

THE WITNESS

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Can we reflect on peace?

Anxiety! Strife! Worry! Frantic activity! Hectic living! Uncertainty! Arguments! Fueled by an avalanche of information and opinions, criticism and gossip. It is time to rest. We need peace. Let's meditate on what scripture says.

Like David in his troubles, "In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety." Ps 4:8. In the midst of the confusion/trouble/danger, a need for peace. A peace so real, that one can rest without anxiety. Found in the Lord alone. Given by Him alone.

Peace offered to those worn down by life. "Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest ... you will find rest for your souls" Matt 11:28-30. A promise of rest. A promise of peace. Found in coming to Christ and following Him.

Peace found in the "Prince of Peace" Isa 9:6. The ruler that brings peace to those in His realm. The ruler that embodies this peace. The One whose character is peace.

Peace given when our minds remain focused on Christ. "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you." Isa 26:3. Peace because of our trust in Him. Perfect peace.

Peace like that which will exist in the future when He comes again and ushers in His righteousness kingdom. "And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever." Isaiah 32 17. A quiet soul. Complete trust. Coming as a result of righteousness.

Peace that was promised to all who reside in Christ – those who please the Father because they have trusted Christ as Savior. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" "Luke 2 14. Peace because the Father is pleased with us.

Peace that comes because we are justified / no longer enemies of God – declared innocent because of Christ. "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom 5:1. A peace in our relationship with the Father.

Peace that comes as a fruit of the Spirit – a supernatural outflow of walking in Christ. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness," Gal 5:22. Transformed inner character as we are yield and respond to Christ.

A peace that is found in Him, because He Himself is out peace. "14 For he himself is our peace, ... 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near." Eph 2 14-18. Peace found in a person, and without Him there is no peace.

Peace beyond comprehension. "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you." Phil 4 6-9. A peace that comes from taking everything to Him in prayer by faith and filling our minds with things that bring peace.

In our busyness perhaps we need to take the next week to stop, read these scriptures repeatedly, and mediate on them – filling our minds with the truth that will allow us to rest.

Pastor Danny

Youth Ministry update— March

February was a great month in our student ministry! We took a group to Winter Jam, where students enjoyed a night of worship, Christian music, and a clear gospel message.

We were also blessed to have Jason and Jaime Brewer, aviation missionaries who served in Papua New Guinea, share with our students about missions and what it means to surrender your life to God's call.

On Wednesday nights, we've been working through Philippians, focusing on what it means to truly live out our faith. Our Monday night guys Bible study continues to go well too, with about five young men gathering weekly to study through the Gospel of Mark together.

As we head into March, we're looking forward to spring break and more opportunities to connect with students.

Thank you for supporting our youth ministry and for continuing to pray for our students!

**In Christ,
Dennis and Sam Wagner**

Music Worship

As we close the winter season, our hearts are already turning toward the warmth of Spring. What a blessing it is to serve a risen Savior—and what a privilege it is to proclaim that truth through song!

For the next few Sundays, I will be assessing interest for re-starting a choir to prepare a special Easter presentation, and I would love to invite anyone who has ever considered joining a choir to prayerfully think about being part of it. Whether you've sung in choirs for years or simply enjoy lifting your voice in worship, there is a place for you.

We will have a sign-up sheet available in the foyer over the next few Sundays for those who are interested in singing with us for Easter. Rehearsal details will be shared soon, and we will make every effort to be mindful of everyone's time and commitments. Church choir is not about perfection, but about praise. If you are unsure about signing up, read Psalm 100 and consider making joyful noise with our Family of God!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I would be happy to visit with you.

Let's prepare our hearts now for what God wants. I'm praying that through the message and the music, lives will be encouraged and Christ will be glorified.

Serving Him together

Craig Ingram

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February Outreach

Wow! What a month of flu in February! Lots of folks impacted but, hopefully we are all over it and immune for the months ahead.

By the time you read this, the Messiah in the Passover event will have been completed. Let's carry these thoughts ahead as Easter will not be far away. Jesus the sacrificial lamb who takes away the sin of the world. And with Easter, we will add – He Rose Again. Ever making intercession for us and inviting all to receive the results of His sacrifice.

Don't forget ladies, Saturday, March 7, is the next Heart to Heart Fellowship. 10:30 – noon. Brunch. Worship. Gena Jordan will be sharing as well. Bring a friend.

TIME CHANGE: Sunday March 8. Spring Forward. This is the bad one. Change your clock so you are not late for Sunday School.

Brief Business Meeting at the end of the worship service on March 15. This is the mini version – review financials – no extensive reports. Also, review proposed updates to the by-laws concerning the selection and requirements for deacons. Seek church approval to begin the process of adding new deacons.

RBA Gospel Clarity Evangelism Weekend is March 20-22. The Ladies conference will be Friday evening (sign up), an evangelism equip workshop will be on Saturday morning, and an association-wide worship gathering will be on Sunday Evening.

There will be gravesite service for Roger Lyons at noon on March 21 (Yantis Cemetery). Those in the church who knew him are invited.

Lord's Supper coming the last Sunday in March – March 29.

Pastor Danny



A Christian Responsibility: VOTE!

The Texas election primary is March 3. Living in a nation where each of us IS the government (at least theoretically), this represents our time to shape that future government. Since our governmental system has become one of party versus party, the party platform almost forces us to vote along party lines in a general election. Thus, the primaries are the place where we really have choices. Now is the time to research candidates. Now is the time to discern who best represents our Christian views. And now is the time to vote accordingly.

Let's pray ahead of time for wisdom. Let's vote our Christian conscience, as directed by the Holy Spirit. May we not be people followers. May we not jump on personality bandwagons. Let's seek to make the choice the Christ would make. Who would He vote for? Let's put forward people who share our values and live out those values in the world. These will be qualified to represent us.

This is the main chance for us to make a difference in our government. Do it! VOTE!

Pastor Danny