



December 22nd - December 28th

eNewsletter

G.R.O.W.

grace relationship obedience witness

This Week's Speaker:

Jeff Riffel

SERMON:

Fourth Advent - Love is the Gift of Jesus
1 John 4:10

Next Week's Speaker: Jordan Kingma



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.



Children's Ministry Schedule for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services

No children's classes for babies-6th grade for all 3 services.

9:00 and 10:30 50-minute services with a short message and a lot of Christmas songs

6:30 Traditional Christmas Eve Service

Dec 31 New Year's Eve

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



2KC Children's Ministry Leader Needed!

We are in need of a 2nd Service Kids Church volunteer leader to lead our K-6th grade large group program. This will be 1 or 2 people who take on this weekly ministry. It will include arriving to church at 8:30 for setup, attending the entire 1st Service, and then going upstairs to the "Island" after 1st Service and remaining until 12:00. I (Rebecca) would love to meet with you the first week of January and then have you join me on Sundays Jan 7 and 14 to transition to leading it. I've prepared and scheduled all the games, game supplies, lessons, and songs through June. There are four teen leaders who rock at everything within the program: free play/interaction with the kids; snack prep; tech; lessons; game leading; clean-up. You can do this! Contact me with questions or to communicate interest: Rebecca.fbc@comcast.net

VBS Co-Directors!

Yes, there can be two of you! I (Rebecca) would love to meet with you the first week of January to show you everything there is to know about directing FBC's VBS. You don't need to do everything I did! For instance, five other people can be the Assemblies Director, Songs Director, Missions Director, K-4th Camp Counselors Director, and the one on stage. And you can just purchase a published VBS program which saves you soooooo much work!! I'm giving you EVERYTHING I have - every word of every training, etc. You can do this! Please let me know if you're interested! Rebecca.fbc@comcast.net



FBC Family, thank you for the donations and support for our OVE Christmas Food Box effort. We were able to provide a food box to 31 families this week.

Ensuring that the children and their families had a little extra this Christmas holiday. In every box was a Christmas card from the church, signed by the team who packed the food. Thank you again and have a wonderful Christmas!

Dear FBC Family,

Merry Christmas from the Board of Elders! It is that time of year in which we want to say, "Thank you" to our Pastoral Staff, Office Staff and Maintenance Staff. All work very hard throughout the year and we want to show our gratitude to them at this Christmas Season. Please mark your offering as "Christmas Bonuses" and place in the Offering Slot under the Global Partners map in the foyer.

Thank and Merry Christmas,
The FBC Elder Board & Elder Advisors



Family Bible Church

DECEMBER OFFICE CLOSURES

FRIDAY THE 22ND & MONDAY THE 25TH
NORMAL OFFICE HOURS WILL RESUME ON DECEMBER 26TH

JANUARY OFFICE CLOSURE

MONDAY THE 1ST
NORMAL OFFICE HOURS WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 2ND

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.



The John 10:10 Project has utilized an extraordinary collection of visual material contained in the archives of NASA; a wealth of photographs, film/video footage that document the American space program.

Particularly striking are pictures of Earth that astronauts have taken at

night while orbiting more than 200 miles above our planet's surface filled with city lights that are beautiful symbols of an important spiritual truth. Visualize all those glowing dots as billions of human beings who Jesus—the Light of the World—came to Earth to teach, love and save from the consequences of sin and death.

During this season of reflection on God's greatest gift, this five minute video will help focus thoughts on the miracle and impact of Christ's birth as you pause and worship the "King of angels" and Lord of all creation. In the words of the beloved Christmas carol, *COME LET US ADORE HIM*. [CLICK HERE](#)



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

Wayne Abbott Elder Advisor	360.929.0333
Rebecca Brooks, MDiv Children's Ministry	360.679.1585
Vickie Burns Elder Advisor	360.679.5001
Kit Christopherson Elder Advisor	360.720.4528
Meredith Falk Office Administrator	360.679.1585
Kirk Kallander Elder Advisor	360.672.1790
Pamela Ketchum Elder Advisor	360.929.2135
Jordan Kingma Elder Chairman	360.929.3615
Dan Potter, B.A.E. Youth Ministry and Elder	206.604.4439
Jeff Riffel Elder	360.632.8157
Chris Rowan Elder	360.929.7753

ELDER BOARD—WAYS TO CONNECT

- Give us a Call 
- Connect at the Cross
Congregational Prayer
Elder Meeting
[Elder Connect Form](#)

UPCOMING PREACHERS & TEACHERS:

Jordan Kingma, Jeff Riffel



Sept. 1, 2023 - Present

Budget: \$ 231,486
Giving: \$ 224,943

2760 Heller Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277
360.679.1585 | oakharborfamilybible.org
familybiblechurch@comcast.net

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

-  App: "Family Bible Church OH"
-  Facebook: Family-Bible-Church-Oak-Harbor-Washington
-  Instagram: familybiblechurchoakharbor