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# Member Birthdays

Bruce Anderson.....	10/2	John Oliver.....	11/16
Sameth Nget.....	10/4	Phally Prom.....	11/17
Pat Still.....	10/5	Penny Curtiss.....	11/20
Oy Liv.....	10/6	Trudi Bils.....	11/27
Patrick Keo.....	10/11	Wayne Bridges.....	11/27
Sarah Grace.....	10/14	Heidi Van Scyoc.....	11/29
Heehun Shin.....	10/15	Karen Brophy.....	11/30
Marillyn Bennett.....	10/16	Joylyn Raj.....	11/30
Kathy Walthinsen.....	10/16	Ratanak Jenkins.....	12/1
Bruce Bridgess.....	10/19	Singbory Nem.....	12/2
Brayden Kong.....	10/19	Peggy Terry.....	12/6
Mary Olson.....	10/19	Ernest Cooper.....	12/7
Theavy Prom.....	10/19	Charles King.....	12/16
Robert Boughner.....	10/29	Melissa Shankman.....	12/16
Jack Brophy.....	10/31	Andrew Im.....	12/18
Carolyn Guppy.....	10/31	Pauline Pagulayan.....	12/18
Pros Seng.....	11/1	Wayne Cody.....	12/20
Paul Mitchell.....	11/4	Kakrona Khem.....	12/21
Delores Price.....	11/5	Vila Tan.....	12/28
Benjamin Mathews.....	11/7		
Narom Manning.....	11/8		
Barbara Bridges.....	11/11		
Palmary Phoeurn.....	11/13		
Oscar Toupin.....	11/13		



**Happy Birthday! Join us during our Monthly Fellowship Meals to celebrate all who have birthdays during the month. (Oct. 19, Nov. 23, Dec. 14)**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Do you have a prayer request that you would like shared with our email prayer chain? If so, just contact the Church Office at 503-228-7465 or [office@fbc-portland.org](mailto:office@fbc-portland.org), Monday–Thursday, or Darcia Hing ([darciahing@comcast.net](mailto:darciahing@comcast.net)) Friday–Sunday, so that we can pray for you!**

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The next Trumpeter deadline is **December 15, 2025**.

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# Words to Remember

*“And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.” (1 John 5:11–13, NIV)*

Have you ever had to memorize something? Think back to school. If your experience was like mine, you had to memorize the pledge of allegiance. When you were a kid in Sunday school, you may have had to memorize familiar verses like John 3:16 or “The Golden Rule” (Matthew 7:12). In English class, you may have had to memorize short poems. And if you’re like me, you’ve found it very important in life to remember important practical information like your social security number, your medical record number, and important anniversaries.

I came to faith in Christ when I was about 10 years old. But it wasn’t until several years later, when I was a freshman in high school, that I followed Christ in baptism and became a member of the local church where my family attended. One thing I appreciated about that church was the process they had for people like me: New believers wanting to grow in their faith. This process included providing new members with a little booklet called “Growing in Christ,” which included small scripture memorization cards to help new believers hide the word of God in their hearts. To this day, I’m still able to recall some of the verses that were featured on those cards, applying them to different types of ministry needs that have crossed my path. It’s like a spiritual toolkit that I can take with me anywhere I go.

There are many different spiritual disciplines: Prayer, worship, Bible reading, giving, serving, and so on. These are all important ways to practice your faith as a Christian and grow in your faith. However, during this fall and the upcoming Advent season, we will be focusing on another spiritual discipline: *Scripture memorization*. And we will be using the same little booklet that was so meaningful to me

about 30 years ago as a new believer. Why? Because I know that some of those attending FBC these days are still pretty new to their faith. Not only that, but I also know that the rest of us, including me, would really benefit from having God’s word tucked away into our minds and hearts, ready to be recalled at a moment’s notice, to address the different situations we face in daily life, and to encourage the people we encounter along the way.

As with any journey, this one must start somewhere. And, as it turns out, we begin our journey of scripture memorization with 1 John 5:11–13, a passage all about the *assurance of salvation*. What an important theological concept! Your view on this will shape the way you think about a lot of things and influence the way you live life. It will inform the level of confidence (or lack thereof) with which you will face all sorts of different situations. No wonder then, as we go about the business of *growing in Christ* as followers of Jesus, that this is the place where our journey begins.

So, join us this season as we add other important passages to our *memorization repertoire*. *Each Sunday at 10:30am we will be introducing the scripture of the week.* Then, everyone is welcome to join us for our sermon-based Bible study, called “Table Talk,” which takes place every Wednesday at 7:00 pm at church (enter through the 12th Ave. gate). And don’t forget to pick up your free copy of the booklet “Growing in Christ,” which you can feel free to work through on your own or in community at Table Talk.

Looking forward to journeying with you,

—**Pastor Matt Toupin**

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<sup>1</sup> Growing in Christ. NavPress. 2007.

## 2025 Annual Gathering of the American Baptist Church of the Central Pacific Coast (ABCCPC)

# ROOTED

**Date:** October 31 – November 2, 2025

**Where:** New Day Community Church  
San Lorenzo, CA



Keynote Speaker Kara Powell is the chief of leadership formation at Fuller Seminary, the executive director of the Fuller Youth Institute, and the founder of the TENx10 Collaboration, a movement aimed at revitalizing faith

formation among young people in the United States.

Named by Christianity Today as one of the "50 Women to Watch", Kara also speaks regularly at national parenting and leadership conferences and has authored or coauthored numerous books.

The weekend will include opportunities to learn from Kara's knowledge and experience and to network with others, be encouraged in ministry, enjoy fellowship and great food, as well as participate in a variety of breakout sessions on topics of interest! To register, go to [abccpc.org](http://abccpc.org) or visit the Welcome Center.

