



December 8th - December 14th

eNewsletter

# G.R.O.W.

grace relationship obedience witness

This Week's Speaker:

## Rob Brooks

SERMON:

"Peace! Be Still!" - Luke 2:8-14

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!

### GLOBAL PARTNERS CORNER

This weekend Global Partner Family Lines (FL) is hosting an immersive public screening/fundraising event in Anacortes for their newest release, number five in their Mending Lines Series. Mending Lines is a story based video curriculum designed to help heal strained/broken family relationships. To learn more about the ministry of FL and this event: [CLICK HERE](#). FBC sent a \$300 special gift donation for this event from Special Giving to Missions funds.



The FBC Global Partners Conference will be held next Spring on the weekend of April 19th-21st, 2024. Attending will be Global Partners local, regional, and global in the scope of their ministries. Please mark your calendar and hold that date open to attend.



## Family Bible Church CHRISTMAS

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

Morning Services  
9AM & 10:30AM


Candlelight Service  
6:30PM



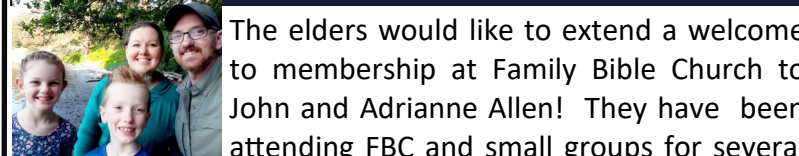
No childcare will be offered at any services.

### ROB BROOKS

ROB BROOKS SERVES WITH ITEE GLOBAL, A MISSIONS ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES BIBLICAL EDUCATION TO PASTORS AND LEADERS THROUGH ONLINE CLASSES AND FACE-TO-FACE TRAININGS. ITEE (INTERNET THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION BY EXTENSION) EXISTS TO EQUIP THE TWO MILLION PASTORS WORLDWIDE WHO LACK ANY FORMAL BIBLICAL EDUCATION. PRIOR TO JOINING ITEE IN 2018, ROB SERVED IN VARIOUS PASTORAL MINISTRIES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING AS A SENIOR PASTOR IN LOS ANGELES. ROB IS MARRIED TO REBECCA (FBC'S CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR) AND THEY HAVE FOUR CHILDREN: DANIEL, RYAN, JASON AND JONATHAN. THEY LOVE LIVING IN OAK HARBOR AND BEING A PART OF FBC.



## FBC MEMBERSHIP



The elders would like to extend a welcome to membership at Family Bible Church to John and Adrienne Allen! They have been attending FBC and small groups for several years. They have also been volunteers in many different capacities throughout the church. Also, they have been involved in missions before coming to Oak Harbor. Make sure to introduce yourself to them this Sunday and ask them about their story of how they got to Whidbey Island!

Also, members, don't forget to read through the testimonies of the nominated elders and to cast your vote!

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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 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.

### Children's Ministry

#### December Schedule

**Dec 3, 10, 17:** regular classes and programs for all ages (babies – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Dec 24:** no children's classes for all ages for all services (babies – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Dec 31:** Babies – Preschool: regular classes for both services  
 K-6<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Service: no 1<sup>st</sup> Service classes or programs  
 K-6<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: yes 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Kids Church





# AWANA BLESSINGS NIGHT

**A HUGE THANK YOU FOR ALL THE BLESSINGS DONATED THUS FAR TO AWANA.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO DROP OFF DONATIONS BEFORE 4:30PM OR BETWEEN 6-6:20PM DECEMBER 12TH**

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



On a winter morning, they fall gracefully from the sky. Snowflakes--some of the most beautiful works of art to adorn planet earth. But how do these extraordinary creations of nature's ice-cold architecture take shape? When water molecules chill down, they assemble into a myriad of spectacular shapes from simple hexagons to star-shaped dendrites.

Inspect these frozen fractals and you'll find a recurring theme: the number six. Six sides, six edges, six branches — ice crystals seem six obsessed. Through breathtaking macro and time-lapse photography plus computer animation, explore



the science behind the wonder in this short 6 minute film you will never forget. [CLICK HERE](#)

Next time you catch a snowflake on your tongue, think about how geometry, meteorology and the quirky properties of water molecules have conspired to create one of nature's most spectacular set of mini-sculptures, all marvelously crafted by our omniscient Creator.

## FBC! YOUTH! GROUP!

Thank you to everyone who has offered to make dinner for our teens through 2023! You are a huge blessing to helping create a time of fellowship amongst the students and volunteers who come to youth group! We appreciate you!

If you are interested in signing up for meals in 2024 view our calendar in Team Ups [HERE](#) to see what Wednesday dates are available. Contact Pastor Dan with any questions.

### 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.**

### 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:

**Rob Brooks, Jordan Kingma, Jeff Riffel**



**Sept. 1, 2023 - Present**

**Budget: \$ 202,507  
Giving: \$ 204,011**

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