

# Safety Update Regarding Church Property

Dear Church Family,

We want to inform you of a recent situation concerning the safety of our congregation.

This last Wednesday (Feb 19), we had to remove a 45-year-old white male named Philip Harlow from our church property.

When Mr. Harlow first arrived, he was greeted by a church member and pastor Mark; and was quickly seated with the adult class in the foyer. Shortly after this, we were informed that Mr. Harlow had initiated two unwanted interactions (both verbal) in the Bremerton/Silverdale area with one of our female congregants and her son. Of notable concern, in the second encounter, was that Mr. Harlow approached the son who was alone in a store and asked him questions about where his family lived. Pastor Mark escorted Mr. Harlow outside to talk with one of our elders, Greg Griesemer, and the husband. Upon further questioning, he was asked to leave and not return.

The family has since filed a restraining order against Mr. Harlow. For the safety of this family and our church community, Mr. Harlow has been asked not to return to our property.

If you see Mr. Harlow on church grounds, please do not engage with him but instead notify church leadership or greeters immediately.

Mr. Harlow drives a newer silver Volkswagen Beetle with Texas plates– DGL 3261.

Our priority is to provide a safe and welcoming environment for everyone. To this end, we have:

- Distributed photos of Mr. Harlow to our greeters and teachers.
- Increased parking lot security patrols
- Will be adding another camera for video surveillance at the entrance of the church.
- Will be looking to add some able-bodied men to add our greeting team.



If you have any concerns or need further information, please reach out to the Elders.

Thank you for your vigilance and prayers as we seek to protect and care for one another.

Pastor Mark and the Elders  
Olympic Evangelical Free Church