## 2025 Christmas Offering

The 2025 Christmas Offering (green Christmas special offering envelope), which will be received at the Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, will once again go to supporting two very worthy causes: The J.13 Youth & Young Adult Mission Trip in 2026 and the Cambodian Children's Ministry. All proceeds will be split evenly between these two. Thank you for your generosity!

## In Memorium



Our Christian sympathies go to the family of Jim Chellis, who went to his home in heaven on July 11, 2025. We were blessed to be able to celebrate Jim's long life of service to the community and our church family special worship service on August 31. Condolences can be sent to Jim's sister, Janice Chellis, c/o FBC at 909 SW 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97205.

We will have the opportunity to celebrate the life of Sharon Browning, who went to her home in heaven on September 23. A memorial service will take place on October 8, at 1:00 pm.

We also would like to honor the life of Teruko (Terri) Arima, who passed from this life on July 11, 2025. A memorial service was hosted for Terri in the sanctuary on August 29. Condolences can be sent to Terri's daughters, June and Joy c/o FBC at 909 SW 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97205.

Our condolences extend to the family of T.K. Olson, who passed away on August 13, 2025. We will host a memorial service for T.K. on Saturday, October 26, at 1:00 pm. Cards can be sent to T.K.'s wife, Joyce Olson, at: c/o FBC at 909 SW 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97205.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Judah Raj, Monika Raj, and Carla Shemegda, who all got baptised on August 31, 2025!

We would also like to offer our congratulations to Pastor Sam and Monica Raj, who were married at FBC on June 28, 2025!

## You're invited!

You are cordially invited to celebrate the wedding of Jamie Reinking and Terri Murphy on Saturday, November 1, at 2:00 pm at first Baptist church. Please RSVP via text to Terri at 928-257-8516 by October 15.

# David and Goliath

## PART 1: A STORY OF FAITHFULNESS

*So David arose early in the morning and left the flock with a keeper and took the supplies and went as Jesse had commanded him. (1 Samuel 17:20)*

### 1. DAVID WAS FAITHFUL IN THE

**SMALL THINGS.** After the prophet Samuel anointed David to be the future king of Israel, David returned to his dad, Jesse, and worked as a shepherd. He tended the sheep while his three oldest brothers went to fight the Philistines, including the giant Goliath. One day Jesse asked David, who was about seventeen, to bring food to them. David left his sheep with another shepherd, took the supplies, and went as his dad had told him (1 Samuel 17:20). Jesus said, “He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much” (Luke 16:10). These small acts of obedience prepared David for his moment with Goliath.

**2. DAVID KNEW GOD WAS FAITHFUL.** As David talked with his brothers, Goliath mocked the army of Israel. The men fled in fear, but David asked, “Who is this uncircumcised Philistine to taunt the armies of the living God?” (1 Samuel 17:26). That wasn’t a casual statement. It showed David’s deep awareness of God’s power and faithfulness.

**3. DAVID WAS READY BECAUSE HE KNEW THE BATTLE WAS THE LORD’S.** We may not see literal nine-foot giants anymore, but we face real opposition. “Goliaths” are anything that antagonizes the people of God and tries to disrupt God’s plan and purpose. When you get some time, read or listen to all of 1 Samuel 17, the story of David and Goliath. Whatever you are facing in your life right now, remember the battle belongs to the Lord (1 Samuel 17:47).

## PART 2: CONFIDENCE THAT FLOWS FROM CONNECTION

*The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” (1 Samuel 17:37a)*

**1. DAVID FOSTERED FAITH BY REMEMBERING WHAT GOD HAD DONE BEFORE.** When King Saul heard David wanted to fight Goliath, he told David he couldn’t win. But David responded by remembering how God helped him kill a lion and a bear when they attacked his sheep – and how Goliath would be no different because he had taunted “the armies of the living God” (1 Samuel 17:33-36).

**2. DAVID RELIED ON GOD, NOT METHODOLOGY.** Saul offered David his armor, but David took it off. He later told Goliath, “You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts” (1 Samuel 17:45). Saul had his methods, Goliath had his, but only David trusted in God.

**3. DAVID STAYED CONNECTED TO GOD.** David was strong in the Lord because he fellowshiped with God (Psalm 27). The people of Israel had lost connection and were in retreat mode. But David lived what Jesus told us: “He who abides in Me... bears much fruit” (John 15:5). Our fellowship with God is the most important part of any battle.

Use your past breakthroughs to connect the points of God’s faithfulness in your life. The God who delivered you then will deliver you now.

### SAY THIS OUT LOUD:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. The Lord is the defense of my life. My heart will not fear. I will be confident. (Psalm 27:1-3) The same God who delivered me before will deliver me again (1 Samuel 17:37).

—Pastor Sam Raj

# What is the “Heart of Worship?”

We sing a song called “Heart of Worship” and some of the lyrics include:

*“I’m coming back to the **heart of worship**,  
and it’s all about You, it’s all about You, Jesus”  
“Though I’m weak and poor, all I have is Yours,  
every single breath”.*

The word “heart” occurs more than one thousand times in the Bible, in both the Old and New Testaments. It denotes a person’s center of being, for both physical and emotional activity.

We understand “worship” to mean ALL that encompasses the recognition, belief, and obedience to the holy and righteous God.

Therefore the “Heart of Worship” can be understood to mean: **All that I do physically, and all that I express emotionally, should be done to bring God the glory He deserves.** (“And whatever you do in word or deed, do ALL in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” —*Colossians 3:17*)

We learn that God alone can see what is in the “heart” of a person.

