

November 29th - December 5th

eNewsletter

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grace

relationship

obedience

witness

Becoming a Thankful Fellowship Colossians 1:3-14

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!

“When You said, “Seek My face,” my heart said to You, “Your face, O LORD, I shall seek.”” (Psalm 27:8, NASB95)

Pray that our future Pastor will be man who seeks God’s Face.

FBC Pastoral Prayer Team 12/1/24

Events Today!



SOUP ON SUNDAY

IT’S A CHURCH POTLUCK AFTER SECOND SERVICE!

MEMBERS MEETING

Members, join the Elders at 12pm today for a meeting to vote on calling Pastor Steve Selke to be FBC’s new pastor. If you are unable to be at the meeting check your email for the link to cast your absentee vote online.



OVE School Christmas Box Donations:

Visit the C.O.G. table this Sunday to pick up donation tag(s) for our annual Christmas Box drive supporting Olympic View Elementary (OVE) School. The food we collect will be shared with selected students to provide extra support during their holiday break. Please return your donations by **December 8th** to help make the season brighter for these families.



A Public Conversation about SPiN Café:

On **December 4th, from 6:00–7:00 PM**, SPiN Café will host “A Public Conversation about SPiN Café: It Takes a Village” at City Hall (Council Chambers), 865 SE Barrington Dr., Oak Harbor. C.O.G. will be attending to support SPiN Café’s mission of improving the lives of those in need within our community. If you’re interested in learning more or showing your support, we encourage you to join us at this event.

HANGING OF THE GREENS!

TONIGHT AT 6PM

All of the FBC family, of all ages, are invited to the Hanging of the Greens, an event to begin the Christmas season! Join in as we:

- Focus on the reason for the season, Sing Christmas Songs, Focus on Christ and why we decorate, Cookies and Cocoa.

Bring hats, socks, and gloves for Spin Café! We can’t wait to begin Christmas together as a church family!

2024 KID’S CHRISTMAS !



This is such a wonderful time of the year! We appreciate all the enthusiasm and support for this year’s Christmas Eve Pageant stemming from participants to seamstresses; carpenters to technicians, and may other ‘behind-the-scenes’ helpers. Thank You Volunteers!

TO DO: Please make sure you have returned your [Participation Form](#), We need your contact information so we can provide you with music and lyrics, plus more informative news up till the Evening of the Program.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact Lori Pruss/360-969-3155 or Tammy Butler/360-679-1585.



moMEntum

Mighty Men of God - MoMEntum Ministries is excited to invite you to our next **MoMEntum Breakfast on December 7th at 8:30am at FBC**. We will have in person sign ups in the lobby Sunday, December 1st. Tim Miller will be sharing a devotional called "If, Then" from John 14, Jordan Kingma will be leading us in song and great food. We hope to see you there! Questions - call Jeff Riffel 360-632-8157.

**DAVID HARSH
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
December 14th - 5pm - Family Bible Church**



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 29th.

Our 3rd-6th graders get to "shop" for family and friends from donated items during club on December 17th while amazing volunteers wrap their new treasures so each is ready to put under the tree. Click [HERE](#) for gift ideas.

Reach out to Tina King at fbcohawana@gmail.com or 360-240-1451 to volunteer, coordinate a donation drop off or with any questions.

GLOBAL PARTNERS

Interested in Missions at Family Bible Church? The "Global Partner Committee" purpose is found on the FBC website, "To establish goals and strategies for a corporate mission effort in accordance with the instruction of the Lord Jesus Christ to be His witnesses ([Acts 1:8](#)), and to make disciples of all nations ([Matthew 28:18-20](#)). Within the context of the corporate effort, each Christian is personally accountable for carrying out God's plan for His missionary purposes...Our GPC committee is made up from a team of people who are passionate about sharing the Gospel, locally and globally..." Whether you want to go, send, pray for or learn more - we'd love to have you! We meet once a month on Tuesday evenings here at church to champion the needs of our amazing Global Partners and act as the liaison between the FBC body and our team in the field. Pray about it, and if the Lord is calling you, learn more [HERE](#) or email us at fbcgpc-coh@gmail.com - next meeting is December 10th, 7pm in B4!



**FBC Children's Ministry
Gingerbread House Making Party**
Monday, Dec 16, 2024 - 3pm to 5pm - All Ages.
Please bring one bag of unwrapped candy and a can of white frosting to share. Non edible gingerbread houses will be provided. Parents are asked to stay during the event.

I am proud to inform you that FBC's 479 shoeboxes helped the Mt Baker Area Team, Bellingham, Sedro Woolley, Burlington, Anacortes, Orcas & Friday Harbor and Whidbey Island, ship out 9292 shoeboxes. We surpassed last year's number by 1200 boxes. We picked up a number of new churches and a lot of new Volunteers. The US sent out 10,000 boxes last year with a goal of 11,000 for this year. God's love has surely walked with us on this journey! Thank you for all the help and donations. Let's enjoy the birth of Jesus and get back to work!



FBC MEMBERSHIP



This week we welcome to membership Bob and Jane Eckleberger! They are getting invested with our Global Partners ministries and our prayer chain!

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](#)



Sept. 1, 2024 - Present

Budget: \$ 177,884
Giving: \$ 159,252

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