

By Dr. Charles Stanley

## Joshua 2

Jericho was the first city that the Israelites needed to conquer in their quest for the land of Canaan. When Joshua sent a pair of spies to check it out, he probably didn't realize that he would receive a glimpse of God's impressive behind-the-scenes activity. God wants us to look at every obstacle through the lens of His unlimited strength and resources. Anything that appears to block His plans is an opportunity for Him to demonstrate His sovereign power. Just because we don't see anything happening, that doesn't mean He's inactive. Always remember that God is at work on the other side of our obstacles, arranging the details and bringing His plans to fruition. When the spies returned to Joshua, they reported that the people of Jericho were scared to death. Having heard about the Jews' deliverance from Egypt and the parting of the Red Sea, they were gripped by the fear of the Lord. The stage was set for the conquest, yet by that point, Joshua had done nothing. Sometimes we think we need to be involved in the solution to our problem, but God is not limited with regard to whom or what He can use to accomplish His will. In this case, He worked in the hearts of the enemy by instilling demoralizing fear.

For Christians, great obstacles need not be reasons for discouragement. Although much of the Lord's activity is silent and invisible, we can be sure He is dynamically working out His will for our lives. When the pieces of His plan are in place, He will move us on to victory.

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BELEN

*Pastor David Guerrero . Pastor Ernest Sanchez*

January 24, 2021



You will seek Me and find Me

Jeremiah 29:13

when you search for Me with  
all of your heart.

### **Welcome to Church!**

If you are a first time visitor, please fill out a "Connect Card" and visit our Connection Desk. We would love an opportunity to get to know you better and encourage you in your spiritual walk, as well as answer any questions! Contact Information for our Pastoral and Office Staff is provided on our website at [www.fbcbelen.net](http://www.fbcbelen.net), or you may call us at 864-8621.

## Activities for the Week

**Sunday - January 24<sup>th</sup>**

Spanish Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Young Adults @ the Sanchez' home - 7:00 p.m.

**Monday - January 25<sup>th</sup>**

Church Office Closed

**Tuesday - January 26<sup>th</sup>**

Ladies Bible Study - 9:15 a.m.

**Wednesday - January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Deaf Fellowship - 5:30 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study  
Children's Ministry  
Choir Practice  
Rooted Youth  
6:00 p.m.

**Thursday - January 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday - January 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday - January 30<sup>th</sup>**

NEW MEXICO

1 FOCUS-1 FAMILY-1 FAITH

EVANGELISM  
CONFERENCE

- Save the Date -

Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> &  
Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

New Location Announced...  
Hoffmantown Church  
If interested in attending, please  
register online at [bcnm.com](http://bcnm.com)

### Church Office Hours

Monday: Closed. . Tuesday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm . Friday: Closed

## Deacons of the Week:

Lloyd Cary

**Safety Team - January 31<sup>st</sup>:**

Howard Curry  
Allen Hancock

**THISWEEK**

The Church Office  
will be closed

Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> for meetings.

Satan's Target  
is your mind  
and his weapon is lies.  
Fill your mind with  
**God's Word.**

TobyMac #SpeakLife

**The Church Business  
Meeting has  
been Rescheduled:**

**Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**  
following the  
Worship Service

## Giving is Worship

"Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart..."

- 1 Chronicles 29:9 -



Contribution Statements are available  
in the foyer **Today.**

Not once during the pandemic did the abortion industry, especially the late-term services come to a standstill. It was business as usual. Lives were being snuffed out daily in Albuquerque (and throughout America). **So it is highly appropriate to begin 2021 with a focus on the Sanctity of Human Life.** Let us behave in a way that saves lives by giving to Care Net Pregnancy Center. *Please be sure to designate Valencia County on your donation* and mail it to: Care Net Valencia County - 601 Main SE Suite 26 - LL, NM 87031

Every Life



Deserves a Lifetime

**CARE NET**

**Church Office Closed:** Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> - for meetings.

**Business Meeting:** Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> - Following the Worship Service.

**Baby Church:** The P - 5 classroom is open to all parents/grandparents with babies.

**Young Adults:** Join Pastor Ernest & Rebecca - Sundays - 7:00 p.m.

**Ladies Bible Study:** Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> - 9:15 a.m. - Faith Building

**Wednesday Night Activities:** Come Join Us! Adult Bible Study - Youth - Deaf Fellowship - Bible Study - Children's Ministry

**Sermon Notes and Children's Bulletins are available at the Connection Center Desk.**