

The Witness

“....and you shall be my WITNESSES both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”
Acts 1:8

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AN EAGLE'S PERSPECTIVE



Well, this will be a different Easter.

We are in the middle of the COVID19 Pandemic and we are doing church just a little bit different, but then so is everyone else. We have been having our services on FaceBook Live for some time now, but with everyone staying home, we have had a whole lot more interaction. We will keep this format all through April as it stands right now. Remember, you can find us on FaceBook at FBC DeWitt. We begin our services at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings just like normal. Our Worship Team is also here leading in music just like normal. We just do not have many people in the pews:)

Now that the virus has found its way to Arkansas County, people are a little more cautious than before - understandably so. We want people to remain safe and healthy! We have had to cancel many events because of the social distancing, but remember this - God is still on the throne! Jesus is still Lord and worthy of our worship. Also, this too will pass!

We have five people that are still scheduled for baptism - it will happen. We have three deacon nominees still waiting to be voted on and ordained - it will happen. We still have ministry going on, just not in the usual ways. I believe we will come out stronger as church when all of this is said and done.

So what do we need to be doing? First, keep the faith! Keep praying, keep praising, and keep giving God the glory. Second, be a part of the worship each Sunday. Keep the habit of being involved in worship! If your Sunday School Class is doing something, ZOOM, GroupMe or Texting, be a part. It is important to remain connected to your small groups. Third, keep giving. Many people only give and support the ministries of the church when they come to church. Now is the time to remain faithful in your giving. You can mail your tithe in, bring it by the church, call me to come pick it up, or you can give online. Just go to our webpage - fbcde Witt.com click on the giving emblem and it will take you to a page to give your offerings. Fourth, be involved in ministry. Call some people who are stuck at home, help at the food pantry, or be a prayer warrior. Ministry does not stop when a pandemic comes - it increases! Fifth, be careful. Do not take unnecessary risk with your health. Wash your hands, cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, & drink plenty of water.

God is up to something good - let's look for it and encourage one another.!

A BIT OF HUMOR:

Things Got You Down? Well, then consider these:

1. In a hospital's Intensive Care Unit, patients always died in the same bed, on Sunday morning, at about 11:00 a.m., regardless of their medical condition. This puzzled the doctors and some even thought it had something to do with the super natural. No one could solve the mystery as to why the deaths occurred around 11:00 a.m. on a Sunday, so a worldwide team of experts was assembled to investigate the cause of the incidents. The next Sunday morning, a few minutes before 11:00 a.m. all of the doctors and nurses nervously waited outside the ward to see for themselves what the terrible phenomenon was all about. Some were holding wooden crosses, prayer books, and other holy objects to ward off the evil spirits. Just when the clock struck 11:00 a.m., Pookie Johnson, the part-time Sunday sweeper, entered the ward and unplugged the life support system so he could use the vacuum cleaner.
2. The average cost of rehabilitating a seal after the Exxon Valdez Oil spill in Alaska was \$80,000.00. At a special ceremony, two of the most expensively saved animals were being released back into the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers. A minute later, in full view, a killer whale ate them both.
3. Iraqi terrorist Khay Rahnajet did not pay enough postage on a letter bomb. It came back with **'Return to Sender'** stamped on it. Forgetting it was the bomb, he opened it and was blown to bits. God is Good!

Feeling Better Now?

Remember, I Love You All & I Enjoy Being Your Pastor !

Bro. Jimmy



FBC will be working the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry the month of April. The dates are April 9th, 14th, 23rd & 28th from 11:30-12:30. Volunteers will need to arrive around 11:00 a.m. & will restock after it closes. Please contact Heidi Craig (830-4260) to volunteer. THANK YOU!



LOADING...

Virtual Baby Shower

There will be a Virtual Baby Shower starting NOW for Trey & Leslie Baker. They are being blessed with another baby girl! She is registered at Amazon, Wal-Mart, Target & Dean's. Look up her registry at any of those websites, pick something out, purchase it, & put her address as the shipping address (69 Conner Levee Rd., Tichnor, AR 72166) or drop your gifts off at the church office.



ORDER YOUR NEW FBC T-SHIRT

Bro. Kevin will be ordering new FBC DeWitt T-Shirts soon. All sizes from toddler to adult will be \$10. If you would like to purchase one please fill out a order envelope & place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. The envelopes are located in the church foyer & the church lobby. Deadline to order is Thursday, April 30th! No extras will be ordered!



For the month of April we will be collecting:
Stuffed Animals and dolls

You may drop your donations into the clear box in the Sanctuary or the church office.

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Food Pantry 11:00 a.m.	10 Church Office Will Be Closed for Good Friday	11
12 	13	14 Food Pantry 11:00 a.m.	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Food Pantry 11:00 a.m.	24	25
26	27	28 Food Pantry 11:00 a.m.	29	30		



Jeanie Cade—1
Kirk Fletcher—4
Emory Baker—5
Robert Criswell—7
Becky Briggs—7
Jonathan Canamore—9

Huntley Traylor—12
Jackie Hynum—15
Tammy Albrecht—15
Kent Craig—18
David Horton—19
Paula Gantt—21

Gerald Henderson—25
Leah Endsley—26
Caitlin Jones—26
Otis Carter—27
Weston Vansandt—30



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