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*Mission Statement:
Sunday School is FBC's primary
Great Commission strategy for
reaching, teaching, and ministering
to the people of Winnsboro.*



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Go, therefore, and make disciples of^f all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20 (CSB)

A Note from Pastor Tom

Persistent Zeal for Sharing the Gospel and Constant Prayer for the Gospel to Advance

This past Wednesday was See You at the Pole (SYATP), an annual day in which school students across the U.S. (as well as other nations) gather around the flagpole at their school to pray for the gospel to advance in the lives of the people of their school, community, city, state, nation, and the world. We had a great turn out at Winnsboro High School and Middle School as students prayed for Christ to be embraced in our schools in Winnsboro, our community, our city, our state, our nation, our world.

Romans 12:11-12

Romans 12:11-12 says, “11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” There is much that could be said here from this passage in Romans where Paul calls the church in Rome to action. But SYATP caused a couple things to really stand out in my mind: 1) Persistent Zeal for Sharing the Gospel and 2) Constant Prayer for the Gospel to Advance.

Persistent Zeal for Sharing the Gospel

Our zeal for Christ – our love of Him, our work to expand His kingdom by making disciples of Him through the spreading of the gospel – must be persistent. It is easy to get excited, burn out, and quit. Rather, we must be those who are excited about the gospel and persistently, diligently share it over and over and over with others.

Constant Prayer for the Gospel to Advance

And our prayer for others and the advancement of the gospel must be constant. Too often we can get excited about sharing the gospel and growing in Christ, and then we push hard. We share. We proclaim. We work. But then we find it's not sustainable because we become discouraged. We lose our zeal. We wear ourselves out trying to advance the gospel forgetting that we must be constant in prayer because we can only share the gospel; we can't force it to take root and grow in our lives or the lives of others.

Growth is the work of the Spirit (1 Cor 3:6). The seed of the gospel will never germinate, never sprout, never grow unless God brings it about. Yet, how often do we plant the gospel, water it again and again with constant teaching, study, and admonition, but we only sporadically pray that God would bring about the miraculous work of transforming the desolate soil of the human heart so that the gospel takes root and grows? Only God can change the condition of the soil of the human heart to cause growth of the gospel in a person's life.

Our Church Identity

I pray that part of our core identity as a church—what we give ourselves to—is we will be a people persistent in our zealousness in sharing the gospel and constant in our prayers for the growth of the gospel in our lives and the lives of others.

Weekly Announcements



September/October

- 28 - Liz Hurt
- 30 - Scott Bowman, Justin Klepfer
- 1 - Tammy Cooper
- 3 - Randy Cason
- 4 - Liam Bowman



Over the next year, we would like to provide encouragement to the people that are employed by the WISD.

We would like to bless them by stocking the employee lounge at each campus.

Outside the Welcome Center is a table filled with grab-and-go snack items for teachers to take and enjoy during their break.

If you would like to contribute, please place your snack items or cards of encouragement on the table. This month, we will send this encouragement offering to Winnsboro Junior High School Lounge.

The deadline is October 4 so we can deliver the snacks and cards to the school on October 5.



Men's Retreat - October 2-4 - Broken Bow
Women's Retreat, October 23-24, Lakeview

A Weekly REACH, TEACH & MINISTER schedule

9:00-9:10

Fellowship & Announcements

9:10-9:20

"REACH" Spotlight

9:20-10:00

"TEACH" People God's Word

10:00-10:15

*"MINISTER" in Care Groups/
Prayer Time*



Let's Pray! Join us for a time of corporate prayer for our church body. Sunday mornings, 8:00 am, in the GMRC.
Let's fill up the room with prayers to the Lord!