

# Calendar 2017

## 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

## Monday - November 20

- 10:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Jerry Wood
- 1:00 p.m. Decorate for Christmas

## Tuesday - November 21

- 10:00 a.m. Shepherd's House
- 5:30 p.m. Shepherd's House
- 6:00 p.m. Dental Clinic

## Wednesday - November 22

- 10:00 a.m. Midweek Service
- 12:00 p.m. Office Closed  
No Evening Activities

## Thursday & Friday - November 23 & 24

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Office Closed

## Sunday - November 26

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Small Groups
- 9:30 a.m. Small Groups/Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Small Groups/Worship Service

## Monday - November 27

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

## Tuesday - November 28

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

## Wednesday - November 29

- 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

## Friday - December 1

- 6:30 p.m. Marriage Conference

## Saturday - December 2

- 10:30 a.m. Marriage Conference

## Sunday - December 3

- Vote on 2018 Budget  
Lottie Moon Offering
- 8:30 a.m. Adult Small Groups
- 9:30 a.m. Small Groups/Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Small Groups/Worship Service

# Sunday Morning Stats

	11/05/17	11/12/17	
Tithes//Offering	\$23,678.32	\$12,327.79	
Building Fund	\$2,651.00	\$485.20	
	<u>Avg.2016-17</u>	<u>11/05/17</u>	<u>11/12/17</u>
Small Groups	366	412	402
Worship Att.	535	501	513

Oct 2017 - Online Giving: \$ 17,435.33 Building: \$392.00



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## A Word from Pastor Charlie

### Preparing for Christmas

Believe it or not, Christmas is just a little over a month away. Some of you have already put up your Christmas decorations, while others of us will be lucky if we get them up at all. Some of us have already bought and wrapped all of our gifts, while some of us will be scrambling to get them bought and wrapped by Christmas Eve. Whether you are a "Christmas over-achiever" or a Christmas slacker" let me encourage you to prepare for Christmas in one of the few ways that really matter.

Spend some time this year preparing and sharing with your family about the hope that Christmas provides. Use the month of December to focus on the coming of our Savior and King, Jesus Christ. Find a reading plan or resource that helps you walk your family through the narrative of the Christmas story recorded in Scripture. Have a focused time in your home where Jesus and the hope he provides is magnified. Praise God for the redemptive plan he brought to fruition by sending his son into the world, that the world through him might be saved. Put the focus of Christmas where it needs to be.

Now if your life is anything like mine, this won't happen without a focused effort. If you don't start preparing now, Christmas will sneak up on you in a hurry. So start making your plans today on how you are going to lead your family in celebrating Christmas this year. Don't let it go by without a consistent focus on Christ. After all, he is what Christmas is all about.

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.

### 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. Child-care will be available. Cost to attend is \$20 per couple. Register at the welcome desk or at [www.fbcelreno.com/marriage2017](http://www.fbcelreno.com/marriage2017).

### 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.

## Thank You

The Ministerial Alliance and the El Reno Community Thanksgiving Committee wants to thank everyone who participated in the 23rd annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Our church is a large part of this ministry and you are much appreciated. Your generosity and caring hearts are a blessing for all involved.

Connie Hodges

## Upcoming Events & Opportunities

### November Giving Opportunities

We believe that it is more of a blessing 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.

### 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".

### December Schedule

As we approach the holiday season we want to let you know about some adjustments we will be making to our schedule.

December 17- Church Family Christmas (no small groups)  
Breakfasts at 8:00am, 8:30am & 10:00am  
Worship Services at 9:30am & 11:00am

December 24- Christmas Eve Services at 9:00am & 10:30am (no small groups)

December 31- Celebration Sunday (no small groups)  
Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast @ 9:00am  
Celebration Service at 10am

### 2018 Budget Meeting

Join us on Sunday, November 19 at 12:30pm in the Worship Center as the Finance Committee presents the 2018 Budget. Approval of the Budget will be December 3rd.

## Sunday Serve Teams

11/19/17

### Nursery Team 3

Kevin & Brandi Gibbons  
Hali Howard  
Elizabeth Ontiveros  
Michelle Whetstone  
Sonya Leck  
Stacie Riddle  
Laura Duffy

### Parking Lot Team 3

Alyssa Baker  
Ronnie Ezell  
Mike Murray  
Jessica Porter

### Welcome Team 3

Jennifer Davis  
MaryKay Hokett  
Linda Howard  
Kathi Morrison  
Sherry Murray  
Christine Orr  
Monte & Sheila Preno  
Tamie Reed  
Joan Tubbs  
Amy Wells  
Jerry Zucksworth

### Bus Driver - 11/19/17

Jose Gonzalez

### Wednesday Team

11/22/17  
No Wednesday Activities

11/26/17

### Nursery Team Flex

Jessica Crain  
Donna Eisenhour  
Darby Eisenhour  
Judy Scott  
Joan Tubbs  
Krystal Wiewel  
Piper Graves  
Alissa Wells  
Peyton York

### Parking Lot Team Flex

Larry Hodges  
Jim Phariss  
Ray Young

### Welcome Team Flex

Maria Black  
Sandy Cagle  
Misty Corwin  
Jeanne Koos  
Dan & Delpha Miklautsch  
Carolyn Phariss  
Boyde Scott  
Rusty & Jessica Shamblin  
Vicki York  
Cory Wells

### Bus Driver - 11/26/17

Les Ellis

### Wednesday Team 4

11/29/17  
Betty Boevers  
Willard Holsted  
Maddison Henry  
Lanae Goucher  
Jessica McClure  
Ralph & Jean Oltermann  
Tammy Perando  
Elynda Coburn

## Wednesday Dinner Menu

### November 22

Happy Thanksgiving!  
No Wed. Activities

### November 29

Breakfast Casserole,  
Hash Browns  
Spiced Apples

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