



PROCLAIMER

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SURRENDER

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

ROMANS 12:1-2



A Word from Pastor Charlie

Time to Surrender

For over two millennia, the white flag has been a sign of surrender. In times of war it was waved to signify giving up and a refusal to fight. For many, the idea of surrender is a sign of weakness, for the Christian it is where we find our strength. Over and over again the theme of giving up is recorded in Scripture. A willingness to lay down one's life, a willingness to die to self, a call to offer our lives as a living sacrifice is all part of the Christian experience. While it is paradoxical, it is in dying to self we find life, it is in surrendering our lives that we live. As we begin a New Year, let me challenge you to start 2019 by giving up. Giving up control (or the mirage of control) to the Lordship of King Jesus. Offer your whole life, not just the parts you are comfortable with, as a sacrifice to him. Quit trying to call the shots and let him have his way in every area of your life. Surrender. As you go on this journey you will find that you begin by laying your life on the altar and in doing so you will be faced with specific areas that he wants you to surrender. He will ask you to give up these things as a sacrifice but he will replace them with something so much more, namely himself. With each step you will be faced with trusting him or living for yourself. Surrender. You will be asked to surrender. At first it will be the hardest thing you have ever done. Dying to self isn't easy, but over time something amazing will take place. You will find that in losing you are gaining. You will find life is easier to live because you will see that "his yoke is easy and his burden is light." You will find that in surrendering to him that you "will find rest for your soul." Surrendering isn't appealing, but it is the only way to the abundant life that Jesus offers.

2019 is a year of surrender. Take some time and meditate on Romans 12:1-2. Think about the why of surrender. Next, think about the *what* of surrender. What are you holding back? What is keeping you from "offering your body as a living sacrifice"? You will never experience the true joy of walking with Christ until you surrender. So join me this year in surrendering to God. He is worthy and it will be worth it.

For His glory and your joy,
Pastor Charlie



Upcoming Events & Opportunities

More Abundantly Campaign

Through 26 months of the More Abundantly Campaign \$854,217.37 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. If you have been unable to have your photo taken you can submit your own photo to be used. Simply emailing it Judi Corwin at jac@fbcelreno.com.

Coffee & Theology

We are excited to begin a new semester of Coffee & Theology on Monday, January 7. Coffee & Theology is a time for followers of Jesus to come enjoy coffee and dive deeper into knowing God. It meets at Iron Tree Coffee in downtown El Reno at 7pm. During this installment we will study Donald Whitney's book "Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life" to help learn more about the practices of people who want to follow Jesus. Books are optional and can be purchased at the Welcome Desk or at www.fbcelreno.com/ct2019. Childcare is available upon request.

Serve at the Shepherd's House

Would you like to serve those in need in our community? The Shepherd's House provides clothes and basic living necessities to those that need them. The ministry runs completely on volunteers. There are opportunities to serve on Tuesdays from 10am-2pm and 5:30pm-7:30pm. There is specific opportunity available for a man and two women to serve on the fourth Tuesday of the month. If you are interested in serving at the Shepherd's House please let us know by calling the church office at 405-262-5453 or by emailing Judi Corwin at jac@fbcelreno.com.

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

On Sunday, December 30 we wish to honor all of our volunteers with a breakfast from 9:00am-9:45am. Whether you serve as a small group leader, at the Shepherd's House, with the Snack Ministry, a Serve Team or one of the many other ways please join us.

Sunday, December 30

We will end 2018 together in one worship service at 10:00am. We will have childcare for babies thru three's.

Family Game Night

Finish 2018 with a night of fun for the whole family at our Family Game Night on December 30. We will begin at 5:00pm with a wonderful potluck and then after everyone eats we will play a couple of large group games followed by a time of family favorite games around the table. RSVP at fbcelreno.com/gamenight2018

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.

Year End Giving

All year-end giving must be post-marked by December 31 or given online before January 1, 2019 in order for it to go on 2018 giving records.



Sunday Morning Stats

	<u>December 02</u>	<u>December 09</u>	<u>December 16</u>	<u>December 23</u>	<u>December 30</u>
Small Groups	409	381	N/A	Not Available	Not Available
Worship Attendance	509	464	673	" "	" "
Offering/Tithe	\$26,130.51	\$15,707.61	\$12,181.40	\$ " "	\$ " "
Building Fund	\$3,670.00	\$1,027.00	\$64,294.87	\$ " "	\$ " "



This Month's Serve Teams

01/06/19

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 - 01/06/19

Jodie & Teena Tech

Wednesday

01/02/19
No Wed Activities

01/13/19

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 - 01/13/2019

Curtis Steffler

Wednesday Team 1

01/09/19
Ronnie & Kathy Funck
Donna Mogg
Kathi Morrison
Jim & Jeanette Wehmuller
Vicki York

01/20/19

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 - 01/20/19

Larry Davis

Wednesday Team 2

01/16/19
Paul & Hope Fuell
Sue Gallaway
Malena Gonzalez
Delpha Miklautsch
Kerry Reeves
Jack & Norma Tillery

01/27/19

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 - 01/27/19

Billy Hughey

Wednesday Team 3

01/23/19
Karen Chadwick
Cathy Knott
Judy Lee
Jackie Ogilvie
Ralph & Jean Oltermann
Kerry Reeves

**Wednesday Team 4
01/30/19**

Betty Boevers
Elynda Coburn
Lanae Goucher
Willard Holsted
Rick & Jenny Hopkins
Julie Huber
Jessica McClure
Tammy Perando



Wednesday Dinner Menu

January 02

No Wed Activities

January 09

Chicken Strips, Fries
Green Beans
Salad Bar

January 16

Stew
Chili
Cornbread

January 23

Steak Fingers & Gravy
Scalloped Potatoes
Salad Bar & Hot Roll

January 30

Tacos,
Mexican Rice



January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 10am- Midweek Service starts again No Evening Activities	3	4	5
	Office Closed-----				Student Retreat @ Falls Creek	
6 6pm-Thunder Night	7 Coffee & Theology 7pm	8	9 Wednesday Activities Resume	10	11	12
13	14 Coffee & Theology 7pm	15 6pm Dental Clinic	16	17	18	19
20 12:15pm-Finance Committee Meeting	21 Coffee & Theology 7pm	22	23	24	25 26 Man Camp 2019	
27 Man Camp 2019	28 Coffee & Theology 7pm	29	30	31		
Quarterly Business Conference						

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