

# The Witness

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## Familiar Story – But Let's Not Forget

The story is so familiar, but never grows old. At Christmas we think of the baby in the manger, but do we dwell on what this birth really is about? Although it is impossible to truly understand, over 2,000 years ago, the Son of God became man, while still remaining God. Jesus, the God of the universe surrendered His privileges and veiled the use of His attributes as the Son of God to live among us as a man and become our redeemer. What a price He paid!

He exchanged His throne for a dirty stable and a meager existence.  
He exchanged His unfathomable riches for life in a poor carpenter's home.  
He exchanged His omnipotence for weariness and dependence.  
He exchanged His omnipresence for the limitations of a human body.  
He exchanged His omniscience for learning and growing.  
He exchanged constant companionship of the heavenly host for loneliness and being misunderstood by men.  
He exchanged the eternal worship that He constantly received for rejection and jeers.  
He exchanged His invincibility for pain, sorrow, and ultimately death.  
He exchanged the eternal loving presence of His Father for the separation and wrath that resulted from taking on the sin of the world.

Let's not forget the price. Let's not forget the sacrifice. Let's not forget that if there were some other way to pay the price for our sin, if we could have come to God on our own by being good enough, Jesus would not have paid the price He did. But there was no other way. Jesus must become the God / Man. He becomes Man so

He can pay the price for man's sin; God, so that He could pay an eternal price for all men. Only by trusting in Him alone can sin be forgiven, can an eternal relationship with God be established.

As we stand on the threshold of Christmas, the day we celebrate His transformation into this world at His birth, let's embrace the One who paid the price so that we might have life. Let's seek Him. Let's honor and worship Him. Let's make Him our Savior, our God, and our Lord. Let's remember that Christmas isn't just a story about a baby. Let's share that story.

Pastor Danny

## Outreach for December

There is almost nowhere in the world that Christmas is not considered a time of celebration. However, there may be almost no knowledge of the real significance of the holiday, even with people living right next door. The season is a time when many may feel empty and lonely. Some use the season as an excuse to party and throw off restraints. Others may be so distracted with activity that they lose all significance of any meaning. So what an opportunity to share, to reach out, to show people we care, to point to the real meaning of Christmas.

Church-wide events offer a tool to reach out to people. Don't miss an opportunity to invite others. Let's engage personally and bring others as well.

Church Christmas Dinner Saturday, December 3, Noon

Ladies Brunch Saturday, December 10, 11:00 - 1:00

Candlelight Service Saturday, December 18, 5:30

And let's engage in personal ministry as well. It's a great time of the year to do that very thing. Merry Christmas.

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**John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life.**

We are all caught up in the Christmas spirit this time of year. Family, food, presents, parties...

We read the Christmas stories in Matthew and Luke with Joseph, Mary, and baby Jesus, the angels, shepherds, and wise men. We celebrate the miraculous birth of Jesus Christ, as we should, but do we ever stop and think about why He came?

I believe John 3:16 gives us the undeniable answer.

He had no reason to love us because of our sin.

**For God so loved the world...**

Past, present, and future. Think about it. Everything speaks of God's love for us. Every sunrise; every blade of grass, every birth; the face of every child—ALL speak of and are evidence of the love of God.

**He gave His Only Begotten Son...**

His One & Only Son is the Gift of His love

**That whosoever believeth on Him....**

Whosoever means You and me. No matter who you are,

where you've been, what you have done.

**Should Not perish, but have everlasting life...**

He did not want us to perish, So He gives us Everlasting Life through His Son.

Let us all continue to remember the reason God sent His Son as we celebrate this Christmas Season. I am looking forward to all God has in store for FBC Yantis during this Christmas season.

Although we have had some things to overcome during this transition time, I am so proud of the Praise Team. Everyone has given an extra effort to fill the gaps.

Christmas music will be coming soon for congregational and special music throughout the month.

I want to welcome Ethan Rovell as our new Audio/Visual Coordinator. He and his team are doing an awesome job of keeping the sound and videos flowing each Sunday morning.

I also want to thank Sheri Jackson and Elaine Case for supplying on piano during this time.

Remember to thank God for each other and continue to pray for each other.

God Bless you all  
Bro Steve



The Ladies of FBC Yantis are going to have a brunch with special speaker Pamela Potts on December 10th 11am-1pm. The

theme is "Be Still." Please RSVP by December 3rd. 903-383-2393

**Candlelight Service  
December 18th  
5:30pm**



We had one of the best years ever for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox drive. Nearly 60 boxes were collected and delivered to the drop-off point! Thank you to all who participated!



**At A Glance**

October's Gifts:	\$23,990. <sup>72</sup>
2022 Gifts So Far:	\$223,654. <sup>07</sup>
2022 Budget:	\$262,763. <sup>00</sup>

**Your Church Staff...**

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In this busy holiday season, if you have missed any church services, you can watch them either on the church Facebook page or the church YouTube channel!



<https://www.facebook.com/FBCYantis/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/@FBCYantis>

**Lottie Moon: Reaching the Nations Together**

The IMB desires to send 500 additional missionaries to the nations by 2025 so that millions of people can hear the gospel. To do this, we need every Southern Baptist to help solve the world's greatest problem through increased prayer and financial support. Please consider how you will contribute to this cause!

Christmas Dinner at the church will be Saturday, December 3rd at noon. Please bring a dish to share!

**Thank you...**

I want my church family to know just how good our kitchen crew is. We are feeding over 100 kids and teachers each Wednesday night. The crew works together without a problem. They all jump in where help is needed, either sweeping, mopping spills, or cooking. They come up with good ideas on food and how to cook it. I just want to say thank you to the kitchen team workers. You don't know how much you are appreciated. Thanks to all!  
—Jackie Stokes