

January 24th - January 30th

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Getting Right With God

Colossians 1:19-23

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!

“And He gave...some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service...”

(Ephesians 4:11-12, NASB95)

Pray that our future Pastor will be a man who equips us to do the work of service.

FBC Pastoral Prayer Team 1/26/25

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JOIN THIS SATURDAY FOR THE MEN'S BREAKFAST.

Saturday, January 25 at 8:30am!

MoMEntum Men's Retreat

March 7th-9th at Lakeside Bible Camp

(Clinton) - Sign ups in the lobby start February 9th. [Online registration](#) will open on February 2nd. More information is coming!



Global Partners

At year's end last month, the FBC Short Term Mission Memorial Fund received 3 separate gifts to honor the memories of Vivian Jones, Wayne Beyer, and Dave/Dixie Lassegues who all passed away in 2024. The STM Memorial Fund was created many

years ago to financially assist young people who desire to participate in STMs. The fund was established to encourage young people to use their lives in serving Christ and others through mission opportunities. If you wish to honor the memory of a loved one in this way, contact the Global Partners Council through the church office.

Children's Ministry Administrative Assistant



We are accepting applications for and new Children's Ministry Assistant. This is a part-time position, 5-8 hours per week and 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 application packet or to ask any questions!

VBS DIRECTORS WANTED!

I Don't know about you, but as I check my thermostat and outside thermometer, I dream of warm summer days and outside fun! And of course, Vacation Bible Study (VBS). Do you realize there are only 5 months until June.

Now is the time for Children's Ministry to start planning for 2025 VBS. Our directors from last year have moved or will be moving soon and will not be here to work with us. This year's director can be one person with a support team or it can be 2 co-directors. Our children, our future, love VBS and look forward to this event every year. Please consider sharing your love of God with the kids.


We will also need a pre-school director, and at 5th and 6th grade director. These positions will be working in conjunction with the main leader(s).



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Receptionist

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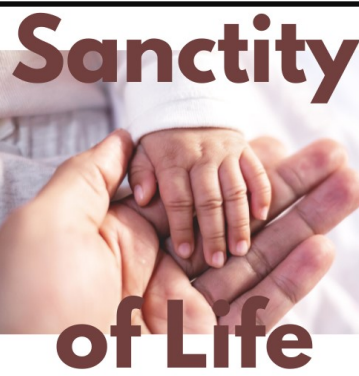
Pushpay

Your giving statements were emailed (and some mailed by request) out this week. Check your email to print your giving or log-in to your Pushpay/CCB account to print from there. Contact the office if you did not receive your statement and need it resent! Thank you everyone for your generosity to FBC!

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, 360-720-4637, or email, xhaletarz@hotmail.com, or Kit Christopherson at 360-720-4528 for information on the class and to order your book.



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 (January 30th) 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.



"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."
Psalm 139: 13-14

Sanctity of Life month may be drawing to a close but that doesn't mean our prayers and time should stop considering these new lives and their parents. Consider if God is calling you to a deeper investment in bringing these new lives to Him in prayer or if He is asking you to begin volunteering with our local Whidbey Island Women's Clinic. Thank you for being in prayer this month and may we be a church body that continues to live knowing God's workmanship is wonderful and that He has formed us, life's newest little ones, and their parents!

FBC UPDATES

Office: Meredith will be out of town from February 6th-11th. That means office hours will be a little different those days. If there is something that is an emergency feel free to contact any of the Elders directly, at their phones provided on the right! We will post the updated office hours in next week's GROW.

Facilities: Recently there was a leak in the upstairs C maintenance closet and Awana office. The leak is fixed, Praise the Lord. Now we have the opportunity to rework that space. There will be a little demo (that's the fun part!) and then reorganizing. If you would like to lend your expertise or skills to this project we would love to have you. Contact Tony G., Dan Potter, or Meredith Falk on how to jump in!



**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](#)

Sept. 1, 2024 - Present

Budget: \$ 287,350
Giving: \$ 274,496

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