

The Witness

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Newsletter

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Perspective

I loved ascending to the top of Moro Rock in Sequoia National Park. You walk along a path carved out of sheer rock. Only a pipe handrail (of sorts) keeps you from falling 1,000 or more feet below. Heart pounding. Fear tries to creep in. But, finally, on top of the gigantic bare rock, you can see a hundred miles.

High above everything it all makes sense. The winding road up from the valley. The tops of the forest that had previously hidden the way. No exhaustion from wondering how many hills and valleys yet to climb. No sense of hopeless wandering. Now the chaos disappears. Now it makes sense. And it is worth it.

So it is in our walk with Christ. The tangle of the every day. The seemingly never ending struggles and uphill climbs. The pressure of all that is around us. The winding path. The difficult obstacles. But when we engage Him, He provides perspective. Some day when we are with Him, it will all make sense. It will all be worth it. In the meantime, we catch glimpses. We see a fuller view through scripture. We, by faith, gain fuller understanding. When we catch that perspective, it all makes sense.

We have so many folks that work so hard in our church. I sometimes fear about burn out for them. I fear that weariness will overcome. I pray that in the midst of these

times, the Lord might renew a sense of perspective. Paul would put it this way, “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9 Now that is a perspective that makes sense.

Ministry is prospering everywhere at FBCY. Dennis Wagner has arrived to take charge of the youth ministry. Steve Couch is expanding his role as Music/Associate Pastor. The Yosts are exploring starting a Single’s Ministry. Kathy Freeman is looking at the possibility of taking children to summer camp. Various individuals are volunteering for expanded lay ministry roles. Attendance is back up. Visitors are joining. The FBCY journey is on an upswing.

The future looks bright. Let us persevere. Let us embrace a perspective that enables us to continue to move forward. It will be worth it. It already is.

Pastor Danny

Youth Ministry Volunteers

More volunteers, especially female volunteers, are needed for the youth ministry! If anyone has any interest in being a volunteer for the youth ministry, even as a back up in case regular volunteers aren’t available, please see pastor Dennis. Female chapter

ones are also needed for Summer Camp, which is currently scheduled to take place July 10th-14th.

A bus driver is also needed. If anyone is interested in serving in this way, again, see Pastor Dennis for more details.

The youth ministry at FBC Yantis is one of our biggest outreach opportunities. With a new youth pastor comes a fresh perspective and new ideas, so let’s all support this effort and ministry going forward as things evolve and develop. We’re already seeing a great level of involvement from church members, from donating to our Wednesday Night Meals to praying and encouraging. Thank you to all those who are already serving this church and devoting themselves to the Lord’s work.

Spring is starting to peek around the corner! Things are starting to show signs of new life with trees and flowers budding and robins showing up in our yards. I know we will still have an Easter cold snap to come, but I am sure enjoying the warm days so far.

I am also looking forward to the time changing back to Daylight Saving Time on March 12th.

As we look at the newness of everything starting over, we need to look inside ourselves to experience the same thing in our lives. Sometimes we get pretty comfortable in

the wintertime staying inside, bundling up and watching TV. But we now should start getting out and let the sunshine hit our faces and get some of those natural vitamins and energy.

So let March be the time for a newness from wintertime. Believe the Lord for a fresh start this month. If you are having a difficult time getting started, cry out to God for help. He wants to bring new things into your life that will cause you to shout for joy and glorify His name. He is always able and faithful to bring you into a new day. Start each day this month with this as part of your daily prayer: "I will Love the Lord my God with all my heart, with all my soul, and with all my strength."

God Bless You All
Bro Steve

Upcoming Senior Adult Events

April 11th — 55+ Health Fair
At the R.O.C. in Sulphur Springs

May 11th — Senior Adult Rally at Lakeview Camp

Widow's Banquet Sunday, March 19th, 5pm

Join us for a meal honoring the widows in our community at First Baptist Church Yantis, hosted by our deacons

Please RSVP by March 5th by calling the office 903-383-2393 or signing up on the sheet on the foyer table.

This is open to the community, too, so invite your friends who would be blessed by this meal!

RBA Encouragement Rally

The annual RBA Evangelism/Encouragement Rally is taking place on March 26th at 6:00pm, hosted at First Baptist Sulphur Springs. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Baby Shower for Dennis and Sam Wagner March 5th, after the morning service.

Please join us in celebrating Dennis and Sam Wagner's first child! Youth and their parents are invited to attend. This will be a great opportunity to get to know our new Youth Minister and his wife!

Dennis and Sam are having a baby girl. If you'd like to get them a gift, they are registered at

Amazon: <https://tinyurl.com/sam-dennis-amazon>
Walmart: <https://tinyurl.com/sam-dennis-walmart>
Target: <https://tinyurl.com/sam-dennis-target>

Thank you...

Thank you to all the church members who contributed to and participated in the meals provided for the recent memorials. You really stepped up to bless these families and make these events nice.

— The Hospitality Committee



Set your clocks forward 1 hour, March 12th

At A Glance

January's Gifts:	\$19,526. ⁵⁰
2023 Gifts So Far:	\$19,526. ⁵⁰
2023 Budget:	\$279,287. ⁰⁰

Your Church Staff...

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☀ Save the Date for the Ladies' Event coming on May 20th! More details to come. ☀

Don't miss mid-week activities at FBC Yantis!

Prayer Meeting on Tuesday mornings, 7am.

Ladies' Bible Study on Tuesday mornings, 9:30 am.

Men's Bible Study on Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm.

Jesus Kids, Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30pm

Youth Service, Wednesdays from 3:30-6:30pm

Check out the church YouTube and Facebook pages for recordings of our services!
youtube.com/@FBCYantis
facebook.com/FBCYantis/

