

## **Sunday Worship Services:**

**8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

*Children are welcome in the services*

\***Nursery** (age 0-2) Rm 221 & **Toddler Care** (age 2-3) Room 222 available both services for the entire service.

\***Children's Church** (age 4 thru Grade 2) available during sermon time in both services.

\***Junior Church** for grades 3-6 available 11:00 service.



## **Sunday School / Peer Groups—10:00 A.M.**

Nursery—Room 221; Toddler (2-4) - Room 222

K-2nd Grade—Room 228; 3rd-6th Grade—Room 126

Junior High—Youth Portable; High School—Youth Portable

Through the Bible Class—Fireside Room

20's (Young Adults) - Room 110 (downstairs, Sanctuary bldg)

30's/40's/50's—Room 234

60's/Plus—North Lobby

## **Sunday Evenings—6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery**

We all have hurts, habits and hang ups. Are you tired of carrying all your baggage from your past? Good news! You can get rid of it! Jesus can and will help you remove it for once and for all. Try Celebrate Recovery! Child Care Available

### **First E Staff**

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**PRAYER REQUESTS?** Call 360-694-2525 (9-4 Monday-Friday) or Email [staff@firste.org](mailto:staff@firste.org)

**JOIN THE EMAIL NEWSLETTER:** Email [staff@firste.org](mailto:staff@firste.org)

**December 10, 2017**

## **A Life Worth Living**

**Sundays  
8:30 and 11:00**

**First Evangelical Church  
[www.firste.org](http://www.firste.org)**



## **A Study in the Book of Colossians**

## **First Evangelical Church**

### **Sunday Worship Services**

**8:30 a.m. Acoustic Worship**

**11:00 Contemporary Worship**

**10:00 a.m. Peer Groups**

**6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery**

**[www.firste.org](http://www.firste.org)**

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4120 NE St Johns Road

Vancouver, WA 98661

Email: [Staff@firste.org](mailto:Staff@firste.org)

Fax: 360-694-0224

### **Church Office Hours:**

Sundays: 8:00 –10:15 am

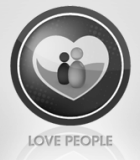
Monday to Friday:

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

(Closed 12:00-1:00 pm)

Saturdays: Closed

**LOVE GOD + LOVE PEOPLE + SERVE THE WORLD**



## MISSIONS FOCUS...

This month our missions focus is  
**OUR MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED  
THROUGH OUR FIRST E BUDGET**

Gene & Linda Fisher - CBI, Thailand  
Steven & Satomi Sakamoto - TEAM, Japan  
Jim & Carol Wold - Converge Heartland - USA  
Bill & Julisa Rowe - ACT, Kenya  
Matt Strawn & Tracy Halstead - CEF, Clark County,  
Washington  
Kyle & Nancy Herr - AWANA Clubs, Washington  
Jonny & Dana Wright - Ensenada  
Rich & Katrina Boutwell - Wycliffe, The Netherlands  
Option 360 - Pregnancy Resources, Clark County, WA  
Open House Ministry - Clark County, Washington

## HOSANNA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

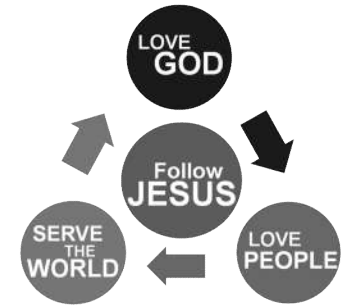
Hosanna Christian School is a ministry of First Evangelical Church - reaching out to students Pre-school to Grade 12. Know someone who home schools? Check out our part time options. School office: 360-906-0941. [www.hosannacs.org](http://www.hosannacs.org)

## PLANNING AHEAD

Dec. 10—Potluck & Congregational Meeting, 1pm  
Dec. 12—Hosanna Christmas Program  
Dec. 16—7:00pm Wreath Making Class. See Lori Watson  
Dec. 17—Christmas Cantata—8:30 & 11:00  
Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Services 8:30 & 11:00 am  
Dec. 25—Christmas Day. (Office closed 12/25-12/29)  
Dec. 28—Word Immersion (read through the Bible out loud at First E) begins at 8:00 pm. Read around the clock until 9 a.m. Sunday; worship together, then resume reading at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, and conclude at approximately 5 p.m. Monday, January 1—with a celebration of prayer and worship! See insert for details  
Dec. 31—New Years Eve ONE SERVICE at 10 a.m.  
Jan. 1—New Years Day (Office Closed)

