

# The Witness

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Newsletter

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## Amazing God!

He works! He does amazing things!  
Our God is an amazing God!

For many, church is a mere religious ritual. Some place to go once a week as a duty to perform. Religion to satisfy some innate need. But for those who know the true God, it is an adventure. A time to rejoice and worship and praise the only true God. The One who works in the lives of people. And our God has been at work. Consider with me a minute the ways we have seen God at work in our church in recent days.

The end of May marked the finale of our Wednesday night youth/children's programs for the school year. And what a time it has been. We have had up to 90 attend every week during this semester. What an outflow of kids/youth! With a culture that becomes more antichristian every day, the Lord brought an overwhelming number of kids/youth like we have not experienced in years. What an awesome God!

With it, came the struggles of managing the numbers, too few workers, the expected chaos, problems, and the demands of ministry. But look what the Lord did during these months. The kids settled into the routine. The problems were handled. Workers arose. Finances were addressed. Decisions were made. Families are visiting our church. (Who said you can't reach the families of Wednesday night kids?) What an awesome God!

Everywhere victories were won. The

school teachers reported that the children were singing Christian choruses during school. During the last couple of months, six youth and one child were baptized. An even larger number of decisions for Christ have been made, some to be baptized in other churches, some considering baptism still. Parents have reported their kids/youth coming home to announce that 'I have trusted Christ as my Savior'. One lady was in tears as she shared this truth. What an awesome God!

Financially, the church was struggling at the end of last year. There was a call to pray. And what a result! Our offerings have rebounded, and we have completed every month this year with a positive balance. Contingency moneys are being restored. What an awesome God!

Attendance numbers had been down since COVID had struck. We just couldn't seem to get back to normal again. But now the last couple of months, attendance has skyrocketed. Averaging in the 80s, we even had a month over 100. It seems visitors are showing up every week. We have seen several people join the church and one adult baptized, and many others who seem to be at the point of joining. What an awesome God!

There seems to be excitement and optimism everywhere. What new thing will our Lord do? There are many upcoming events for the summer. VBS. Youth Camp. Women's Tea. A number of other special events. Let's all be part of it! Let's volunteer to work! Let's

pray! Let's participate! Let's pray that God might continue to demonstrate His greatness in our midst. What an awesome God!

Danny

## From the Heart

May was an exciting month in the Youth Ministry. We had over 15 salvations and 6 baptisms. God is blessing and we are very excited. We appreciate the prayers and encouragement our church family extends to the younger generation.

Also, thank you all for your support of our students as we had a very successful Taco Meal and Dessert Auction in May. We raised enough money to take care of camp and more. We could not have done it without our sweet church family giving, working, and loving our students.

Youth Camp this year is June 6-10th at Lakeview Encampment, Lone Star Texas. We are very excited to have 21 people going. June is a busy month as we will be preparing for VBS 2022 and having the VBS Kick-off on Sunday, June 26th at 4:30 pm with Burgers and Waterslides. VBS will be June 27-July 1st, 2pm-5pm. Register today online at [www.fbcyantistexas.com](http://www.fbcyantistexas.com).

Please continue to pray over our children/students. In the upcoming week we will have a list of all the youth campers as well.

Again, thank you all very much for the prayers and support you give to the future generation of FBC Yantis.

Bro. Chad

## Thank you...

To my church family:  
*Knowing people nice as you,  
gives life a brighter touch, and so,  
to each and all of you—thanks  
very, very much.*

I want to thank each and every  
one of you for your prayers,  
cards, and words of encourage-  
ment. You are all very special  
people to me.

—LuAnn Gammill

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*Thanks to those who have prayed,  
brought food, called, visited, sent  
flowers and cards...*

Dear FBC Friends,  
Thank you for the many ways you  
have ministered to our Mom dur-  
ing and after her recent fall and  
stroke. Now and through the  
years, you have truly been the  
hands and feet of Jesus. We are  
blessed by the ways you have  
loved her well.

With love and appreciation,  
Maylene Johnson's Family  
Gary, Glenn, and Rhonda

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Dear FBC Deacons,  
Our hearts are truly grateful for  
the timely care you showed to my  
grandmother. We are in awe of  
the Lord's providential care for  
her through the men who went to  
find her and then found my par-  
ents at their church. We know you  
all care for her deeply and have  
looked out for her for many years.  
May the Lord bless you as you  
continue in your service for His  
Kingdom.

With much thanks,  
Jara (Johnson) D'Soura

## VBS Starting June 27th

VBS will take place the  
week of June 27th—July 1st.  
Please consider participating  
in this ministry!



VBS Kick-off will be June  
26th at 4:30. Make sure to  
tell your neighbors. Registra-  
tion is now live on the  
church website!

[https://fbcyantist.com/vbs-  
registration](https://fbcyantist.com/vbs-registration)

## Properties Committee

May Report

Chairman: Jerry Nickerson

Repairs were performed on  
the A/C unit in the Nursery.

Access Control locks were  
installed on four doors at the  
church. The main entrance,  
the FLC, the side door, and  
the youth room. To enter the  
building during non-service  
times, you will need a RFID  
key fob. If you are a current  
key holder, your key will no  
longer be sufficient to un-  
lock the building. Also, if  
you are inside the building,  
you will need to hit the  
“Door Exit” button to the  
side of the door to release  
the mag-lock and exit the  
building. This change will  
be effective June 1st.

## At A Glance

April's Gifts:	\$22,328. <sup>58</sup>
2022 Gifts So Far:	\$85,066. <sup>96</sup>
2022 Budget:	\$262,763. <sup>00</sup>

## Your Church Staff...

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## Give online!

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

## Don't miss mid-week activi- ties at FBC Yantis!

**Prayer Meeting on Tuesday mornings,  
7am.**

**Ladies' Bible Study on Tuesday morn-  
ings, 9:30 am.**

**Men's Bible Study on Tuesday eve-  
nings, 6:30pm.**

**Blue Jean Tea Party  
Ladies' Fellowship  
June 18th in the FLC  
2-4pm**

Ladies High School Age and Up  
Casual Dress  
RSVP by June 5th

Iron sharpens iron,  
and one man sharpens another.  
(Proverbs 27:17)

Church fellowships coming up  
soon!

Potluck July 17th

Game/Movie Night July 30th