## Calendar 2017

<u>Sunday - November 5</u>

Fall Back Sunday - Turn the clocks back

8:30 a.m. Adult Small Groups

9:30 a.m. Small Groups/Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Small Groups/Worship Service

4:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Monday - November 6

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

<u>Tuesday - November 7</u>

10:00 a.m. Shepherd's House 12:00 p.m. \$2 Tuesday for Students 5:30 p.m. Shepherd's House

Wednesday - November 8

10:00 a.m. Midweek Service

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Planted & Rooted

REFUGE @ the Annex Adult Small Groups Prayer Gathering Joytones practice

7:30 p.m. Adult Christmas Choir practice

<u>Sunday - November 12</u>

8:30 a.m. Adult Small Groups

9:30 a.m. Small Groups/Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Small Groups/Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Dinner & Dessert Auction

Monday - November 13 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Operation Shoebox Collection

Tuesday - November 14

9:00 a.m. Operation Shoebox Collection

10:00 a.m. Shepherd's House 5:30 p.m. Shepherd's House

Wednesday - November 15

10:00 a.m. Midweek Service 5:00 p.m. Operation Shoebox Collection

5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner 6:30 p.m. Planted & Rooted REFUGE @ the Annex Adult Small Groups

Prayer Gathering
Joytones practice

7:30 p.m. Adult Christmas Choir practice

<u>Thursday - November 16</u>

5:00 p.m. Operation Shoebox Collection

Friday & Saturday - November 17 & 18
9:00 a.m. Operation Shoebox Collection

Sunday - November 19

8:30 a.m. Adult Small Groups

9:30 a.m. Small Groups/Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Small Groups/Worship Service

12:30 p.m. 2018 Budget Meeting

Operation Shoebox Collection

6:00 p.m. Ministerial Alliance Thanksgiving Service

# **Sunday Morning Stats**

\$2,278.22

 10/22/17
 10/29/17

 Tithes//Offering
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 \$8,519.67
 \$9,921.67

 Building Fund
 Building Fund

 Avg.2016-17
 10/22/17
 10/29/17

 Small Groups
 366
 331
 420

 Worship Att.
 535
 471
 516

\$988.00

## **Operation Christmas Child**

## **Items for Operation Christmas Child**

Please partner with us to purchase all the items to fill-up shoeboxes for 200 kids in Operation Christmas Child. Every child who receives a shoebox hears the gospel. We are now asking for "WOW" items that will capture the child's attention when they open the box. Examples are: a small baby doll or Barbie, soccer ball (size 4 or 5), stuffed animal (beanie baby size), small musical instrument, or backpack. A donation box is in the front foyer. Please join us in this 'hands on' mission opportunity.

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## A Word from Pastor Charlie

## Because Marriage Matters...

One of the greatest institutions that God has given us is marriage. The life-long covenant that is made when a man and woman pledge their lives to one another not only brings great joy in this life and is the starting point of the family, but is a grace given to us that displays the covenant love between Christ and his church. We see this in Ephesians 5:32 where Paul gives us the roles and responsibilities between a husband and wife and repeats the words of God himself in the Garden of Eden where he unites the man and woman together. He also says in reference to marriage, "This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and his church." From the beginning of time, God intended for marriage to be a picture of the gospel or Christ's love for his covenant people.

If we are being honest, most marriages do a poor job telling this story. For many of us, marriage seems to be more about surviving than thriving. But do we really want to live our lives just making it as a couple, or would we like to see God do a work where this life-long covenant brings joy and tells a greater story? Because marriage matters, we are hosting a weekend marriage conference on the first weekend in December. This is just a month away. I want to invite and challenge you and your spouse to join us for a weekend of strengthening our marriages. Regardless of how good your marriage is, it can always be better and if you think your marriage may be over, God could use this weekend to bring about a renewal and transformation in this important institution. This weekend is for couples of all ages and will be led by Todd and Angela Sanders. There will be an evening session with a catered meal on Friday evening with a second session on Saturday morning that will end before the Big 12 Championship (we've got you football fans covered).

