



If things are same 'ol, same 'ol for you as a Christian, ponder the direction of your life. We are the followers of Jesus and He seems to constantly lead us onward. Maybe this is what pushes us to walk by faith and not by sight. In this new year, you are being invited to **take it off**.

**NEW to Community Groups?** *Take off your coat and stay a while.*

Community requires commitment and we are convinced that if you will devote yourself to other Christians, Jesus will use that to grow you up in Him and assist others on their journey.

**VETERAN to Community Groups?** *Take off your mask & risk being known.*

As an act of worship, open your life to others. Move beyond faithful attendance, Bible talk and pleasantries. Refuse to settle for what is seen as normal and pursue the picture of togetherness shown in the Scriptures.

**Branham CG** SUNDAYS | 9-10:15am

**Español CG** SUNDAYS | 10:45am-noon

**College & 20s CG** SUNDAYS | 12:30pm

**Pearl CG** TUESDAYS | 7pm

**Middle School CGs** 1st & 3rd TUESDAYS | 7-9pm

**High School CGs** 2nd & 4th TUESDAYS | 7-9pm

**Women's AM CG** WEDNESDAYS | 9:30-11:30am

**Women's PM CG** THURSDAYS | 7-8:30pm

**Men's CG** THURSDAYS | 7-8:30pm

**Kooser CG** FRIDAYS | 6:30pm



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*Bible Church*

EVERY SUNDAY AT 9 & 10:45AM  
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1 Thessalonians 1:1-5  
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# New?

We are so glad you're here! Whether you're new to a relationship with Jesus, looking for a new church home, or just wanting to learn more about Christianity, this is a great place for you! Get your kids checked in, grab a seat, and meet someone around you! Then use the 3 items below to get more involved!

## 3 Ways To Connect

1. **The City** is our church's online community where you can develop real relationships every day of the week. Connect at [nbcsj.org/thecity](http://nbcsj.org/thecity)
2. **Sundays.** Come back next week as we sing together, explore God's Word together, and live life together. And be sure to come back on the first Sunday of month, when we all have lunch together at 12:15pm!
3. **Community Groups** are where we grow with others, sharing the joys and struggles of our daily lives. [nbcsj.org/communitygroups](http://nbcsj.org/communitygroups)

# Kids

Check your kids in TODAY in our foyer for a fun, relevant, and educational Sunday School program that they will love! We are currently teaching through the Old Testament. See the chart below for the specific story being covered today and next Sunday.

If any of your kids are elementary age (K-5th), **keep them with you today.** On the first Sunday of every month, and sometimes on special occasions (like today) elementary age students get to worship with their families for the whole service! To learn more about our kids ministry, visit [nbcsj.org/OneWay](http://nbcsj.org/OneWay).

## Classrooms

Nursery (8 wks-1)	Room 2
Preschool (2-PreK)	Room 1
Lower Elementary (K-2nd)	Room 3
Upper Elementary (3rd-5th)	Room 4

	STORY	TITLE	SCRIPTURE
THIS WEEK	29	Moses Confronts Pharaoh	Exodus 4:18-7:13
NEXT WEEK	30	God Sends Plagues Against Egypt	Exodus 7:14-11:1

# Youth

We have active and relevant ministries for middle school students, high school students, college students, and young adults! Most of what we do happens during the week, but there are different things for youth on Sundays:

- **Middle school students** meet on the 4th Sunday of every month during the 9am service. When there's a 5th Sunday in a month (about 4 times a year), they join the high school students on an off-campus service trip.
- **High school students** join the middle school students on an off-campus service trip when there's a 5th Sunday in a month (about 4 times a year).
- **All youth** are encouraged to serve in various ministries at the church! For different service opportunities at NBC, visit [nbcsj.org/in-our-church](http://nbcsj.org/in-our-church)

To see what we're up to during the week and to get involved, visit our webpages!

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL: <a href="http://nbcsj.org/youth">nbcsj.org/youth</a>	COLLEGE & 20s: <a href="http://nbcsj.org/c20">nbcsj.org/c20</a>
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# Adults

We have community groups and events tailored for both men and women! For more info, visit...

<a href="http://nbcsj.org/communitygroups">nbcsj.org/communitygroups</a>	<a href="http://nbcsj.org/calendar">nbcsj.org/calendar</a>
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Now or later. This dilemma pops up all the time. For anyone seeking God or happiness in the afterlife, the answer seems like a no-brainer: later gratification at the expense of now.

But 1 Thessalonians teaches that these two words are supposed to be held in tension and not forced to compete. In this short letter to a young church, the Apostle Paul celebrates and instructs new believers on how to live in the present while simultaneously pointing to a future that promises joy and restoration. This "now and not yet" teaching permeates the entire New Testament. Find hope, joy, and purpose for life both now and later as we savor the various flavors of truth in this New Testament book.

## Mexico Info Meeting - TODAY, 2-3pm

Come find out all the details for our upcoming 2016 Mexico trip! The dates for the trip are July 17-23, 2016. During this meeting, you will learn the basics of what the trip will be like, get a rough idea of cost, and get your questions answered. We will meet in the Share Room.



## Foster Together - TODAY, 6:30pm

Foster the Bay presents FOSTER TOGETHER - a powerful evening filled with stories of how God is leading the church to care for vulnerable children. This is a FREE event! Dessert & childcare will be provided.

For more information, visit <http://www.fosterthebay.org/foster-together>



## Beautiful Day - April 16-17

We get an opportunity to serve our community in a tangible way! Head over to [beautifulday.org](http://beautifulday.org) for more info or to sign up for a project!

This is a way to go to church elsewhere. To be the hands and feet of Jesus. If church is emptier that Sunday, that's great - you're all out serving!

Got questions? [nbcsj.org/contactus](http://nbcsj.org/contactus)

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