

- Family
 - Tawny is involved in a Fentanyl-awareness program in area high schools, sometimes speaking at multiple schools in one week, sometimes nothing for a month or two. It is an important ministry to Tawny because of the death of their son, Josh, in 2021, and because of the need to educate youth about the dangers of Fentanyl. Many students come to talk with her after her presentations. It is both a very difficult activity for her because of Josh's problems with drugs, and a very rewarding, cathartic activity for her as she re-processes the memories and sees other's benefiting from her experiences.
 - Tawny had surgery for appendicitis in August 2024 and following the surgery, she was very weak physically for a period of time but seems to have fully recovered now. Tony and Tawny are very thankful to God for her full recovery and for the sustaining joy that God gives them each day.
 - Tony has had significant neck pain for a while and had an MRI in mid-January. At this time, he is waiting to hear the results of the MRI and learn what treatment will be recommended.
- Ministry (Folsom Bible Church - FBC)
 - The church is doing wonderfully well. Tony says this is the most fun he has had in ministry. Sunday, January 19, 2025 was the church's 3rd anniversary.
 - Sunday typical attendance has remained about 40 people. Many in the congregation are under 30 years of age and are energetic, enthusiastic, and committed to one another. They are growing in their understanding of the Word. There have been some people moving out of state, as there are in most places, and other new people coming to Sunday services. The head deacon will be moving to Tennessee in a month or so, and that will leave an important hole for God to re-fill.
 - FBC is now meeting in a different facility which is just a few blocks from their previous location. They had been renting from one church, but that church closed due to financial reasons. Now FBC is renting from a different church with slightly larger facilities, which is good, and the rental cost is a flat rate instead of usage based, so FBC will be able to make more use of the facilities without increasing their costs. That flat rate cost is also slightly lower than the cost was at their previous location.
 - The church still meets at 2:00pm, which presents a challenge because it is out of sync with people's normal Sunday expectations and schedules, so it is something that discourages new people from attending.
 - Tawny and ladies from church had been selling jewelry and handing out tracts and gospel information as an outreach at the local farmer's market in Folsom but paused that activity during the colder weather. That will begin again as the weather warms up.
 - Tuesday evening is prayer meeting and remains well attended.
 - Wednesday afternoons, Tony leads a Bible study at an elder care home. Every second Friday night, FBC leads a worship service for the residents with scripture reading, prayer, songs, and teaching. The residents love singing the old hymns. FBC people enjoy leading the different parts of the service. There are multiple FBC musicians who can share in leading the music.
 - Thursday evenings every other week are for home groups. The alternate Thursdays are a training time called the Equipping Hour, which is held at the church and attended by 45+ people from 4 or 5 different churches.
 - On Friday, once a month, FBC ministers at the Union Gospel Mission. They lead a service with music, testimony, and teaching, then afterwards, they serve a meal to those attending. The FBC people love serving in this way and it is a great opportunity for the men in training to lead, teach, and interact with individuals, leading to gospel conversations.
 - Saturdays for the past two years have been a men's training time where they have finished Gruden's Theology as well as Old and New Testament survey. With that training completed, beginning this year, Tony wants to begin a regular Friday night street evangelism effort in Folsom. Initially, this will be in residential areas, bringing awareness of the new FBC location to the neighborhood using door-hangers and conversations. Later, it will also include striking up conversations with people hanging out in the Old Town Folsom tourist areas, handing out tracts and engaging in gospel conversations. FBC musicians could also play Christian songs as something to attract attention. Tony described it as "Irritating the comfortable and comforting the irritated."
 - The music ministry has grown a lot in skill, in confidence, and in worship. There are now enough people so that different teams of people can rotate and share in leading worship. This is a great joy to Tony.

- Max and Vayla continue to be a joy and a great gift to Tony personally, and to the church. Max is great at both teaching and administration. Max and Tony work together very well, and Max is a great encouragement to Tony.
- Women's ministry has morphed into a more informal ministry where women gather a few here and a few there as fits their schedules and desires, rather than any formal, scheduled gatherings or training classes. For now, this fits best with the women's needs and availability. They are still busy and involved in other church gatherings like the Thursday evening home groups and others.
- Tony will be speaking to City Bible Church's women's retreat at Mt Hermon in February. Then later, he will be speaking at a youth retreat sponsored by Cornerstone Bible Church of Sacramento.
- Prayer Items
 - That the Lord would stir the hearts of the congregation to be very zealous for the souls of the lost for the glory of Christ.
 - That FBC would be a blessing to the established church that is graciously allowing FBC to rent their facilities.
 - For Tony's health – specifically his neck and spine which are now suffering from the exuberant (Tony calls it foolish) activities he did as a youth under the false conviction of invincibility. Pray for grace to endure the discomfort in a way that pleases God if He chooses not to bring healing.
 - Praise for good financial support – at their 3-year anniversary, about 60% of the church costs are covered by the FBC congregation themselves and they are looking to be at 100% in another couple of years. Supporting churches have agreed to continue assisting FBC financially for two more years.