

January 31st - February 6th

eNewsletter

# G.R.O.W.

grace

relationship

obedience

witness

## Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing

Colossians 1:23-29

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!

**“The Lord’s bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition...”**

**(2 Timothy 2:24-25, NASB95)**

**Pray that our future Pastor will be a man who is gentle with the lost.**

FBC Pastoral Prayer Team 2/2/25



### Parental Guidance Sunday School Class

(B3 on Sundays at 9am) Begins a new study through the book “The Gospel-Centered Parent” on **TODAY!** Stop by the class or contact Christine Christopherson by phone, 360-720-4637, or email, [xhalestarz@hotmail.com](mailto:xhalestarz@hotmail.com), or Kit Christopherson at 360-720-4528 for information on the class and to order your book.

### Global Partners

At the end of this past calendar year, FBC sent a \$500 special gift from Special Giving to Missions to Global Partners Rick & Lisa Kellum, who minister with Cru City Seattle in the Alderwood area, to help address a year end budget shortfall. To see their most recent newsletter: [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)

The Kellums will actually be at FBC this weekend and will be speaking at the Missions Adult Sunday School class at 10:30 am during the 2nd service.



Dear Church Family,

Gloria and I would like to express our deep appreciation for the love and care that you all exhibited while Gloria and I were going through some health issues recently. Your outpouring of love

has really shown us the love of Christ.

I will be taking a leave of absence from the Elder Board to take care of the health issues we are dealing with at this time.


Thank you for your understanding.  
Rick Bonacci

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](mailto:leahjung.cc@gmail.com).




**S**oup **O**n **S**unday

On the first Sunday of the month,  
Stay (or come back!) after second service.  
Bring a dish to share and come and enjoy some food and fellowship.



**TODAY!!**



**Monthly Giving Tree Tags Are Here!**

Our Community Outreach Group is continuing our monthly Giving Tree initiative to support our local partner ministries! After each service, you can pick up a tag listing essential supplies needed this month to help those in our community.



This ongoing effort allows us to come together regularly to meet critical needs and show God’s love in practical ways. Once you’ve purchased the items, please return them to the church by 9 Feb.

Thank you for faithfully joining us in this mission each month—your generosity is truly making a difference! For questions, contact Chris Bahner.



# We're out of Office

6 FEBRUARY (THURS) -  
11 FEBRUARY (TUES)  
2025

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS WILL RESUME  
12 FEBRUARY AT 8AM

**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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## 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](#)

## MoMentum Men's Retreat

March 7th-9th at Lakeside Bible Camp (Clinton) - Registration begins on February 9th in the lobby and with [Online registration](#). More information is coming next week!!



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade director. These positions will be working in conjunction with the main leader(s).

Charles Darwin once wrote that the sight of a male peacock's tail made him physically ill. Why? Because he knew that the gratuitous beauty so prevalent throughout the living world points unmistakably to intelligent design, foresight and plan. Explore the artistry and stunning implications of natural colors, patterns, and ornamentation in the animal and plant kingdoms that exist for a purpose beyond mere survival. ([CLICK HERE](#))



Whidbey Women's Clinic  
Now **HIRING**  
REGISTERED DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHER (RDMS)  
More information at [vivcfriends.org/staff-openings](http://vivcfriends.org/staff-openings)



Sept. 1, 2024 - Present

Budget: \$ 301,034  
Giving: \$ 277,753

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**OFFICE CLOSED FEB. 6TH, 7TH, 10TH, AND 11TH**

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