

February 21st - February 27th

eNewsletter

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## Follow the Rules...or Not Colossians 2:20-23

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!

**“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.”**

**(2 Timothy 2:15, NASB95)**

**Pray that our future Pastor will be a man who handles God’s Word accurately.**

FBC Pastoral Prayer Team 2/23/25

### Global Partners

As a reminder, THIS Sunday is the Missions Sunday School Class "Service Sunday" - we will be back to our regular Sunday School class next Sunday, March 2nd in B3. SAVE THE DATE!!! FBC will be sponsoring the 2025 Global Partner Conference here May 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> with many of our Global Partners attending. Many of these out of town Partners will require housing for that weekend. If you would like the blessing of housing a Global Partner couple that weekend, please contact Tim Miller at: [tim.c.miller@outlook.com](mailto:tim.c.miller@outlook.com) or 360-369-0669.



## 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 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>. 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!



# Family Lines

In December, FBC sent \$300 from Special Giving to Missions to Family Lines for the Erin Hagedorn Memorial Scholarship Fund for this coming year. Erin died in rafting accident on Payette River in Idaho on vacation back in July 2019. Family Lines' mission is to fight absence in fatherhood by providing opportunity for intentional presence to restore the family line. They do this by crafting facilitated wilderness experiences, group curriculum, and workshops that specifically target the 3 significant areas of absence in fatherhood (physical, emotional, and spiritual absence).

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING



The FBC pastoral search prayer team invites you to join them for a short time of prayer on **Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> in room B3 at 11:45am**. The prayer time will be focused on praying for the searches for filling the staff positions

of Worship director, Children’s ministry director and Lead Pastor at FBC. If you can’t join us for this time of congregational prayer we urge you to be praying for the filling of these positions in your personal prayer time with the LORD.

## VERY COOL BIRDS

Standing four feet tall and weighing almost 100 pounds, Emperor penguins are the symbols of Antarctica. And if you think it's cold during Whidbey winters, these beloved birds face the harshest weather on Earth with a remarkable array of behaviors and physical tools, each designed to help them endure temperatures that can drop to more than 70-degrees below zero. Enter their world and marvel at their wonders in this unforgettable 8 minute video: [CLICK HERE](#)



### OCC CRAFT NIGHT

Thursday, February 27th  
Room C3 6-8pm.

Enjoy the fellowship and create a gift for a child.

## ELDER UPDATES

### RICK BONACCI BACK ON THE ELDER BOARD

Announcing that Rick Bonacci, after taking some time to handle some personal and family health, has resumed being a part of the Elder Board. The Bonacci's are grateful for the sabbatical they were able to take and Rick is ready to serve again!

### BUILDING FUND

As was announced last week, there are some building updates and improvement expenses in our future. The main projects will be:

- Replace the wood exterior stairs from C-building to B-building
- Replace worship center overhead projectors & screens with LED screens
- Replace the carpet in the sanctuary
- Replace the carpet in the lobby and hallways in A-building

In light of the upcoming expenses for those repairs we have opened our "Building Fund/Expansion" for special giving! Please consider your ability to give to FBC for any of these upcoming projects. You can give via check at the church or through our [online giving via Pushpay](#).

Also, if you have any questions about these various repairs and updates please connect with one of our Elders via the online connect form, by phone, or at church on Sunday. We are excited for what is to come at FBC!



## 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](#)

**WANTED!**  
**PT WORSHIP DIRECTOR**

**Wanted!**  
**FULL-TIME**

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR**




Sept. 1, 2024 - Present

Budget: \$ 342,084  
Giving: \$ 317,667

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