In 1 Samuel 16, we learn the history of how God ultimately selected David to replace the evil king Saul. In verse 7 we read, “But the Lord said to Samuel (a priest at that time), ‘Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him (one of the sons of Jesse). For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.’”

Hebrews 4:12 reaffirms this truth. “For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; and it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

God is very well aware that our hearts are deceitful and wicked (Jeremiah 16:9). We all suffer with a sinful nature as we live out our physical days on this earth. However, the truth of scripture can be a transforming tool.

Romans 12:2 encourages us to “not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind (through scripture). Then you will be able to test and approve what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.”

Psalms 45 offers an excellent example of mind and heart renewal. The writer begins with these words in verse 1 and following: “My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I recite my verses for the king; my tongue is the pen of a skilled writer.” He goes on to describe and worship our wonderful Lord, ending with this: “I will perpetuate Your memory through all generations; therefore the nations will praise You for ever and ever.”

David Mathis, Editor of *Desiring God* and Pastor at Cities Church, writes this concise conclusion regarding our hearts in worship. “The **heart of worship** is not *music* and *song*, but *heads* and *hearts* in joyful awe of the real Jesus”.

As you and I continue to renew our hearts and minds through our prayers and reading of God’s Word, we can also be mindful to come to church prepared to worship collectively with our family members. We can purposefully be participants, not just consumers.

We can, as the song says, “come back to the Heart of Worship”.

— *Pastor Trudi Bils*



# Meet the new Pastoral Assistant

My name is Raphi, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the newest addition to the staff. I've been serving as Pastor Matt's assistant and as a worship intern under Pastor Trudi. It has been a joy to work with FBC and to get to know so many of you better. My role includes things like answering phone calls and emails, organizing office spaces, helping log expenses, assisting with worship services, and studying what it means to worship alongside Trudi and Nik.

A little of my story:

I was born in India and raised in Nepal until I was 7, where my grandparents run a children's home called Mendies Haven. My family then moved back to the States, and I grew up homeschooled with my four siblings. When I was 12, my parents divorced, and I entered a season of isolation where I felt numb to emotion. One summer at camp, after hearing a testimony similar to my own, I prayed for the Lord's healing—and for the first time in a long time, I was able to cry again.

Before that moment, I had always believed in God and desired His presence. But this was the first time I turned to Him in deep desperation instead of looking elsewhere. If there's been one theme in my story, it's identity.

I've often asked myself: "Who am I?" Too many times, I've let other things define me—what people think of me, my family's stability, the presence of loved ones, worldly pleasures, or accomplishments. Again and again, those things failed me: people talked behind my back, my family broke apart, loved ones passed away, pleasures left me empty, and I fell short of my own expectations. But every time I turned to God, He met me, answered me, and rescued me.

For years, the tension between what God thought of me and what people thought of me even kept me from being baptized. On every baptism Sunday I felt the Lord's call, but I worried people would think I hadn't truly been walking with Him before. That fear of others' opinions got in the way of obedience. But God was patient with me. When I was 18, I finally took the step of baptism, and since then He has continued to draw me closer, making me bolder in my faith and more reliant on Him with each new season.

I'm grateful to be here at FBC and to walk alongside you all as we pursue Jesus together.

With love in Christ,

— *Raphi Mendies*

## ANGEL TREE IS COMING!

The Angel Tree will be standing in Fellowship Hall  
Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, ready for your Angel selection!



ANGEL TREE

*A Program of Prison Fellowship*

# Facilities and Building Report

This year has been a very busy year so far. Many ups and downs along the way, but nothing God has not handled for us. We have many projects that have been going on and working on getting going, and some that have been put on hold. Everything from an LED project to help cut back on electricity bills, all the way to a gate project.

**LED Project:** The LED project is all mapped out. There is officially a map (technically, a list.) that will be in my office. Luckily, some random bulbs have already been switched out. The bulbs that primarily need to be switched out are the fluorescent bulbs that are around the building. There are a total of 380–400 fluorescent bulbs alone.

**The Gate Project:** As a few of you know, we have a Gate Project that was in full swing, then some issues came up with the city. The locations of the Gates are the entrances on 12th and the Taylor street doors. The Gates that we want to install are swing gates, but due to an encroachment law and other things to try and work around, the City has told us that the gates we have gotten approved through the EC are “non-negotiable and can not be installed” due to “Safety factors”. With that being said, we are pushing forward to still get some sort of gate installed outside those doors in the next few months to protect the integrity of those doors and the building.

**Pew Cushion Revival:** Another project we have in the works is what we have dubbed the “Pew Cushion Revival”. Many of our Cushions have been around not just for years, but for generations. They have stains from over the years. We have run an experiment to clean them and will be cleaning and “Reviving” these cushions a little bit and working on taking these stains out. This is going to be a week long job at least.

As you can see we are staying busy to keep up with everything that goes on in this beautiful 130 year old Church Building. Rick and I always have our hands full with one thing or another, but this building is so big, to

do some projects we would have to drop the other work completely. We here at First Baptist Church of Portland are always looking for volunteers. People who may come in and do small projects like vacuuming, or maybe helping install LED's or helping with the cushions. There is more than one way of giving to a church; Time is one of them. If you are curious or want to give some time talk to myself or Pastor Sam , we will help you get going in the right direction! God has blessed us this year, and his blessing will continue in 2026!

## Mercy and Grace

Lately I have been hearing a phrase I have not heard for some time. It is the simple phrase of “Mercy and Grace”. This is a phrase that many of us have heard when we are “losing our cool” or are “frustrated and hurt” about how others have acted towards us.

