

Worship Matters

The world is not only filled with anxiety but many are struggling to find enough peace just to get through the day. We meet people every day that are walking through times of sickness and depression. During this time more than ever, the world is a mission field. People we come in contact with can either see Jesus in us or see worry in us. By spending time with God daily and renewing our mind through His Word we can be ready for any opportunity to share Jesus and the hope He brings.

We are the Church and our love and unity will show a hurting world that there is hope. Let's be careful to guard our unity and encourage each other daily. Philippians 2:2 says: Make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Do you remember the old praise song, **Bind Us Together**, written by Bob Gillman?

Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together Lord
Bind us together
Bind us together with love
There Is Only One God,
There Is Only One King
There Is Only One Body,
That Is Why We Sing.

In Christ,
Melaina

Reach Texas Offering

Collected so far: \$895.00

The Reach Texas Offering will continue to be collected into October. Please pray and consider giving to this cause.

100% of your Reach Texas giving is spent on Missions & Evangelism Ministries / Strategies (Disaster Relief, Church Planting, Evangelism and Missions). Because of Cooperative Program giving all funds given through Reach Texas will go to missions and ministry with no administrative costs.

Properties Report

July

Chair: Jerry Nickerson

Work on the Youth Room is now complete! Please visit and check out the finished product.

In September, two air conditioning units in the church were determined to be broken: one in the sanctuary and one servicing the classrooms for ladies' Sunday School. Both units were either repaired or replaced. Due to these costs, certain elements of the Phase 2 renovation plans had to be scrapped.

Vocal Quartet!

Join us for a night of music featuring a vocal quartet on November 14th at 6:00pm!

Connect with us Online!

Visit our website at: fbcyantistexas.com or our facebook page at [facebook.com/FBCYantis](https://www.facebook.com/FBCYantis)

Our website has info on staff, online giving, and more! Facebook hosts our weekly livestreams and is the best source for updates on the happenings of FBC Yantis!

We also have a Youtube channel. Find the link on our website.



Jesus Kids and Youth

Youth has resumed! Please pray and consider ways that you can minister to the youth this fall!

Jesus Kids will be starting back soon. Exact date TBD, but it seems like we will get the ball rolling some time this month! Keep this program in your prayers as well!

Changed Your Phone Number or Address?

Please call Elizabeth in the church office at 903-383-2393 or send an email to fbcyantistexas@peoplescom.net if your information has changed. If you would like, Elizabeth can also send you an invitation to begin using Realm, our new online directory. It also lets you view your giving history, register for events, and stay in touch with your church community through announcements! The service will work the best when everybody uses it!

Prayer Meeting

We are called to pray. Open our hearts to God. You are invited to come, pray and fellowship with this group. They pray for our Church family and community every Tuesday morning in the Family Life Center at 7 am.

If you need to get to work, you can come, pray and leave. If you aren't on a set schedule, come, pray and visit.

Give online!

Go to: <https://onrealm.org/fbcyantistexas/give/now>

No account needed.

Even if you had automatic giving in the past, please ensure it is still properly set up going forward! Elizabeth can also take credit card payment over the phone. Call 903-383-2393 during office hours.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.



At A Glance

Year to Date Gifts (Through August):
Received: \$ 140,211.⁵⁰ Required: 186,670.⁰⁰
August Gifts:
Received: \$ 14,782.⁵⁰ Required: \$ 23,333.⁷⁵

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Are You Strong Enough? Probably not.

It's interesting how the culture of the world infiltrates the church and its reading of the Bible.

(ESV) Judges 6 11 Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. 12 And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor."

Is this the story of someone who needs a little self esteem? Is this the story of someone who has strength that he doesn't think he has? Is this the story of someone who just needs a word of encouragement to be all that he can be? Is the story about someone who needs to realize their potential? Does the Lord see some 'hidden' strength that Gideon doesn't know that he has? Some place the story's emphasis on Gideon. They get it wrong.

Or is it about someone who is afraid? Who constantly lacks faith? Who rightfully sees Himself as a loser, in a tribe of losers? But someone who has a great God who can enable him to be a tool in the hand of a mighty God. The might is not Gideon's. It is the power of God at work in a man who the Lord is with. This is the story of a great God, who can make weak men into powerful tools when the broken tool is enabled by the mighty God.

As one reads the story (Judges 6-8), we see a man who truly struggles. Not a great man. Not a man of great faith. But a man who the Lord decides to work with; to be with. To encourage. To reveal Himself to. To foster faith within. And to accomplish great things through. Not because of Gideon's greatness, but because of the Lord's greatness – and His grace. Gideon often gets things

wrong. But the Lord always gets things right. And He brings Gideon along. The Lord demonstrates His own greatness. Gideon with 300 men ultimately defeats a great army. The nation rallies around him as God does great things.

The Lord's greatness includes using broken people. He enables their faith. He empowers them. He accomplishes things only God can do – and by grace allows broken people to be part of it. This occurrence is not a rare thing in the Bible. It is the normal way that the Lord works. He accomplishes great things, using messed up people.

What if we decided to yield to Him? What if we confessed our own inabilities? What if we asked Him to work in our lives—transform us, enable us—so that He could use us to accomplish what He desires? What if He would use us to demonstrate His greatness?

The reality is that He is willing. It is not about our strength, but His. It's not our story but His. But we need to yield to Him. We need to follow Him. When we are afraid (of course we will be afraid), we need to trust in Him.

Ask the Lord what He desires to do in and through you. And follow Him. Have faith in Him. When you are afraid or doubtful, go to Him even more fervently. He increases our faith. He transforms. He enables. The result will be that the Lord will show His greatness. That's what we need. We don't need to be great – He is great. We just need to walk with Him by faith.

Pastor Danny

From the Heart

Wednesday Night Youth officially kicked off September 22nd. Thank you all who helped minister at the See You at the

Pole and the Saw You at the Pole last month. Special thanks to those who brought desserts, helped serve the meal, set up chairs, the trailer and more. Also, Special thanks to Bob Clifton who grilled the delicious hamburgers. The newly remodeled Youth room is open! We are so very thankful for the funds and all the hard work the deacons put into making that place fresh and clean.

Kathy Freeman is the new director of our Jesus Kids After-School Program for children Pre-K through 5th grade. Currently the kick-off date is undecided, but will possibly start in October. Please continue to pray for this vital ministry and ask the Lord if you are to help.

Thank you all for praying for and supporting the ministry to the future generations of FBC Yantis. On October 3-6th, Melaina and I will be leading the music in a revival at Brashear Baptist. Please make plans to join us if possible. We will be there Sunday night at 6pm and Mon-Wed at 7pm.

In Christ,
Bro. Chad

Military Personnel

We would like to get photos of church members / family of church members who are currently serving in the military to create a prayer bulletin board in the hallway of church. Please give photos and information to Carolyn Bryant or to Elizabeth in the office. Thank you!

