



December 1st - December 7th

eNewsletter

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This Week's Speaker:

Jeff Riffel

SERMON:

The First Advent - The Promise and Hope for a Savior

Next Week's Speaker: Rob Brooks



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!

JEFF RIFFEL - FBC ELDER

JEFF RIFFEL HAS SERVED IN SEVERAL CAPACITIES AT FAMILY BIBLE CHURCH OVER THE LAST 32 YEARS, INCLUDING LEADING MEN'S MINISTRY AND THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUP (COG) DURING HIS TIME OF MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH. HE CURRENTLY LEADS A MEN'S SMALL GROUP THAT MEETS WEEKLY AND IS A MEMBER OF THE COG MINISTRY. JEFF HAS ALSO BEEN PRIVILEGED TO SERVE AS AN ELDER FOR MUCH OF THE LAST 15 YEARS. JEFF ACCEPTED THE LORD AT 8 YEARS OLD IN A BAPTIST CHURCH IN YUBA CITY, CA. HE MET HIS WIFE, GINA, IN HIGH SCHOOL AND THEY MARRIED IN 1988. THEY HAVE ADOPTED FOUR CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN DEDICATED AND BAPTIZED AT FBC. GENO, DAVID, BRITTANY AND HALEY HAVE SERVED OR CURRENTLY SERVE IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. JEFF IS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR IN THE OHSD. HE ENJOYS WOODWORKING, TRAVELING, COOKING AND BEING WITH FAMILY.



MEN'S CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 9TH,
8:30AM



moMEntum



Momentum men's ministry wants to invite the men of FBC, their male friends and relatives, to a hearty Christmas breakfast on Saturday December 9th at 8:30 am. Come join us for some good Christian fellowship and a celebration of our Lord's birthday. It will be a time of worship with Christmas music and an encouraging devotional given by the Sentinel ministry leader Jason Snyder.

Signups for the event will be at the Momentum table in the church lobby on Sunday mornings, December 3rd. There is no attendance fee for the event, but donations will be accepted. See the men at the table for questions.

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



FBC Family, each year our church provides a Christmas Food Box for the OVE families we support that helps them through the two weeks of the schools holiday break. COG

will be handing out donation tags at the Giving Tree on the 3rd and 10th of December, and receiving donations back on the 10th and 17th of December. We will be holding a packing party of all of the supplies on 17 Dec from 3-5PM in C6. Please consider donating through the Giving Tree and coming to help pack on the 17th.

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!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO REGISTERED TO ATTEND THE CHRISTMAS EVENT!
DON'T FORGET THAT WE ARE MEETING TOMORROW, DECEMBER 2ND, AND WE BEGIN AT 10AM.
WE CANNOT WAIT TO SEE YOU AND CELEBRATE THE NAME OF JESUS THIS SEASON.

Children's Ministry December Schedule

- Dec 3, 10, 17: regular classes and programs for all ages (babies – 6th grade)
- Dec 24: no children's classes for all ages for all services (babies – 6th grade)
- Dec 31: Babies – Preschool: regular classes for both services
K-6th 1st Service: no 1st Service classes or programs
K-6th 2nd Service: yes 2nd Service Kids Church





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.

FBC! YOUTH! GROUP!

Wednesday youth dinners are back and we have **1 week** left in December that needs a chef! Thank you to those who have signed up so far! Can you make a dinner one Wednesday for the end of this year or into 2024? You can be reimbursed and we'd love to have you join in. Sing up via our calendar in Team Ups [HERE](#) to see what Wednesday dates are available. Contact Pastor Dan with any questions.



GLOBAL PARTNERS CORNER



Israel's worst tragedy in decades occurred on October 7th this year, the deadliest day for Jewish people since the Holocaust. The number of Israeli men, women, and children murdered, injured, or taken as hostages was staggering.

As reported last month in the GROW, the GPC immediately sent a gift of \$1,000 from Special Giving to Missions to Jews for Jesus to assist with relief efforts there.

This week, the FBC Elders generously matched that gift with an additional \$1,000 gift from the Benevolent Fund as the battle continues. (Genesis 12:3)

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
[Elder Connect Form](#)

UPCOMING PREACHERS & TEACHERS:

Rob Brooks, Jordan Kingma, Jeff Riffel






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Giving: \$ 181,084

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