We have “all sinned, and fallen short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23) As human beings, we may not understand why someone has hurt us in one way or another. There are times we act before we think, or we have the urge to do so. Romans 3:24 goes on to talk about the greatest and most perfect grace that we could receive as we are “justified freely by HIS Grace through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ.”

God showed us the ultimate “Mercy and Grace,” in the midst of our not-so-always-perfect way of thinking. Instead of making it to where we would all end up on the other side of the chasm, He sent His son, Jesus, to die on the cross and eliminate the sins that we have done. Through Jesus, and his death on the cross, grace allows us to get us to the other side of the chasm. Mercy is no longer being separated from God as we should be, but instead we get to learn and grow in a relationship with him.

So next time someone has wronged you, think about the Ultimate time that we were forgiven and shown “Grace and Mercy”. And ask God for the strength you need to show it to someone who doesn't deserve it in our eyes. Here are some verses that we can read and pray about when we need to show Mercy and Grace:

*Romans 12:17-18 ; Ephesians 4:29 ; James 1:9.*

— Nik Jones

# Pastoral Ministry Intern Report

It has been a grace to share a small part in the momentum that is building in the KidChurch program at Portland FBC.

Earlier this summer I did some investigation into Sunday morning curriculum for the 25/26 year. I had delightful conversations with AWANA national and our local Children's Evangelism Fellowship Portland office. I was able to gain insight into the overall fit of these offerings and share that with the KidChurch team, including Lisa Toupin, the Children's Ministry Coordinator. With this information, the best decision could be made for the upcoming year.

It has been a true blessing to share Bible stories with the children. This summer I selected memory verses and Sunday school lessons. The memory verses were Luke 19:10 and John 14:6. Luke 19:10 teaches children that Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. With that scripture, I accompanied stories like the Parable of the Lost Sheep and Zaccheus. The intent is to have children understand that Jesus is longing to gift His salvation freely to anyone who believes in Him.

There is only one way to come into a relationship with God and that is through His Son, Jesus – this is the emphasis of the second memory verse (John 14:6). With this verse I accompanied stories like Naaman and Cain and Abel, to help children understand that there is only one way to restore harmony with God. Secondly, I was also able to emphasize that God has called children to live lives of obedience.

Finally, a great highlight from this summer was sharing the gospel. Many of the kids have heard this message before, and this is good news! Their loving mothers and fathers, Pastors and this congregation have together been faithful to plant His Word in their hearts. As we moved through the rhythm of the account — the heart of God which is love, the problem of sin, the cleansing blood of Jesus, and the resurrection to new life — I could see their faces respond in comprehension and responsibility. I pray for their continued growth in understanding what God has done for each of them.



## Devotion

*“Do this in remembrance of Me...” (Luke 22:19).*

During the last Communion, I was brought through the rhythm once more of what my Christian life is founded upon. “This is my body, which is broken for you” (1 Cor. 11:24).

I think of His disciples, who lost everything. They watched the Savior give everything away, most importantly His own life. This was for my sin, and I am grateful to receive His propitiation. “He was buried” (1 Cor 15:4) and I with Him. I can be certain that my destiny is set toward a total divorce from my sinful nature. “He rose... and was seen...” (1 Cor. 15: 4, 5). The Savior returned to those who just a few days earlier, grieved.

“Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over,” (Luke 24:29) they said. Yet He soon ascended to heaven and gave a commission: Go into all the world as His ambassadors.

He has met my need for deliverance from sin, he has promised to be with me to the end of the age, and now He sends me from this place of sacrament out into the world.

— Michele Painter

## Join us for “Pastor and Staff Appreciation Sunday” October 5, at 10:30 am

A special day set aside to pray for and express our gratitude to the fantastic team that work tirelessly to share the love of Jesus on our behalf. October is “Pastor Appreciation Month” but at FBC we expand that to include our entire FBC staff. Join us for this event, but also take time in the month of October to say “thank you” to a member of the



FBC staff team who has made a difference in your life.

The service will include a special time of thanksgiving and prayer for our pastors and staff. Afterward, a special coffee hour be served in their honor. All are welcome! (To learn more, call the church office or email [office@fbc-portland.org](mailto:office@fbc-portland.org))

## October is World Mission Offering Month



Through the World Mission Offering, we can take part in what the Holy Spirit is doing globally to bring God’s kingdom “*on earth as it is in heaven.*” First Baptist Church of Portland will be inviting our congregation to give to the World Mission Offering this October. Our fundraising goal this year is \$2,500. To make your donation today, just mark your gift “WMO.” Thank you for your generosity!

—FBC Missions Team

## December is RMMO Month

Our American Baptist pastors are active people. They pray, listen, baptize, marry, mourn, counsel, celebrate, and so much more. It takes great energy to sustain our congregations through the ups and downs of life. We give to remember and thank those who have dedicated their lives in service to Christ, the church, and us. This offering provides us an opportunity to share a small blessing with our retired clergy to help them make ends meet. Our fundraising goal this year is \$2,000. For all they’ve done, let’s do this for them again as 2025 comes to a close!

—FBC Missions Team

RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OFFERING



# Join a Life Group!

*As Summer winds down and we settle back into the rhythms of work and school FBC's leadership wants to be sure there is a place for everyone to plug into your church community. Take a look below to find one that fits your schedule.*

## Cambodian Sunday School Life Group

Sundays, at 10:00 am, in the FBC Cambodian Sunday School Room (*Leader: Pastor Peter*)

## "Table Talk" Sermon Based Bible Study

Every Wednesday, at 7:00 pm, we will offer a Sermon Based Bible Study that helps us go deeper into the Word of God together. Join us as we begin this Fall season memorizing Scripture together as Part of our "Words to Remember" Series! (*Notice: This Life Group will run in place of the previous Table Talk East/West*)

## Cambodian Bible Study Life Group

Wednesday at 7:00 pm on Zoom (*Leader: Pastor Peter*)

## Young Adult Community Group

1st Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, in Fellowship Hall. This

group is a shared potluck style Young Adult (18–29 yrs) Bible Study through the Gospel of Matthew. Snacks are provided, bring a treat to share if you like, but don't forget your Bible!

