

The Witness

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Newsletter

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Evidence of a Living God – Changed Lives

More than knowing. More than doing. More than mere religion. It's about being different from the inside out. That's evidence of a living God.

That's what made Jesus' ministry unique. Everywhere He went, people's lives changed. That's what made Paul's ministry unique. Everywhere he went, lives changed. That is what characterized the New Testament church. It was where people went to see and experience changed lives. Real church renewal and real church growth is not a program or method. It is the result of the living God changing lives.

Oh, that this would be the passion of our hearts! Then we would enthusiastically talk to those around us about Christ. We would invite people to church with excitement. We would engage with delight in all that occurs in our church. We would seek the Lord to change lives. And to change our lives.

We have the same transforming message as the early church, the gospel. We have the same living Savior, who desires to be part of our everyday life. We have the same Spirit at work, drawing people to Christ and transforming them to be like Him from the inside out. So why are we not transformed? Why are we not seeing more lives transformed in our ministries? Perhaps the problem is with us.

Ideas to consider. Let us pray regularly that God would change lives

through our church, beginning with us. Let us be faithful in our attendance and attentive to the Lord's working in our own lives (Are changed lives our priority?). Let us engage in some aspect of ministry that seeks to change lives. (Have we become spectators rather than participants)?

Bringing kids on Sunday AM, working to feed kids on Wednesday night, greeting people who arrive on Sunday, being ushers during a service, being a friendly face to those who visit, working in the nursery so parents can listen without distraction, teaching or helping in children's or teen programs. Visiting and contacting visitors and/or missing members. Inviting others. The opportunities are endless. This summer, there are lots of church activities on the calendar. Let's use them as the Lord seeks to change lives.

It feels like the Lord is kindling a spark of revival in our church. We had 99 in attendance on Easter – the most in years. Youth and parents of youth have been here on Sunday morning. Four youths have been baptized in the last few weeks. The Lord is bringing adults as new members in the church. Visitors to our church are common. People are volunteering to engage in new ministry roles. The excitement is growing. Let's each one be part of what He is doing – changing lives. Then others will see the evidence of a living God in this place.

Pastor Danny

From the Heart

Do you ever find yourself in a place where you are not sure which way to turn? Circumstances can leave you in a spot of uncertainty and you are not sure which direction to take. Take hope! No matter what you are facing today, or any day, God has a plan and as His child we are not just floundering out in the unknown. He is with us and will not leave us! What a promise! In 2 Timothy 1:7, we are reminded: For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

The Spirit of Christ brings His fruit; peace, love, joy etc. God is not behind us fretting, worrying, and being anxious. (Galatians 5) He longs for us to trust Him with all our needs.

Thank you for praying for the Children/Youth Ministry of FBC Yantis. In April, we had the blessing to baptize four youths. We are excited to see what the Lord is doing in the hearts of these students and others!

This month offers many opportunities to be a part of our Youth/Children Ministry. On May 15th, we will have our Graduate Sunday honoring FBC High School Seniors and also will be having our Annual Youth Camp Fundraiser Meal and dessert auction directly after morning worship. Sign up today to volunteer to bake a pie or cake for the Dessert Auction. Also, on May 22nd at 6pm, we will be having the Baccalaureate service for the Yantis High School Graduates here at FBC with a meal to follow.

Also, VBS 2022 is just around the

corner with more info to come. This year's VBS Director will be Mrs. Kathy Freeman. Please be praying as to how you can minister and serve in this year's VBS!

The Lord is moving at FBC Yantis! We are very thankful for your prayers and support and look forward to what He wants to do in the future.

In Christ,
Bro. Chad

Worship Matters

True worship is not just singing a song with your lips. True worship comes from the heart. Our heart's condition is very important. Everything we say and do can become worship if done in the Spirit with a heart right before God. As Christians, we are IN Christ and have His Holy Spirit living in us. When we surrender to Christ, He can lead us to true worship.

No matter what is happening in the world around us, we have a reason to worship; God is worthy to be praised!

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus By Helen Lemmel

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow
strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*

In Christ,
Melaina

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Homemade Ice Cream Social At Mike and Marty Smith's

May 1st
5:00pm

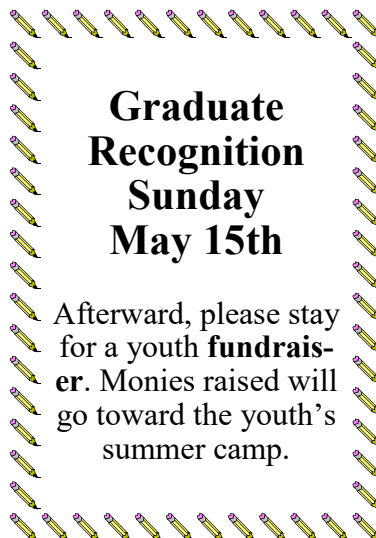
Bring homemade ice cream to share and bring a friend!

VBS Coming Soon!

VBS will take place the week of Jun 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. More information on event registration will be released in the coming weeks.



Graduate Recognition Sunday May 15th

Afterward, please stay for a youth fundraiser. Monies raised will go toward the youth's summer camp.

At A Glance	
March's Gifts:	\$20,175. ¹²
2022 Gifts So Far:	\$62,738. ²⁸
2022 Budget:	\$262,763. ⁰⁰

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

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.

Children and Youth after school programs on Wednesday until 5:30pm and 6:30pm respectively, until May 18th.

Get involved and pray for these activities!

Men's Breakfast Takes Place Quarterly
Next Meeting: Saturday May 7th at 8:00am