



PROCLAIMER

first baptist church of el reno

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COMMUNITY

Acquaintances to Family

2022 is a year for rebuilding. We began the year focused on worship, seeking to shift from apathy toward God to hearts on fire for God. Over the summer, we turned our attention to 1 Timothy and beginning to rebuild the leadership in our church. This fall, we turn our attention to rebuilding community. In doing so, we will seek to make a shift from knowing one another as acquaintances to becoming family.

God created us in community and for community, but sin has disrupted the harmony and togetherness we were created for. However, in Christ, we are ushered into a new kind of community. Community as we will talk about this fall is this: *a togetherness we experience because of a commonality in Jesus Christ that transcends natural bonds.*

We have been adopted as sons and daughters of our heavenly Father! Through our confession and the work of Jesus, we become brothers and sisters with fellow believers—a new, intimate community. When we gather together as the church, we don't gather as spectators attending an event, we gather as a family with our brothers and sisters, united in Christ.

The events of the last two years certainly disrupted our fellowship with one another, but this fall we hope to intentionally build up our togetherness. We will do this by memorizing scripture together weekly, through monthly pushes, and gathering together occasionally for special events.

I believe God is going to break down walls of division in our church, bring healing to broken relationships in our church, and strengthen our love for one another as we focus on community this fall. I pray you join us. I believe there will be some aspects of this focus that will be hard, but I believe it will be worth it! I urge you to help us rebuild our sense of community this fall!



Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Student Ministry

— Parents, Grandparents, Guardians —

On Sunday September 18th we will be starting a new Small Group Curriculum called Amplify. **Amplify: Growing a Faith That Lasts** is a 52-lesson youth ministry Bible study curriculum that helps your students lay the foundation of a lasting relationship with God through a study of the core concepts of their faith.

Amplify: Growing a Faith That Lasts examines 17 foundational elements of faith, each using a three-lesson framework: The Holy Spirit, Worship, God's Word, Obedience, God's Mercy, Evangelism, God's Sovereignty, Suffering, God's Righteousness, Holiness, Spiritual Gifts, Service, Humility, Knowing God (Knowability), Prayer, Stewardship, The Unchanging God (Immutability)

Your students have heard these faith-based words in church before. Do they know what these words mean—and, more importantly—what these elements mean for their daily lives?

If you'd like the parent resources sent to you each week, you can sign up for that here [*PLEASE use your email*](#)

If you'd like to sign up your student for a text message devotional that will be sent every Monday you can sign them up at the qr code as well or go to linktr.ee/fbcerstudents

Give me a shout if you have any questions,

Much Jesus Love,
Holden McCrackin
Next Gen & Missions Pastor



Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting items for our Christmas Shoeboxes. We are asking for Wow items for this month. There are mini monster trucks that you can get from Target.com or directly from the store, athletic tennis balls (18 in a bag) from Walmart.com or from the store, and My Sweet Love mini baby doll from Walmart only in stores. You may give money instead if you wish and we will purchase the items for you. We appreciate all that you do.

There will be another packing party on October 16th here in Fellowship Hall at 4pm. We sure had fun the last time and got many boxes packed. You are invited to join us.

The Next Step

As of August 2022, \$727,905.98 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.

Our next Special Offering will be on Sunday, September 18th.

Serve Teams

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





This Month's Serve Teams

09/04/2022

Nursery Flex Team

Jessica Crain
Emercyn Looper
Alissa Wells
Donna Eisenhour
Judy Scott
Joy & Eric Vandergriff

Parking Lot Flex Team

Olson Johnson
Jaron McClure
Elijah Shafer
Zach Johnson

Welcome Flex Team

Jessica & Rusty
Shamblin
Shirley Goodman
Jeanne Koos
Dan & Delpha
Miklautsch
Tamara Sears
Joan Tubbs

Bus Driver

TJ & Sheryl
McCullough

09/11/2022

Nursery Team 2

Debra Steffler
Janice Palmer
Jaimie Wardlaw
Michelle Whetstone
Alfredo Estrada

Parking Lot Team 2

Ronnie Ezell
Nick Niles
Parke Avenado

Welcome Team 2

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

Bus Driver

Curtis Steffler

09/18/2022

Nursery Team 3

Pam Ellis
Amanda Carnott
Heather Fairbanks
Lou Ann Mickle
Sarah Ayers
Skylar Ayers
Brantlie Charmasson

Parking Lot Team 3

Jesse Lesperance
Harold "Pete" Petree
Aron Steffen
Will Wedman

Welcome Team 3

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

Bus Driver

Tonya Pope

09/25/2022

Nursery Team 4

Kim Eisenhour
Dianna Spott
Scotti Charmasson
Kristy Pepper

Parking Lot Team 4

Cory Charmasson
Ronnie Funck
Jason McClure
Darrin Pepper

Welcome Team 4

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

Bus Driver

Jose Gonzalez



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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 to find out all the ways you can give!



Sunday Morning Stats

	<u>August 7</u>	<u>August 14</u>	<u>August 21</u>	<u>August 28</u>
Small Groups	119	239	233	240
Worship Attendance	308	360	343	320
Offering/Tithe	\$17,244.06	\$15,605.00	\$13,121.40	\$11,661.22
Building Fund	\$1,160.00	\$9,806.40	\$1,130.00	\$7,223.00



September

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					Office Closed Mission Fundraiser Peach Truck here 1pm til sold out	
4 9am & 10:30am Sm Groups & Worship	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6 SH Open	7 10am Midweek 6:30pm Kid's Ministry Student Ministry Adult Bible Studies	8	9 Office Closed	10
11 9am & 10:30am Sm Groups & Worship	12	13 SH Open	14 10am Midweek 6:30pm Kid's Ministry Student Ministry Adult Bible Studies	15	16 Office Closed	17 FBCER Women's Conference 9am - 12noon
18 Special Building Offering 9am & 10:30am Sm Groups & Worship 11:45am Finance Meeting	19 Carla's BD	20 SH Open 6pm Dental Clinic	21 10am Midweek 6:30pm Kid's Ministry Student Ministry Adult Bible Studies	22	23 Office Closed	24
25 9am & 10:30am Sm Groups & Worship 6:30pm - Foster care	26	27 SH Closed	28 10am Midweek 6:30pm Kid's Ministry Student Ministry Adult Bible Studies	29	30 Office Closed	