

January 17th - January 23rd

eNewsletter

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The Living Center Colossians 1:15-19

Interim Pastor Ray Schwartz



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!

“...so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard...”

(Philippians 1:13, NASB95)

Pray that our future Pastor will be a man with a heart for the U.S. Military.

FBC Pastoral Prayer Team 1/19/25

Elder Updates

Dear FBC Brothers and Sisters

The Elders met Monday evening to pray about and discuss the path forward for us as a church in the wake of Steve Selke accepting another offer. After careful consideration, and prayer and guidance from The Holy Spirit, we have decided to push the pause button on resuming the search for our next Lead Pastor. Our reasoning for this is twofold: First, the Elders have identified several high priority tasks that had been put on hold during the search process that must now be addressed. Chief among them are hiring a Worship/music director to lead our worship team, establishing a deacon board, updating our Constitution & Bylaws, and negotiating with Pastor Ray the framework for an extended period of serving as Interim Lead Pastor. The second reason for this is because like many of you, the Elder board and certainly the PST need time to reset and take a breath. We know many of you are disappointed with how the last search ended and might be anxious for us to jump back in and get another search going right away. But we strongly felt the Holy Spirit is asking us to stop, listen, look and lean into Jesus. To wait on His timing, and follow His blueprint. To tend to and shepherd the flock and the churches most pressing needs right now. We believe Pastor Ray is doing an outstanding job filling the pulpit and preaching the Word of God and we are so blessed to have him.

In this extended season of transition, we humbly ask for your continued patience as we wait and listen for what God is telling us to do. Please remember to contact any of us should you wish to speak with us more about this, or have any other questions about this or any topic concerning our church. We welcome and look forward to your feedback and comments. Thank you for your continued trust and support.

In Christ, Tony Giammarinaro, Elder

The announcement of the Selke's turning down our call to pastor was sent out on January 10th. If you would like to receive that again, contact the office.



community and perform outreach.

C.O.G. will be holding their monthly meeting this Sunday afternoon (19 Jan) at 3 PM in B3. Come join us and learn more about what our group is doing to support the local commu-

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MoMEntum Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 25 at 8:30am - Sign up table will be out Jan. 19th

MoMEntum Men's Retreat

March 7th-9th at Lakeside Bible Camp (Clinton) - Sign ups start February 9th.



FBC! YOUTH! GROUP!

Thank you to those of you who are filling in for youth group dinners! We appreciate you stepping in to help create a moment of fellowship for our students! With your help we have dinners covered through MARCH!! That is amazing. Thank you all!



Global Partners

Last month, FBC sent Global Partner Lisa Martinez (Ethnos360 / Papua New Guinea) a \$300 special gift to help with expenses to be able attend a retreat in Melbourne, Australia in early February with Thrive Ministry.

The mission of Thrive is to journey with North American women ministering overseas by providing spiritual resources, transformative experiences, and authentic one-on-one relationships to replenish them as they invest in Kingdom work. To read more about it: [CLICK HERE](#).



Children's Ministry Administrative Assistant

Our CM Admin Assistant, Katie, is stepping down from her role. We are grateful for all she has done to serve FBC! That does mean we now need to find someone to step into her part-time role as the administrative assistant to Tammy.

This is a part-time position of 5-8 hours per week. It involves working with great volunteers and assisting the CM director with various tasks. A full job description and application can be found in the office. Stop by to pick up the paperwork or to ask any questions!



Are you a crafter, knitter, crocheter or project maker? Do you want to learn to do these activities? Tammy Butler will be hosting an "OCC Craft Night" at FBC on the last Thursday of every month in C3, from 6pm to 8pm. Items can be donated to OCC shoeboxes or kept for your own

enjoyment. Perhaps you would just like to join in fellowship with other people. Please come and join us. Childcare is not provided but there will be toys in the room. Some supplies will be provided.



The Parental Guidance Sunday School Class (B3 on Sundays at 9am) will be starting a new study through the book "The Gospel-Centered Parent" on February 2nd. Contact Christine Christopherson By phone, 360-720-4737, or email, xhales-tarz@hotmail.com, for information on the class and to order your book.



Did you know FBC hosts a Classical Conversations (CC) homeschool community group on Monday's? If you would like more information about CC and info meetings please visit their website [HERE](#) or contact the chapters director, Leah Jung, via email at leahjung.cc@gmail.com.

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](#)

CURRENT FBC SUNDAY SCHOOLS & SMALL GROUPS

[CLICK HERE](#)



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