

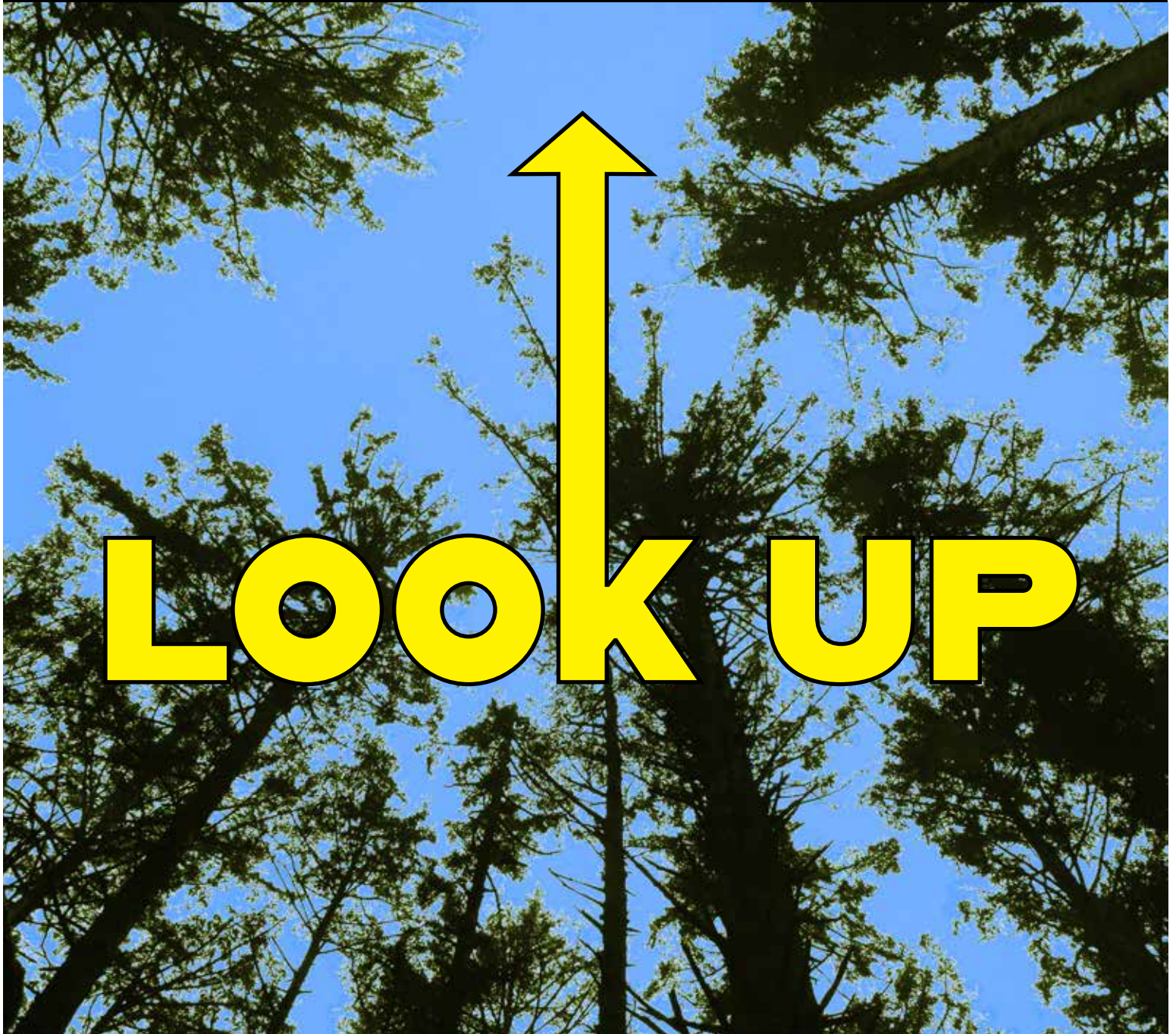


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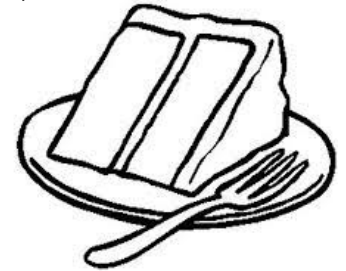
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Member Birthdays

Claudia Papagolos	4/5
Rick Loomis	4/6
Brianne Nem	4/8
Soeung Seng	4/9
Lucy Toupin	4/16
Darlene Nelson	4/17
Siri Schillios	4/18
Cynthia Johnson	4/19
Carla Shemegda	4/23
Robert Enloe	4/24
Rom King	5/5
Luvenia McDonald	5/5
Kim Yin	5/5
Mao Leng	5/6
Cynthia Hutchinson	5/13
Anne Dong	5/14
Mandy Puth	5/19
Saveth Anderson	5/23
Vicki Bridges	5/25
Leslie Cody	5/26
Anthony Im	5/28
Sam Raj	5/28

Jimmy Jones	6/1
Jennifer Beck	6/5
Savin Loeng	6/5
Joshua Toupin	6/8
Steve Shearer	6/10
Momthavy Yuok	6/14
Shirley Im	6/15
Veurn Phoeurn	6/15
Sam Khem	6/26
Judah Raj	6/28
Jean Dransfeldt	6/29

Happy Birthday! Join us during our Monthly Fellowship Meals to celebrate all who have birthdays during the month. (April 19, May 17, June 21)



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, Monday–Thursday, or Darcia Hing (darciahing@comcast.net) Friday–Sunday, so that we can pray for you!

