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My prayer is that 2022 will be a year of **rebuilding**. Several thoughts may pop into your head when you hear that word. You may think of literal building construction, figuratively getting things back to the way they were, or achieving specific numerical goals in our attendance, budget, etc. But when I use that word, those things are not what I'm referring to.

I'm not a big "sports guy," so forgive me if I butcher this metaphor. But over the years, I've heard fans say something like this about their team after a tough season or after key players/coaches have transitioned to another team, "This next season is going to be a rebuilding year." Our church has experienced that and more: staff transitions/additions, a global pandemic, attendance fluctuation, relaunching programs, etc. And with that, I think we need a rebuilding year. A space to focus on the fundamentals, fill gaps, learn plays, and work on coming together as a team. Doesn't that sound fun?

Let's roll up our sleeves and get to work. To start the year, we'll be focusing on one of our core values—worship—and our goal is to leave no one behind. We want to help you worship beyond simply our Sunday services. Specifically, we want to help you worship in three ways:

1. personally,
2. at home with your family,
3. and together with your church family.

This focus will be more than just a sermon series. You're going to be challenged to practice your faith in specific ways, and each month we'll be offering a new class (we're calling them Equip classes) to equip you for this. The focus of the first few months will be reading Scripture, prayer, spiritual warfare, and celebrating the gospel.

For now, be praying. Praying for God to move, to grow us, to bring us together—to rebuild—so that we can do what we've been called to: glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Chris Baker, Discipleship and Administration Pastor



Upcoming Events & Opportunities

January Equip Classes

The Bible has been given to us for our formation. We can encounter God and become more like Jesus by reading it. Is this your experience with the Bible? Have you learned to read it for more than just information?

Each Wednesday night in January, we'll be offering an Equip Class focused on the Bible and how to read it rightly.

January 5: How to develop a training plan for reading the Bible

January 12: How to read the Bible

January 19: How to read and talk about the Bible with your family (spouses, kids, grand kids)

January 26: Understanding the story of the Bible

Each of these classes will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in Room 201.

International Missions

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is an annual offering collected by southern Baptist believers worldwide to support our international missionaries. Thank you for giving in support of this offering in December. With your help, we were able to raise \$4,315.00 for this offering!

The Next Step

As of December, \$557,862.47 has been given this year to the Next Steps Campaign. These gifts go toward our monthly loan payments as well as advance principal payments. We are seeking to be debt-free by the end of 2022. When you give to our Next Step Offering, you are helping to achieve that goal.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, and thank those of you who worked hard packing shoeboxes at one of our packing parties. Together, we were able to pack 1,711 shoeboxes. Now be praying for God to use them. Each shoebox will travel around the world, meaning children will receive gifts and, even better, an opportunity to hear about the good news of Jesus Christ. We don't know where all of our church's shoeboxes are going, but many of them are currently en route to Gabon and the Philippines.

Wednesday Nights at FBCER

Wednesday Night activities will resume on January 5. At 6:30pm, Kids ministry (*babies to 6th grade*) meet at the main campus while Student ministry (*7th-12th grade*) meets at the Annex at 320 S Bickford Ave.

Foster and Adoptive Parent Support Group

If you are fostering or have adopted children, this is for you. We meet once a month, on the last Sunday of the month. The group will start at 5:30 pm at the church. Childcare will be provided. This month, the support group will be on Sunday, January 30th at 6:30pm.

Sunday Night Theology

Our theology class will meet on Sunday January 9th at 5pm. we will be looking at the question, "What is the Trinity?"

This class meets monthly on the Second Sunday of each month. Each month we focus on a doctrine of Scripture and discuss its relevance to our church and daily lives. Before coming to each class, you're asked to read a short reading assignment— about (30 pages). Then in the class, after a brief teaching, we discuss the practical value of the doctrine for our church, lives, and world.

If you are interested in participating in this class, you can sign up at fbcelreno.com/theologyclass21 or by contacting the church office.





This Month's Serve Teams

01/02/2021

Nursery Team 1

Cora Newby
Tasha Steffler
Hope Fuell
Tasha Couch

Parking Lot Team 1

Kyle Davis
Bobby Mixon
Julio Trejo

Welcome Team 1

Jason Looper
N'Lisa Havener
Marshal Tullos
Freda Moffat
Karen Nance

Bus Driver

Paul Fuell

01/09/2021

Nursery Team 2

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

Parking Lot Team 2

Ronnie Ezell
Nick Niles
Chris Edwards

Welcome Team 2

Jennifer Davis
David Harris
Mary Kay Hokett
Toni Irion
Christine Orr
Amy Wells
Jerry Zucksworth

Bus Driver

T.J. & Sheryl
McCullough

01/16/2021

Nursery Team 3

Pam Ellis
Megan Davis
Amanda Carnott
Darby Eisenhour
Lou Ann Mickle

Parking Lot Team 3

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

Welcome Team 3

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

Bus Driver

Curtis Steffler

01/23/2021

Nursery Team 4

Kim Eisenhour
Bre Ford
Dianna Spott
Scotti Charmasson
Kristy Pepper

Parking Lot Team 4

Cory Charmasson
Ronnie Funck
Jason McClure
Darrin Pepper

Welcome Team 4

Cathy Knott
Karen Chadwick
Christopher & Chanda
Burdine
Jackie Ogilvie
Robin Robinson
Bob & Debbie Stutler
Cleta Mullin

Bus Driver

Tonya Pope

01/30/2021

Nursery Team Flex

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

Parking Lot Team Flex

Larry Hodges
Dan Garrett

Welcome Team Flex

Jessica Shamblin
Marilyn Cates
Shirley Goodman
Jeanne Koos
Dan & Delpha
Miklautsch
Marvin Smith
Cory Wells

Bus Driver

Jose Gonzalez

Serve Teams

We are in need of people to work the Welcome Team and the Parking Team. Please let us know how God is leading you to share your life through serving at FBCER and our community by filling out a Connect card and writing in which serve team or ministry you would like to serve



We believe that part of our sharing our life with God and others is evidenced in our generosity. We believe that everything we have is a gift from God and not only should we give to God with our "first fruits" (tithing) but that we should be looking to go above and beyond with our generosity. Join us on our mission by giving today. Go to fbcelreno.com/give to find out all the ways you can give!



Sunday Morning Stats

	<u>December 5</u>	<u>December 12</u>	<u>December 19</u>
Small Groups	212	-	-
Worship Attendance	306	427	322
Offering/Tithe	\$19,167.93	\$15,502.15	\$15,849.05
Building Fund	\$1,652.00	\$1,919.37	\$44,115.00



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10:30am Worship 2	3	SH Open 4	10am Midweek Mornings 6:30pm Kid's Adult Bible Studies Student Ministry 5	6	Friday Office Closed 7	8
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