#### Sermon Series: **Reactions to Jesus' Coming**

# "Christmas 365 Days A Year"

John 17:15-18, Matthew 16:24-26

To follow Jesus, we are to be in the 1. world, but not \_\_\_\_\_

To follow Jesus, we are to 2.

To follow Jesus, we are to 3.

To follow Jesus, we are to 4.

#### **Family Sunday**



Check in your babies - Kindergarten before Worship beginning at 10:30am. They will receive a name tag and you will receive a guardian tag. Hold on to your guardian tag for pickup time. 1st-6th Grade will join their family for worship for the full service.

Newborn to 23 months (Room C116) 3-5 year olds (Room C112)

2 year olds (Room C114) 1st - 6th grade (Room C108)

# **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 at the First Steps Room, after the service to discuss your spiritual decision.



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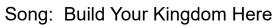
Message

Deacon of the Week



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

# December 27, 2020



- Artist: Rend Collective
- Song: He Has Come For Us
- Artist: Meredith Andrews
- Song: What Child Is This?
- Artist: Various Artist
- Song: O Come All Ye Faithful
- Artist: Variouys Artist
- Song: Christ Be All Around Me Artist: Michael W. Smith
- Song: Light Of The World
- Artist: Matt Redman

Dr. Robert Miller

"Christmas 365 Days A Year" John 17:15-18, Matthew 16:24-26

**Ben Breedlove** 







#### This Week @ FBCTC

# December 27 - January 2

#### Sunday

7:45am	TechCrew
8:00am	Worship Rehearsal
9:30am	Bible Study
10:45am	Worship Service

#### Monday-Thursday

Offices are closed for the Holiday







### Coffee with the Pastor Will Resume January 4th, 2021

Monday - Friday live @ 8:00am on our Facebook page. Check out the event on fbctc.com for the blog and Youtube links.

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

Scan the QR code to access our livestream



First Baptist Church LIVE @ 10:45 am

**live**stream

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

# A Message from Robert Miller



2020 has been a forgettable year that we will never forget. Millions getting sick and dying throughout the world. The entire country was shut down, including churches, for months. I watched people in our area and the country lose jobs, businesses, and hope.

2020 has been difficult for me. I lost my brother, I lost some really good friends to Co-vid, and I watched church members have to struggle and go through sickness and death; and I, their pastor, wasn't allowed to visit them in the hospital. It has been the weirdest year ever being a pastor. I could not see sick folks, I preached to empty seats, and our church had to conduct business meetings through email. I dislike doing church like we have had to do. But God has been good, and we see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Though 2020 hasn't been easy or useful, I have to admit some good things I am taking from 2020. Let me look at the bright side of an ugly year.

First, it has helped us all to consider what is most important in life-getting together with others in family gatherings, worshiping with our church family, and appreciating our jobs, grocery shopping, and eating out.

Second, I now realize that all of us are essential, and all our jobs are crucial. Who knew grocery clerks, farmers, and truck drivers were essential? They always were, but now we know it.

Third, who knew that so many folks would watch worship and teaching on Livestream? We now have more views for our Sunday morning worship than we had physically attending worship before. Our congregation, when we count those on Livestream, has doubled. Speaking of essential workers, I appreciate all our tech folks and especially our Livestream folks that volunteer to provide worship every Sunday. My Coffee with the Pastor, a short daily devotional teaching, has more viewing than we have in attendance at Sunday School on Sundays. Without the shut-down, we would not have known about this powerful outreach tool.

Fourth, I have learned not to be in such a hurry all the time. Dallas Willard once said, "ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life." For some strange reason, my pace has slowed during the pandemic. I hope to continue this pace after the pandemic is over.

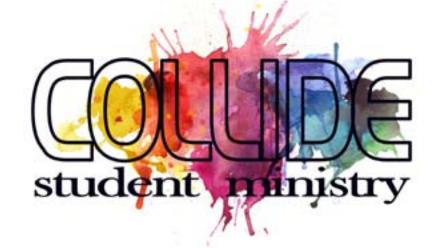
Fifth, I have learned to appreciate our church members more. During the shut-down, our members stepped up and continued to give faithfully. Also, many of our membership has not been able to return physically to church. I miss them a lot! 2021 has to be better!!! Bring on a New Year!

By the way, Happy New Year!

#### Financial gifts for December 20, 2020

**Financial** Plan **Financial Receipt** World Missions **Glass Memorial Baptistry** Finishing the Task

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Collide is new to FBCTC. It is a Student Discipleship Weekend designed for all 7th-12th graders and will be held on the campus of **Bay Area Church.** January 15-17, 2021 Register online @fbctc.com \$50

	Coming in 2021	
MANY M	VBS/Sports Camp	Camp Sonshine
GHA A	<u>June 14-17</u>	<u>July 5-9</u>
HTPH	4yrs-6th grade	1st-6th grade
ATT -	Preteen Camp	Youth Camp
	<u>June 23-26</u>	<u>July19-22</u>
alendar	3rd-6th grade	7th-12th grade

Listen to our worship songs in Spotify. Simply download the Spotify app or browse to it on your computer and search for FBCTC Worship Playlist