

February 14th - February 20th

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Pastor Ray Schwartz



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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!

“...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses... even to the remotest part of the earth.”

(Acts 1:8, NASB95)

Pray that our future Pastor will be a man who has a World Vision and loves Missions.

FBC Pastoral Prayer Team 2/16/25



Global Partners



A late November newsletter from Global Partners Dennis & Luiza Strellman with Greater European Mission in Budapest, Hungary included this prayer need.

(Kevin, Luiza, Ryan, Nathan, Dennis)

“Due to political and economic changes we have significant new tax expenses next year. One concrete expense you could help us with is our new heating system which cost \$3442. (It failed this month and we were without heat for 5 days.)”

In December, FBC was able to send \$750 from Special Giving to Missions funds to assist with this need. The average daily temperature for December in Budapest is 34 degrees, dipping below freezing at night. Thank you for your generosity in giving to allow FBC to help with this need. Their home is used for multiple ministries there in Budapest. [Click HERE](#)



Office Closed
PRESIDENTS
Day Weekend



Children's Ministry Administrative Assistant

Thank you to everyone who applied for the Children's Ministry Admin Assistant

role. We are excited to announce that Adrienne Allen has accepted the role! She will be a great addition to children's ministry. Connect in with her if you have any questions.



VBS DIRECTORS!

We are excited to announce that Michelle Hasemeyer and Erin Miles will be this years VBS directors! As they begin to prepare for VBS look for announcements on how to become more involved with this amazing ministry opportunity.

moMEntum

Men's Retreat—March 7th-9th

Mighty men of FBC. moMEntum is inviting you to join us for a weekend of fun, worship and spiritual refreshment at Lakeside Bible Camp on March 7th through 9th. The weekend will start on Friday evening (check-in begins at 5:30 pm) and end on Sunday at noon. The cost for the weekend, including lodging and food, will be \$100 per person. Some help with this cost may be available according to need. The speakers for the weekend will be Clay and Tim Miller. There will be several fun activities planned as well as time for fellowship and spiritual encouragement. We will have use of the church van for transportation and ride sharing is encouraged. Sign ups begin in the lobby this Sunday, February 9th. [Online registration](#) is open as well. Come out to the registration desk in the lobby with any questions!

ELDER UPDATES

DENNIS KING RESIGNS FROM THE ELDER BOARD

One of our fellow elders, Dennis King, has chosen to step down from the elder board citing personal reasons. He stepped onto the board during a tumultuous time and provided clear, rational input. When you see him in church or AWANA, please thank him for his service over these past 18 months.



CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS REVISION IS COMPLETE!

Family Bible Church, the elders have completed the revisions that many of you suggested. Thank you for some great input! The new document in its smooth form as well as the marked-up document can be found here. Members should have received copies via email this week. The revisions can be accessed [HERE](#) and at the sound booth as well.

The Constitution and Bylaws need to be ratified by the membership one month after its revision, so as elder chairman, I am calling for a special business meeting for the sole purpose of completing the amendment process. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 16, 2025, following the second service. The elders will take your questions and comments prior to the vote. Electronic and paper voting will open following the meeting and will be available for 48 hours, closing on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 4:00 pm. Thank you again for your thoughtful responses!

FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

It's been many years since we've had a major facility improvement project. We now find ourselves in need of several facility improvements necessary for the ongoing operation of a pleasant and functional house of worship. With input from staff and many of you, the elders have identified the following "High Priority" improvements that we feel need to be made:

- Replace the aging and rotting exterior stairs from C-building down to B-building
- Replace the archaic, poor quality overhead projectors & screens in the sanctuary with LED screens
- Replace the carpet in the sanctuary
- Replace the carpet in the lobby and hallways in A-building

Your elder boards, past and present, have been diligently planning and saving for just such improvements which we knew would come up eventually with our "Building & Expansion" account.

As of now, this account would have almost enough to cover all these expenses but would drain the account down to zero. In our view, this would NOT be fiscally responsible and would leave us in trouble should another major repair be needed like the one we're dealing with up in C-building right now.

We propose setting up a special "Building Improvement" giving fund to help pay for some of these improvements while still leaving us with an adequate buffer in case of emergencies.

We will be setting the target goal at \$50,000. That would cover everything except the carpet in the lobby/hallways in A-building (which could be put off until next year). \$75,000 would cover everything. Look for more details in the coming GROW articles about how you can contribute to these improvements.

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: \$ 328,400
Giving: \$ 305,283


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