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Glorious Clay Pots

Do you often feel like a fragile body of clay? Easily broken. Of seeming little value. Nothing to set us apart.

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ... But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ... So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, (2 Corinthians 4:5,7,16-17)

Paul thought about it. He describes how often he struggled under the weight of this life / his own inadequacy. Yet never ready to quit never totally overwhelmed always finding fresh strength/encouragement. How did he do this? By realizing how significant this clay pot was to the Lord. He might be a clay pot --- but it was a glorious clay pot because of how it was being used. This pot contained the treasure of the gospel. This clay pot had the power from God to proclaim that treasure. In fact his weakness was essential to reveal the power of God. It didn't matter how frail he felt.

The truth is that even though the outer man might be wasting away,

the inner man is constantly being renewed. Often needing to be renewed every day. This inner man had the most important message ever -- communicating the gospel of Christ. So though the affliction he felt was real, it was momentary and light compared to what it produces in eternity --- Eternal results of people being saved. Eternal results in the spiritual impact on others. Eternal results in the reward that will come from Christ.

We might feel unimportant and fragile. But the message we carry is not. We have been given the privilege to be used in a glorious way by Christ. We are the insignificant tool that demonstrates the power of God.

So let us not lose heart. Let us focus on that which has value. That which demonstrates the power of God. That which reaps great glory. Living for the gospel. Speaking the gospel. Being renewed from within as we discover our real purpose. One that reaps eternal results. And all from a clay pot. But a clay pot that is valued by God.

Pastor Danny

At-A-Glance:

March's Gifts: \$23,007.⁰⁰
2024 Gifts : \$64,409.⁰⁰
2024 Budget: \$287,870.⁰⁰

June Outreach

VBS is here. June 3-7. Each day from 2:30-5:30. Ask Kathy about helping. Promote it to families in your area that have children. They can sign up via our web site fbcy-antis.com

Ladies! Special just for you! Heart to Heart. A Saturday fellowship/lunch on June 8 at 10:30-noon. Cyndi Hassell will be the speaker. Invite a friend.

The "Saw Guy" will be here soon. Plays multiple instruments --- including --- wait for it --- the saw. And more importantly, he also shares the gospel. Sunday June 23 at 6:00pm. And most importantly invite someone. Who wouldn't come to see/hear someone play the saw?

Key dates for later in the summer: July 8-12, Youth Camp. July 13-16 Children's Camp. Begin to pray that the camps will be a significant time in the lives of Youth/Kids. Whenever you see an event on the calendar: 1. Pray. 2. Use it as a tool to invite others. 3. Participate yourself.

Pastor Danny

Authentic Youth Update

As May draws to a close, we can reflect on an incredible year of youth ministry. This school year presented numerous challenges and obstacles, but we experienced even more victories!

At the beginning of the school year, we had only a small number of students who were truly saved. However, over the past year, we have joyfully celebrated thirteen salvations! Praise God for this remarkable shift in our ministry.

Even more excitingly, we have witnessed profound life changes and growth among many of our students. One girl, who was invited by her friends, asked for a Bible during her first week so she could “read an actual Bible, not just on her phone.” A few weeks later, she asked how she could be saved, having been searching for answers. Since then, we have seen a complete transformation in her! Another girl, who has been saved for a while, has experienced significant spiritual growth this year. She has taken on leadership roles, volunteered to serve, and developed a heart for reaching her friends.

While numbers can demonstrate success and growth, it’s the personal stories of students transformed by Jesus that truly highlight how God is working through Authentic Youth Ministry for His glory!

Thank you all for your unwavering support of our ministry. I especially want to extend my gratitude to our dedicated leaders: Wayne and Christine Miles, Keith Teague, Stephanie Roop, and Sam Wagner. Their selfless service has been instrumental this year, and I am incredibly proud to work and serve alongside them!

Dennis Wagner

FBCY Sr Adult Cooking Video

The FBCY Cooking on May 16th featured Edith McClendon, Marty Smith, Pat Couch and Doris Bryant. Doris is a neighbor in our Vintage Grace Retirement community. All the recipes were outstanding and everyone enjoyed the lunch after the video.

The next Cooking Video will be Thursday June 20th in the Fellowship Hall. This will be our One Year Anniversary video and will have some very special surprises. Be sure to tune in, or even better, come be a part of the audience and taste some awesome samples.

Be sure and watch on our Facebook page Facebook/fbcy1870 or You Tube or come be part of the audience and enjoy samples of all the tasty goodies!

Sr Adult Events

· May 9th was the Spring Senior Adult Rally at Lake view Baptist Camp in Lonestar The speaker for the event was Jeremy Randolph (DOM, Harmony -Pittsburg) and Worship music was be led by a young man, Miles Pike, who was a true blessing. I believe FBC Yantis had one of the largest groups there with 18 folks attending. We had a blast, and everyone is looking forward to the next Rally in October.

· Don’t forget Father’s Day is June 16th!!

Music Ministry

Update on our Piano player, Sherri Jackson. She had her right hip replacement surgery on May 21st. The surgery was a great success but please continue to pray for Sherri’s quick recovery!

We want to thank the ladies who have been filling in while Sherri is out. Pat Brown has been fantastic with her outstanding playing. Also, I want to thank Janice Parker for her help when needed. I appreciate all these ladies stepping up when needed, sometimes at the last minute.

The Praise Band has been awesome to fill the gaps when needed. I thank all the musicians and singers for their dedication and faithfulness!

Mark your calendars for 23 June!! FBC Yantis will have Ronny & Mary Lou Warren from Fairgrove, Missouri, as our very special guests for a Sunday night service. Ronny and Mary Lou are very talented musicians who will be sharing the gospel in music. Ronnie plays a multitude of instruments, one of which, is a “saw”. That’s right, a regular hand saw! You will not want to miss this. So, bring all your friends and neighbors for this exciting night of music and sharing the gospel.

Thanks
Bro Steve

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