is doing.

Let’s rejoice together in this season of hope!

Grace and peace,  
**Craig Ingram**

### April Outreach

Spring is fully here and Summer is around the corner.

Easter will be here perhaps before you read this. However, just to let you know the Sunrise Service will be on Sunday April 5, 6:45 AM at Swearingen Park, at the pavilion by the fishing pier. Regular Sunday School and Church will occur at the normal times.

Our annual widow’s banquet will be on Saturday, April 18 at 1:00 at The Red Dome Restaurant in Quitman. Transportation from the church will be provided for anyone who would like it. Please sign up so that we have an idea of how many will attend. Thank you to the deacons for heading this up.

We will have an old fashion ‘Singin’ on Sunday April 19 at 5:00 PM in the FBC Family Life Center. I’ll bet we have a few snacks available as we sing.

Men’s breakfast will be just outside of April. It will be May 2 in the FBC Family Life Center at 8:00 AM.