



November 17th - November 23rd

eNewsletter

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grace relationship obedience witness

This Week's Speaker:

Jim Laxson

Next Week's Speaker: Chris Rowan



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!



GLOBAL PARTNERS CORNER

People living in isolation are cut off from the outside world, with little to no access to health care, education, supplies, and the hope of the gospel. Airplanes are the only way many people living in remote jungles, deserts, and mountains have access to life-giving necessities and the love of Christ. MAF serves churches, missionaries, and organizations around the world bringing help, hope, and healing to the ends of the earth.



MAF people and airplanes serve in rugged difficult places in the world that others can't reach, or choose not to. From jungles of Africa to rivers of Borneo, MAF transports Bible translators, doctors, aid workers, the sick/injured, and local evangelists called to take God's love to their own people. Last month FBC sent \$1,000 to MAF's *Fuel it Forward Fund* (learn more [HERE](#)) from Special Giving to Missions to help supply the aviation fuel for the airplanes vital to this ministry.

FBC family, with Thanksgiving next week, please remember those in the community who are in need. There are opportunities to help volunteer at SPiN



Café in their new location seven days a week. Any giving or service to help out will go a long way to supporting our local families in need. If you need help finding a way to connect please reach out to Jeff and Connie Springs or Chris Bahner. Thank you for your efforts to help spread the word of Christ.



JIM LAXSON



JIM AND MICHELE LAXSON RETIRED FROM VILLAGE MISSIONS JULY 15TH, 2023, AFTER 10 YEARS OF MINISTRY AT LAKE CALIFORNIA, CA, AS MISSIONARY/PASTOR. JIM & MICHELE, NOT UNKNOWN TO MANY AT FBC, SERVED AS YOUTH PASTOR AND YOUTH AND FAMILY PASTOR WITH US FOR JUST UNDER 15 YEARS. THEIR LOVE FOR GOD'S WORD AND PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS HAS IMPACTED MANY. THEY NOW RESIDE IN SALEM, OR AND ARE IN THE PROCESS OF JOINING THE ASSOCIATE PROGRAM WITH VILLAGE MISSIONS, INT'L. AS INTERIM MISSIONARY/PASTOR. THEIR CHILDREN, JOE AND AUDREY, LIVE IN OLYMPIA, WA AND GRESHAM, OR RESPECTIVELY WITH THEIR SPOUSES AND TRIBES.

Children's Gingerbread House Making Party!



[This party](#) will be on Thursday, December 7, from 1:00-3:00 in the Island/C6. (OH district schools are closed!) We'll have gingerbread houses ready to decorate, hot chocolate, and cookies! Please bring 1 container of white frosting and 1 bag of decorative candy and invite your friends! We need 4 helpers to glue gun graham cracker houses and set up the tables, candy, etc. Please let me know if you'd like to serve in this way! Rebecca.fbc@comcast.net

Son of Man Alpha and Omega Hope The Truth Lion of Judah Lord of Lords
Light of the World Great High Priest Immanuel Messiah Man of Sorrows

What's In A Name?
JESUS IS...

The Good Shepherd Bread of Life Love True Vine Word of God Prince of Peace
Preparation King of Kings Holy One of God Lamb of God Resurrection and the Life

WOMEN 16+ ARE INVITED TO A CHRISTMAS EVENT

December 2, 2023
10AM — 12:30PM
Cost: \$20/person

A free children's program will be available and children must be preregistered. Sign-ups begin November 5th –25th, online and in person. For more information, and to link to the registration, visit our online events page [HERE](#).



AWANA

BLESSINGS NIGHT

Have Gift Wrapping Supplies you are ready to trade out? Have new/gently used items that can be gifted to another? AWANA T&T would LOVE to have these things starting Nov 12th.

Our 3rd-6th graders get to “shop” for family and friends from donated items during club on December 12th while amazing volunteers wrap their new treasures so each is ready to put under the tree.

Click [HERE](#) for gift ideas. Reach out to Pamela Ketchum 360-929-2135 or Tina King fbcohawana@gmail.com to volunteer, coordinate a pick up or any questions




Family Bible Church
CHRISTMAS

Celebrate the Birth of Christ at FBC on **December 24th**

Morning Services
9AM & 10:30AM

Candlelight Service
6:30PM

No childcare will be offered at any services.



On February 14, 1990, the Voyager 1 spacecraft photographed Earth from 3.7 billion miles away. The result was one of the most iconic images in history. Astronomer Carl Sagan called it the “pale blue dot”—a reflection of Earth’s insignificance in the cosmos. But, is our planet really hopelessly lost in a cold, dark universe? Or, do the Psalms of David more accurately reflect the inherent value of Earth and the human beings who call it home?

Check out this month's short video from the John 10:10 Project entitled *David & the Pale Blue Dot* [CLICK HERE](#)



November at *Family Bible Church*

Office hours during the month of November will be irregular due to several staff vacations this month and federal holidays!

If the doors are locked, you can ring the doorbell and if someone is available, they will come and help you. If no one is available then the next best step is to call and leave a message on the phone (360.679.1585). Our elders and advisors will be checking our phone messages daily so make sure to leave a message. If you have an emergency please reach out to the elders and advisors directly. You can find their contact information on our website, oakharborfamilybible.org.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may create but our Elders and staff who are here will endeavor to meet your needs in any way we can!

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.

STAFF, ELDERS, AND ADVISORS

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ELDER BOARD—WAYS TO CONNECT

Give us a Call 

Connect at the Cross
Congregational Prayer
Elder Meeting
[Elder Connect Form](#)

UPCOMING PREACHERS & TEACHERS:

Jim Laxson, Chris Rowan, Jeff Riffel






Sept. 1, 2023 - Nov. 2, 2023

Budget: \$ 115,569
Giving: \$ 119,117

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Limited For November

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