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The next Trumpeter deadline is **June 15, 2026.**

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LOOK UP

“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”

(Colossians 3:1–4, NKJV)

For having just two letters, “if” is a very big word. “If” is a conditional word. The ability to do what Paul is telling the Colossian believers is conditioned on the assumption that the ones being commanded have already connected with Christ through simple belief. The order is extremely important here. Because, you see, the step that precedes being able to “set your mind on things above” and living life as one who has been “raised with Christ” is to believe in him for eternal life. Then, and only then, can you have the assurance of salvation that makes it possible to achieve what Paul is talking about.

Once that is done, however, there’s some really good news here—especially in the midst of the tumultuous times in which we live.

The first bit of good news is that you really can “set your mind on things above”!

Are the worries and concerns of the world surrounding you? Are you overwhelmed by your own problems and by those of the people in your life? How do you break free from this sort of bondage? According to Scripture, what you should do when you are surrounded is not to look around you, but to look up to the Lord.

Paul wasn’t the first person to suggest *looking up* instead of *looking around*. Jesus, in whose resurrection power believers now live, also said in Matthew 6:31–34...

“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these

things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble”.

Life is full of worries. Sometimes it can seem overpowering. But look first to Jesus, seek God’s kingdom first, and everything else—everything on earth—will come into perspective.

The second bit of good news is that you really can live your life as one who has been “raised with Christ”!

There were all sorts of false notions about the nature of salvation floating around in the ancient world, not unlike today. That’s why it was important for Paul to remind the early Christians time and time again that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone (Ephesians 2:8–9).

Nevertheless, there is still a calling for believers to live in light of this great salvation, to live as mature Christians who have been *“raised with Christ.”* This is what Ephesians 2:10 reminds us: That those saved by grace were nonetheless created for the purpose of doing good in this world. This is easier said than done, to be sure.

Thankfully, we are not on our own: The power of Christ himself is at work within us. As Paul reminds us so eloquently in Galatians 2:20...

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

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It can be very tempting to give in to the hopelessness around us, to get so caught up in what we hear on the news about the *things on the earth* that we don't focus on our high calling as believers in Christ to also *follow* Christ. And here's the thing: It all starts with the right mindset. We won't become like Christ if we don't first determine in our minds to do so (i.e. "*set your mind on things above*").

And so, as we reflect on the love of God so boldly proclaimed through the cross of Christ, may we also be challenged to look up, always *living as those raised with Christ!*

Challenged to always look up,

—Pastor Matt Toupin



Thank You for Your Generosity!

We are so grateful to our church family for your marked generosity in giving to missions this past quarter! As you know, there were several special

fundraising drives for various purposes. With your help, we raised the following during the first quarter of 2026:

- Mission J.13 Youth Fundraiser:**.....\$300*
- Assistance Ministry Offering:**\$760*

We are also exceedingly grateful to all who gave generously through tithes, offerings, and special donations during the first quarter of 2026.

continue to make a huge impact for the Kingdom of God in Downtown Portland and beyond!

—FBC Diaconate Board & Missions Team

By God's grace and with your help, FBC will

** as of press time, this does not reflect the total amount for the quarter.*



Living in God's Victory

“Even from eternity I am He, And there is no one who can rescue anyone from My hand; I act, and who can reverse it?” — Isaiah 43:13 (AMP)

God's promises are true and faithful, and we can trust Him completely. He is actively at work in your life. Whatever you are believing God for in this season, whatever challenges you may be facing—God has victory prepared for you.

Victory in Christ is not accidental; it follows a pattern. Scripture reveals pathways that position us to walk in the fullness of what God has already provided. Here are four key patterns for victory:

1. RIGHTEOUSNESS

“He made Christ who knew no sin to be sin [on our behalf], so that in Him we would become the righteousness of God [that is, we would be made acceptable to Him and placed in a right relationship with Him by His gracious lovingkindness].” — 2 Corinthians 5:21 (AMP)

“As it is written and forever remains written, ‘There is none righteous [none that meets God’s standard], not even one.’” — Romans 3:10 (AMP)

“This righteousness of God comes through faith in Jesus Christ for all those [Jew or Gentile] who believe and trust in Him and acknowledge Him as God’s Son.” — Romans 3:22 (AMP)

“And the result of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confident trust forever.” — Isaiah 32:17 (AMP)

The foundation of victory begins with being made right with God. Apart from Him, none of us meet His standard. Yet through faith in Jesus, we are brought into right relationship with Him.

When we are not aligned with God, we often experience dread, worry, and unrest. But when we walk in righteousness, peace becomes the natural outcome. As we mature in Christ, we grow in consistency—choosing what is right, living with integrity, and reflecting His nature daily.

2. REPENTANCE

“Or do you have no regard for the wealth of His kindness and tolerance and patience [in withholding His wrath]? Are you actually unaware or ignorant [of the fact] that God’s kindness leads you to repentance [that is, to change your inner self, your old way of thinking—seek His purpose for your life]?” — Romans 2:4 (AMP)

“If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just (true to His own nature and promises), and will forgive our sins and cleanse us continually from all unrighteousness [our wrongdoing, everything not in conformity with His will and purpose].” — 1 John 1:9 (AMP)

Repentance is not merely a one-time act—it is a lifestyle. It is God's kindness that draws us back when we fall short. As believers, we are called to remain tenderhearted, quick to turn, and willing to change.

