



# 2019-20

# Vision Report

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## Pastor's Overview

Dear FBC Family,

Our mission is ***to be a people who embody and proclaim the life-giving fullness of the Gospel.***

I remind us of this because it's a crucial reminder that even when times change and the future is uncertain (although there is One who knows it with certainty), the Gospel stands firm. The cross of King Jesus stands as a sentinel in the midst of human history and calls us to itself to give relevance, meaning, and purpose to everything we do. The empty tomb stands as a witness that even the most powerful enemies—sin, death, and viruses—have no power over us.

As God's people, we should hope for nothing less, for in this Gospel we find our own relevance, meaning, and purpose. It is, after all, a life-giving Gospel.

During this time in our history—in the midst of a global pandemic that is having a deep and systemic impact on our lives—the values we live by become most crucial. It's in times like these that we decide if we really believe the Gospel, if we can really live out a life defined by the cross, and if our hope is in God or other things. As a church, we have to return to what doesn't change and anchor ourselves here over and over again:

- **Word-Centered.** Taking Jesus at His Word that His Word has power and gives hope.
- **Radically Dependent.** Turning to Jesus in humility, saying 'Our eyes are on You.'
- **Generously Loving.** Extending Jesus' sacrificial love to others when they most need it.
- **Making Disciples.** Engaging in relationships that encourage others to become like Jesus.

The purpose of this vision report is to give you a robust picture of what your ministry leaders have seen God do in 2019-20, as well as a picture of what we think he wants to do in and through FBC Prineville in the next year. May it be a blessing and a prayer guide to you. And may it further your love for your brothers and sisters, and encourage you to be involved in serving and loving others.

*Elder Team Update:* Gabe Hendrix stepped down from the Elder Team in January. Gabe has served well in this role for ten years, and we believe God is granting him this time to refuel and redirect his ministry attentions. Please pray God would grant him rest and clarity for how to best use his gifting for the sake of the body in the future. Please also continue to ask God to raise up more elders to assist in the task of shepherding His flock here at FBC.

In His Peace,

*Mike Phay*  
Lead Pastor

## Children's Ministry (FBCKids)

Our FBCKids Ministry has continued to be a fun and ever-changing ministry, serving 0-12 year olds and their families by calling them to ***embody and proclaim the life-giving fullness of the gospel.***

### **Praises!**

Willing and engaged teachers!

Growing classes!

Deepened relationships with families!

### **Ministry Goals:**

In order to unify and encourage ministry cohesiveness, we hope to increase the amount of training and equipping for our teachers, including large group and small group training.

We continue to update curriculum and will also be updating and improving classroom efficiency and aesthetics. If you would like to learn more about the curriculum focus for each class, please don't hesitate to contact me!

### **Prayer Requests:**

Please be praying for God to provide the right teachers and helpers as turnover is inevitable.

Please also pray for our current teachers to be effective in teaching and encouraging Jesus to believe and follow Jesus!

Please pray that God would use this ministry as a stepping stone for Bible-believing followers of Christ to go into the world to glorify Him! May we not lose sight of our mission to Embody and Proclaim the Life-Giving Fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

### **COVID-19 Shutdown Adjustments:**

Due to the current shutdown of our church services, FBCKids has been on pause. For Easter, children received age appropriate activity packets focused on the Resurrection. Beginning in May, we will begin offering recorded Bible lessons as well as sending children their workbooks and other encouragement in the mail. We hope to be able to continue our regular Sunday program in the near future!

I am encouraged with the potential of this ministry to grow and flourish! I appreciate the encouragement and provision from this body to make the curriculum purchases and classroom updates so we can continue to improve on what we have.

Sincerely,

*Jenny Brooks*

Children's Ministry Director

## Deacon Ministry

*“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” - Ephesians 2:10*

As we are all adjusting to a new way of life and an uncertain idea of what it will all be like in the future, we as a deacon team want to let you know that we are here for you. We continue to pray for you and want to stay as connected as possible. Although we don't know all that this virus will change, we have hope and trust in God. He has this covered. As a deacon team, we will continue to work with the elder team to implement whatever is necessary in order to keep everyone safe and in community with each other.