I am asking you to make this weekend a priority. I know we all have busy schedules. I know life takes us in a thousand directions. But your marriage is important and because it is important, I want to encourage you to come join us for a weekend of encouragement. I look forward to seeing you there.

For His glory and your joy,
Pastor Charlie

# Upcoming Events & Opportunities

## More Abundantly Campaign

Through the first year of the More Abundantly Campaign, \$384,967.81 has been given. Over the course of three years, we hope to raise between 1 & 1.5 million toward our building fund. Currently we are on pace to raise around 1 million. We're thankful for how God is providing through your generosity.

## **State Missions Offering**

Thank you for your generous giving! We sent \$5,106.48 to Oklahoma Missions to help with planting new churches, training pastors, disaster relief, and more.

## **Marriage Conference**

On December 1st & 2nd, we are hosting a Marriage Conference. The conference begins on Friday evening with a catered meal and concludes on Saturday morning. Childcare will be available. Cost to attend is \$20 per couple. Register at the welcome desk or at <a href="https://www.fbcelreno.com/marriage2017">www.fbcelreno.com/marriage2017</a>.

### Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Join us for the Christmas Choir rehearsals on Wednesday nights @ 7:30pm in the worship center. Make plans today to be a part of the Christmas Choir.

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## **November Giving Opportunities**

We believe that it is more blessed to give than to receive so check out one of the giving opportunities listed below to see how you can be a blessing this November.

## **God's Helping Hands Thanksgiving Dinner**

On November 16, God's Helping Hands Ministry will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving Meal. If you would like to help out by providing a side dish or dessert, please contact the church office at 405-262-5453 or info@fbcelreno.com.

## **Blessing Baskets Ministry**

This year El Reno Blessing Baskets looks to provide baskets to around 700 families in need. We are partnering with them by providing new Lego sets and Barbie Dolls. Please bring your items to the welcome desk by December 1.

## **Coats for Kids**

Our church is partnering with El Reno Public Schools to make sure that every child in 6th grade and down will have a warm coat this winter. You can be a part of this mission by giving online or by marking your gift "Coats for Kids".

## Thank You

Dear FBC El Reno

Thank you so much for your partnership and financial support of Santa Cruz Baptist Church. I'm proud to be a founding member of this sweet little community. Together we are serving our city in the name of Jesus. Please continue to pray for us as we grow into a fully functioning church. We have much work ahead!

Joyfully, Cali Nonemacher

## Sunday Serve Teams

11/05/17

## Nursery Team 1

Allora Gordon Sierra Bellymule Renee Blount Scotti Charmasson Kim Eisenhour Kristy Peffer Dianna Spott

#### Parking Lot Team 1

Cory Charmasson Andy Corwin Ronnie Funck Jason McClure Darrin Peffer

#### Welcome Team 1

Bob & Kandy Connor Jan Ford Connie Hodges Cleta Mullin Robin Robinson Cathy Knott Karen Chadwick Jackie Ogilvie

# Bus Driver - 11/05/17

Ray Young

#### Wednesday Team 2

11/08/17
Paul & Hope Fuell
Sue Gallaway
Malena Gonzalez
Delpha Miklautsch
Jack & Norma Tillery
Tamara & Alissa Guzman
Kerry Reeves

#### 11/12/17 Nursery Team 2

Anne Beck Alyssa Beck Brianna Turner Debbie Gallaway Justin & Ashley Lingo Megan Davis

#### Parking Lot Team 2

Bobby Mixon Julio Trejo Kyle Davis

#### Welcome Team 2

Megan Davis N'Lisa Havener Terry & Krystal Littler Jason & Lacey Looper Jennifer McCarver Freda Moffat Tammy Perando Kenneth & Susan Ronspiez Adin Shafer

## Bus Driver - 11/12/17

Jerry Woodall

#### Wednesday Team 3

11/15/17 Karen Chadwick Cathy Knott Judy Lee Jackie Ogilvie Kerry Reeves

# Wednesday Dinner Menu

## November 8

Chicken Strips, Fries Green Beans Salad Bar

#### November 15

Thanksgiving Dinner Turkey & Dressing

Cost for dinner is a suggested donation of \$3 per person and no more than \$10 per family.