There is freedom in repentance. It realigns us with God's purpose and restores our fellowship with Him.

3. READINESS

“Preach the word [as an official messenger]; be ready when the time is right and even when it is not [keep your sense of urgency whether the opportunity seems favorable or unfavorable].” — 2 Timothy 4:2 (AMP)

We are called to live prepared—spiritually alert and ready at all times.

Recently, I observed a fire station near our church. Everything was in order—the trucks were clean, the tanks were full, and the equipment was ready. The firefighters were not anxious—they were prepared.

In the same way, our walk with God requires readiness. When we stay spiritually alert—through prayer, the Word, and obedience—we position ourselves to respond with confidence, not fear. Readiness is a posture that invites victory.

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4. RESULTS

“My Father is glorified and honored by this, when you bear much fruit, and prove yourselves to be My [true] disciples.” — John 15:8 (AMP)

“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me [as His disciple] will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.’” — John 8:12 (AMP)

“The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.” — 1 John 3:8 (AMP)

God’s desire for us is not just survival—but fruitfulness. Our lives are meant to reflect His glory and produce lasting impact.

Jesus came as the Light of the world, and now He calls us to walk in that light and reflect it to others. No matter the circumstances—whether favorable or difficult—God equips His people to thrive.

Like Daniel and Joseph, you are called to stand firm, remain faithful, and bring creative solutions even in challenging environments. God is at work in you!

“But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; He is their refuge and stronghold in the time of trouble.”

— *Psalms 37:39 (AMP)*

PRAYER

Pray this out loud:

Lord Jesus, You know everything about me. Here I am. I submit to You and humble myself before You. I am willing to make changes and follow Your will in every area of my life. I’m ready in season and out of season, and I desire to bear fruit that honors You. Be glorified in and through my life, in Jesus’ name, amen.

God bless you,

—*Pastor Sam Raj*

Jesus Sang

Mark 14: 26 reads this way, “And when they (the disciples and Jesus) had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.”

What did they sing? Why did they sing?

Most scholars agree on at least this: They sang a hymn that was commonly sung at the end of Passover, called the **Hallel**, a Hebrew word meaning “praise”. In fact, we get our word “Hallelujah” from this word.

The **Hallel** was comprised of various verses found in Psalms 133 through 118. Here’s what I have discovered:

- “I give thanks because you have answered me, and you have been my salvation.”
- “Give thanks to the Lord for He is good! His faithful love endures forever.”
- “The Lord is for me, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?”
- “Though hostile nations surrounded me, I destroyed them all with the authority of the Lord.”
- “I will not die; instead, I will live to tell of what the Lord has done. The Lord has punished me severely, but He did not let me die.”
- “This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.”

There are more verses, but you get the idea.

My thoughts: The disciples sang because Jesus led them in a song of praise. This absolutely HAD to be **SACRIFICIAL PRAISE**, at least from Jesus’ point of view, because He knew what was coming. Yet, in the midst of his sadness, He sang.

Can we do the same?

Wherever you are in life right now, please Sing to Jesus.

—*Pastor Trudi Bils*

Youth Ministry Update

Dear Church Family,

By now you've heard about the fact that my family and I are leaving FBC. Alyssa, Holly, our one on the way, and I are sad about the move. We're sad about not being able to tend and care for the ministry of this great church in the city any longer. We're sad about uprooting ourselves from the story of First Baptist. Most of all we're sad about leaving the relationships that we've built with you all.

But all of this is not a worldly sadness. St. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 7:10, "godly grief produces repentance that leads to salvation and brings no regret, but worldly grief produces death." We are leaving FBC with a godly grief. We have no regrets about our time here. It is where God planted us and we pray that there has been some fruit from our being planted.

Now, there is so much to look forward to! For FBC there is still so much work to be done in the city. There are hearts crying out for God in unspoken ways. And hearts crying out in ways that are very visible. You all are the workers the Lord has chosen. What a joy! It's been my pleasure to work alongside you these last three years and I have so many hopes for what FBC will become.

For my family and I, we look forward to continuing to share the Good News of Jesus' Kingdom with folks over in the Midwest. We look forward to growing our family. We look forward to the doors the Lord is opening and the way He is preparing for us.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to grow at FBC. I know that decades down the road I'll return to Portland and anytime I walk by our historic building I'll feel the memories of the time I spent here. Most of all I'll remember you. Each of you that have been part of our community and our work, and I'll say a prayer for you.

I promise to continue in prayer for this city and to lift FBC up in my prayers from the Middle of America.

God is so gracious.

In Him,

—*Anthony, Alyssa & the girls*

Hello FBC Family!

I'm excited to join the J13 ministry as a facilitator, supporting students during this important phase as they continually discover that Jesus is someone they can truly depend on.

Middle and high school years are a critical time of growth, and I'm really looking forward to getting to know each of these students and their families.



A little about me—I've been married for 25 years and have three kids (ages 19–24), and we are proud Beaver fans—so please say hello if you see me around!