We, as a deacon team, are working with the elder team, staff and congregation to **embody and proclaim the life-giving fullness of the gospel.**

In 2019-2020, we added three new deacons to our current team. We also implemented our new deacon team plan, so each deacon is over a specific ministry area. We are encouraged as we watch you as members of the Body of Christ, use your gifts to engage in these different ministry areas. Thank you all for joining with us to serve God and each other!

The following deacons and their areas of focus:

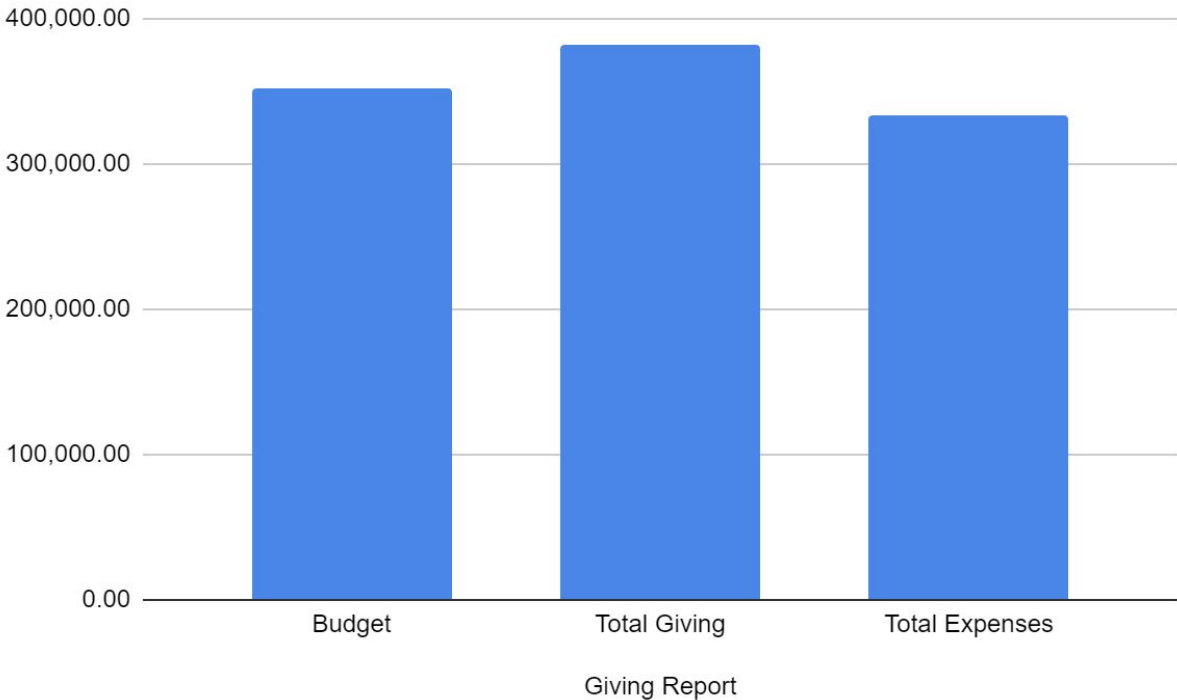
- Jenny Brooks (Children & Hospitality)
- Tim Faulkner (Safety)
- Marc Gattey (Lead Deacon & Facilities)
- Mary Lou Gertner (Finances)
- Charlie Hupp (Benevolence)
- Jamey Lambert (Visitation)
- Corey Mullins (Service)

As we continue to pray and look for clarity in what God has for us in these uncertain times, we are in position to respond to the needs in our church and in our community. Please continue to pray for us and please contact us with any needs, questions, and concerns. Thank you for all that you do.

*“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” - Luke 3:17*

In His service,  
*Marc Gattey*  
Lead Deacon

# Financial Report



April 2019 - March 2020 Budget: \$352,152.00

Total Giving: \$381,862.28

Total Expenses: \$333,930.36

## Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is an outreach ministry, ***embodying and proclaiming the life-giving fullness of the Gospel*** by serving the less fortunate people in our community. We have about 15 volunteers that pick up approximately three tons of food in Redmond and Prineville every month and then distribute two times a month. We have increased this to a weekly basis during the COVID-19 pandemic. In partnership with Neighbor Impact, the Oregon Food Bank, and Ray's Food Place, we are able to provide a 5-7 day supply of good, nutritious food for 100-120 families per month.