## Our Mission...

**Growing  
Passionate  
Followers  
of Jesus Christ**



## WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

**Home Groups**—Connect with people. Grow deeper in your spiritual walk. Contact Steve at 360-694-2525

**Kids** - Sunday Mornings—10:00 a.m.  
- Hosanna Christian School—Monday thru Friday, 906-0941  
- AWANA Clubs (Sept—April) Wednesdays 6:15-8:00

**Teens**— AWANA Clubs (Sept—April) Wed. 6:00-7:00  
- Jr High, Sr High Activities at 7:00 Wednesdays

**Young Adults**—Mondays—contact Tyler Howe

**Choir Rehearsal**—Thursdays at 7:00 pm

**Ladies Bible Study**— Thurs at 9:45 am starting Jan. 11

## Financial Stats

	Nov 2017	Year to date
Income Needed (Based on Approved Budget)	58,626	644,886
Actual Income	53,848	519,330
Actual Expense	49,270	559,111
Mortgage Principal Pay Down		18,051

Those who belong to First Evangelical Church regularly give their “Tithe” (**giving 10% of our income as taught in Malachi 3:10**) to support the general budget in our day-to-day operation of First E. Additional gifts /offerings (**above the tithe**) are given to support special missions & ministries.

### “Mortgage Principal Pay Down”

is additional funds given above your tithe toward the mortgage to help pay it off early. We are looking forward to the time when the mortgage is paid off and the funds can be used toward ministry!

**QR Code—Scan  
for Online Giving**



Or visit [www.firste.org/giving](http://www.firste.org/giving)



**Let's help our family and neighbors for Christmas!**

We are gathering supplies for our Christmas food baskets. Cash donations are welcome. (Make checks payable to First Evangelical Church, place in the offering & designate Social Concerns on the envelope).

**Food items needed:**

Hams / Turkeys	10# Potatoes
Celery	Oranges
Onions	Loaf of Bread
Canned Vegetables	Large Can Fruit Cocktail
Cake Mix & Frosting	Oatmeal
Large Jell-O (red or green)	

Bring donations to the church **by Sunday, Dec. 17**  
Place them in the food donation box in the lobby. Leave hams with the church office so they can be refrigerated.

**Do you or someone you know need assistance?**

Request forms are available in the office and can be submitted by those who regularly attend First E, AWANA, Celebrate Recovery, Hosanna School or other ministries of the church. If you are part of one of our ministries, you can request assistance for yourself or you can sponsor someone who is not directly involved at First E.

[Questions: Contact Gail Loron at 573-5917].

**Deadline: Dec 17**

*Recipients will be notified by phone of the pick up date*

# Love OFFERING

Our Christmas tradition at First E is to express our love and thanks to our pastoral / administrative staff by giving a **LOVE OFFERING.**

If you wish to participate, make checks payable to First Evangelical Church and mark your envelope "Love Offering" **by December 17.**

**Steve Briner, Lead Pastor**

Steve and Mary have been with us since 1994. Mary was a part time secretary at First E for many years. They have 4 children: Amy, in New Zealand; A.J., (wife Melissa, daughter Elena); David, (wife Kristine) and Rebekah, at home.



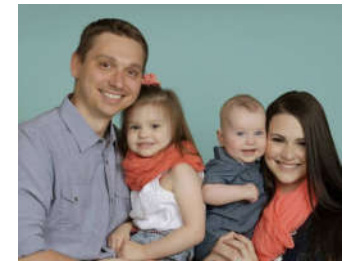
**Matt Perez, Associate, Sr High, & Missions Pastor**



Matt joined the First E staff in 2001. He loves Jesus, his family, passionately teaching the Word of God, and seeing people follow Jesus. He and his wife, Stacia have four children, Joshua, Alana, John & Grace

**Justin Thoreson, Children's Pastor:**

Justin and Niki married in 2009. He grew up at First E and has helped with children's ministries since high school. His heart is to share the gospel with ALL ages. He works part time at First E and part time for a local hospital. Niki works part time as well. They have two children, Audrey and Asher.







**Tyler Howe, Pastor of Adult Ministries**

Tyler joined the staff in September 2012. He is an Army Reserve Chaplain in addition to serving at First E. Tyler and Heidi were married in 2011, and Nathan came to live with them in March 2016. Tyler and Heidi mainly minister alongside Young Adults and Celebrate Recovery.

**David Briner, Worship Pastor**

David serves part time as Worship Pastor and works part time at IKEA. He and Kristine were married in August of 2014. Kristine works full time at a credit union. David and Kristine are both passionate about missions. They are also expecting their first child in March!