## Coffee Hour Life Group

Third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm, in Fellowship Hall. Coffee Hour is a mid-week, mid-afternoon devotional time. We take an hour to sing praise songs, share about our walk with Jesus, pray for each other, and of course drink coffee! (*Leader: Pastoral Staff*)

## "Seek First" Young Adult Worship Night

First Baptist is happy to begin a collaboration with Churches from across the city to host a monthly Young Adults worship night. Open to 18–29 year olds who are looking to get together with other Christian young adults to worship Jesus. (*Contact Pastor Anthony for 2025–26 ongoing dates and locations*)

## DI Life Group

Thursdays at 12:00 pm, in the Dining Room (*Leader: Pastor Sam*)

# Teaching Series for October–December, 2025

- October 5: Pastor and Staff Appreciation Sunday – Part 3: **"Assurance of Victory"** (1 Co. 10:13)
- October 12: Part 4: **"Assurance of Forgiveness"** (1 Jn. 1:9)
- October 19 – Part 5: **"Assurance of Guidance"** (Pr. 3:5–6)
- October 26 – Part 6: **"Putting Christ First"** (Mt. 6:33)
- November 2 – Part 7: **"God's Strength"** (Ph. 4:13)
- November 9 – Veteran Appreciation Sunday - Giving Thanks - Pastor Sam Raj (Luke 17:11-19)
- November 16 – Part 8: **"God's Word"** (Ps. 119:9,11)
- November 23 – Thanksgiving Sunday – Part 9: **"Love"** (Jn. 13:34–35)
- November 30 – Advent I, Stewardship Sunday – Part 10: **"Giving"** (Pastor Sam Raj) (2 Co. 9:7)
- December 7 – Advent II – Part 11: **"The Church"** (Ps. 122:1)
- December 14 – Advent III – Part 12: **"Good Works"** (Ep. 2:10)
- December 21 – Advent IV, Christmas Service – Part 13: **"Witnessing"** (Mark 5:19)
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- December 28 – Christmas for the World Service

# Cambodian Ministry News



*“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” — 1 Corinthians 15:58*

Because Christ has risen, our faith and labor have eternal meaning. Paul encourages us to remain steadfast and immovable, knowing that nothing done for the Lord is wasted. Every act of love, prayer, and service carries lasting value in His kingdom.

## Ministry Highlights

After the joyful celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Cambodian ministry at FBC, our spirits were lifted once again during a combined worship service that honored the life of our dear brother Jim Chellis. This summer also brought two wonderful church picnics. The first was at Oaks Park with our FBC family, where many Cambodian members joined in fellowship and enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the picnic team. The second was the Khmer Christian Fellowship of the Pacific Northwest picnic at Burfoot Park in Olympia, Washington, which gathered about 200 people for worship, food, and community.

In August 2025, Shirley and I attended our third year of the ABC Asian Pastors Colloquium in Woodlands, Texas. Each year, we have been deeply enriched by morning devotions, discussions, prayers, and ministry presentations. These gatherings have strengthened our leadership, deepened our

love for God and His Word, and helped us build strong pastoral fellowship. Though the three-year Colloquium has now concluded, the connections remain. We continue to share challenges and pray weekly together via WhatsApp. We thank God for this experience, guided by Rev. Augie Bau, Dr. Donald Ng, and their team.

We also celebrated Brother Sothy Prom's retirement at his home. He faithfully worked for Freightliner Company for 33 years. His family graciously hosted a luncheon at the church, where we enjoyed warm fellowship and expressed our gratitude. We pray for God's blessings on his new season of life.

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**To learn more about Cambodian Children's Ministry, go to [ccmnews.org](http://ccmnews.org)**

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ចំពោះការងារព្រះនៅមណ្ឌលកូនក្មេងវិញនោះ យើងខ្ញុំ សូមអរគុណដល់ក្រុមទទួលខុសត្រូវទាំងអស់ដែលបានជួយ ដង្ហោយប្រចាំឆ្នាំដែលយើងទទួលបាន៩៦៣៥ដុល្លា។ សូមព្រះ ប្រទានពរដល់ពួកជំនុំ និងការងារទ្រង់ក្នុងដង្ហោយដ៏សប្បុរស នេះ! ខ្ញុំសូមអរគុណដល់ពួកជំនុំដែលបានខិតខំអស់ពីចិត្តក្នុង ការជួយរៀបចំ និងចូលរួមការងារនេះដែលឲ្យបានល្អប្រសើរ ថ្វាយសិរីល្អដល់ព្រះនៃយើងពីឆ្នាំនិមួយៗ។ មកដល់ថ្ងៃនេះយើង រៃដង្ហោយបាន១៥០០ដុល្លាតាមរយៈសំបកដបកំប៉ុង សូមអរ គុណដល់ពួកជំនុំទាំងអស់ក្នុងការជួយរៃដង្ហោយតាមការងារនេះ! យើងក៏មានគ្នា១៣នាក់ដែលនឹងចូលរួមដំណើររបស់កកម្មទៅ ស្រុកខ្មែរដែរនៅខែ១១ឆ្នាំ២០២៥នេះ ក្រុមនេះបានចេញថវិការ រៀងខ្លួនក្នុងការចូលរួមដំណើរនេះ សូមយើងអធិស្ឋានសំរាប់ការ ធ្វើបេសកកម្មនេះជួយពង្រឹងការងារព្រះនៅមណ្ឌលកូនក្មេង ស្រុកខ្មែរផងដែរ។ យើងសូមអរព្រះគុណដល់ព្រះ ពីការគាំទ្រ គម្រោងថ្មីៗ នៅក្នុងមណ្ឌល គឺយើងទទួលបានការដឹកស្រះត្រី១ របងការពារស្រះត្រី ការជួសជុលកញ្ចុះពីរឡើងវិញឲ្យបានល្អ ប្រសើរជាងពីមុនផងដែរ។ ការងារនៅមណ្ឌលយើងបានទទួល

