

The Witness

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It's Natural to Share

Best steak I ever ate anywhere/anytime/any price: Three Forks Steakhouse in Addison, Texas. Most beautiful National Park I have ever visited: (United States) Yosemite National Park / (Canada) Jasper National Park. Favorite BBQ place in Dallas for everyday eating: Spring Creek BBQ. If I like something, I love to share about it. And if you are willing to listen, I'll talk forever about why I love it so much. It's only natural

Why wouldn't I? I wouldn't do it as an obligation. I wouldn't do it to 'sell' something. I would do it because I would want you to discover the great experience I did. It's only natural.

It just what you do. If you discover the greatest "whatever", you just have to share it. If you didn't, how selfish would you be! The joy of our personal discovery is enhanced when we help others experience it as well. And then we can enjoy it together.

That's what Andrew did. "He found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" which means Christ. He brought him to Jesus. ..." (John 1: 41-42a) Andrew discovered the promised redeemer when He found Jesus. He had to share Him with his brother.

That's what Philip did. "Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ... "Come and see." (John

1:45,46b) Philip discovered the one who was the center of everything when He found Jesus. He had to share Him with friend.

Paul found in Jesus someone greater than religion. "Thus I am eager also to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is God's power for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:15-16) This Jesus provided salvation to everyone who would believe. He had to share Him with everyone he encountered. It was only natural

Have we truly experienced the greatest encounter that anyone can ever experience – a relationship with the living Jesus? If so, how can we not share Him? He is exactly what everyone we know needs. So let's take every opportunity to share Him with others.

Let's use every event that the church conducts as an "excuse" to invite others so that they might discover our Jesus. Potluck? Invite someone to come and eat with you and to be in the service beforehand. Blitz? Let's all participate in visiting in other's homes to show our thanks to parents/neighbors and to invite them to our services. Quartet Night? Let's bring people to visit with us so they might leave with Him. It's only natural.

Pastor Danny Parker

From the Heart

As we begin the month of February, I'm excited that we are one more month closer to Spring! There are some good things about February, like Valentine's Day. What better time than now to celebrate love; something the world knows very little of. To the world love is a feeling. To the world it means "something that satisfies me".

The Bible tells us:

"But God demonstrates His own Love for us, that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8)

While we were still God's enemies, He loved us to the point that He sent Jesus to take the wrath that we deserved. That is the kind of love the world needs to experience. They need to know that there is a love that is not merely self-gratifying and that love comes from God. If you've experienced the love of God, it's time we start sharing that love with the world around us. We know that His Love is patient, His love is kind, His Love keeps no record of wrongs. His love is perfect. We know we are not perfect but His Love is shed abroad in our hearts. We have the power to be different. Remember, we love because He first Loved us!

Thanks to all who support our youth and children. Please keep praying for Wednesday night ministries as well as the Youth D-Now coming up in March.

To the Praise of His Glorious Grace,
Chad

Worship Matters

February is the month we celebrate love. Chocolate hearts, flowers, and candlelight dinners are planned with care. However, the greatest love of all is the love God has for us! His love is sacrificial, unconditional and lasting. His love is not fickle nor does it depend on how we perform. Nothing compares to God's love for us.

So, no matter how you celebrate love this month, don't forget the most important love of your life. The love of Jesus has not only saved you but keeps you day by day, year after year. Isn't His love amazing??

Amazing Love by Billy J. Foote

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken

I'm accepted, You were condemned

I am alive and well, Your spirit is within me

'Cause You died and rose again

Amazing love, how can it be?

That You, my King would die for me?

Amazing love, I know it's true

It's my joy to honor You

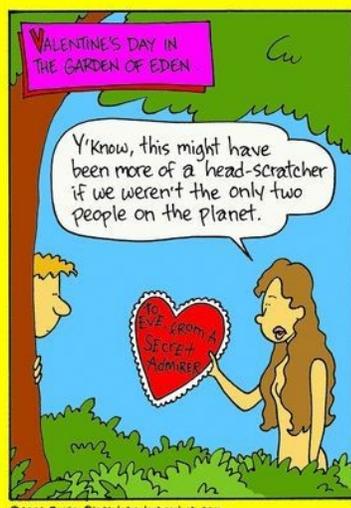
In all I do, I honor You!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Melaina

Neighborhood Visitation Blitz

Please attend the Neighborhood Visitation Blitz on **February 12th at 10am**. Help reach out to the families of the children involved in our Wednesday night activities. More volunteers will assist in covering more ground! This visitation blitz will hopefully allow us to engage with the community in a deeper way.



Thank you...

To all those who took the time to send a card, call, or share food during this time of loss: Thank you!
—Jackie Stokes

Prepare to prayerfully consider giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This collection benefits North American missionaries. The week of prayer for this offering will be March 6th-13th.

At A Glance

December's Gifts: \$27,631.⁰⁸
2021 Gifts: \$222,462.⁶⁴
2022 Budget: \$262,763.⁰⁰

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<https://onrealm.org/fbcyantist/give/now>

Upcoming Quartet Fellowship!

Saturday March 26th, 2022
6PM

Join us for a night of music with the Psalms Journey Quartet.

Please invite your friends!

Men's Breakfast takes place on a quarterly basis!
Next Men's Breakfast: February 5th!