



# PROCLAIMER

first baptist church of el reno

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## Wow! What a summer!

As I write this I have the post camp/summer blues but what a summer!!! We started off the summer with taking 89 to CrossTimbers. Abby led these students and sponsors through an incredible 4 days at camp and had 10 decisions for Christ. With the theme of Hope and the verse of John 16:33, many were introduced to the Hope of Jesus. From the words of Jesus, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

After CrossTimbers, the student ministry went right into SuperSummer, a leadership camp in Shawnee at Oklahoma Baptist University. With a motto of "Making Kingdom Leaders" we had 8 students and 3 adults that experienced just that. Pray for these students to make an impact for the Kingdom.

Vacation Bible School was our next event and we had so many volunteers and kids. With a daily average of 239 we learned the motto of "Created. Designed. Empowered." With the theme verse of Ephesians 2:10 "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." It is always amazing watching the church come together and make an impact on the community with the Gospel through Vacation Bible School.

Our two weeks of Falls Creek in July were great. Junior High week we had 58 students and sponsors. We had 4 salvations that week. For High School week we had 78 students and sponsors with a decision count of 7 salvations and 4 recommitments. Our theme verse for both weeks was "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." Colossians 2:6-7 We had over 25 high school students that memorized this verse as well!

Thank you so much for your prayers, encouragement, and support of the Next Gen Ministry at FBCER. I am so blessed to serve at FBCER with incredible leaders including our Kids Ministry leader, Abby Campbell, and our two summer interns Kayla Trejo and Carson Liticker. They love the Lord and love people well!

Continue to pray for all of our students as they head to the mission field of school!

Much Jesus Love,  
Holden McCrackin  
Next Gen & Missions Pastor



## Upcoming Events & Opportunities

### The Next Step

As of July 2022, \$700,797.98 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.

### Serve Teams

If you are looking for a place to serve in our church, we are needing volunteers in these Areas - **the Welcome Team, the Parking Team, the Nursery Team, and Bus Drivers.**

During the first few Sundays in August we will be having a Ministry Fair and you will be able to hear about opportunities at our church to serve or you can fill out a Connect card and write in which serve team or ministry you would like to serve in. You can also contact a Pastor. **WE**

### Bunco & Boards

Attention ladies! Enjoy a night of fun and fellowship on Thursday, August 11 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The women's ministry will provide charcuterie boards as a light snack and then the Bunco playing will commence! You won't want to miss out on all the fun!



### Following Jesus Class

If either your child, or you, have made a decision to follow Christ this summer we want to invite you to our *Following Jesus Class*! Whether that be Salvation, a Recommitment, or following in Believer's Baptism, we hope you'll join us for this class beginning August 7th @10:30am! We would also like to get a count for how many will be attending, here is the link to sign up! <https://fbcelreno.com/followingjesus/>

### Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting items for our Christmas Shoeboxes. We are asking for 24-count crayons, 12-count colored pencils, 70-page spiral notebooks, and tennis balls. There are collection boxes by our Welcome Desk to deposit your donations. We have a short amount of time to do what we have been called to do. May our God find us faithful!!!

### New Students at Redlands

Please be praying for new students coming to RCM this year. We will be giving out about 85 Welcome Baskets this year.

### Student Ministry...





## This Month's Serve Teams

**08/07/2022**

**Nursery Team 1**

Mike & Belinda Williams  
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  
Malachi & Lyndzee  
Sherman

**Bus Driver**

Tonya Pope

**08/14/2022**

**Nursery Team 2**

Debra Steffler  
Janice Palmer  
Jaimie Wardlaw  
Michelle Whetstone

**Parking Lot Team 2**

Ronnie Ezell  
Chris Edwards

**Welcome Team 2**

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

**Bus Driver**

Les & Pam Ellis

**08/21/2022**

**Nursery Team 3**

Pam Ellis  
Megan Davis  
Amanda Carnott  
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 Steffen  
Erin Tinsley

**Bus Driver**

Jose Gonzalez

**08/28/2022**

**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**

Ray & Carla Apple



# FBCER

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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](http://fbcelreno.com/give) to find out all the ways you can give!



## Sunday Morning Stats

|                    | <u>July 3</u> | <u>July 10</u> | <u>July 17</u> | <u>July 24</u> | <u>July 31</u> |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Small Groups       | NA            | NA             | NA             | 179            | 198            |
| Worship Attendance | 321           | 327            | 328            | 325            | 293            |
| Offering/Tithe     | \$23,010.37   | \$13,0740.48   | \$9,884.11     | \$18,896.74    | \$16,606.41    |
| Building Fund      | \$15,998.09   | \$12,660.96    | \$950.00       | \$1,598.01     | \$2,060.00     |



# August

|   |    |  |   |                                       |   |   |
|---|----|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
|   | 1  | 2                                      | 3<br>10am Midweek   | 4                                     | 5<br>Office Closed  | 6   |
| 7<br>9am & 10:30am<br>Sm Groups &<br>Worship<br>10:30am Following<br>Jesus Class<br>Ministry Fair   | 8  | 9<br>SH Open                           | 10<br>10am Midweek  | 11<br>6pm - Ladies'<br>Bunco & Boards | 12<br>Office Closed   | 13  |
| 14<br>9am & 10:30am<br>Sm Groups &<br>Worship<br>10:30am Following<br>Jesus Class<br>Ministry Fair  | 15 | 16<br>SH Open                          | 17<br>No Midweek  | 18                                    | 19<br>Office Closed<br>Mission Fundraiser<br>Peach Truck @<br>FBCER<br>7am until sold out | 20  |
| 21<br>9am & 10:30am<br>Sm Groups &<br>Worship<br>10:30am Following<br>Jesus Class<br>Finance Meeting<br>3pm Sm Group Training<br>4pm Ministry Team Training | 22 | 23<br>SH Open<br><br>6pm Dental Clinic | 24<br>No Midweek<br>Service<br><br>6:30pm Kid's Ministry<br>Student Ministry<br>Adult Bible Studies | 25                                    | 26<br>Office Closed   | 27<br>Student's<br>Call Conference<br>@ OBU |
| 28<br>9am & 10:30am<br>Sm Groups &<br>Worship<br>10:30am Following<br>Jesus Class<br><br>6:30pm - Foster<br>care  | 29 | 30<br>SH Closed                        | 31<br>10am Midweek<br><br>6:30pm Kid's Ministry<br>Student Ministry<br>Adult Bible Studies          |                                       |   |   |