

Where Are the Young Adults?

LifeWay Research (a ministry of LifeWay Christian Resources, the publishing arm of the Southern Baptist Convention) surveyed 2,002 US adults ages 23-30 who attended a Protestant Church regularly for at least a year in high school. They found a substantial amount of people in this age demographic have decided that the church is no longer integral to building their faith or their faith is no longer integral to them. The 66% who said they stopped attending church regularly cited a variety of reasons. The survey listed 55 reasons and asked them to pick all that applied. On average, they chose seven to eight reasons which fell under four categories.

Life Changes (college/work responsibilities prevent attending)



Church/Pastor Reasons (32% said members seemed judgmental/hypocritical, 29% felt disconnected)



Religious, Political, Ethical Reasons (25% disagreed w/the churches stance on political or social issues, 22% were attending to please someone else)



Student/Youth Ministry Reasons (23% said they never connected with other students, 20% said students were judgmental/hypocritical)



“We’re tapping into a lot of different feelings & logistical things as well,” said Scott McConnell, executive director of LifeWay Research, pointing out that this age group is often in a time of transition. Leaving was not an intentional decision for many. Of those who dropped out, 71% said they did not plan on it. “A statistic like that says, Wow! We need to help these young people. We must continue to reach out to them & be sharing the Good News of the Gospel to have a relationship with God, but **also to have a relationship with the church,**” Mc Connell said.

Did You Know that here at FBC Belen we have an active Young

Adults Group meeting weekly under the leadership of Pastor Ernest & Rebecca Sanchez? They lovingly open up their home every Sunday evening to help disciple these young people - as well as actively participate in their lives throughout the week.

Did You Know that this group of young people will greatly benefit from your prayers and support? Please include them on your prayer lists & if you are interested in giving to this group (for things such as food or activities) you can designate Young Adults Ministry on your gift. If you have any questions, or would like to learn more about this Ministry, please see Pastor Ernest & Rebecca. They would love to visit with you!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BELEN

Pastor David Guerrero . Pastor Ernest Sanchez

January 31, 2021



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.fcbelen.net, or you may call us at 864-8621.

Activities for the Week

Sunday - January 31st
Spanish Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Church Business Meeting
Young Adults @ the Sanchez'
home - 7:00 p.m.

Monday - February 1st

Tuesday - February 2nd
Ladies Bible Study - 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday - February 3rd
Deaf Fellowship - 5:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study
Children's Ministry
Choir Practice
Rooted Youth
6:00 p.m.

Thursday - February 4th

Friday - February 5th

Saturday - February 6th

Deacons of the Week:
Lloyd Cary

Safety Team - February 7th:
Howard Curry
Allen Hancock

“Never be
afraid to trust
an unknown
future to a
known God.”

- CORRIE TEN BOOM -

The Baptist Convention of NM
invites you to join in prayer.
Wednesday, February 10, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Virtual prayer meeting
via Zoom & Facebook Live
- **Free registration is required** -
bcnm.com/CapitolPrayer or
call Joy Pittman at 924-2311 by
Friday, February 5th

Church Business Meeting - Today

following the Worship Service



- Save the Date -

Monday, February 22nd &
Tuesday, February 23rd

New Location Announced...Hoffmantown Church
If interested in attending, please register online at bcnm.com
Conference Schedule Coming Soon.



Prayer Meeting
Saturday
February 13th
8:00 a.m.

*“Yet, LORD my God, give attention to
your servant’s prayer and his plea for
mercy. Hear the cry and the prayer
that your servant is praying in
Your presence.”*
2 Chronicles 6:19

Let us come together to lift up in prayer
our Pastors, our Church, our City, Our
State, our Nation.



Let us behave in a way
that saves lives by
giving to
Care Net
Pregnancy Center.
Please be sure to desig-
nate Valencia County
on your donation
and mail it to:

Care Net Valencia Co.
601 Main SE Suite 26
LL, NM 87031

Business Meeting: Today - 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, February 2nd - 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.

The
Capitol
Prayer
Gathering 2021

Church Office Hours

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