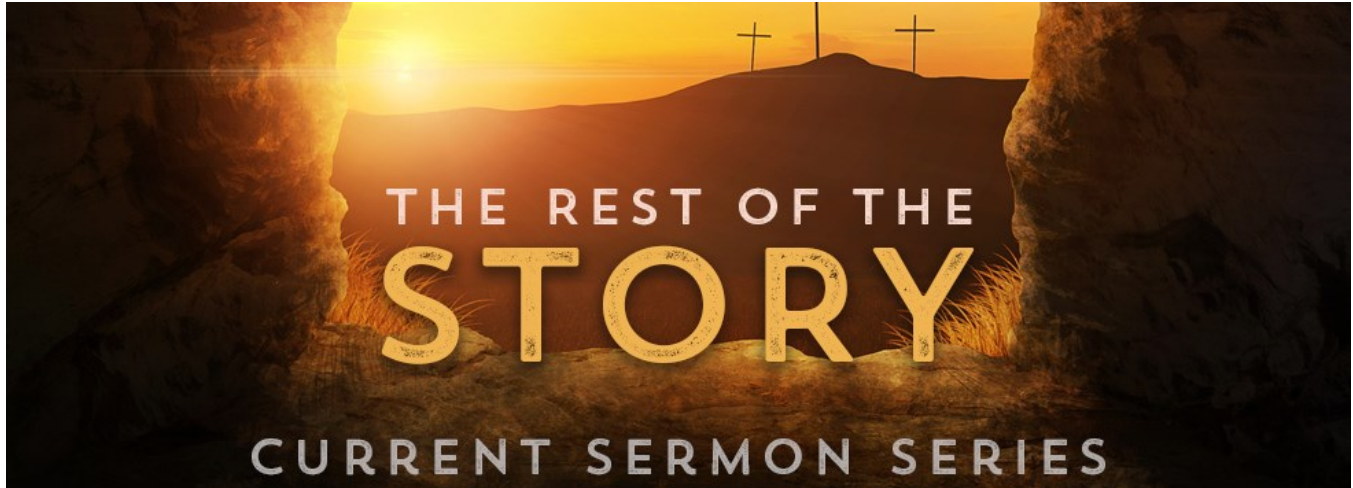




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A Word from Pastor Charlie

Foster Care Emphasis

It is no secret that my family and I have been involved in foster care and have a passion to see children cared for in some of the toughest times of their lives. We have been serving in foster care for three years now and just last week took our tenth placement. The heart behind this for us is not just a care and concern for kids, but stems from the way I see God in Scripture. He cares for the hurting and oppressed and tells his people to do the same. We cannot ignore these commands in scripture, which means we are obligated to do something about it.

Sunday evening we will host a Foster Care Emphasis night where some of our own foster families will share their stories and answer any questions that you may have. I know that not all of us can be Foster Parents, but many of us can. I also know that there is something that all of us can do. Here is a list of needs that we need people to fill. Pray about which one you should be a part of.

Need #1 - Foster Families

I want to start here because this is where the need starts and I don't want to let us off the hook to meet this need. Here is how I know we should be actively playing a part in meeting this need - there are still kids coming into State custody. It's that simple. There is a need and God has told his people to meet it.

Need #2 - Respite / Alternate Care Families

Foster families need people they can count on to give them a break or help them when they're going to be gone. We need certified families to help meet this need in our congregation. It would be so much better for kids to go to the home of a familiar face in the church than to another total stranger's home.

Need #3 - Foster Care Response Team

I want to mobilize a team from our body to help meet the needs of a family once they take placement. Meals, prayer, babysitting, etc... to help our families who have stepped up to serve in this way.

Need #4 - Family Reconciliation Team

Within our town are people who have lost their children to DHS custody. If reconciliation and restoration of the family is the goal, we as a church need to provide ways to help them get their lives together and become agents of reconciliation for their families. I want a team of people to help us start this ministry in our church and organize a strategy to minister to parents who have lost children.

So you can play a part. Pray and ask God where you need to serve and how you can be used by God to meet this great need.



Upcoming Events & Opportunities

More Abundantly Campaign

Through 26 months of the More Abundantly Campaign \$785,475.50 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.

Church Directory Photos

We are still working on our directory and hope to get it out in early 2019. We are having one final day for photos to be taken on December 2 from 9:00-9:30am and 10:30-11:00am in the fellowship hall. You can also submit your own photo to be used by emailing it or bringing it to Judi Corwin at jac@fbcelreno.com.