—*Michele Painter*
Interim Youth Ministry Coordinator

Register for Summer Camp Today!

Registration is now open for summer camp 2026 (July 14–19 or 20–24) at Camp Arrah Wanna!

To sign up your student, just go online today:
<https://camparrahwanna.campbrainregistration.com>

FBC is so committed to sending students to camp, that we are offering 100% scholarships to any student who wants to go. However, families are invited to donate up to 50% of the cost of their students to the FBC "Brophy Scholarship Fund" to help cover the cost.



Attention all high school students: Join us this June as we embark on a Mission Trip to Redwood Glen (redwoodglen.com), a Christian camp and conference center in San Francisco’s Bay Area.

This trip will offer lifechanging opportunities to help you grow in community, share the Gospel, and live your faith in an impactful way all while in the beauty of the California redwoods!

Come and join this Summer Mission Trip and share in what the Spirit of the Lord is doing and build memories that last a lifetime.

- **WHO:** All high school students in the PNW region. As well as Young Adult volunteer leader opportunities.
- **WHAT:** Share the Gospel using the “God’s Story, Your Story” curriculum.
- **WHERE:** Redwood Glen Camp and Conference Center (100 Wright Drive, Loma Mar, CA 94021)
- **WHEN:** June 13–20, 2026
- **HOW MUCH:** \$700 (estimated cost only, to be updated as we approach the date of the trip, participants expected to help with fundraising—see Pastor Matt)

• **DEADLINE EXTENDED!**
Please turn yours in as soon as possible before April 30!

PROVIDING COMMUNITY, DISCIPLESHIP AND



SERVICE FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS!

J.13 Youth FBC & Region-Wide Events Calendar 2026

APRIL	4/26: Mini-Golf	AUGUST	8/3–8/7: J.13 Camping Retreat
MAY	5/23: Beach Trip	SEPTEMBER	9/27: Back-To-School Party
JUNE	6/13–6/20: Mission Trip	OCTOBER	10/3: Pumpkin Patch
JULY	7/14-19: High School Summer Camp	NOVEMBER	11/8: Arcade
	7/20–7/24: Middle School and Elementary Summer Camp	DECEMBER	12/5: Christmas Party

Sponsor a Summer Camper or Mission J.13 Participant!

We often get the question this time year: How much does it cost to send a student on the J.13 high school mission trip or to summer camp at Arrah Wanna?

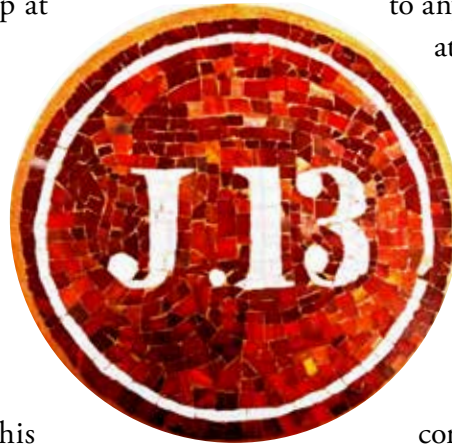
FBC accepts donations to the Youth Fund all year to help cover the costs of youth events, the upcoming J.13 mission trip to Redwood Glen Camp & Conference Center in California, and to send students of all ages to Summer Camp at Arrah Wanna. Our fundraising goal for the Youth Fund this year is \$3,000, which will help us to ensure FBC does our part to fund local and region-wide J.13 youth ministry in 2026. And the overall fundraising goal for the 2026 J.13 Mission Trip is \$14,000 (which includes funding from other churches as well).

We don't want any student miss out on these awesome opportunities because they can't afford it,

which is why First Baptist Church is continuing in 2026 to take a step of faith in offering 100% scholarships to any of our students who want to in camps at Arrah Wanna (families are invited to contribute as much as they can toward the cost of their students, up to 50% of the cost). We are able to do this due to the generous support of our Youth Fund in the past.

However, to help us both this year and in the future, we are inviting any and all who are able to do so, to consider making a special donation to the J.13 Mission Fund (for this year's youth mission) or to the Brophy Scholarship Fund (for summer camp). Are you able to sponsor a student? The cost for attending Summer Camp is approximately \$350 and the cost per mission trip participant is \$700, but donations of ANY amount will be greatly appreciated!

For more information, see Pastor Sam.



APRIL 1-15
SPRING ONLINE
VIRTUAL
FUNDRAISER



APRIL 15
AWSON INTERNSHIP
& SUMMER STAFF
APPLICATION
DEADLINE

APRIL 17-19
WOMEN'S RETREAT
REGISTRATION
CLOSES APRIL 3

MAY 1-3
VOLUNTEER WORK
WEEKEND

MAY 30
OPEN HOUSE

Cambodian Ministry News



If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10: 9)

Our faith begins with a simple yet powerful confession: Jesus is Lord, and God raised Him from the dead. This truth has brought salvation into our lives. Now, we are called not only to hold this confession but also to share it; inviting others to believe in the risen Christ and receive the same gift of salvation.

The first quarter of 2026 has been a season of blessings for our Cambodian ministry. We began the year with a renewed focus on prayer, asking God to draw us deeper into daily Scripture reading and quiet time with Him. Through our Zoom Bible studies and Sunday school classes, we have witnessed spiritual growth that continues to strengthen our relationship with God and one another. We are thankful that participation in these gatherings has increased, leading to encouraging attendance at our worship services. A group from our congregation came to furnish the wooden trim for the Rose Chapel and the Sunday school classroom.

