



July 19th - July 25th

eNewsletter

# G.R.O.W.

grace      relationship      obedience      witness

**9AM Sermon: I'm Praying for You**  
Colossians 1:3-14

**Pastor John Ploog**

**10:30AM Sermon: Discipleship**  
Acts 9:36-43

**Pastor Dennis Beatty**



USE THIS QR CODE TO ACCESS THE GROW ON THE FAMILY BIBLE CHURCH WEBSITE!

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

## WHAT IS FBC'S PURPOSE?

"The purpose of Family Bible Church is to glorify God by the edifying of the body to Christ-like character and evangelize to Oak Harbor and the surrounding community through the saints; as well as to reach out to the unsaved in the world through missions and to provide a center for Christian fellowship and the worship of Almighty God."



This purpose statement was written 50 years ago by the founders of Family Bible Church and is still as valid today as it was in the 1970's. In fact, it is part of our Constitution.

Notice the parts:

**Edify the Body** – "to instruct and improve the saints especially in moral and religious knowledge". This ties directly to our Mission Statement, "To Make Maturing Disciples", which is our inward focus.

**Evangelize our community** – Again, tying directly to our Mission Statement, "To Make Disciples", which is our outward focus. Our Community Outreach Group is an important part of this effort, meeting physical needs in the community.

**Reach out to the world through Missions (global partners)** – Our Global Partners remain a key part of who we are. We are dedicated to maximum financial support of our worldwide GP's and honoring them as well as letting our body meet some of them through our Global Partners Conference each year.

**Fellowship** – This is what makes us a family, the opportunity to gather together, love and support each other, and grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ together.

**Worship** – Our corporate acknowledgement and celebration of God's power and perfection in gratitude and submission to Him.

Now, you know FBC's Mission, Vision, and Purpose!  
Kirk Kallander, Elder Chairman

## PASTOR JOHN PLOOG

MY WIFE, MARILYN, AND I HAVE BEEN MARRIED 55 YEARS THIS AUGUST 2. WE HAVE 4 CHILDREN AND 12 GRANDCHILDREN AGES 6 THROUGH 21.

I RETIRED FROM CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN WHITTIER, CA AFTER PASTORING THAT MINISTRY FOR 33 YEARS AND 51 YEARS IN MINISTRY.

ONE OF OUR GRANDSONS, VANDER PLOOG, SIGNED AS A TIGHT END TO PLAY FOOTBALL WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON FOR THE CLASS OF '25.

MY CLOSE FRIENDS FROM OUR WESTERN SEMINARY YEARS ARE YOUR INTERIM PASTOR, GARY BASSHAM, AND THE PREACHER IN THE SECOND SERVICE, PASTOR DENNIS BEATTY. THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN GOD'S WORD WITH YOU.



**PASTOR DENNIS BEATTY**

DR. DENNIS BEATTY GOT HIS BACHELORS DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. HIS MASTERS OF DIVINITY FROM WESTERN SEMINARY PORTLAND AND HIS DOCTOR OF MINISTRY FROM FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PASADENA. HE HAS BEEN SENIOR PASTOR OF THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES:

- BETHANY CHURCH, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA,
- FAIR OAKS CHURCH CONCORD, CALIFORNIA
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PRESCOTT, ARIZONA
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH UKIAH, CALIFORNIA

ADDITIONALLY, HE HAS DONE SEVERAL YEAR LONG INTERIMS AS WELL AS PULPIT SUPPLY IN MORE THAN 20 CHURCHES.

DENNIS LETTERED IN BOTH FOOTBALL AND COLLEGE TRACK

MOST IMPORTANTLY, HE PLAYED ON WESTERN SEMINARY FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM WITH GARY BASSHAM.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE!

Our Children's Ministry is looking for a few good leaders. We have openings in kindergarten, 3rd-4th Grade and 5th-6th grade classes. Help us grow the future of our church and future leaders. Please contact Tammy Butler if you are interested or need any additional information.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

While we are recovering from the latest heat event, no one is thinking about fall and harvest time! However, it is just around the corner. I am looking for a volunteer (s) to direct this year's Harvest Festival. We will need to set up games, collect Candy, decorate and get ready for a fun night. Please contact Tammy Butler if you are interested in leading this event.

## In Memoriam

**Vivian Jones Memorial**  
July 27th - 10:30 AM - FBC

# SUMMER YOUNG ADULT GATHERINGS

July 21 - Joseph Whidbey  
 July 28 - Ft. Casey  
 August 4 - Lake Padden (1pm)  
 August 11 - Pt. Townsend  
 August 18 - Cedar & Salt

All young adults (ages 18-25ish) are invited to gather on Sunday afternoons in July and August and have some outings filled with fellowship, some food, and a few adventures. Bring yourself and some spending money. We will meet at the FBC parking lot at 2pm (unless otherwise noted) so we can carpool. Contact Lea Bahner with questions & for details!

[Email Lea Bahner](#) if you're interested or have questions! Hope to see you there!

## PASTORAL SEARCH PRAYER & VERSE OF THE WEEK

**“...that the...Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.”**

**(Ephesians 1:17, NASB95)**

**Pray that our future Pastor will be a man with a spirit of wisdom from the Father.**

FBC Pastoral Prayer Team 7/21/24



The phrase, "Only God can make a tree" is more true today than ever before as new research unravels the mystery of how trees communicate within a forest. You could almost say, "It takes a forest to raise a tree", as scientists learn more about how trees actually communicate with one another linked to neighboring trees by an underground network of fungi & roots. This enables trees to exchange nutrients, nurture their offspring, transmit warnings, and relay information to their neighbors. If you have ever taken a college class on ecosystems, you learn about incredibly sophisticated interactions that take place all around us and realize it does not just happen by chance.

Come now and look at this *Wood Wide Web* that links an estimated 90% of our planet's vegetation. Explore this incredible phenomenon and marvel at another crucial provision for life on Earth. [CLICK HERE](#)

The Opportunity Council is holding a registration for a free backpack and school supplies for Oak Harbor and Coupeville Students K-12 grade. This is FREE!! There are no financial income restrictions. If you need a backpack and supplies for your children this year, please visit <https://www.oppco.org/howtohelp/back2basics/neededsupplies/> before 16 August to register.



## FBC Elder and Prayer Meeting

**JULY 22ND, 2024**

6PM - Congregational Prayer  
 6:30PM - Elder Meeting

## 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.*

**The G.R.O.W.**

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## 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 -  
 June 28, 2024

Budget: \$ 666,175  
 Giving: \$ 602,239

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