**Joy Kersteter, Administrative Assistant**



Joy has assisted our pastoral staff since 1981 managing the church office. She enjoys reading and writing fiction, and genealogy. She loves music and has played piano and been involved in choirs for many years. She is actively involved in Ladies Bible Study.

**Roberta Huennekens, Bookkeeper**

Roberta has faithfully worked under the direction of the Stewardship & Finance Team handling our bookkeeping responsibilities since 2001. She and her husband, Mike also own Hilltop Tree Farm in Hockinson.



**Kaleb VanAllen, Jr. High Pastor**



Kaleb grew up coming to youth events & camps at First E and began helping in children's ministries in high school. He now leads the junior high youth group and the 3rd-6th grade Sunday school. He is working on his masters in ministry at Pacific Evangelical School of Ministry, works part time at First E and as caretaker for his special needs sister.



**WORD IMMERSION 2017**

Thursday December 28th 8PM - Monday January 1st 5PM

**What is it?**

Reading through the entire Bible ALOUD, together, around the clock

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. 1 Timothy 4:13*

Reading alongside other people guards us against distractions and provides us with fellowship. It's a practice that God's people have always done to remind themselves of who they are and what they have been called for, and it's still a powerful practice for us today.

**This is for you!!**

*Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. Rom. 10:17*

A Bible reading event at  
**First Evangelical Church**

4120 NE St John's Road, Vancouver, WA

**GENESIS thru REVELATION ... "Non-Stop"... almost!**

Reading begins Thursday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary and will conclude Monday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> about 5:00 pm when we will celebrate in prayer and worship.

Reading may conclude before 5 p.m. on Monday, depending on the speed of reading. Also note that reading will be paused for worship services at 9:00 am on Sunday, Dec. 31st, and resume at 7:30 pm

Join us in closing out 2017 & ringing in 2018 by giving Jesus the first fruits of our time & devotion in the new year

**IMMERSED in THE WORD OF GOD!!**

**Sign up to read:**

In the church lobby on Sunday or Contact Paula Carter at 360-356-5404 or email: [pau5crt@msn.com](mailto:pau5crt@msn.com)

Reading not your thing?

Come, listen, and let the Word minister to your soul.

Need prayer?


Volunteers will be available to pray with you.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## 2018 Offering Envelopes

Using personalized numbered offering envelopes regularly, ensures that your specified gifts are recorded as you intend them. In addition, if you have the same last name as other givers, your number ensures that you are credited with the contribution.

First Evangelical Church 4120 NE St Johns Rd Vancouver, WA 98661	<b>Tithe</b> General Budget _____ \$ _____ <b>Gifts and Offerings above Tithe</b> Mortgage _____ \$ _____ Memorial (Specify) _____ \$ _____ Missions (Specify) _____ \$ _____ Other _____ \$ _____ Other _____ \$ _____ Total _____ \$ _____
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*Malachi 3:10 - Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.*

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Please supply the following information:

Check:

- Already use envelopes and want to continue
- Want to discontinue using envelopes
- Want to start using envelopes
- Address change for giving records

Complete below using legal name and bracket the (name used) if different

Please Print

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Husband \_\_\_\_\_ Wife \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Put in offering, give to an usher, or turn in to the church office*

## Military Personnel Out of the Area December 2017

Remember our military families with cards and letters,  
as well as your prayers!

Tech Sgt. J. T. Tucker  
PSC 2 Box 10892  
APO, AE 09012

Staff Sgt. Phil Eskew  
PSC 558 Box 3032  
FPO AP 96375

Staff Sgt. Jermaine B. LiDrazzah  
Staff Sgt. Carol LiDrazzah  
3158 Cherum Street  
Las Vegas, NV 89135

Airman Brian Johnson  
611 Hunter St, Unit 12  
Travis AFB, CA 94535

CPL Nicholas Schwartz  
16005 NE 90<sup>th</sup> St  
Vancouver, WA 98682  
c/o Sheryl Schwartz

A1C Jordon LiDrazzah  
PSC 41 Box 1159  
APO, AE 09464-0012





**Sunday, December 17**  
**Christmas Musical:**  
**Christmas Is In The Heart**  
**8:30 & 11:00 am**

**Sunday, December 24**  
**Christmas Eve Services**  
**8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

**Sunday December 31**  
**One Service Celebration**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Child care available at all services

*Celebrate Recovery meets at 6:00 pm every Sunday*

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**Christmas Musical**  
**Sunday, December 17**  
**8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

Presented by the Choir and Orchestra of

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360-694-2525

Childcare available