In the last year our prayers have been answered and we were able to use a financial grant from the Oregon Food Bank and a donation of shopping carts from Ray's Food Place to update our facilities and completely change the way we serve our customers. We received and installed new higher-capacity refrigerators and freezers and made necessary repairs to our trailer to allow a "shopping style" food distribution that allows our customers to select the foods their families will be most able to use. At the same time, it allows our volunteers to have more personal contact with our customers in order to personally show them God's love.

Unfortunately, the recent outbreak of the coronavirus is forcing us to reevaluate every step of our process in order to minimize its spread. This is especially critical for our ministry since many of our customers have underlying health and hygiene issues (often due to homelessness) that increase their risk. In addition, the food we provide will likely be more important than ever to them. During the crisis, in addition to serving weekly, we have moved to a drive-through service, which seems to be working well.

In the upcoming year we are praying for more openings to have personal and meaningful discussions about how the Lord motivates us and provides for all of our needs. We also pray that many of our customers will be able to receive the skills and opportunities they need to be able to make ends meet.

In Him,

*Don and Roxanne Sawchuk*  
*Joe and Sharon Stenkamp*  
Food Pantry Coordinators

## Home Communities

Home Communities continue to be a central part of the life of FBC Prineville. These “small groups” that meet in homes further the mission of the church by helping us become a **people who embody and proclaim the life-giving fullness of the Gospel.**

Home Communities are a unique “relational space” in the church, providing space for you to be in genuine, personal, deep relationships—something that’s neither possible nor ideal in a Sunday morning worship gathering. They provide space to be real with the issues and concerns of life, to pray for and carry one another’s burdens, and to truly be yourself.

At the heart of Home Communities is the Word of God—shaping, refining, teaching, and exhorting us to believe the Gospel and to be formed into Christ’s image. Groups also care for the physical and practical needs of members, pray for one another regularly, and share in meals and fellowship. Ideally, they “do life” together, becoming family in the process.

We are currently seeing growth in our Home Communities, as well as the need for more groups to form. Our eight Home Communities meet at various times between Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evening, so you should be able to find a time that will work for you. We are looking for people to step into leadership and hosting roles in our Home Communities. If you are interested, speak with an elder or a Home Community leader.

Our hope is that each person who calls FBC “home” would commit to being a regular part of a Home Community. Even if you don’t feel like you “need” what a Home Community has to offer, perhaps you might recognize that there is a Home Community out there that “needs” you and all that you have to offer. Jump in—the water’s fine!

### **Current Home Communities (all times PM):**

*Sunday afternoons:* Eric & Jalin Rice (541.280.0910)  
*Mondays, 5:00:* Wayne & Vicki Bobbitt (541.408.4751)  
*Tuesdays, 6:30:* Pat & Patti Bunch (541.480.7672)  
*Tuesdays, 6:30:* Tom & Eileen Hall (541.815.9247)  
*Wednesdays, 5:30:* Dean & Mary Lou Gertner (541.447.1451)  
*Wednesdays, 6:00:* Gabe & Dianne Hendrix (541.350.3086)  
*Wednesdays, 6:00:* Mike & Keri Phay (541.233.3506)  
*Wednesdays, 6:30:* Don & Roxanne Sawchuk (503.516.5562)

In His Grace,

*Mike Phay*  
Lead Pastor

## Missions

The Missions Team has the privilege and the joy of supporting and advocating for a number of Local Organizations & Global Partners **to embody and proclaim the life-giving fullness of the Gospel:**

### Global Partners:

Cody & Lalita Corman (Middle East)  
Steve & Kathy Ellisen (Oregon)  
Scott & Megan Graham (Hawaii/South Africa)  
Janet Hocker (Austria)  
John & Carol Ragsdale (Cyprus)  
Cliff & Cheryl Reynolds (Canada)  
Dan & Alice Simmons (Italy)  
Michael & Natalie Zinn (Israel)

### Local Organizations:

Child Evangelism Fellowship  
Crook County Young Life  
Ochoco Christian Conference Center  
Pregnancy Resource Centers

## Highlights from 2019-20

### *Lifewater Project*

We once again had the opportunity to participate in a community sanitation and water project with **Lifewater International**—our third year of partnership with them. As a congregation, we gave **\$21,871** during the Advent season to support an entire village in Uganda. In August, **Marc & Maria Gattey** joined Lifewater in Uganda to visit some of the villages they are working with and get to know the ministry first-hand. They were duly impressed with everything they saw, which in turn encourages us to continued partnership with Lifewater!