God has answered our prayers by bringing in new visitors and welcoming back long-time members. Despite challenging weather, many have faithfully gathered to celebrate Easter with the Khmer Christians of the Pacific Northwest, hosted by the Khmer church in Tacoma, Washington. We warmly invite you to join us for our Easter breakfast on Easter Sunday from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. We are especially grateful for our dedicated volunteer leaders and Cambodian members who faithfully prepare for this meaningful celebration each year. Thank you as

well for your generous Easter offerings in support of the Cambodian Children's Ministry! I want to thank our members who excitedly joined the J.13's fundraiser in March as well!

At the Cambodian Children's Center, we continue to see growth and impact following the encouragement and support from the November mission trip. Alongside our regular Bible studies,



English and computer classes, and worship services, we have established rhythms that strengthen both spiritual and physical well-being. Every two months, we set aside a day to clean and maintain the Center. We also continue to visit families to strengthen relationships within the community and have launched a new children's soccer team to encourage teamwork and healthy development.



To learn more about Cambodian Children's Ministry, go to ccmnews.org

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ការងារព្រះនៅមណ្ឌលកូនក្មេងស្រុកខ្មែរ បានបន្តនូវការរីកចម្រើនតាមថ្នាក់រៀននិងកម្មវិធីរបស់ពួកជំនុំនៅទីនោះ ដែលបិតនៅក្រោមការដឹកនាំរបស់គ្រូ និងបុគ្គលិករបស់យើង ដែលយើងតែងប្រជុំរាល់សប្តាហ៍ ស្វែងរកដំណោះ ស្រាយនិងភាពរីកចម្រើនគ្រប់ពេល។ សូមពួកជំនុំយើងចូលរួមការវែងដង្វាយប្រចាំឆ្នាំដែលយើងត្រូវការ២ម៉ឺនដុល្លា សំរាប់ឆ្នាំ២០២៦នេះ។ កម្មវិធីវែងដង្វាយឆ្នាំនេះនឹងប្រព្រឹត្តទៅនៅថ្ងៃអាទិត្យ ទី២៨ ខែ៦នៅព្រះវិហារ។ ដំណើរ បេសកកម្មទៅស្រុកខ្មែរនឹងធ្វើដំណើរទៅនៅខែ១១ សូមទាក់ទងនឹងខ្ញុំប្រសិនបើពួកជំនុំចង់ចូលរួមក្នុងដំណើរនោះ។ មកដល់ថ្ងៃនេះ យើងវែងដង្វាយបាន៥០០ដុល្លាហើយតាមរយៈដបនិងកំប៉ុងដែលពួកជំនុំយើងបានចូលរួមសន្សំមក ជាមួយគ្នា។ ខ្ញុំសូមអរគុណពួកជំនុំនូវការខិតខំវែងដង្វាយតាមរបៀបនេះ និងដល់អ្នកដឹកនាំដែលបានជួយដល់យើងខ្ញុំ ឲ្យមានសម្បត្តិ និងពេលវេលាបម្រើទ្រង់ទាំងនៅទីនេះ និងនៅស្រុកខ្មែរផងដែរ។ សូមពួកជំនុំយើងបន្តនូវការ អធិស្ឋានដល់ខ្ញុំ និងគ្រួសារ ព្រមទាំងបុគ្គលិកការងារទាំងអស់នៅមណ្ឌលកូនក្មេង ឲ្យមានសុខភាពល្អ និងថវិការគ្រប់ គ្រាន់ក្នុងការបំពេញតួនាទីដែលព្រះត្រាស់ហៅយើងមក។ សូមព្រះប្រទានពរដ៏ថ្លៃឧត្តមដល់ពួកជំនុំទាំងអស់!

Our weekly staff meetings remain a vital time of prayer and vision, as we seek God’s direction while serving children and families in need. Practical improvements have also been made, including extending the fence around the fish pond to ensure the children’s safety. The fish are growing well and will soon contribute to our nutritional food program. Additionally, we provided food supplies to 45 victim families from the border conflict who were temporarily displaced in Siem Reap Province. We are grateful for our partners who generously sponsored this ministry. Our pastoral staff continues to attend ministry training seminars in Phnom Penh, supporting our commitment to ongoing growth and leadership development. I also want to express our thanks to our CCM board members, who meet

regularly to assist with the needs of this ministry.

As we look ahead, we invite you to partner with us in meeting our 2026 ministry budget of \$20,000. You may give through our secure website or by mail, as you have faithfully done in the past. Please also mark your calendar for our annual fundraiser on Sunday, June 28, 2026, at 12:00 PM in the dining room at FBC. More details are available at ccmnew.org. If you would like to contribute items for our auction or raffle, please get in touch with me.



Registration is now open for our November mission trip, and we encourage you to consider joining us prayerfully. We also thank God for the \$500 raised through our BottleDrop project; your continued support makes a meaningful difference.

On January 2, 2026, parents Johnathon and Grace Lofgren, along with grandparents Sothy and Phally Prom were blessed with the birth of Sophea Grace Lofgren.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our new students who are facing challenges in school and financial difficulties. Pray for wisdom and guidance for our staff as we lead and develop programs, including the upcoming summer sports activities. Above all, pray that everything we do, at the Center and beyond, aligns with God’s will and leads many to new life in His kingdom.

