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Hello Church!

I pray God has been speaking to you through the book of Jonah. What I love about the narratives found in scripture is that they give us snapshots of the relationship between real people, facing real situations, and a present, gracious, sovereign God.

As I have said, I often see myself in Jonah. If you are like me, at times you are resistant to God's leading in your life. Whether it is to share the Gospel, to show love to my enemies, to serve in an area of the church, to forgive people who have hurt me, or to set aside my pride and stubbornness, there are often things that God asks me to do that I resist. God graciously corrects me and when I submit myself in repentance, realigning my life, He is always gracious to forgive. In fact, like Jonah, not only do I find that He is willing to forgive, but I find that God is at work and asking me to join in.

Be encouraged church: this same God we see working miracles in Jonah's day is still at work today! In the midst of a pandemic, in the midst of a divisive election, in the midst of the monotony of our everyday lives, God is still in control, He is still working, and He still wants to use you to accomplish His will. What a gracious God!

God is working here at First Baptist. There are many opportunities for you to join His work from serving with kids and preschool, to joining the welcome team, to plugging into a small group, to bringing candy and decorating a trunk for trunk or treat. Certainly, God is at work in our midst! I encourage you: submit yourself to His leading no matter what. You will find the love of a gracious father who wants to use you to accomplish great things in our community.

Pastor Grant



## Upcoming Events & Opportunities

### The Next Step

In September, our Special Building Offering was \$48,358.13 so that brings us to \$233,048.68 that has been given this year to the Next Steps Campaign. This brings us down to \$885,771.19 on our loan!. These gifts go toward helping us make our monthly loan payments as well as advance principal payments. We are seeking to be debt-free by the end of 2022. Every time you give to our Next Step Offering, you are helping us achieve that goal.

### Church Schedule - We're Back

In an effort to continue to build God's kingdom and reach as many people as God allows us, we are adjusting our schedule. Worship and Small Groups are at 9:00am and 10:30am. We will continue to have a live feed in Fellowship Hall for those who still desire to social distance and wear a mask for the entire service.

### Kids Ministry

Our Wednesday Night Kids Ministry program led by Abby Campbell, is up and running and is at 6:30pm. No Wednesday meals are served at this time.

### Trunk or Treat

All children 6th grade and down are invited to join us for a great night of fun on Saturday, October 31 from 5 to 6:30pm. We will be hosting our Trunk or Treat in the Main Campus Parking Lot. We will have a fun photo booth, games, face painting, and tons of candy! Let us know how you can help! We need candy! There is a box for candy by the Welcome Desk.

### Edna McMillan State Missions Offering

Sunday, October 6 is the day we will be taking up the State Missions Offering. This offering impacts areas of brokenness in society here in Oklahoma - hunger, foster care, imprisonment, addiction - with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There are envelopes at the Welcome Desk.

### Student Ministry

The student ministry is meeting at the Student Ministry Annex on Wednesday Nights at 6pm. Continue to pray for this ministry and the battles our students face on a daily basis.

### FBCER Missions

As things continue to open up, begin praying about potential opportunities to serve on mission trips here locally; but also nationally and internationally. There are two trips that are currently in the works; Zimbabwe & a Spring Break Trip to New Orleans. Both of these trips are lead by Holden in partnership with the Central Baptist Association. For more information email Holden at [mccrackinh@fbcelreno.com](mailto:mccrackinh@fbcelreno.com)

### Baptism

At FBCER we believe that every person following Jesus is on a journey. One of the first steps for every person following Jesus is baptism. Baptism is not the thing that saves a person but it is still an important step. We want every person in our church who is following Jesus to also be obedient and follow Him in baptism. If you are interested in being baptized please contact the church office or email one of our pastors.

### Additional Prayer

We would love to pray for you! If there is anything that we can intercede and take to the Lord on your behalf, we'd love to. Feel free to submit these requests at [fbcelreno.com/connect](http://fbcelreno.com/connect) under the "Next Steps" section, email us, or call the church office.

*"Cast all your anxiety on Him, for He cares for you." -1 Peter 5:7*

	<u>September 6</u>	<u>September 13</u>	<u>September 20</u>	<u>September 27</u>
Small Groups	NA	237	194	195
Worship Attendance	391	410	389	325
Offering/Tithe	\$18,815.25	\$6,926.05	\$13,254.29	\$11,377.94
Building Fund	\$1,500.00	\$37,496.13	\$11,067.00	\$862.00



## This Month's Serve Teams

**10/04/2020**

**Nursery Team Flex**

Jessica Crain  
Alissa Wells  
Emercyn Looper  
Donna Eisenhour  
Judy Scott  
Scott & Chelsea Miller

