

Sermon Series: *Come Home for Christmas*

**Today's Sermon:
"Come Home to Hope"
Ephesians 1:18-19**

1. Hope for a _____ God to intervene.
(Isaiah 9:6-7)

2. Hope for a _____ of life.
(Romans 15:13)

3. Hope for the _____.
(Jeremiah 29:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:13)

Kids Worship Begins @ 10:45 AM

Kid's Church (1st - 6th Grade)
Kid's Church Jr. (3 Years - Kindergarten)
Two Year Olds
Babies - 23 Months

First Steps

Membership is open to anyone who has 1) placed their faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and 2) has been baptized by immersion by a body of believers of like faith and practice. We will be happy to assist you with these spiritual decisions. Text FIRST to (409) 215-0332 to be contacted or meet one of our Ministers near the platform after the service to discuss your spiritual decision.



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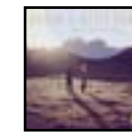


**Pursuing
Christ FIRST
in Life, Love and
Actions**

December 2, 2018



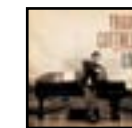
Song: Light of the World
Artist: Lauren Daigle



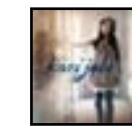
Song: Holy Spirit
Artist: Bryan & Katie Torwalt



Song: Jesus Is All
Artist: Travis Cottrell



Song: In Christ Alone
Artist: Travis Cottrell



Song: When Hope Came Down
Artist: Kari Jobe

Message

Dr. Robert Miller

"Come Home to Hope"
Ephesians 1:18-19

Deacon of the Week

Gary Cameron

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This Week @ FBCTC

December 2 - 8

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Band/Tech Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

- 5:00 p.m. Burgers, Etc. Bunch - Wendy's
- 5:15 p.m. Transitions - Joy in Christ Ladies Classroom
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Presents Shoe Box Packing Party
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer, Praise & Bible Study/Business Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. JAM - Youth
- 6:30 p.m. KIDS JAM - Children
- 7:30 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

- 10:00 a.m. Elmcroft Senior Living Service

Friday

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday

Ministry Staff

Dr. Robert R. Miller, Pastor
John Talley, Associate Pastor, Worship & Administration
Dennis Johns, Associate Pastor, Families
Meschel Hara, Children's Minister

Worship services are streamed live on the internet each week from our website. Recent services are also available short term. Click on the livestream.



A Message From John Talley

Music and Christmastime go hand in hand. Our first clue that people are thinking Christmas is typically the first carols we hear in a store while shopping at... Halloween! (Their reasons for playing carols might be a bit different than ours?) Webster says a carol is: 1) an old round dance with singing, 2) a song of joy or mirth, 3) a popular song or ballad of religious joy.

If anyone *should* know how to sing with JOY it's Believers. A round dance might be a stretch for some of us, ok, make that most of us! But why not dance? Ok, why not *move* a little! I regularly remind those of us who lead worship from the platform that movement and facial expression is a way to lead us to participate in worship. We are a visual society and we mostly hear what we see. Can you tell someone is singing with joy if their face doesn't show it?

The three words I have been associating most often with worship are **honor, respond and encourage**. We gather for worship first and foremost FOR God - not for us. He created us to worship Him! As we gather and worship through singing to and about Him, pray, listen for His voice and learn from His Word we have the opportunity to respond and allow His Spirit to change our thoughts, words and actions. Third, our time together can be an encouragement as we fellowship before and after but mostly as we *participate* together in the actions of worship. So, the question that can be asked of us this Christmastime is... if a person new to our area walked into our worship service, would they see and hear joy? Would that joy come from the platform or from the chairs or both? I challenge you to 1) **Come Home to FBCTC this Christmas** and 2) **sing with JOY**, and maybe a little movement!

Speaking of singing....

Sing in the CHRISTMAS CHOIR this year!

Three Rehearsals: 12/5, 12 & 19 @ 7:30pm
Three Songs: *O Holy Night, Away in a Manger & Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*
Three Sundays: 12/9, 16 & 23

Sing Choirs of Angels!

Attendance for November 25, 2018

Sunday School	171
Legacy Ministry Visits	10
Worship	287

Financial gifts for November 25, 2018

	Week	To Date
Financial Plan	21,021.78	735,762.30
Financial Receipt	16,737.80	629,650.49
World Missions	20.00	5,570.00
Glass Memorial Baptistry	1,005.00	55,927.17



HOLY PRESENTS SHOE BOX PROJECT COLLECTION DAY FOR FILLED SHOEBOXES IS

THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Come help pack the shoeboxes on Wednesday, December 5, at 5:30 pm.



QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:30 PM

Prayer & Praise Service
Short Business Meeting

Agendas are available in the Worship Center



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3 SONGS

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SANTA'S HELPERS

We will be accepting donations for the next several weeks to help families that are experiencing a financial hardship this Christmas. Please contact the church office if you know of a family that needs assistance or if your family needs assistance this Christmas.