As we reflect on all that God is doing, we are reminded that ministry is not just about programs, growth, or provision; it is about the message that changed our lives: “Jesus is Lord... God raised Him from the dead.” This is the hope we carry, the truth we live by, and the message we are called to share.

May we never lose sight of this confession. As we move forward, may God use us to bring this redeeming message to the children in Cambodia, so that many more will believe in the risen Christ, confess His name, and be saved.

—*Pastor Peter Im*



Easter Offering 2026

CAMBODIAN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



We truly are blessed, as a multicultural church, with people of various cultures who have come together as one family in Christ. And perhaps one of the most significant ways in which we see that spirit of unity is through our shared partnership in supporting the Cambodian Children's Ministry (CCM).

This year our Diaconate Board has again designated our annual Easter offering to go toward the support of CCM. Our Pastor of Cambodian Ministries, Rev. Peter Im, has faithfully and diligently led this ministry for many years to meet the material, educational, and spiritual needs of the children and families living in the rural Melum Commune in north-central Cambodia. With your support of the Easter offering this year, Pastor Peter, along with the staff and volunteers of CCM, will continue to serve as the hands and feet of Christ to this community.

Serving in a region that struggles greatly with poverty, this ministry empowers children by providing quality education. CCM also distributes two nutritious meals each week to several hundred children, and offers classes in Cambodian and English, musical training, gardening and sporting activities. Bible study is also at the core of the educational process for children involved in CCM. This enables them to grow in their faith and to share Jesus through service to their families and community.

Your support of this year's Easter offering will empower this amazing ministry to truly make an amazing difference in the life of hundreds of children by supplying them with food, medical supplies, and items they need to be successful in school, all in the name of Christ's love. Let's all do what we can to support of this vital mission!



Oregon for Christ provides funds to address important statewide ministry needs. This offering supplies important funding for regional J.13 youth ministry and for the American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast as well. First Baptist Church of Portland will be inviting our congregation to give to the Oregon for Christ Offering this April. Our fundraising goal this year is \$3,000.

ALL ARE WELCOME



**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
APRIL 3, 2026, 7:00 PM**

REFLECT ON THE PROFOUND MEANING OF HOLY WEEK AT OUR COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE IN ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL, HISTORIC SETTINGS PORTLAND HAS TO OFFER. JOIN US AS WE SING FAMILIAR "SONGS OF THE CROSS," READ THE PASSION NARRATIVE, CELEBRATE THE LAST SUPPER, AND CONSIDER THE SACRIFICE OF THE CROSS IN LIGHT OF THE HOPE OF THE EMPTY TOMB.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PORTLAND INVITES YOU TO

**EASTER BRUNCH
EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN
WORSHIP SERVICE
BEGINS AT 9:00 AM**

Baptism 101 / Church 101 Coming up April 12 and 26!

This spring, we are offering a very special opportunity to those who are considering following Jesus in baptism and/or by becoming a part of our church family. We call it "Baptism 101 / Church 101" and we would love to have you join us!

Interested in learning about what getting baptized is all about? 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, April 12 and 26. Lunch provided!

You're welcome to contact the Church Office (office@fbc-portland.org) to confirm your spot. Or you can just show up! Either way, we would love to have you join us.



HERITAGE SUNDAY MAY 24, 2026

JOIN US FOR "HERITAGE" SUNDAY ON MAY 24, 2026, AS WE CELEBRATE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PORTLAND'S 171ST ANNIVERSARY! THIS WILL BE A SPECIAL SERVICE CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY AND LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR FUTURE, FEATURING SPECIAL MUSIC AND SPECIAL GUESTS. AFTERWARD, A DELICIOUS MEAL WILL BE SERVED AND OF COURSE, BIRTHDAY CAKE!

PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT REPLACES "MEMORIAL SUNDAY."



MOTHER'S DAY TEA MAY 10, AT 12:00 PM



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL TIME TO CELEBRATE AND PRAY FOR OUR MOMS AND ALL THE WOMEN IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY! WE WILL ENJOY TEA, (COFFEE TOO, OF COURSE!), AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS. DON'T MISS IT!

**"HER CHILDREN RISE UP AND CALL HER BLESSED..."
(PROVERBS 31:28A, ESV)**

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing provides emergency relief and funds for the development projects which address chronic needs around our nation and around the world. First Baptist Church of Portland will be inviting our congregation to give to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering this June. Our fundraising goal this year is \$3,000. To make your donation today, just mark your gift "OGHS." Thank you for your generosity!



Graduate Celebration: June 7, at 10:30 am

Come and celebrate with our graduates and their families! During the service, we will recognize the graduates in our church and afterwards have a special ice cream social in their honor! Suggested donation is \$5 per person with all proceeds going to J.13 youth ministries.

We wish to honor ALL graduates in our community, regardless of whether or not they are a part of FBC. So, feel free to invite that graduate in your life to be honored at church on June 7!

CONGRATULATIONS!

FATHER'S DAY LUNCH JUNE 21, AT 12:00 PM



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL TIME TO HAVE LUNCH ALL WHILE CELEBRATING AND PRAYING FOR OUR DADS AND ALL THE MEN IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY! DON'T MISS IT!

