

# CONNECTIONS & PRAYERS

## Our Welcome Ministry

### Questions to Help You Connect:

Here are some suggestions for conversation starters with those around you on Sunday mornings. We hope we can all connect together when we gather!

- Hi, my name is...
- Welcome! We are glad you're here!
- How can I pray for you?
- I'll meet you next week, and talk about how it went.

## Our Missionaries

### Pray for:

#### FBC-Supported Missionaries

- ♦ Andyshak, Calva, Gervasi, Guest, Harris, Hubbell, Humble, Kelley, Lomilo, Lovelady, Rasmussen, Swenson, Tice, Tissell, Trussel, and Wernow.

#### FBC-Supported Ministries

- ♦ CEF Benton County, CEF Linn County, Compassion Ministries, Love INC Benton County, Options Pregnancy Center, Southside Youth Outreach, Volunteer InterFaith Caregivers, Western Seminary, and We Care.

#### Len Andyshak

- ♦ Len has served with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship for 48 years! Len is in a ministry oversight and supervisory role. Please pray for his last assignment prior to retiring in December. He states: "The six states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island currently have very few grad student or faculty groups. My 'mission' during the next six months is to pray, stir up the dust, turn over rocks, renew old connections, make new contacts and generally do whatever I can to spark new ministry in the area – while also supporting and encouraging the few things currently happening."

#### SouthSide Youth Outreach

- ♦ SSYO has the mission "to build strong, young lives so that our community will thrive." RISE After School program includes encouraging high character, training future leaders, and investing in personal relationships through homework help, team building games, and hands-on crafts. The staff focus on building positive relationships with the students, who will experience the love and care of a healthy, family-like environment.

#### Mike and Rebekah Gervasi

- ♦ There was a 7.2 magnitude earthquake off the Haitian coast. They are safe but their area has experienced much damage and many fatalities. Pray for the Gervasis in Haiti

## Church Leadership

**Staff:** Pastor Rick Harpel, Pastor Bill Knopp, Kathy Ferrier, Jim Hinckley, Brooke Staples, Mitchell Henderson

**Elders:** Matt MacClary, Jeff Harris, Daniel Peterson, Mike Rinkin, Dale Durrell, Rick Harpel

# WELCOME

to  First Baptist Church Corvallis

September 5th, 2021

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**Do Life Together...Differently**

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**Followers of Jesus Do Life Together Differently**

**by Pastor Rick Harpel [Luke 1-2]**

**Worship Leader: Cindy Forrest**

**We are many generations connecting  
the next generation to Jesus.**

*We aim to encounter God through worship, to connect with others through smaller communities, and to engage in missional outreach to our neighbors and the nations.*



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Connect with the Church Center App to see the church calendar and give online! Follow this QR Code or the link:  
<https://fbccorvallis.churchcenter.com/>



## FBC KIDS MEETING ONLINE ONLY UNTIL 9/19 KICKOFF!

We have decided to not hold in-person classes for Pre-K Church or K-5th Kids Church the first 2 Sundays in September to help keep our kids and families safe in the current Covid Delta variant situation. Our tentative Fall KidMin Kick-off will be on 9/19 for Pre-K Church & K-5th Kids Church. Awana hopes to start up on September 22. All of our plans depend on what happens with the Covid situation locally and what the Lord might have in mind.

## TIME CHANGE!! WEDNESDAY PRAYER ZOOM

Now Wednesdays at 6:30pm via Zoom

There has been a time change for Wednesday Prayer! We will meet each week on Zoom for an all-church prayer time at 6:30 PM.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS FALL

We will have two short, focused opportunities for adults this fall at 9:00am on Sundays. Both are open and encouraged for all adults.

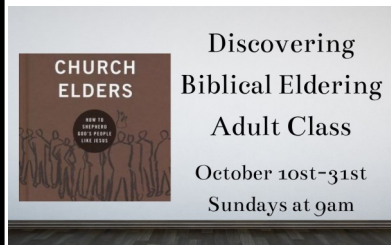
**"Town Hall":** interacting with the proposed changes to the church Constitution. (9/19,26)

**"Discovering Biblical Eldering":** How our congregation implements our structure of relationships. (10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31)

The class on Discovering Biblical Eldering will have a concurrent Sunday School option for the Pre-K and K-5th Kids.

## PROPOSED CHANGES TO OUR CHURCH CONSTITUTION

Proposed changes to our constitution have been distributed via family email and printed copies are available. In addition to the "Town Hall" Sunday School meetings on 9/19 and 9/26, there will be a Zoom Town Hall offered at 7pm on Thursday 9/16.



## IMPORTANT DATES:

**Sundays**—Worship at 10:30 am

**Wed, Sep 8**—All Church Prayer Zoom, 6:30pm

**Thur, Sep 16**—Town Hall Meeting: Church Constitution Changes, 7pm via Zoom only

**Sun, Sep 19**—Town Hall Meeting: Church Constitution Changes, 9am in Fellowship Hall

**Sun, Sep 26**—Town Hall Meeting: Church Constitution Changes, 9am in Fellowship Hall

**Sun, Oct 3**—Fall Congregational Meeting at 1pm

**Sun, Oct 10**—Discovering Church Elders Adult Class, 9am in Fellowship Hall

# MESSAGE NOTES

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**“Followers of Jesus do life together differently!” Luke 1-2**

**INTRODUCTION:** The normal word that has lost its normal meaning.

## 1. THERE IS NOTHING NORMAL LEADING UP TO JESUS’ BIRTH.

- There’s nothing normal about the experience of Zachariah and Elizabeth.
  - The angelic visitation.
  - God’s way is not by sword but word, not might but light.
  - A baby for the barren elderly Elizabeth.
- There’s nothing normal about the experience of Mary and Joseph.
  - Another angelic visitation.
  - Conception of a child by a virgin.
  - Mary’s song: He brings the lofty down, and lifts up the lowly. The hungry are filled, and the rich are empty.

## 2. THERE IS NOTHING NORMAL ABOUT JESUS’ BIRTH.

- The Messiah in a Manger is not normal.
  - A feed trough for a crib. A stable for a nursery.
  - You would not expect a baby.
- Heavenly angels announce glory in the highest to the earthly shepherd lowest.
- The old Temple ceremonies are not normal.

## 3. THERE IS NOTHING NORMAL AFTER JESUS’ BIRTH.

- The visit of the Magi from the East was not normal.
- The flight to Egypt was not normal.
- His Temple visit at age twelve was not normal.
- The “not normal” in rest of Luke’s Gospel.
  - The boldness of John the Baptist.
  - The voice of God and the Spirit descending at his baptism.
  - He says, “Blessed are the Broken.”
  - Outreach to the Outsiders.
  - Five loaves feed 5000.
  - He gathers followers from the fringes.
  - Have a Party for the Prodigal.
  - The Rejection of the Religious.
- Where it ends.
  - A donkey becomes a floating throne.
  - Conquering by Crucifixion.
  - Resurrection life after death.

## 4. THERE IS NOTHING NORMAL ABOUT JESUS’ FOLLOWERS.

*“These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also.” (Acts 17:6, ESV)*

**YOU CAN’T GO BACK TO THE OLD NORMAL, because...  
 CHRIST HAS COME TO DO SOMETHING NEW.**