នូវការដឹកនាំ ថែរក្សាយ៉ាងល្អត្រឹមត្រូវតាមរយៈអ្នកទទួលខុស ត្រូវដែលមានចំណេះវិជ្ជាជួសជុល និងការយកចិត្តទុកដាក់ ដឹកនាំក្មេងឲ្យចេះស្រឡាញ់ព្រះ ស្រឡាញ់មណ្ឌល និងចំណេះ ទូរទៅសំរាប់អនាគតក្តីថ្វារបស់ពួកគេដែរ។ ដំណើរដ៏ល្អពី ការងារនៃកម្មវិធីខ្លះៗនោះ ល្អគឺមានថ្នាក់ព្រះគម្ពីរ ថ្នាក់អង់គ្លេស ថ្នាក់កំពូល ការថែរក្សាសំអាតមណ្ឌល និងផ្នែកកីឡា ដែល យើងតែងទទួលពួកគេដោយប្រើឃ្លាជំនិះរបស់មណ្ឌលយើង។ សូមពួកជំនុំយើងអធិស្ឋាន និងចូលរួមដង្ហោយបន្តទៅទៀតសំរាប់ ការងារទ្រង់នៅទីនោះ។ យើងខ្ញុំសូមអរគុណ និងសូមអរព្រះ គុណដល់ព្រះអម្ចាស់នៃយើង! សូមពួកជំនុំបានទទួលព្រះអរក្នុង ពេលបុណ្យណាដែលឆ្នាំនេះ និងសួរស្តីឆ្នាំថ្មី!





## Cambodian Children's Ministry (CCM)

Our annual fundraiser on September 21, 2025, was another success! By God's grace, we raised \$9,635, surpassing our goal of \$4,000! About 95 people participated with enthusiasm, prayer, and generous giving. Special thanks to our auctioneer! We extend our heartfelt thanks to the fundraiser team, cooks, kitchen staff, pastoral staff, and supporters who made this possible.

During the event, we also commissioned our November 2025 mission trip team. Currently, 13 members are preparing to go, each contributing their travel expenses and raising funds to support the children's center. Please pray for this team as they serve in Cambodia as part of the Great Commission.

We are also grateful for the BottleDrop Project, which has raised \$1,500 to date. Thank you to everyone who has faithfully supported this effort.

Several exciting projects have been completed at the children's center, including the fish pond, a new fence, and the remodeling of two gazebos, all generously sponsored by individual supporters. Language and computer classes continue to grow, supported by monthly scholarships from our partners and sponsors. We also meet weekly with the children and staff via Zoom, and our youth group recently attended a seminar in Kampong Chhnang Province.

Bible studies and student ministries remain active, thanks to the faithful work of our facility manager and staff. Transportation to and from programs—including

Sunday services—continues smoothly, though our tuk-tuk often needs repairs!

## Looking Ahead

We look forward to updating you next quarter with God's blessings from the upcoming mission trip. Please continue to pray for Shirley and me—for health, strength, and financial support—as we serve the Lord and carry forward the ministry here and in Cambodia. "Your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

—Pastor Peter Im





# Youth Update



I just want to say another big THANK YOU For being a part of making our Summer Mission to Kodiak, Alaska take place!

The J.13 Youth Group has experienced awesome growth during our regular events and those experiences paved the way for students to make the commitment to this big mission. Our group has never

been closer, never been more devoted to Jesus, and never been as far reaching as it is this year. That's because of the support you all have shown both through prayer and giving.

May the Lord return blessings to you!

—*Pastor Anthony Young*



*Attention all students! Check out what's coming up the rest of this year.*

*To learn more, just reach out to Pastor Anthony.*

**OCTOBER 4 (12:00 – 3:00 PM)**

**Pumpkin Patch**

**NOVEMBER 9 (1:30 – 4:00 PM)**

**Arcade**

**DECEMBER (TBD)**

**Christmas Party**



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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 10:30 AM:**

## **VETERAN APPRECIATION SUNDAY**

A special day set aside to pray for and express gratitude to all who have served in the military on our behalf. A small gift of appreciation will be given to the first 50 veterans present. Grab a “business card invitation” at church and invite a veteran in your life to join us as we honor all who have served.



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 10:30 AM:**

## **THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION**

Everyone is welcome to enjoy this special opportunity to “count our many blessings!” Whether you are an individual, a couple, or a whole family, there will be a seat for you at the table. Just c’mon down for our Thanksgiving church service at 10:30 am and a special meal served afterward. Be sure to pick up a “business card invitation” at church and invite a family member or friend to join you!

*Recommended donation: \$5 or \$20 for families of 4 and more*

To learn more, email [office@fbc-portland.org](mailto:office@fbc-portland.org) or follow us on Facebook!

# Celebrate New Life at First Baptist Church!

This fall, we are offering some very special opportunities to those who are considering following Jesus in baptism or by becoming a part of our church family. You can indicate your interest in these

opportunities by turning in a welcome card on Sunday mornings, by contacting the church office, or by talking to one of our pastors. Don't miss out!