**"AS A FATHER SHOWS COMPASSION TO HIS CHILDREN, SO THE LORD SHOWS COMPASSION TO THOSE WHO FEAR HIM."
(PSALM 103:13, ESV)**

JOIN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PORTLAND FOR A FREEDOM CELEBRATION

July 5, 2026 at 10:30 AM

UPLIFTING MUSIC!

MESSAGE OF FREEDOM

FREE REFRESHMENTS!

Join a Life Group Today!

There are so many ways to get connected with a smaller community within First Baptist Church.

Our Life Groups are always open to new people. So, check out the options below and get involved today!

- **Cambodian Sunday School Life Group:**
Sundays at 10:00 am.
FBC Cambodian Sunday School Room
(Leader: Pastor Peter)
- **Table Talk:**
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.
Join us for this Sermon-Based Life Group, which meets in the Dining Hall. All are welcome!
(Leader: Pastor Matt)
- **Young Adult Life Group:**
First and third Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.
Anyone between 18–29 years old is welcome to join this time to study the Word together and enjoy snacks and fellowship in the Youth Room.
(Leader: Pastor Matt)

- **Coffee Hour Life Group:**
Third Wednesdays of the month at 1:00 pm.
Meets in Fellowship Hall
(Leader: Pastoral Team)
- **Drop-In Volunteer Sermon-Based Life Group:**
Thursdays at 12:00 pm.
Meets in the Drop-In Dining Room
(Leader: Pastor Sam)

Contact office@fbc-portland.org to learn more about a group you are interested in today!

Teaching Series for April–June, 2026

- April 3: Good Friday Service
- April 5: Easter Sunday – Part 7 – “**Justified By Faith - II**” (Ga. 2: 15–21)
- April 12: Part 8 – “**By Faith, Not By Works**” (Ga. 3: 1–9)
- April 19: Part 9 – “**Living By Faith**” (Ga. 3: 10–14)
- April 26: Part 10 – “**The Guardian Until Christ**” (Ga. 3: 15–29)
- May 3: Part 11 – “**Adopted!**” (Ga. 4: 1–7)
- May 10: Mother’s Day – Part 12 – “**Mixed Up**” (Ga. 4: 8–20)
- May 17: Part 13 – “**Children Of Promise**” (Ga. 4: 21–31)
- May 24: Heritage Sunday & Pentecost Sunday – Part 14 – “**Set Free!**” (Ga. 5: 1–15)
- May 31: Part 15 – “**In Step With The Spirit**” (Ga. 5: 16–26)
- June 7: Graduate Celebration – “**Can’t We All Just Get Along?**” (Ph. 4: 2–3)
- June 14: Guest Speaker (Scripture TBA)
- June 21: Father’s Day – Part 16 – “**Sharing the Load**” (Ga. 6: 1–10)
- June 28: Freedom Celebration – Part 17 – “**A Final Word**” (Ga. 6: 11–18)

“The Path” Readings for April, May and June (Choose 1, 2, or 4 Each Day)