### *Short-Term Trips*

- A team of servants traveled to **Lake Tahoe** over Memorial Day weekend with **Steve Ellisen (Cru)** to help prepare a camp for their Summer Missions Program.
- As already mentioned, **Marc & Maria Gattey** traveled to **Uganda with Lifewater International**.
- **Cayden Quinn** spent 6 months in **Taiwan**, interning with some **WorldVenture** missionaries.

### *Missionary Visits*

- **Janet Hocker** visited in July 2019.
- **Scott & Megan Graham** spent most of the Fall of 2019 with us while they raised support.
- **Dan & Alice Simmons** visited in February 2020 as part of a “Thank You Tour,” closing out almost 40 years of church planting and discipleship work in Italy.

### *Support Changes*

- The Missions Team initiated support for **Scott & Megan Graham** who are serving with YWAM (Youth With a Mission), first in Kona, Hawaii, and now in South Africa. They are part of a team working to start a new YWAM base outside of Johannesburg.
- We also began supporting **Ochoco Christian Conference Center**, right here in Crook County. John & Cheree Davis, members of FBC, have been working tirelessly to turn OCCC into a functioning Camp & Conference Center. Their diligence, care, and dependence on God



has been visible in what is becoming a go-to for conferences, retreats, and camps in Central Oregon.

- **Steve & Kathy Ellisen** have now been on staff for a year with Grace Community Fellowship in Eugene and our financial partnership with them has come to an end.
- **Dan & Alice Simmons** retired at the end of March, and are settling near their daughter in Victoria, BC. We have gifted the Simmons with one final year of support to help them get settled into their retirement after a lifetime of faithful service with WorldVenture in Italy.
- We have initiated support for a new family, **Cody & Lalita Corman**, serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators somewhere in the Middle East. We are excited for you to get to know the Cormans—they are a great young family with a passion for people to know Jesus!

### **Coming Up in 2020-21**

- We are communicating with our supported missionaries to work out plans for potential Short Term trips to visit and support them. We would like to send out at least one Short Term team each year.
- With increased interest and participation in the Missions Team, we would like to see the Team split into two with more focused attention given to two areas: Local Missions and Global Missions. If you are interested in serving on either of these teams, please let us know!
- Many of our missionaries fall short by a significant monthly amount in their support. We are praying that God would continue to provide funds for them, and are prayerfully responding to how we can help them.

In Him,

*The FBC Missions Team:*

Patti Bunch, Marlene Davis, Marc Gattey, Lynn Ludecker, Emma Phay,  
Mike Phay, Ken Primrose, Cayden Quinn, Rosalee Wilson,

## Music & Arts

As the Music and Arts ministries, our mission is to use our creative gifts and skills **to embody and proclaim the life-giving fullness of the gospel**, and to encourage our brothers and sisters in the faith to do the same. We strive to use our creative gifts to tell the story of God, and to encourage others to see themselves in the story. Most often, this looks like proclaiming truth through song, liturgies, and prayers. But it also encompasses the visual arts, décor, drama, film, and any other creative art form.

When I look back at our prayers from the past few years, I am blown away by how God has been working. We have been praying for needs in a few specific areas relating to our music leading: leadership reproduction, rhythm section players (drums/bass), and Audio-Visual techs. Currently, we have two young men that are in a "Worship Leading Internship," meeting weekly and learning to lead teams and congregations in worship of our God! We have three drummers on a regular rotation, as well as three bassists! We also have two new people serving on our AV team (one on the projection computer, and one on the sound board). God has been answering our prayers when I wasn't paying attention! He is so good.

The Creative Arts team is also helping our congregation engage with God's story in interesting ways, most recently by working to create visual engagement during the Lent season.

