

INTRODUCTION TO BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
VENTURA, CALIFORNIA
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VISION:

Our vision and purpose is to be a Spirit-led church where every believer is encountering God, encouraging each other, and engaging the world.

Bible Fellowship started as a home Bible Study and officially launched as a church 1953. A major expansion of the facilities occurred in the fall of 1999 with the opening of a new auditorium and classroom facility. We see ourselves a visitor friendly, Biblically focused faith community.

CHURCH:

The church has grown from an attendance of around 800 people in 1991, to its current attendance of 1300 adults, youth and children attending one of three weekend services. Our Senior Pastor, Daniel Hahn, began his ministry here in the fall of 2000 as our Adult Ministries Pastor and became Senior Pastor in March 2007. Today the church has ministries reaching all age groups. We appeal to married and single adults. About 30% of the adults are single.

COMMUNITY:

Bible Fellowship sits in the community of Ventura, a coastal town in Southern California. Its best-known neighbor is Santa Barbara, 30 minutes to the north. While the community has a primarily Anglo population of about 90,000 people, an ethnically diverse population surrounds it. Oxnard, its nearest neighbor of 180,000 people is approximately 65% Hispanic. The church draws from four major communities: Ojai to the north, Camarillo to the east, and Oxnard and Port Hueneme to the south.

Ventura is a wonderful beach community. An average year around temperature in the 70's, in a beautiful coastal location, makes it a more than desirable place to live. The community, which has a widely diverse population basis, features young families and singles, all the way to an established retirement community. The lifestyle is relaxed and is very encouraging of outdoor activity as the result of its amazing climate. And its community atmosphere is an environment that is conducive to raising a family.

BFC DISTINCTIVE:

As a church well established in its community, BFC is known as a friendly and warm church, characterized by joyful celebration services, and the effective application and teaching of the Scriptures. We are a caring family made possible by small groups, Celebrate Recovery, outstanding children's programs, and youth ministry. The church has a significant history of supporting and promoting missions, and currently helps provide for over 20 missionary families around the world. Ministries are prayerfully

encouraged to start in order to meet the needs around us. Creativity is not only encouraged but it is essential to meet the challenges and needs of a changing society. Like many growing churches, our greatest challenge is keeping up with the needs all around us. At present, we have a staff of around 90 people, including office personnel, preschool staff, childcare workers, ministry directors and pastors. About 75% are part-time employees. Obviously, volunteers carry most of the work in ministries. While a board of elders whose responsibility is to prayerfully oversee the vision and purpose of the church governs the church, the staff is responsible for their implementation and follow through. If there is any success in carrying out our mission, it is the result of faithful, hard working people, and the supportive prayer of hundreds who intercede for the release of God's power. Our challenge is to keep up with what God is doing, adapt to the changing times, and prayerfully take advantage of the myriad of ministry opportunities around us.