

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself,
if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from
the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

-Acts 20:24

GETTING TO KNOW US AT

Fellowship Bible Church

Some History

When our church began in 1977, we committed ourselves solemnly to follow God's Word as our sole blueprint. We determined ahead of time to jettison any practices of the traditional church that directly violated Scripture. We would evaluate everything we did in the light of biblically prescribed norms and goals. This early mindset came with a passion for authenticity: no "playing church", but rather living what we have believed seven days a week, fifty-two weeks a year. This vision has driven us all these years – the same vision that drives us into the future. It's the vision of real people who have met a real Savior. Such people can advance Christ's will by humbly and lovingly demonstrating to a needy world the glory of Jesus Christ – in authentic lives, in authentic homes, in an authentic church, and in the proclamation of an authentic gospel. We want to be a place where people are unleashed to discover and fulfill their gifts. Leaders here try to be equippers, to be servants of the flock with no demands for special honor. We are here to learn, so that we will learn to love. We are excited to see the church penetrate the sinful structures and wounded households of our community and to express the hope of Christ practically. We foster both purity of living and soundness in doctrine, but without having to pretend we're perfect or that we know everything. We know all too well we are a people in constant need of mercy. An authentic place must be, more than anything, a grace place.

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A Place to Connect
A Place to Celebrate
A Place to Grow
A Place to Serve

We are glad you are here today! As you get to know us even better we hope you will discover FBC as a place that feels more and more like home.

What's Different about FBC?

A Place to Connect

A common frustration of people in our hectic times is that they're surrounded by people, but still feel disconnected. At FBC, we strive to create an environment that you can walk into as a complete stranger and walk out feeling like you've known everybody for years. That is one of the great things that many have discovered about FBC: this is a great place to connect!

A Place to Grow

When you begin to think of this church as your home, you will discover it is like any family; everybody is in the process of growing. Growing can often be a little slow and painful, so it is great to have a group of people who love you just the way you are, but care about you too much to leave you there. The church is called to help each other become more like Jesus: more gentle, more holy, more loyal, more resilient, more honest, more joyful, and more useful to God and others. We are called to serve and worship God with our whole being, and that is why FBC exists.

A Place to Worship

Nothing is more central to the life of a congregation than its worship. We go to church to connect with God and to celebrate how kind He has been to us through the sacrifice of His son Jesus. We express our worship through music and prayer, and by listening carefully to His words that we find in the Bible. This is how our lives begin to revolve around a new axis - the presence and goodness of God.

A Place to Serve

While we connect with other believers, grow in our faith, and celebrate God's grace, we should also feel called to serve. At FBC, there are lots of ways to serve both inside the church family and beyond the walls of the church. We would love to help you find the place where you can most effectively serve the Kingdom; we encourage you to talk to one of our pastors and figure out where you best fit. Service doesn't start or end there though! At FBC, we encourage each other to make a gentle difference *wherever* we live, work, or learn. The followers of Jesus are a people of hope. We want to spread that hope across our community and through the world! Why? Because we know Jesus calls us to, and we have seen how the Holy Spirit changes lives.

Sunday Mornings?

Before:

- Join us at 9:30 AM for coffee, doughnuts, and fellowship in the auditorium.

Our Service:

- Our service consists of about forty-five minutes of teaching and forty-five minutes of praise and worship.
- We try to keep it to an hour and a half or less.
- If you have kids, feel free to send them to a Sunday School class where they will learn more about God's Word through Bible study, games, and other activities.

After:

- Stay and hang out for a while! Grab another cup of coffee and get to know someone new!

Connect with us!

In Person:

If you have any questions you would like answered *in person*, or if you just want to chat with one of the leaders at FBC, feel free to give us a call or stop by our offices during the week sometime. We love meeting new people, and who knows, you could get a free cup of coffee out of the deal!

Online:

If you liked a recent sermon, or wanted to go back and check out a series we did a while ago, there's an app for that! Just go to www.fbctacoma.org on and click on "Sermons", and you're good to go! Our site is also optimized for iPhone and Android devices, if you want to listen to FBC on-the-go. If you want to keep up with what is happening around FBC, feel free to like us on Facebook for news and updates!

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