Foster Care Emphasis Night

Join us for a meal and informational meeting where we will answer any of your questions on how you can be involved in helping with the need of foster care. We will meet on December 2 at 5:30pm in fellowship hall for a dinner and hear from some of our very own people who have been involved with foster care/adoption. Youth and Family Services will also be there to answer any questions you may have. Sign up for the event on the Realm Connect App or at www.fbcelreno.com/fosternight.

Parent's Night Out

Need a kid-free night to finish Christmas shopping or enjoy a date night with your spouse? We have got you covered with Parent's Night Out on Friday, December 7 from 6:00-10:00pm. Reserve your free spot for your child (6th grade and under) at www.fbcelreno.com/pno2018.

Christmas with Link Union

We are excited to celebrate Christmas with the music of Link Union on Monday, December 10. The concert will begin at 7:00pm and we would like you to get your free tickets at www.fbcelreno.com/link2018 or at the Welcome Desk.

Church Family Christmas

Mark your calendar for our annual Church Family Christmas on Sunday, December 16. The morning's festivities will begin with breakfast served by church leadership at 8:00am, 8:30am, & 10:00am. Then we will have two identical worship services at 9:30am & 11:00am, filled with great music from our kids, worship band, and our choir that highlights the hope that Christmas brings us.

Nursing Home Project

On Sunday evening (time TBA) December 16, we will be headed out to local nursing homes to deliver Christmas gifts and to sing Christmas carols. Mark that evening off on your calendar and plan on being a part of blessing those in the nursing homes in our community.

Student Ministry Winter Retreat

FBCER students 7th-12th grade are encouraged to join us on a trip to Falls Creek on January 4 & 5. Student will enjoy fellowship and get to refocus their relationship with Jesus. Cost to be a part of this awesome weekend is \$20. Complete info and registration at www.fbcelreno.com/winter2019.

Thunder Game

FBCER is going to enjoy an evening at an OKC Thunder game on Sunday, January 6 at 6pm. Tickets are \$34 each and can be purchased at www.fbcelreno.com/thunder_2019. Transportation is provided for those that need it on a limited basis.

Coats for School Kids

Our church is in the process of providing a new winter coat for Pre-k thru 6th graders in El Reno Schools. Help make the project possible through your generosity. Coats are costing us \$25 each and we plan to give away around 200 coats. Mark your gift "coats". We have received \$2,900.00 to date for coats.



Sunday Morning Stats

| | <u>November 4</u> | <u>November 11</u> | <u>November 18</u> | <u>November 25</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Small Groups | 360 | 398 | 351 | 301 |
| Worship Attendance | 479 | 472 | 388 | 405 |
| Offering/Tithe | \$27,180.50 | \$11,168.02 | \$17,468.93 | \$12,066.80 |
| Building Fund | \$2,070.00 | \$1,768.00 | \$2,150.00 | \$305.00 |



This Month's Serve Teams

12/02/18

Nursery Team 1

Megan Davis
Debbie Gallaway
Kevin & Brandi Gibbons
Holly McKee
Alyssa Beck
Anne Beck
Wynona Fredrick
Brianna Turner

Parking Lot Team 1

Kyle Davis
Bobby Mixon
Danny Shepherd
Julio Trejo

Welcome Team 1

Troy & Charity Barnes
N'Lisa Havener
Jason & Lacey Looper
Jennifer McCarver
Freda Moffat
Karen Nance
Tammy Perando
Kenneth & Susan Ronspiez
Adin Shafer
Marshall Tullos

Bus Driver - 12/02/18

Brad Siler

Wednesday Team 1

12/05/18
Ronnie & Kathy Funck
Donna Mogg
Kathi Morrison
Jim & Jeanette Wehmuller
Vicki York

12/09/18

Nursery Team 2

Shalena Appleby
Katie Bowers
Elizabeth Ontiveros
Audrey Spott
Michelle Whetstone

Parking Lot Team 2

Ronnie Ezell
Ben Schraad
Nick Niles

Welcome Team 2

Hope Baker
Jennifer Davis
Mary Kay Hokett
Linda Howard
Kathi Morrison
Shannon Niles
Christine Orr
Monte & Sheila Preno
Tamie Reed
Renee Rutherford
Joan Tubs
Amy Wells
Jerry Zucksworth

