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Pastor Josh

Hi FBCO Family,

I have been praying fervently for you all and giving praise to God for all that He has done in bringing our family to Oakville. What a privilege and blessing to serve our Lord and our excitement to continue to do that alongside all of you. We have appreciated getting encouraging messages from many of you.

I would ask that you continue to pray for us as we make our transition from Northern California to Oakville. In addition to praying for us, I would encourage you to keep praying for Pastor John and Barb as they transition from a season of full-time service to this new season and journey in the Lord. Praise God for Pastor John's years of faithful service.

With the anticipation of us arriving, I'm sure there are many thoughts on what is on the horizon. That is a great question and one that I will leave up to the Lord to answer. I would invite you to be praying alongside me as we seek the Lord's guidance for our church's future and how we will best serve Him. God has been faithful to FBCO for over 60 years, and He will continue to be faithful for the next 60 years. It's exciting to be part of that journey.

There are obviously minor things I can speak on and will share with you a few below:

1. There will be Christmas Eve service. More details will be forthcoming but please mark down and plan to attend services in the evening on Christmas Eve as we celebrate our Savior.
2. Sunday night service will be returning at some point soon. When exactly that will be happening is still uncertain, but I can guarantee it will be coming back.

I have plans to start a Wednesday morning Bible study that will go from Genesis to Revelation. Those are just a few things to get excited about and more details will be coming once I arrive. I'm certain the Lord has many things in store for us and I'm excited for it. My concern right now though is getting there and starting that process of building amazing relationships with all of you. I will ask for grace and patience for me as I get settled and started. I can't begin to tell you how excited I am to begin this role as your pastor. With any transition though, it will take some time to adjust. Adjustments for me as your pastor and for you adjusting to me as your pastor. Lots of grace will need to abound and I'm confident it will.

Finally, I know you are beginning a Sunday School study in Colossians. That's exciting because I love Colossians and it means you will be very prepared as we will begin a new sermon series in January on the book of Colossians. It will be a great time as we dig into God's Word and see how Jesus alone is sufficient in our lives.

Our family can't wait to be there with you and I know that feeling is mutual. Know already that you are loved and prayed for.
Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Josh



Live stream on our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBCO/#>
FBCO YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm5fCxZ6gPl4gE-lls1RDvA>
Citylink live stream and archive
<http://www.citylinktv.com/channel/baptist-church-of-oakville/>



November Birthdays

Sarah Southards.....	9
Pat Rice.....	10
Deena Robbins.....	12
Pat Lohaus.....	13
Jordan St. Cyre.....	16
Gene Crites.....	19
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God Bless You on Your Birthday!



GWEN'S Gallery

***God Will Make A Way* by Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend**

We all have times when we feel lost, we hurt and we find ourselves asking "where is God in all of this?" When the road gets rough and we don't know which way to turn, it can feel like God is so far away. Even when we are not in a crisis, there are times when it seems something is missing. There is an uncomfortable distance between where we are and where we want to be. When you find yourself at that place, you are in a window of opportunity where you can experience God like you never have before; where you can see His supernatural power at work more clearly than when things are going your way.

In *God Will Make A Way*, Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend present eight fascinating and persuasive principles that demonstrate how God enters both the heartbreaking situation and the life looking for more. This book shows how you can apply these eight principles to key areas of your life. And when you do your relationships will be better, you'll have more control over your life, and you'll satisfy your spiritual hunger. *God Will Make A Way* is about the often surprising ways God shows up in our lives and how He addresses our problems in ways we never thought possible.

***At Lighthouse Point* by Suzanne Woods Fisher**

Faith, family, and friendships come together on Three Sisters Island! *At Lighthouse Point*, Blaine returns from culinary school with big ideas for Camp Kicking Moose—only to discover Cam has turned its kitchen into a disaster area, while Artie is ignoring her. Can she scrap her plans and cook up new ones?

Thank You to Our Church Family

Thank you for the cards, gifts, and gracious words that were shared last Sunday, in acknowledgement of my retirement as your Pastor.

Barb and I both appreciated the reception and all the work that was done to make the day so memorable. We are still enjoying the beautiful flowers, and I still relish reading the cards and letters.

Thank you for loving us as you do, and expressing it so graciously. Most of all, thank you for the privilege of being your Pastor. God bless you all, and THANK YOU!

Kidz Praise . . .

In November, we will be looking to the New Testament to learn about prayer, friendship, gratitude and helping others.

Our memory verse is Proverbs 3:5. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

We praise God by loving one another, and we show that love through RESPECT.

Cyndi Harmon



A Note from Minister of Worship John Gorse



Greetings Everyone.

These are exciting times at FBCO as we look forward to what God has in store for us with the new pastor Josh Taylor and his family coming in December. I am reminded of the words of the Gospel song, *People Get Ready!* *People get ready, There's a train a coming You don't need no baggage—You just get on board—All you need is faith to hear the diesel's hummin' You don't need no ticket you just thank the Lord. So people get ready, For the train to Jordan—Picking up passengers coast to coast —Faith is the key — Open the doors and board them - There's hope for all among those loved the most.* To me there are several analogies to be made, one being that Salvation is like a train that takes us to heaven and all we need is faith to get on board but also I see FBCO as we have been prepared over the ministry years of Pastor John positioning ourselves to be able to help people "Get On Board".

With great forethought and insight, our church several years ago started broadcasting our worship services on the church website and archiving them for later viewing. It was at a time when very few churches our size were doing anything like this. Admittedly, it wasn't reaching that many folks as you had to go to the church website to watch. Eventually, we were able to online stream through Facebook Live and YouTube Live and that was a game changer as both of those made it a lot easier to find us and for people to tune in. With the many upgrades of computers and cameras and sound and tech equipment we now have a state of the art online system that helped us through these recent Covid years of challenges to reach hundreds if not thousands through this fantastic medium.

We are also very close to starting our building program to add on a welcome center and new bathrooms so our church is poised to meet the needs of the new people that will be coming. But in my mind these are just tools to be used and the real work is us as a congregation to be used by God to spread His Love to all of those around us. Neighbors and strangers, friends and family alike we should be doing our best to encourage and invite these folks to FBCO. We should also make everyone feel welcome at "The Friendliest Church in Town". We should resist the urge to sit back and just watch the new Pastor Josh Taylor as he comes to lead FBCO and we should be prepared and ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work side by side for God's Kingdom.

I am very excited about FBCO's future and all I can say is ***PEOPLE GET READY!*** I would like to make an urgent plea that we need folks in Gods Choir at Oakville as we prepare for the Christmas Cantata this year entitled The Gift of Christmas. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 for rehearsal in the sanctuary and its available to watch online. Please contact me to be a part.

May God Bless Abundantly and I LOVE YOU ALL,

John



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for your generous response for children who need to know God's love and our love.

And THANK YOU, Linda Downs!

Return your boxes November 1st.