4/1: Ex. 12, Lk. 15, Jb. 30, 1 Co. 16	5/5: Lv. 7, Ps. 7, Ps. 8, Pr. 22, 1 Th. 1	6/8: Nu. 16, Ps. 52, Ps. 53, Ps. 54, Is. 6, He. 13
4/2: Ex. 13, Lk. 16, Jb. 31, 2 Co. 1	5/6: Lv. 8, Ps. 9, Pr. 23, 1 Th. 2	6/9: Nu. 17, Nu. 18, Ps. 55, Is. 7, Js. 1
4/3: Ex. 14, Lk. 17, Jb. 32, 2 Co. 2	5/7: Lv. 9, Ps. 10, Pr. 24, 1 Th. 3	6/10: Nu. 19, Ps. 56, Ps. 57, Is. 8, Js. 2
4/4: Ex. 15, Lk. 18, Jb. 33, 2 Co. 3	5/8: Lv. 10, Ps. 11, Ps. 12, Pr. 25, 1 Th. 4	6/11: Nu. 20, Ps. 58, Ps. 59, Is. 9, Js. 3
4/5: Ex. 16, Lk. 19, Jb. 34, 2 Co. 4	5/9: Lv. 11, Lv. 12, Ps. 13, Ps. 14, Pr. 26, 1 Th. 5	6/12: Nu. 21, Ps. 60, Ps. 61, Is. 10, Js. 4
4/6: Ex. 17, Lk. 20, Jb. 35, 2 Co. 5	5/10: Lv. 13, Ps. 15, Ps. 16, Pr. 27, 2 Th. 1	6/13: Nu. 22, Ps. 62, Ps. 63, Is. 11, Is. 12, Js. 5
4/7: Ex. 18, Lk. 21, Jb. 36, 2 Co. 6	5/11: Lv. 14, Ps. 17, Pr. 28, 2 Th. 2	6/14: Nu. 23, Ps. 64, Ps. 65, Is. 13, 1 Pt. 1
4/8: Ex. 19, Lk. 22, Jb. 37, 2 Co. 7	5/12: Lv. 15, Ps. 18, Pr. 29, 2 Th. 3	6/15: Nu. 24, Ps. 66, Ps. 67, Is. 14, 1 Pt. 2
4/9: Ex. 20, Lk. 23, Jb. 38, 2 Co. 8	5/13: Lv. 16, Ps. 19, Pr. 30, 1 Tm. 1	6/16: Nu. 25, Ps. 68, Is. 15, 1 Pt. 3
4/10: Ex. 21, Lk. 24, Jb. 39, 2 Co. 9	5/14: Lv. 17, Ps. 20, Ps. 21, Pr. 31, 1 Tm. 2	6/17: Nu. 26, Ps. 69, Is. 16, 1 Pt. 4
4/11: Ex. 22, Jn. 1, Jb. 40, 2 Co. 10	5/15: Lv. 18, Ps. 22, Ec. 1, 1 Tm. 3	6/18: Nu. 27, Ps. 70, Ps. 71, Is. 17, Is. 18, 1 Pt. 5
4/12: Ex. 23, Jn. 2, Jb. 41, 2 Co. 11	5/16: Lv. 19, Ps. 23, Ps. 24, Ec. 2, 1 Tm. 4	6/19: Nu. 28, Ps. 72, Is. 19, Is. 20, 2 Pt. 1
4/13: Ex. 24, Jn. 3, Jb. 42, 2 Co. 12	5/17: Lv. 20, Ps. 25, Ec. 3, 1 Tm. 5	6/20: Nu. 29, Ps. 73, Is. 21, 2 Pt. 2
4/14: Ex. 25, Jn. 4, Pr. 1, 2 Co. 13	5/18: Lv. 21, Ps. 26, Ps. 27, Ec. 4, 1 Tm. 6	6/21: Nu. 30, Ps. 74, Is. 22, 2 Pt. 3
4/15: Ex. 26, Jn. 5, Pr. 2, Ga. 1	5/19: Lv. 22, Ps. 28, Ps. 29, Ec. 5, 2 Tm. 1	6/22: Nu. 31, Ps. 75, Ps. 76, Is. 23, 1 Jn. 1
4/16: Ex. 27, Jn. 6, Pr. 3, Ga. 2	5/20: Lv. 23, Ps. 30, Ec. 6, 2 Tm. 2	6/23: Nu. 32, Ps. 77, Is. 24, 1 Jn. 2
4/17: Ex. 28, Jn. 7, Pr. 4, Ga. 3	5/21: Lv. 24, Ps. 31, Ec. 7, 2 Tm. 3	6/24: Nu. 33, Ps. 78:1-39, Is. 25, 1 Jn. 3
4/18: Ex. 29, Jn. 8, Pr. 5, Ga. 4	5/22: Lv. 25, Ps. 32, Ec. 8, 2 Tm. 4	6/25: Nu. 34, Ps. 78:40-72, Is. 26, 1 Jn. 4
4/19: Ex. 30, Jn. 9, Pr. 6, Ga. 5	5/23: Lv. 26, Ps. 33, Ec. 9, Ti. 1	6/26: Nu. 35, Ps. 79, Is. 27, 1 Jn. 5
4/20: Ex. 31, Jn. 10, Pr. 7, Ga. 6	5/24: Lv. 27, Ps. 34, Ec. 10, Ti. 2	6/27: Nu. 36, Ps. 80, Is. 28, 2 Jn. 1
4/21: Ex. 32, Jn. 11, Pr. 8, Ep. 1	5/25: Nu. 1, Ps. 35, Ec. 11, Ti. 3	6/28: Dt. 1, Ps. 81, Ps. 82, Is. 29, 3 Jn. 1
4/22: Ex. 33, Jn. 12, Pr. 9, Ep. 2	5/26: Nu. 2, Ps. 36, Ec. 12, Ph. 1	6/29: Dt. 2, Ps. 83, Ps. 84, Is. 30, Jd. 1
4/23: Ex. 34, Jn. 13, Pr. 10, Ep. 3	5/27: Nu. 3, Ps. 37, So. 1, He. 1	6/30: Dt. 3, Ps. 85, Is. 31, Rv. 1
4/24: Ex. 35, Jn. 14, Pr. 11, Ep. 4	5/28: Nu. 4, Ps. 38, So. 2, He. 2	
4/25: Ex. 36, Jn. 15, Pr. 12, Ep. 5	5/29: Nu. 5, Ps. 39, So. 3, He. 3	
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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.

Is your information current?

Have you moved, or gotten a new phone number or email address? Please fill out a Prayer/Visitor card the next time you are at the church so we may update our database. Please use one of the FBC pens in the pews and feel free to take it with you as thanks!

Prayer Request and Visitor Information Card

Name _____

Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I would like to visit with a pastor

I have a prayer request (use other side)

I am interested in more information about joining FBC.



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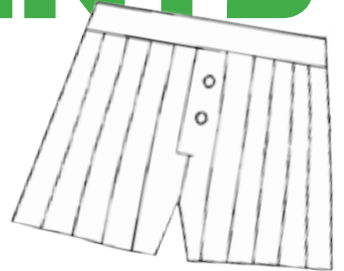
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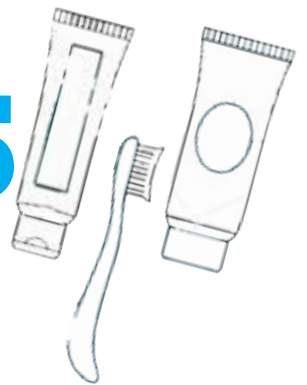
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