

The Witness

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Renewal

Refocusing. Regaining perspective. Realignment. Arising afresh. Moving forward. Revival. Renewal. These are words that need to repeatedly become real in our lives.

Biblically: Isaiah 40:31 but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Corporately and individually we go through cycles. Times of excitement. Times of complacency. Times of moving forward. Times of falling back. Times of confidence. Times of discouragement. The key is the proper response in the midst of each. In the good times, may we not become self-sufficient or complacent, but recognize the hand grace of God that is at work. In the low times, may we not quit or become self-absorbed, but look to Him and His enablement and help.

I feel like, as a church, we are emerging into a fresh cycle. We should be ecstatic that once again we are seeing salvations and baptisms. That attendance is up. That people are joining our community. That there is a sense of excitement about what the Lord is doing.

Let us ensure that individually we engage. May we seek individual renewal. May we seek to walk with Christ in new ways. May we take new steps to allow Him to accomplish new things in our lives. In order to grow, we must continually act in response to the Spirit's leading. The moment we push back, or refuse to respond, our relationship with Him suffers. Perhaps there is ministry that He is leading us to volunteer for. Perhaps being more involved – engaging in Sunday School, Participating in mens/womens Bible studies, volunteering for Wednesday ministry, participating in music/worship. Continued growth requires consistent involvement.

On a negative side, let us avoid the actions that deflate individual/church prosperity. Jealousy. Pride. Criticism. Negativism. Let us build up one another. Look for positive traits and actions in others and praise them (to their face). Let us not be complacent, viewing things with fatalism, as if what we do doesn't really matter. God is sovereign, but the means He uses to accomplish control, is most often through the response of His people. Let us engage as if what we do matters. It does. Praying. Working. Being burdened for people. Sharing. Encouraging.

Let us wait on Him. Not passively, but actively. Praying with diligence as if it matters. Being active. Being urgent. Let us wait, expecting Him to work as we engage.

It seems that the Lord may be taking us to new places as a church. Let us not take it for granted. But let us be energized into fresh levels of personal commitment. Let us seek even more to be renewed so that we walk with fresh perspective. The principle: We actively wait to be renewed so that we can charge ahead with a might beyond our capabilities. It is all of Him. But it is through the strength He gives us to move ahead.

Pastor Danny

November Outreach

Time to rejoice a bit. Fall Festival was a great success. Despite the rain, the skies cleared long enough for people to come to the gym for all the festivities, and we had over 150 from the community attend. A host of our folks worked the various stations. Our Wednesday teens played an important role helping with games. Thank you to all who gave candy, helped on that day, and those who prayed. What a great event!

By the time you read this, our "Day of Renewal" will likely be over. I treasure my relationship with Gary Coleman, who was my pastor for 25 years. I trust that you found him as impactful as I do. May we seek to continue to be renewed and walk worthy of our Savior.

Lots going on in November. Men's breakfast on November 8 at 8:00, with Dennis Wagner speaking. Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes will be due back to the church by **November 17th**. These boxes will go around the world to bless kids and be a means to present the gospel.

Join us for Pies and Praise on Sunday evening at 4:00pm, November 9 - a time of fellowship, desserts, and singing. Just a nice time to begin the thanksgiving season.

Speaking of Thanksgiving, we will have a "Sunday of Thanksgiving" on November 30 during our normal morning worship time. It will include times of thanksgiving testimonies, music and sermon focused on thanksgiving and the Lord's Supper. A great way to end the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

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Music Worship

It is such a blessing and joy for my family and me to join the First Baptist Church of Yantis family! Taylor and I are deeply grateful to everyone for the kindness, encouragement, and hospitality that has been shown to us as we begin this new chapter together. Our children, Ryder and Lincoln, are even finding their home here at the church!

I am excited to serve this church and to see how God will continue to work through our worship to him. I look forward to growing together in faith and Fellowship as we lift high the name of Jesus through song and service.

I welcome suggestions for any modifications.

Craig Ingram

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Authentic Youth Update—November

This past month in youth ministry, we wrapped up our series on sharing the Gospel and have now shifted gears to walk through the book of Jonah together. It's been exciting to see students engage deeply with what it means to follow God's call, even when it's uncomfortable. We'll be studying Jonah throughout the month of November, learning how God's mercy extends far beyond what we sometimes expect.

We're also looking forward to a youth movie night coming up soon—an evening of fun, connection, and encouragement as we continue to build relationships with our students and invite their friends to join us.

Please continue to pray for Authentic Youth—for God's guidance as we explore the possibility of starting a Bible study or club at the school, for continued discipleship and spiritual growth among our students, and most of all, that God would draw students to Himself in saving faith.

I also want to take a moment to reflect on our Fall Fest. What a blessing it was! Despite the rainy weather, our church family showed up in a big way. Thank you to everyone who served, brought candy and two-liters, or lifted the event up in prayer. We had around 150 people come through the doors, each one hearing the Gospel through conversations, games, and the materials given out. Every family went home with a copy of the book of Mark and a Gospel tract—a simple but powerful seed planted in hearts across our community.

It was a beautiful picture of the church being the hands and feet of Jesus. Thank you, church family, for your faithfulness and for helping make this outreach such a success!

In Him,

Dennis and Sam Wagner



**Church offices will be closed
November 26th and 27th**

At-A-Glance:

Septembers Gifts: \$11,889
2025 Gifts : \$184,105
2025 Budget: \$286,384