

2022 Year-in-Review

Hello Forever church family,

Greetings in the name of Jesus! Let us look back at our highlights of 2022 and celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness to Forever Community Church and its families.

Here is a quick overview of the amazing things that happened this year. Thank you all for your partnership in the gospel!

JANUARY

- *Global Missions* - we started supporting missionaries. FCC currently supports 11 missionaries.
- *January 23, 2022 - FCC for the 3rd time moved again.* This time at the Antioch Community Center. We praise and thank God for moving us to this new facility. Also, thanking and praising the Lord for Pastor Larry Adams in granting our invitation to deliver a message and for ushering us to the new worship facility.

FEBRUARY

- *February 11, 2022 - Held our first couple Valentine's event.* May the Lord continue to work in the life of all the couples and their families.

MARCH

- *March 4, 2022 - the FCC Men's Ministry officially launched FOREVER BROTHERS and the FCC Women's Ministry officially launched FOREVER SISTERS.* It was a night of worship, prayer, sharing of God's Word and fellowship.

APRIL

- *April 10, 2022 - Held first water baptism at the Prewett Water Park.* Baptized 19 people, ages 9 to 86 years old. Praise God! Praying for more people to follow the Lord in water baptism.
- *April 17, 2022 - The church celebrated its first Easter Sunday* with a powerful message of Jesus Christ's Resurrection! There were 149 people in attendance.

MAY

- *May 6, 2022 - Night of Worship Live with Jesus One Generation (Hesus Ikaw Ang Bida)* - FCC held its first evangelism outreach concert. It was a blessing and encouragement to us all, seeing all FilAm groups from different churches come together for glory of God. We are better together.
- *May 8, 2022 - Celebrated FOREVER Mom's Day*
- *May 29, 2002 First Youth Sunday* - The Church rejoices in celebrating the greatness and goodness of God in the lives of our Youth and Young Adults. This is an answered prayer for a new generation of faithful young men and women who rose up to continue in building up His church through love, worship and service.
- *Leyte landslide victims* - sent monetary relief through Pastor Nollie Pesiral, Victory Church

JUNE

- *June 17, 2022 - FCC's Youth and Young Adults held their first bible study meeting* at the Padua's home. The study challenges them to not dwell nor focus too much on one's outward appearance but rather on how God sees your inner being, your heart. Each one should seek how to glorify God through the IMAGE and life of His son Jesus Christ.
- *June 12, 2022 - FCC Student Graduations and Promotions and Children's Day!* - The church had an amazing day celebrating and recognizing our children's accomplishments. We praise God for guiding them throughout the 2022 school year.

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- *June 19, 2022 - Celebrated FOREVER Dad's Day*
- *June 24, 2022 - Women's ministry held "Tea, Music and Reflection". Praising God for the 48 ladies with 11 guests for time of worship, fellowship and those who found relationship with Christ through the message of the gospel.*

JULY

- *July 9, 2022 - Hosted FCC's first Golf Tournament Fellowship held at Diablo Creek Golf Course. We praise God for the 32 golfers who participated, represented by different churches. IN JESUS' NAME WE PLAY!*
- *July 28, 2022 - Youth Ministry - For 7 months we have been praying for the Lord to send someone to lead our youths. Praise God for Quinn Calebrese and Josie Walker who answered the call to lead this ministry. It is truly an answered prayer. As parents and as a church our responsibility is to admonish and train our children in the Lord.*
- *Endowment Fund - Forever Community Church was selected as the recipient of the investment income (\$2400) from the Carlos San Luis Endowment fund. Praise God for this surprise blessing!*
- *Senegal Radio Station - We sent \$2,000 to help build a new Christian radio station in Linguere, Senegal. This radio station will serve to reach the people in the region of Louga. We partnered with Kaddu Gu Sell Gi ministries (Pastor Amet & Alexia Fall).*

AUGUST

- *August 6, 2022 - First FCC picnic held at the Summer Lake Park, Oakley.*
- *FCC partnered with CRU Inner City and gave out backpacks with school supplies called Powerpacks. We are reaching out with the hope of the gospel and backpack full of school supplies.*
- *August 20, 2022 - Annual Basketball Fellowship with other FilAm Churches. Praise God for this fun and healthy event!*
- *August 21, 2022 - Celebrated National Senior Citizens Day! At FCC, we value and love our seniors. We celebrated, honored and prayed for them.*