Bus Driver - 12/09/18

Kevin Gibbons

Wednesday Team 2

12/12/18
Paul & Hope Fuell
Sue Gallaway
Malena Gonzalez
Delpha Miklautsch
Kerry Reeves
Jack & Norma Tillery

12/16/18

Nursery Team 3

Amanda Carnott
Pam Ellis
Justin & Ashley Lingo
Angela Steffen
Keira Davis
Ryleigh Davis
Taleigh Davis
Mendy Klepper

Parking Lot Team 3

Doug Carnott
Jesse Lesperance
Aron Steffen
Will Wedman
Jerry Woodall

Welcome Team 3

Ray & Carla Apple
Jennifer Awbrey
Tanner & Abby Blagg
Kylie Koos
Bob Lee
Jessica Lee
Angela Lesperance
Donna Mogg
Sheri Nelson
Sandy Rankin
Erin Tinsley
Jamie Todd

Bus Driver - 12/16/18

Tom Curtis

Wednesday

12/19/18

**Christmas Break
(No Dinner)**

12/23/18

Nursery Team 4

Renee Blount
Scotti Charmasson
Kim Eisenhour
Kristy Pepper
Sierra Bellymule
Dianna Spott
Taryn Wedman

Parking Lot Team 4

Cory Charmasson
Andy Corwin
Ronnie Funck
Jason McClure
Darrin Pepper

Welcome Team 4

Dolores Brown
Karen Chadwick
Bob & Kandy Connor
Jan Ford
Allora Gordon
Rafe Goucher
Payton Haskins
Connie Hodges
Cathy Knott
Cleta Mullin
Jackie Ogilvie
Robin Robinson

Bus Driver - 12/23/18

Jodie & Teena Tech

Wednesday

12/26/18

**Christmas Break
(No Dinner)**

12/30/18

Nursery Team Flex

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

Parking Lot Team Flex

Larry Hodges
Jack Hunt
Jim Phariss
Ray Young

Welcome Team Flex

Maria Black
Misty Corwin
Seairra Kiser
Jeanne Koos
Dan & Delpha Miklautsch
Carolyn Phariss
Boyde Scott
Jessica Shamblin
Shirley Tucker
Cory Wells
Vicki York

Bus Driver - 12/30/18

Billy Hughey

Wednesday

01/06/19

Family Night - Potluck



Wednesday Dinner Menu

December 5

Pizza
Salad Bar

December 12

Christmas Dinner
Ham, Baked Beans,
Mac & Cheese

December 19

**Christmas Break
(No Dinner)**

December 26

**Christmas Break
(No Dinner)**

January 2

Family Night Potluck

Welcome New 2018 Members

July

Jadyn Lingo - Baptism
Justin & Ashley Lingo - Letter
Aiden Pepper - Baptism
Justin & Elijah Warren - Baptism

August

Abby Campbell - Letter
Rick & Jenny Hopkins - Letter
Mackinze Hatton - Baptism

September

AJ & Tenley Brady - Baptism
Brantlie & Quinn Charmasson - Baptism
Tim Rutherford - Baptism
Hillary Vancil - Baptism
Justin Miller - Baptism

October

Jennifer Bruce - Baptism
Cheyenne Kubicek - Baptism

November

Bill & Stacey Quinton - Letter



December

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|-------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 12pm - Santa Cruz Trip Info Meeting 5:30pm - Foster Care Night | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 11am Sr Adult Christmas Lunch | 7 6-10pm Parent's Night Out | 8 |
| 9 8:30am Welcome & Parking Teams Safety Meeting Vote on 2019 Budget Vote on Elders | 10 7pm Link Union Christmas Concert | 11 | 12 5:30pm Christmas Dinner 6:30pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal | 13 | 14 | 15 9am Band & Solo Practice |
| 16 Building Offering Church Family Breakfast 9:30am & 11am Church Family Christmas Nursing Home Project | 17 | 18 6pm Dental Clinic | 19 No Activities | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 No Small Groups 10am Worship Service | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | Office closed - Have a Merry Christmas! | | | | | |
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| 30 9am Volunteer Breakfast 10am Worship Service | 31 Happy New Year! Office closed | | | | | |

Regular Weekly Schedule (unless otherwise noted above)

Sunday

8:30am Adult Small Groups
9:30am Small Groups & Worship
11:00am Small Groups & Worship

Wednesday

10:00am Midweek Service
5:30pm Dinner
6:30pm Planted, Rooted, Refuge & Adult Small Groups
7:30pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal