



Dear FBCER Family,

It is hard to believe that we are at this exciting point in the life of FBCER! The last several years of prayer, hard work, and tough decisions have brought us to the point of starting construction on our new facility. I want to pause and just praise God for all that He has done for this church over the last 100 years. As we think about his provision, his guidance, & all the lives that he has changed, it is humbling to be a part of such an exciting movement of God. The support of the church in prayer, financial contributions, and energy has been overwhelming. Other pastors ask me how we have been so united throughout this process, and all I can answer is that we have a great church and a greater God.

Here are some of the events that will be happening in the near future that you will want to be a part of. The magnitude of this move requires all of us to be involved and to sacrifice. We need your help.

### **The Last Sunday**

Our last service at the current facility will be September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am. We will have one service that morning with no small groups. While it will be crowded, we want to experience our last service in the old building together in unity. During this service we will celebrate what God has done and look forward to what he is going to do. We will also be receiving a special offering for our building fund to continue our move forward. Pray and come prepared to give.

Following the service we will meet outside on the west side of the sanctuary for a picture. We will replicate an old picture we found from many years ago. After the picture we are having lunch at the church and you and your family are invited to stay. We need you to RSVP by August 25<sup>th</sup> either through the enclosed card, on our website, or by a tear off in the church worship guide. Please let us know if you are going to attend.

### **Dedication Service & Groundbreaking**

That evening we will meet at the new property at 6:30pm for a time of prayer, dedication, and groundbreaking. Let me encourage all of you to come and be a part of this special event as we ask God's blessing on the future home of FBCER!

### **Here We Go!**

Starting September 15<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting for services and small groups at El Reno High School. There will be a change in our Sunday morning schedule. At 9am we will have our first worship service and small group hour meeting simultaneously. This will be repeated at 10:30am. For more information, you can look at our *Here We Go* brochure. Some small groups will be changing, so everyone will need to sign up for the small group they will be attending. This is also available in the brochure.

As part of being "mobile" for a year at the HS, there will be plenty places to serve. We will need help from everyone who is able during this time. In the brochure there is a listing of the different teams and areas of service that you can sign up to be a part of. The questions isn't "if I serve?" but "where will I serve?" Please be in prayer about where and how you can be a part of this transition time. Please sign up by August 18<sup>th</sup> for your small group and area of service.

## **Construction Phase**

Dirt work is scheduled to begin on September 9<sup>th</sup> and the construction process will take about 12 months. After approximately one year at the high school we will have a new church facility! I can't tell you how excited I am about all of the things that are unfolding and how thankful I am to you as a church family for how good this process has been. While we are not there yet, we are getting closer. Again I praise God for what he has done and what he will do, and I hope you all are ready, because *Here We Go!*

For His glory and your joy,

Pastor Charlie