**Parking Lot Team Flex**

Larry Hodges  
Dan Garrett  
Jerry Woodall

**Welcome Team Flex**

Maria Black  
Misty Corwin  
Jeanne Koos  
Dan & Delpha Miklautsch  
Jessica Shamblin  
Shirley Goodman  
Cory Wells  
Vicki York  
Shawn Garrett

**Bus Driver - 10/04/2020**

Chris Steffler

**10/11/2020**

**Nursery Team 2**

Kylee Edwards  
Debra Steffler  
Audrey Spott  
Jaimie Wardlaw  
Michelle Whetstone  
Janice Palmer

**Parking Lot Team 2**

Ronnie Ezell  
Nick Niles  
Chris Edwards

**Welcome Team 2**

Jennifer Davis  
Megan Jones  
Mary Kay Hokett  
Linda Howard  
Christine Orr  
Monte & Sheila Preno  
Amy Wells  
Jerry Zucksworth  
Judi Putman  
David Harris

**Bus Driver - 10/11/2020**

Jose Gonzalez

**10/18/2020**

**Nursery Team 3**

Amanda Carnott  
Pam Ellis  
Taryn Wedman  
Darby Eisenhour  
Lou Ann Mickle

**Parking Lot Team 3**

Doug Carnott  
Jesse Lesperance  
Harold "Pete" Petree  
Aron Steffen  
Will Wedman

**Welcome Team 3**

Carla Apple  
Kylie Koos  
Bob Lee  
Jessica Lee  
Angela Lesperance  
Donna Mogg  
Sheri Nelson  
Jim & Sandy Rankin  
Angie Steffan  
Erin Tinsley

**Bus Driver - 10/18/2020**

Brad Siler

**10/25/2020**

**Nursery Team 4**

Kim Eisenhour  
Bre Ford  
Abby Blagg  
Scotti Charmasson  
Kristy Pepper  
Dianna Spott

**Parking Lot Team 4**

Cory Charmasson  
Andy Corwin  
Ronnie Funck  
Jason McClure  
Darrin Pepper

**Welcome Team**

Katelin Bledsoe  
Karen Chadwick  
Cathy Knott  
Cleta Mullin  
Jackie Ogilvie  
Jean Oltermann  
Robin Robinson  
Bob & Debbie Stutler  
Jan Ford

**Bus Driver - 10/25/2020**

TJ & Sheryl McCullough

### Serve Teams

Our schedule for Serve Teams has returned to normal and our Worship & Small Groups are at 9am and 10:30am. Fellowship Hall is reserved for those who still desire to social distance and wear a mask for the entire service. This is also a season where we need your help in different service areas. Please let us know how God is leading you to share your life through serving at FBCER and our community by filling out a card at one of the tables in the foyer and checking which serve team or ministry you would like to serve in. You may turn it in at the welcome desk, one of the offering buckets, or the church office.

### Wednesday Night Bible Studies

Our Wednesday Night Adult Bible Studies are finally back! Come up and join us at 6:30pm.

*Chasing Vines* by Beth Moore - lead by Kim Eisenhour

*Matchless* by Angie Smith - lead by Casey Trejo

*Prepare and Enrich* by Dr David Olson - lead by Pastor Grant Findley and Ronnie & Kathy Funck

*Men's Group* - lead by Nick Niles

## Shoes For Kids

We are now taking monetary donations to provide shoes for our local kids. Recipients for these shoes are submitted by their teacher at school. The school then contacts us and we provide a pair of shoes, 2 pairs of socks, and a Gospel track. If you'd like to give to this local mission outreach, you can give online at [fbcelreno.com/give](http://fbcelreno.com/give) and select "Local Mission" or write "Local Mission" on your check. At this time, we have only received \$130.00.



# October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Friday Office Closed	3
4 SG/Worship 9am SG/Worship 10:30am Special Offering for State Missions	5 9am Staff Meeting	6 SH Open	7 6:30pm Refuge Seeded Planted Rooted Ad. Bible Studies	8	9 Friday Office Closed	10
11 SG/Worship 9am SG/Worship 10:30am	12 9am Staff Meeting	13 SH Open  6pm Dental Clinic	14 Fall Break	15	16 Friday Office Closed	17
18 SG/Worship 9am SG/Worship 10:30am  12noon Finance Com. Meeting	19 9am Staff Meeting	20 SH Open	21 6:30pm Refuge Seeded Planted Rooted Ad. Bible Studies	22	23 Friday Office Closed	24
25 SG/Worship 9am SG/Worship 10:30am 11:45am Qtrly Business Meeting	26 9am Staff Meeting	27 SH Open	28 6:30pm Refuge Seeded Planted Rooted Ad. Bible Studies	29	30 Friday Office Closed	31  5-6:30pm Trunk or Treat

### September Giving Report

Tithes/Offering	\$50,373.53
Building Fund	\$50,925.13
Total	\$101,298.66