

The Witness

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Investing

Investing. Don't you wish you were better at this? I wish I was.

When we are young, we have too many distractions to spend resources on. There is too little coming in. Too many needs to spend it on. And a few 'fun' things that we just splurge and throw resources at (too many of these probably, but so much fun). Not much to invest.

As we age, income raises but so do expenses. Bigger cars, bigger houses, more kids, college, and "fun" things are more expensive. Things to spend on. Not much to invest.

And so the trend goes. And time passes and we get old. Now major income disappears. We look around and discover how little we had prepared. Perhaps we should have invested while we could.

This can also be true spiritually. When we are young, we don't have time to invest spiritually. Too many things to do. Too much to enjoy. No time to invest. And as life speeds along, the distractions become greater as the family grows. After all life is all about family/fun/me (or is it?), and we just plug the 'spiritual' in as time is available. And we get old, and life has been spent, and we have invested little in the 'spiritual'. We have little to show for it. Perhaps we should have invested more.

But what is the problem in all of these arenas? If we just let life 'happen', the important is overwhelmed by the urgent, the distractions, the fleeting, the temporal, the things that don't last. Investment demands being intentional.

What if we viewed life through a different lens! What if we focused on the essential first! What if we prioritized on the long term. What if we integrated stewardship into the everyday of life. Financially, that would result in greater security as we age. Spiritually, that would ensure that our lives would be spent with purpose. With eternity in minds.

Perhaps investment is not the right term when we talk about the 'spiritual'. It is really about a person, an everyday relationship with Christ. It is really about allowing Christ to dwell in us and shape our entire being. It really is all about Him. The Christian life is not about compartmentalization – finding moments to give Him. He needs to be infused if all of life. More than investing moments, we need to surrender all of life. In this there is great reward.

Pastor Danny

At-A-Glance:

July's Gifts: \$31,702.⁰²
2024 Gifts : \$122,067.⁰⁰
2024 Budget: \$153,769.⁰²

September Outreach - Fall Back to Ministry

It's still hot but fall is here. And with it a return to regular ministry. Wednesday Jesus Kids / Authentic Youth has begun. Teachers and workers are in place. New and returning kids have arrived. Several kids who were saved last year have come to me and are still excited about it. One of them got baptized this summer and was ecstatic to tell me. Another was just talking about how much fun it was to get baptized here at FBC last Spring. Fruit of the labor. An encouragement to "keep on keeping on" for all of us. Eternal impact that has already begun.

September offers the recurring events of See You At/After the Pole, SYATP (both AM and PM) events. The morning is a time of prayer at the school flag pole (adults can attend as well), and the afternoon a time at the church to rally for preaching and celebration. September 25. See Dennis Wagner.

The quarterly business meeting will be after church on September 15, with sandwiches prior to the meeting. Fellowship and hear about what is going on.

Susan Duke, will be speaking on Sunday afternoon, September 22. She is an author and speaker (lives in East Texas). She has written an excellent book concerning grief recovering, but also speaks to a variety of Christian life areas.

The semiannual ladies fellowship will be Saturday, September 28, 10:30-noon. Kristi Caldwell (the new DOM's wife) will be speaking. There will be food and games as well. A great time for our ladies to just relax and enjoy each other.

The semiannual Senior Rally will be held at Lakeview on Thursday, October 3. Always a fun time of food, fellowship, music, and message. See Steve Couch.

Invite. Invite. Invite. Use our activities as a means for outreach. People will come to special events when invited by a friend.

Pastor Danny

"Kicking Off the New Year in Authentic Youth"

Hey y'all! In August we kicked off youth for the year. We are excited to have our students back, and we look forward to an awesome year.

This year, we are focusing on two themes: being authentic and being transformed by the gospel. With the culture teaching young people countless lies, we want to show them what truths that Scripture says about who they are, how to interact in relationships, and how the gospel transforms us!

Looking forward, the main thing we have coming up is See You at the Pole. The hope is that this can be a HUGE event for both the school and for our ministry. That night, we are bringing in an evangelist and making it the week to invite friends. Please pray for us, for evangelist Dalton Keith, and for the students to have opportunities to invite their friends!

Bro. Dennis Wagner

FBCY Sr Adult Cooking Video

The Cooking Video was back on Thursday August 15th with a show focused on Salads for Summer. Marty Smith showcased the Chicken Salad, Kathi Hakes showed her Fruit Salad, Sheryl Jobe with a Bowtie Pasta Salad, JoAnn Bevil with Asian Slaw, and Quata Eaves with a Cucumber, Tomato and Onion Salad. Everyone who attended really enjoyed the lunch.

The next video will be Thursday November 14th featuring Holiday recipes so be sure to tune in or better yet come be a part of the audience.

Be sure and watch on our Facebook page Facebook.com/fbcy1870 or You Tube or come be part of the audience and enjoy samples of all the tasty goodies!

Music Ministry

The Praise Team will be back on-stage starting September 1st. We are really looking forward to them returning. Sherri Jackson has returned on piano after her surgeries. I want to thank Pat Brown and Janice Parker for their help while Sherri was out.

We also have 2 new folks helping in the Audio/Video booth. LeAnne Bauer and Bransen Stinson. We appreciate them stepping up to help!

Sr Adult Ministry

The Sr Adult Rally at Lakeview Baptist Camp will be Thursday October 3rd. The speaker will be Dr. Rick Webb from Providence Baptist Church and worship provided by Dale Perkins II from Woodland Hills Baptist Church.

We will all meet at the church at 7:30. Registration begins at 9:00 with the program beginning at 9:30. Need everyone to RSVP to the FBCY office by September 25th.

Thanks
Bro Steve

Thank You...

Thank you to everyone who wished me a happy birthday! Several people wrote me cards or gave me gifts, which was totally unnecessary but also very appreciated! It feels good to be 30!

<3 Elizabeth Smith



Monday September 2nd
Offices Closed

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