The world is hurting right now, in so many ways. Many of our own people here at FBC are hurting, as well, due to health issues, death of loved ones, addiction, and broken relationships. As a group of artists and creative people, we are praying for the people of God to be comforted, but also for His people to show God's love to those who are hurting. We pray that God uses our gifts and/or our relationships to show love and compassion to the hurting world, and to bring the hope of Christ. Opportunity abounds for creativity in Christ's church and in His world. We are praying that God ignites the creative passions of our hearts here at FBC, and also that God continues to call creative people to Himself and to FBC.

Sincerely,

*Melissa Barker*  
Music & Arts Director

## Women's Ministry

The Women's ministry seeks to ***embody and proclaim the life-giving fullness of the gospel*** by providing opportunities for women to get to know each other in small groups through sharing, encouragement, and fun activities, as well as hearing the teaching of other women at our women's retreat and spring event here at the church.

This year, we were thrilled to be able to host the *IF:Local Gathering* and it was a huge success. Lord willing, we will be able to host it again in the coming year.

Due to the current health crisis, we are unable to gather as we had hoped for a monthly worship night and other small gatherings, but we wait with excitement to kick off those events as soon as we are able. We are happy to be able to use the technology available to us to provide a weekly devotional video for the ladies of FBC. If you would like to be added to that mailing list, please let us know by emailing: [fbcprinevilleladies@gmail.com](mailto:fbcprinevilleladies@gmail.com). These videos will also be available on our Facebook group (FBC Ladies) and Instagram (@fbcprinevilleladies).

In Him,

*Brittany Hall*

Women's Ministry Director

## XYZ

XYZ is our Senior's Ministry for both FBC and the community (we have several from a number of churches in Prineville). We meet each Wednesday from the first Wednesday in October to the first Wednesday in May. Our numbers vary from 20 to 30+.

We ***embody and proclaim the life-giving fullness of the Gospel*** through weekly meetings where we share fellowship, hymn singing, Bible Study, and prayer time with a Potluck on the first Wednesday of the month. Anyone is welcome to attend, even if they don't self-identify as a senior!

We ended our year with an evening Dessert and Concert with Steve and Ronalee Campbell! Having had to end early this year we are eagerly anticipating another season of XYZ starting again the first Wednesday in October – Lord willing.

Sincerely,

*Dean and Mary Lou Gertner*  
XYZ Leaders

## Youth Ministry (The Rising)

The youth ministry of FBC Prineville (*The Rising*) exists to **embody and proclaim the life-giving fullness of the Gospel** to youth through Christ-centered teaching, discipleship, and worship.

In order to fulfill this purpose, we have identified 5 key areas that allow for the cultivation of a gospel-centered youth ministry.

- *Teaching*: Teaching will be Gospel and Word Centered. We will uphold the word in every event, teaching and ministry endeavor.
- *Relationship/Discipleship Building*: We will be leaders who build relationships with students by taking an interest in them and meeting them where they are.
- *Events/Camps*: Events and camps will exist to further the work being done in the youth group and will serve as an extension of the relationship and discipleship process.
- *Spiritual Growth*: We desire to see students continually moving towards the next step in their relationship with Jesus Christ.
- *Leadership Development*: Development will happen through small group discipleship and discussion. We desire to develop adult leaders into teachers and students into adult leaders.

Weekly average attendance grew from around 30 to consistently being between 38-42. We have also been blessed with four new adult leaders! We were also able to take 19 students and 5 leaders to Middle School camp at Camp Tadmor. (Last year we took 7 students).

Several students have stepped up to start a youth worship band under the leadership of Jonas Rice, who returned from Winter Youth Celebration with a fire to lead worship. It has been an honor to walk alongside him as he stepped out of his comfort zone to lead our youth in praise and worship each Tuesday. In recent months, Caleb Phay has taken opportunity to teach and share God's word with his fellow students. Caleb has a desire to see the students that attend *The Rising* find the good and loving God.

Please pray that we would continue to keep Christ as the focus of the Youth Ministry and that his work would continue to be done well. He is moving and stirring in the hearts of our youth, please pray he would continue to do so.

In Him,

*Eli Tomlinson*  
Youth Ministry Director