## BAPTISM 101

Maybe you have been considering getting baptized. Or maybe you are just curious what it's all about. Whatever the case may be, you are welcome to join Pastor Matt for a learning experience for adults that will explore the meaning of baptism and how it relates to your life journey. This is open to both to those who feel they might be ready for baptism and for "seekers" who are wanting to learn more. It all happens in the Conference Room (Balcony Level) right after church, 12:00pm, on Sunday, September 28. Lunch provided.

## CHURCH 101

Are you interesting in connecting with the FBC church family? Then this learning experience is for you! We will be looking at the importance of local church membership, what the word "Baptist" means, and how you can become connected with serving the Lord and this community in Downtown Portland. It all happens in the Conference Room (Balcony Level) right after church, 12:00 pm, on Sunday, October 5 and 12. Lunch provided.

## Protecting Yourself from Scams

We want to take a moment to remind everyone to stay vigilant against scams and fraudulent activity, which have unfortunately been on the rise in many communities, including among churches.

Please be aware that First Baptist Church of Portland and its staff will never call, text, or email you to ask for:

- Your credit card or bank account information
- Your Social Security Number
- Gift card purchases or codes
- Any private or sensitive financial data

If you receive a suspicious message claiming to be from a pastor, staff member, or church leader requesting money, personal information, or urgent financial help—do not respond. Instead, contact the church office directly at (503) 228-7465 or [office@fbc-portland.org](mailto:office@fbc-portland.org) to verify the request.

We care deeply about your safety and well-being, and we want to ensure that you are protected from those who may try to take advantage of your trust. Please share this reminder with friends and loved ones in the congregation.



# CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

A MULTI-CHURCH EVENT  
WITH AREA CHURCHES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5  
7:00 PM

MUSIC! REFRESHMENTS!

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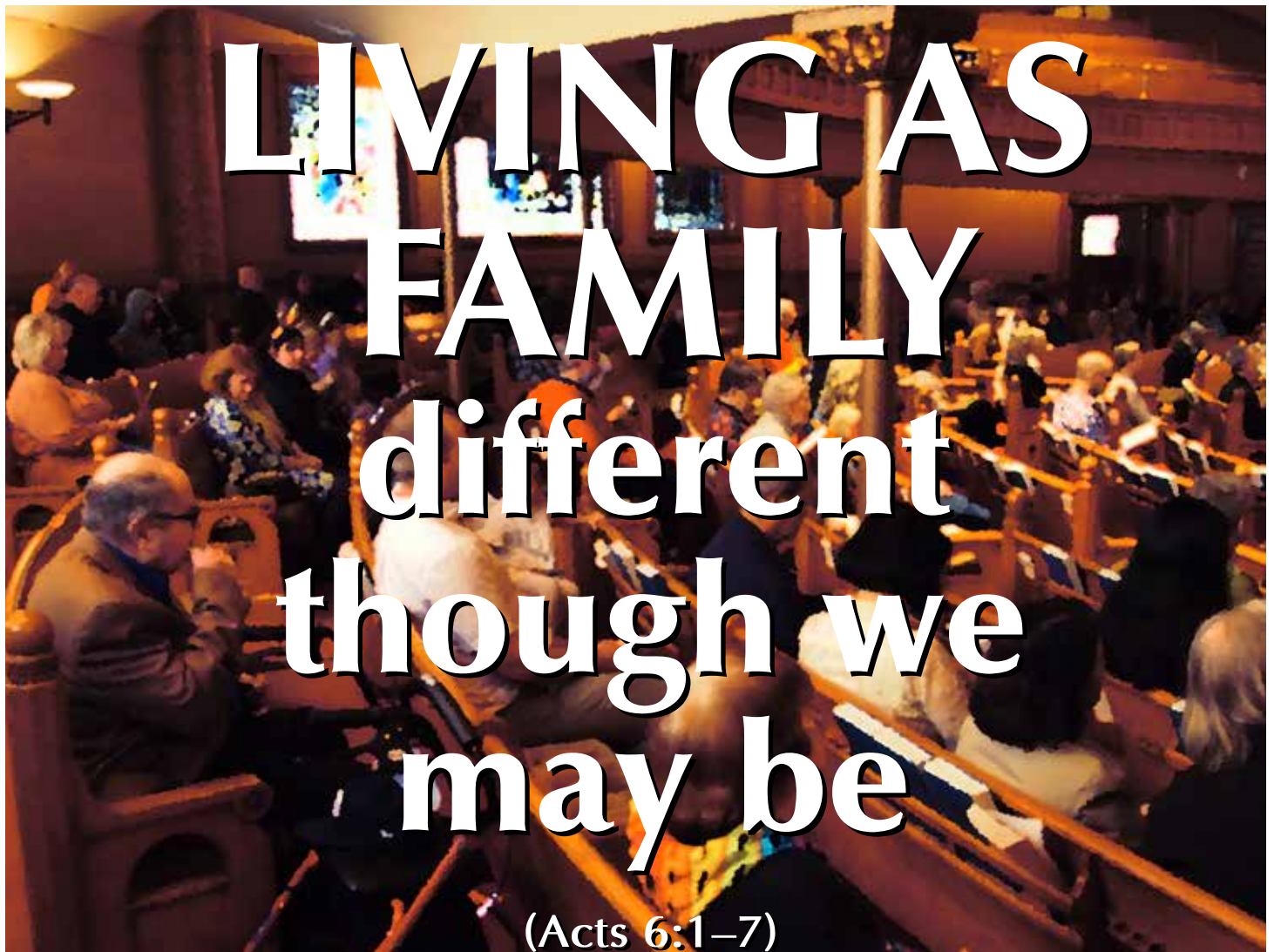
# New Church Directory Available Soon!

