

The Witness

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Hints of the Morning

In the midst of the night, it can be hard to envision the dawn. It is so dark. There is no sign of light. It seems as if day will never come. Then comes the first signs of dawn. And suddenly full day bursts forth.

So it is with the Psalmist. “6 My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. 7 O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, ... 8 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.” (Psalm 130)

In his time of trouble, all was dark. But he waited. He longed for day. He looked with hope for the dawn to come. He knew that the Lord would act. And with Him a new day. Hope! Faith! Current darkness, yet the morning will rise! The Lord will demonstrate Himself to be the Lord!

It is not as if our church was buried in darkness or hopelessness. Far from it. Yet, recent years have been full of trials. Setbacks. Some unavoidable. Some self-inflicted. But it has persevered. It has waited on Him. Waiting for a new day.

And now, we see glimpses of that new day. Visitors commonly in our services. People joining. A significant group of young people regularly attending (a huge group on this past Sunday). Vast numbers of children/youth on Wednesday nights. Children’s church becoming a regular feature of our Sunday Worship time. Parents accompanying their kids. (Who said we couldn’t get

kids and parents into church?) Attendance at significant levels. A sense of excitement. Glimmers of a new day dawning.

Let us stop and recognize the Lord’s steadfast/unfailing/covenant love for us. He continues His work. He rewards faithfulness. He brings in new days. Let’s give Him praise. Let’s be thankful to Him.

Let us not allow the enemy to entangle us as he might seek to derail what is occurring. Let’s celebrate the good, and not spend time rehearsing what might yet fall short. Let’s avoid criticism and divisiveness. Let’s be part of solutions. Let’s be encouragers. Let’s look for things to praise people about. Let’s be part of a new day.

The morning of a new, exciting day is arising. The Lord desires to do great things in our church. Let’s join in. Let’s serve. Let’s encourage one another. May the glimpses of a new day, turn into full daylight. Let’s be part of it.

Danny



Outreach for November

Celebrate. Everyday is a reason to celebrate in the Lord, and some months are special. October was a busy month, but full of great days. The Lord is to be praised! Let’s highlight some of the more significant moments!

What a great time honoring Kent Pate! He was greatly touched. His message was outstanding and relevant for our current day. The potluck celebration was special.

Richard Townsens offered us a unique Sunday with old fashioned gospel singing that pointed to the coming of Christ.

The staff transition is fully underway, and the Lord is blessing. Attendance was 110 on October 23, including the largest number of teenagers we have had in years. And wasn’t the skit they performed impactful?! And did you notice how many parents/grandparents came with their kids?! Wayne and his team are really being used by the Lord.

As I write, the Fall Festival has not yet occurred, but the expectations are high for a community impact and an opportunity for church members to be involved.

Looking ahead to November/December, let’s stay engaged. Let’s make the holiday season about Christ.

Men’s Breakfast Nov 5 / Movie Night Nov 12 / Church Christmas Dinner (Saturday) Dec 3 / Ladies Brunch Dec 10 / Candlelight Service Dec 18.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due Sunday November 13th ahead of National Collection Week. Pack a box, bless a child!



Men's Breakfast occurs quarterly! Next breakfast: November 5th at 8am.



Church-Wide Movie Night

November 12th

Exact Time TBD; keep an eye on the

church Facebook page or website.

If you missed any of the special services in October, they have all been uploaded to the church YouTube channel and are available for playback on the church Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/FBCYantis/>

Search: *First Baptist Church Yantis* on YouTube to find our channel there!



\$455 was collected for the Reach Texas Offering!

We are now entering the season of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for international missions. All monies collected during this offering go directly to the mission field. Nothing goes toward administrative costs. Let's support our IMB missionaries.

Last year, because of your generosity: 247 people groups were engaged, 769,494 people heard the gospel, 86,587 people were baptized, 18,380 new churches were started, 127,155 pastors received training, and 144,322 people became believers!

At A Glance

September's Gifts:	\$18,789. ⁹⁸
2022 Gifts So Far:	\$199,663. ³⁵
2022 Budget:	\$262,763. ⁰⁰

Your Church Staff...

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Give online!

Go to: <https://onrealm.org/fbcyantistexas/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.

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

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

Oh give thanks to the LORD. for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

1 CHRONICLES 16:34

Thank you...

Eldavada Gilbreath would like to convey her thanks to her church family! She felt your prayers, your love, and your care while she was in the hospital.

Thank you to all those who were involved in the Fall Festival! Whether you donated candy or a cake, operated a game or a firepit, you truly made a difference!