

The Witness

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Newsletter

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Part of Something Big

Last month I wrote in the newsletter “I look with anticipation at what the Lord will do on that day (Friend and Family Day) and the rest of February. We have invested in prayer. Let’s see Him work. Let’s keep talking to Him about it. ... Let’s ask big things for this ministry.” I still am amazed at what He actually did. My incremental faith was so short. I am embarrassed at my lack of faith even as I wrote that. He made sure that no one could get the credit but Himself. He truly did ‘above all we could ask or think’. Wow! What a mighty God we serve!

Lives continue to change. Youth and children continue their growth in Christ as they share their excitement with others in the school system and in their homes. Potential new youth driven ministries are arising. New adults are being consistent and growing in their faith. Children continue to be interested in seeking God. A sense of excitement fills our ministries.

We serve a big God. He delights to amaze us. So what do we do now? Let’s not get proud. Let’s not try to steal the credit. Let’s not be satisfied. Instead: Let’s heap up the praise and amazement for who our God is and what He does in our midst. Let’s engage Him to continue His work. Let’s in humility offer ourselves to Him to serve

Him and to pour out our lives for Him. Let’s get serious in being renewed within and striving to have renewed personal commitment and involvement.

I wonder how it felt for those who were in the beginnings of great awakenings of the past. What enabled these awakenings to continue and to grow? Was it not (at least partly) that when they saw God at work, the people yielded themselves and prayed and turned from their previous ways (sinful or just complacent and self consumed). Perhaps we could experience some elements of revival in our own midst. The same God is available. Let’s seek to be a people that respond, not so much focused on revival in some far off place, but desperately seeking revival in our own place. Let’s seek in our own lives to be part of something big that God desires to do here.

Pastor Danny

At-A-Glance:

January’s Gifts: \$19,459.⁰⁰
2024 Gifts : \$19,459.⁰⁰
2024 Budget: \$287,870.⁰⁰



March Outreach

What an amazing February! We’re still trying to catch our breath after a vastly successful Family and Friend Day (121 and feeding over 90), a host of baptisms (8 teens, 4 children, 3 adults) over the last 6 weeks, and multiple Sundays with over 110, visitors and family of Wednesday Program students attending the services. If you haven’t taken time to praise and honor Christ, do so right now. His moving is amazing, giving more than we could ever ask or think.

And now is the time to consolidate some of the visitors from the last month. Pick a visitor and make a special attempt to connect with them – call them, maybe take them out to eat, invite them to Sunday School, invite them to a church event, etc. For sure seek to get to know at least one on a personal basis.

March will include another time of prayer at the church (March 14), an RBA Encouragement Service (March 17), a major youth fundraiser (March 24), a Sunrise Service, and regular Easter Service (March 31). Lots of opportunities to engage and invite.

God is at work in our church. Is He working in your life? Let’s be refreshed and active.

Pastor Danny

Hello y'all!

Just like January, February was a very exciting time for our Authentic Youth Ministry.

We started the month with baptisms of some of our students who surrendered their lives to Christ during our Lock-In in January. It has been such a blessing to see these young people give their lives to God and see the excitement and change that has already been brought about in their lives!

This month, we also were able to go on a retreat called Youth WKND at Lake Lavon Camp. This event was a huge hit and very positive! We were able to have several conversations with our students. It was a joy to see the excitement these students have for Jesus come alive in a big gathering with other students.

At our retreat, our main speaker was Daniel Ritchie, who spent his time in Romans 8. He talked about our new lives adopted by God and how that should make all the difference in our students' lives. Dr. Matt Queen, an evangelism professor, also came and shared with the students how they can and why they need to share the gospel with others. He said "God saved us so that we can share His gospel. He didn't save us to put on the sideline until we're older."

It is an exciting time in our youth ministry. God is working. He is moving in these students' lives in ways well beyond what we could have imagined.

Pray that these students who are new believers will continue to grow. Continue to pray for those who still need Jesus. And pray that they can boldly and unapologeti-

cally proclaim the Gospel to their classmates, friends, and families.

-Dennis Wagner

FBCY Sr Adult Cooking Video

The FBCY Cooking video on 15 February saw recipes from our Wednesday Kids Menu!! Marty Smith highlighted the recipe for Million Dollar Spaghetti. The kids really enjoyed this recipe along with Garlic Toast and cookies for dessert. Sheryl Jobe shared her recipe for Chocolate Trifle topped with fresh fruit. Not only delicious but beautiful presentation. Pat Couch presented a Sugar Free Cheesecake topped with cherries. She makes this for her husband Steve who is diabetic. Delicious!! The next Cooking Video will be Thursday March 21st in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be several featured cooks featuring recipes for the Easter Season. Be sure and watch on our new Facebook page [Facebook.com/fbcy1870](https://www.facebook.com/fbcy1870) or You Tube or come be part of the audience and enjoy samples of all the tasty goodies!

Upcoming Sr Adult Events

- Mark your calendars for May 19th for the Spring Senior Adult Rally at Lake view Baptist Camp in Lonestar. The speaker and entertainment will be announced as soon as available.
- The Community Health Fair has been postponed until the fall. Many of the participants from last year will be back, along with some new participants and events.

Music Ministry

Update on our Piano player, Sherri Jackson. Her left hip replacement surgery went very well, and she is recovering at home with physical therapy several times a week.

However, her right hip is now causing a lot of pain. She will have the right hip replaced as soon as the doctor feels it is safe to proceed. Please continue to pray for Sherri's healing!

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 Ms. Betty Caudle has been a blessing when she has been able to fill in. Mrs. Betty Davis from Lake Fork has also helped out when she is available. 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. I thank all the musicians and singers for their dedication and faithfulness!

Thanks
Bro Steve

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