

December 27th - January 2nd

eNewsletter

# G.R.O.W.

grace relationship obedience witness

## Change Your Time

### Philippians 3:12-16

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!



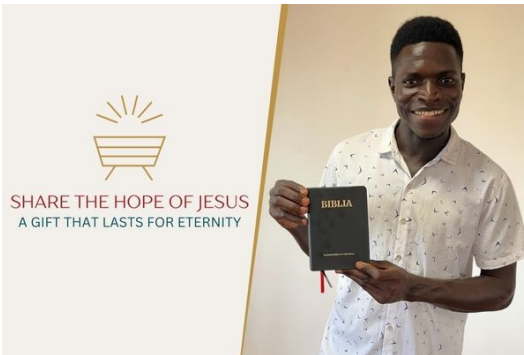
### Psalm 19:1 The Heavens Declare Glory God

As 2024 comes to a close, it is a time of reflection looking back over the past year, while looking forward to the coming year as the 2nd coming of our LORD draws ever closer.



This month FBC sent a \$300 special gift to Global Partner WAVS (West African Vocational Schools) to take advantage of a matching gift which will help raise money to purchase Bibles in English & French (two languages taught at WAVS vocational

schools in Guinea Bissau) and provide WAVS staff with resources and training to help the share the Word of God with their students. To learn more about this project: [CLICK HERE.](#)



Please take the time to watch this short 5 minute video that explores the depths of the universe from the vantage points of the



Hubble Space telescope and the International Space Station. Then, reflect on God's creative power through inspired passages from the Psalms, Job and Isaiah. Featuring elegant renditions of *O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES* and *ODE TO JOY*. [CLICK HERE for the video.](#)



## NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR K-12TH AND 2ND SERVICE KIDS CHURCH ON DEC 29TH!

This will allow our families to join together in worship! Programs for infants through 5-year-olds will be available. Thank you families and have a great New Year!

## Soup On Sunday January 5th

On the first Sunday of the month, Stay (or come back!) after second service. Bring a dish to share and come and enjoy some food and fellowship. Right after 2nd service

**“For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.”**  
 (Acts 20:27, NASB95)

**Pray that our future Pastor will be a man who teaches all of Scripture.**

Our Kid's Christmas Eve Pageant was a great success! It was such a joy to see our children reenact the Christmas Story, and help us visibly experience what it was like to be present for the birth of Jesus. May this prompt many hearts to seek Him in a greater way this year.

Thank you to the many volunteers helping with different aspects of the program: Planning and assisting with actors and singing, sewing and helping with costumes, making the stable and the manger set, sound and lighting, and ushers. And thank you to the many parents who helped support their children, and dove in to help.

Tammy Butler and Lori Pruss

# Happy New Year!

**Closed** 01 January 2025  
**Reopening** 02 January 2025



The WOW Wednesday Bible studies begin on January 8th! Online registration will open January 1 and book sales will begin on January 5 in the foyer.

You can review the listing of studies [HERE](#). Contact Gina Riffel with any questions at [fbcwomensministry@comcast.net](mailto:fbcwomensministry@comcast.net)

## FBC! YOUTH! GROUP!

Can you cook or procure dinner? Well does FBC's Youth Group have an opportunity for you! We are looking for volunteers to provide dinners for our jr. & sr. high youth on Wednesdays. Every week we have dinner at 6:30pm and have a few more opportunities for serving dinners to the youth. You can sign up on our [team-ups calendar here](#) or contact Pastor Dan to sign up or with questions. Also, any purchases made (except at the commissary) can be reimbursed. Thank you!



We are looking for a few extra hands to sign up to be in the rotation to prepare, put out, and clean up the coffee and hot-water that is provided to Sunday Schools and in the lobby on Sunday mornings. There are a variety of options in how to serve so please contact Meredith if you are interested in walking through the, very quick, training and getting in the rotation! Thank you!

# JOHN SCHULZ MEMORIAL

DECEMBER 30TH  
1:30PM  
WALLIN FUNERAL HOME

### 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: \$ 232,617  
Giving: \$ 226,783

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