



June 28th - July 4th

eNewsletter

G.R.O.W.

grace relationship obedience witness

Sermon:

Walls, Watchmen, & Worshipers

Nehemiah 7:1-4

Pastor Gary Bassham



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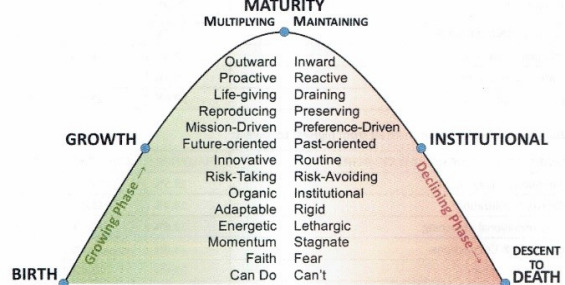
ALSO, VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR SERMONS, CHURCH COMMUNITY BUILDER ACCESS, UPCOMING EVENTS, CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, ONLINE PRAYER REQUESTS, GIVING, AND MORE!



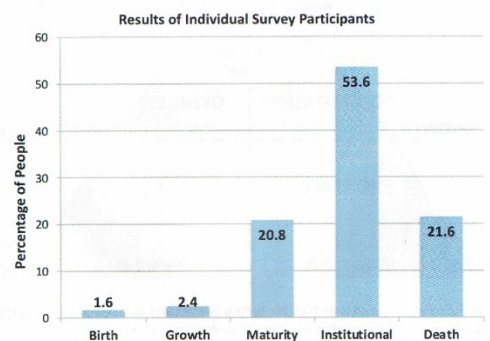
RESULTS: The survey that was available to FBC members and attenders was completed by almost 57% of the congregation, which is excellent. By way of reminder, the results of this survey represent the opinion of those who took the survey. The top three strengths of our church were Missions, Children's Ministry, and Women's Ministry and the three greatest challenges were Lack of Volunteers, Conflict Resolution/ Forgiveness/ Reconciliation, and lack of Vision/Hope/Identity. Another area of concern is our inward focus rather than outward focus (evangelism).

In the core doctrines of Evangelicals, FBC scored very high in recognizing the Bible as the highest authority, that Jesus Christ's death on the cross is the only sacrifice that could remove the penalty of my sin, and only those who trust in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior receive God's free gift of eternal salvation. However, 37% of those who took the survey only moderately or slightly agree with the statement that it is very important for me personally to encourage non-Christians to trust Jesus Christ as their Savior. As a result of all the responses, our church is categorized as "Institutional," which is on the downhill slope of the life of a church.

CHURCH LIFE CYCLE



Sounds ominous, doesn't it? But God is in control and He will use this time of uncertainty to grow us in the areas we need to change. While we look back at 50 years of life at FBC, we will also look forward where we are going. We are reestablishing who we are and where we want to go, refocusing on our Mission, Vision and Purpose. Concurrently, the elders are working on conflict resolution arising from the previous pastoral search and restoring relationships within the body. Look for updates on each of these areas in future G.R.O.W. articles.



VBS

WOW! What an amazing week we had at Breaker Rock Beach! We had almost 200 kids from our church and community join us to learn that GOD'S TRUTH NEVER CHANGES. Our week went great and we know it's due to the prayers of our church family. We are so grateful. Thank you to all of you who were a part of

VBS this year - from set up, to donations, to helping the week of VBS, to making decorations - our church truly came together to make this happen and it was incredible to watch. All praise and glory to God!



GLOBAL PARTNERS CORNER

Water, the essence of life on earth, is a vital resource. Yet, a global water crisis continues to challenge people's access to the quantity and quality needed for drinking, cooking, bathing, handwashing, and growing food. Children and families are getting sick and dying in rural villages in Nepal, all because their drinking water is unsafe and full of disease.

Last month, due to the generosity of the Love Offering for the Conference, FBC was able to send Global Partner International Needs a \$500 special gift to take advantage of a matching grant to provide clean water systems for villages in Nepal.



Because of the increasing persecution of the ruling Hindu dominated government, community development is also important for the agency to maintain a presence in the country. [CLICK HERE](#) Longtime Global Partners, Nicanor & Elizabeth Tamang have ministered for over 50 years to the Nepali people both in Nepal & northern India.

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Kirk Kallander, Elder Chairman

50TH ANNIVERSARY

VENUE CHANGE!!

Register NOW to attend FBC's

50th Celebration!

date: SATURDAY, JULY 13

time: 1PM- 5PM, PROGRAM IS 1PM-3PM

location: FAMILY BIBLE CHURCH



The G.R.O.W.

HOW TO BEGIN

A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

- Admit you have not met God's standard of perfection. Romans 3:23
- Believe Jesus Christ is God as he claimed to be. Romans 10:9-10
- Ask God to forgive your sin on the basis of Jesus Christ's death payment. Romans 4:25
- Accept God's love for you and His offer of eternal life. John 3:16

We invite you to contact a Pastor or Elder to help you begin a relationship with Jesus Christ.

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FOURTH OF JULY PARADE!

There is still time to join us in the 4th of July parade this Thursday! Email Chris Bahner (cmbahner@gmail.com) or chat with him to join us in the parade.



If you have bags of candy to donate for passing out, please bring them to the church or bring them with you to the parade! Thank you!

PASTORAL SEARCH PRAYER & VERSE OF THE WEEK

"He must be one who...keeping his children under control with all dignity (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?)..."
(1 Timothy 3:4-5, NASB95)

Pray that our future Pastor will be a father who manages his own children well.

FBC Pastoral Prayer Team 6/30/24

SAVE THE DATE!

The Pastoral Search Prayer Team would like you to save the following dates. On Tuesday July 16th and August 20th at 6:30pm we will hold congregational prayer meetings to lift up the lead pastor search process. Please join us as the body of FBC in this opportunity to pray for our next pastor.

Happy 4th of July!
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The Family Bible Church office will be **CLOSED** on July 4th.



Join us at the parade on Pioneer Way! The office will be open again on the 5th at 8AM.

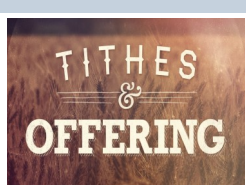
ELDER BOARD—WAYS TO CONNECT

Give us a Call

Connect at the Cross
Congregational Prayer

Elder Meeting (2nd & 4th Mondays)

[Elder Connect Form](#)



Sept. 1, 2023 - Present

Budget: \$ 622,706
Giving: \$ 553,498

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OFFICE CLOSED JULY 4TH
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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