The new church directory is now available, and you can request your copy today! Just contact the church office and we will send you one as soon as the new version is available (approximately in December).

To ensure privacy, and to protect everyone's information, only contact information of active members who have turned in a directory card have been included in the directory. Also, directories will only be provided to active members of FBC. Your privacy is of paramount importance to us as we also seek to enrich the sense of community in our congregation.

Please note that minors and non-members have NOT be included in the directly. However, space will be provided at the back of the booklet so that you can add folks in the future.

Want an even better way for reaching out to church friends? The **BEST** way for FBC members to find the most up-to-date contact information for other FBC members who have given authorization is to use our online database. Called CCB (Church Community Builder), you can access it by going to [fbc-portland.org](http://fbc-portland.org) and then clicking on the option "Church Community Builder" at the top of your screen. Then, follow the prompts to "Request Account," to get set up. Please note that only active FBC members will be granted access to the online directly in CCB. Need help? Just reach out to Executive Pastor, Sam Raj or Communications Administrator, Jason Chastain.



# “The Path” Readings for October, November and December (Choose 1, 2, or 4 Each Day)

10/1: 1 Sm. 24, 1 Co. 5, Ek. 3, Jn. 4	11/2: 1 Ki. 4, 1 Ki. 5, Ep. 2, Ez. 35, Ps. 23, Ps. 24	12/2: 2 Ki. 14, 2 Tm. 4, Ho. 7, Ps. 66, Ps. 67
10/2: 1 Sm. 25, 1 Co. 6, Ek. 4, Jn. 5	11/3: 1 Ki. 6, Ep. 3, Ez. 36, Ps. 25	12/3: 2 Ki. 15, Ti. 1, Ho. 8, Ps. 68
10/3: 1 Sm. 26, 1 Co. 7, Ek. 5, Jn. 6	11/4: 1 Ki. 7, Ep. 4, Ez. 37, Ps. 26, Ps. 27	12/4: 2 Ki. 16, Ti. 2, Ho. 9, Ps. 69
10/4: 1 Sm. 27, 1 Co. 8, Ek. 6, Jn. 7	11/5: 1 Ki. 8, Ep. 5, Ez. 38, Ps. 28, Ps. 29	12/5: 2 Ki. 17, Ti. 3, Ho. 10, Ps. 70, Ps. 71
10/5: 1 Sm. 28, 1 Co. 9, Ek. 7, Jn. 8	11/6: 1 Ki. 9, Ep. 6, Ez. 39, Ps. 30	12/6: 2 Ki. 18, Pl. 1, Ho. 11, Ps. 72
10/6: 1 Sm. 29, 1 Sm. 30, 1 Co. 10, Ek. 8, Jn. 9	11/7: 1 Ki. 10, Ph. 1, Ez. 40, Ps. 31	12/7: 2 Ki. 19, He. 1, Ho. 12, Ps. 73
10/7: 1 Sm. 31, 1 Co. 11, Ek. 9, Jn. 10	11/8: 1 Ki. 11, Ph. 2, Ez. 41, Ps. 32	12/8: 2 Ki. 20, He. 2, Ho. 13, Ps. 74
10/8: 2 Sm. 1, 1 Co. 12, Ek. 10, Jn. 11	11/9: 1 Ki. 12, Ph. 3, Ez. 42, Ps. 33	12/9: 2 Ki. 21, He. 3, Ho. 14, Ps. 75, Ps. 76
10/9: 2 Sm. 2, 1 Co. 13, Ek. 11, Jn. 12	11/10: 1 Ki. 13, Ph. 4, Ez. 43, Ps. 34	12/10: 2 Ki. 22, He. 4, Jl. 1, Ps. 77
10/10: 2 Sm. 3, 1 Co. 14, Ek. 12, Jn. 13	11/11: 1 Ki. 14, Cl. 1, Ez. 44, Ps. 35	12/11: 2 Ki. 23, He. 5, Jl. 2, Ps. 78
10/11: 2 Sm. 4, 2 Sm. 5, 1 Co. 15, Ek. 13, Jn. 14	11/12: 1 Ki. 15, Cl. 2, Ez. 45, Ps. 36	12/12: 2 Ki. 24, He. 6, Jl. 3, Ps. 79
10/12: 2 Sm. 6, 1 Co. 16, Ek. 14, Jn. 15	11/13: 1 Ki. 16, Cl. 3, Ez. 46, Ps. 37	12/13: 2 Ki. 25, He. 7, Am. 1, Ps. 80
10/13: 2 Sm. 7, 2 Co. 1, Ek. 15, Jn. 16	11/14: 1 Ki. 17, Cl. 4, Ez. 47, Ps. 38	12/14: 1 Ch. 1, 1 Ch. 2, He. 8, Am. 2, Ps. 81, Ps. 82
10/14: 2 Sm. 8, 2 Sm. 9, 2 Co. 2, Ek. 16, Jn. 17	11/15: 1 Ki. 18, 1 Th. 1, Ez. 48, Ps. 39	12/15: 1 Ch. 3, 1 Ch. 4, He. 9, Am. 3, Ps. 83, Ps. 84
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# Mission PDX

*We are everyday people*

**LOOKING UP** to God for meaning in life;

**REACHING OUT** across cultural boundaries  
*with the hope of Jesus;*

**RAISING UP** a generation in the way of Jesus;

**LIVING AS FAMILY**, different though we may  
*be; and*

**SERVING TOGETHER** for the good of others.



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Prayer Request and Visitor Information Card

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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