SEPTEMBER

- *September 4, 2022 - Celebrated Forever Kids Ministry. We recognized and prayed for all our volunteers (teachers and student helpers).*
- *September 11, 2022 - Celebrated the Production, AV, Social Media, Web, and Design teams. We recognized and prayed for all our volunteers.*
- *September 30, 2022 - Women's Fall Event titled "Be Bold", to step forward and live out God's purposes for us.*
- *September 30, 2022 - Men's Fall Event titled "Let Us All Be Fishers of Men", to win men for Jesus Christ.*

OCTOBER

- *October 16, 2022 - We praise and thank God for the church 1st year anniversary, celebrated in our new location in Brentwood. He is truly faithful to all of us at FCC! We thank God for upholding His church and guiding us through the year 2022. This is our 4th move. We thank Pastor Larry Adams in granting our invitation again to deliver a message and for ushering us to the new worship facility.*
- *Bank of America Foundation - Forever Community Church was selected as the recipient of a \$3,500 charitable gift in honor of their employee Retirement Recognition Grant. Praise God!*

NOVEMBER

- *A family of 6 was evicted and we partnered with Golden Hills to help with their rent. FCC also assisted with job search and financial stewardship.*
- *November 19, 2022 - Boxes of Love (Thanksgiving meal) - delivered Boxes of Love to 10 families. May they feel the love of Christ as FCC comes alongside them.*
- *November 20, 2022 - Kids Ministry Operations Christmas Child Shoeboxes - we praise God for the 65 shoeboxes we packed!*
- *Nov 27, 2022 - held its 2nd Youth Sunday. Keep Growing in Christ, be Grounded in God's truth and Guard our thoughts from false philosophies of the world.*

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DECEMBER

- *Christmas Outreach (Pamaskong Handog)* - with the help of our missionary partners, we gave out Christmas groceries for over 200 families in Antipolo, Bacoor, Cavite, Santa Rosa, and Albay, Legaspi)
- *Rebranded website, logo and social media*
- *Dec 11, 2022 - Held indoor baptism at Delta Valley Health Club.* We praise God for the 6 individuals who followed Jesus in water baptism.
- *December 23, 2022 - Christmas Eve Service* with message *Why Call Him Savior?* The importance, the urgency, and the hope of Christmas are all wrapped up in that one question. Jesus Christ entered human flesh so that one day we would be able to enter eternity. We praise God for many people who came, especially first time guests.

Just like any church, we experienced many challenges as well during our first year. As your Pastor, I faced uncertainties on a few leadership decisions, policies, and how to best shepherd the people God has entrusted to me. Church planting is difficult and as such we have to treat it as an experiment where we should be flexible and open to making changes to improve. There will be more challenges ahead as we enter our second year but with God's Spirit leading and guidance, together with Converge PacWest we will navigate what the Lord has in store for FCC. I believe that the Lord will continue to bring people to our church to accomplish His purposes. We are on the right track and we will continue to be a positive influence in our community for Christ.

I want to thank each one of you for your commitment, loyalty, and service to the Lord. You are truly appreciated.

May the church continue to grow in grace and love and to be faithful in proclaiming the gospel of Christ. It is our desire that "In God, we make our boast all day long and we will praise His name FOREVER" - Psalm 44:8

To God be the Glory! Have a Blessed New Year!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Ben

SERMON Series

As a church we went through the following sermon series:

- *Discipleship Series* (Go Make Disciples; Get Baptize; Join a Church)
- *"We Are Called"* (Called to Believe; Called to Serve; Called to Sacrifice; Called to Obedience)
- *Book of Philipians: "A Joy-Filled Church"* (True Christian Fellowship; Rejoice! Christ is Preached; Magnify Christ; Imitating Christ Humility; Be a Living Offering Acceptable to God; Finding Faithful Friends; Knowing Christ; Pursuing Christlikeness; Contentment Equals Commitment)
- *Church Membership Series* (Discover FCC; FCC Statement of Faith - United in Christ, Unity in the Church (1 Cor 1:10-17); FCC Church Structure (1 Cor 14:40; Healthy Church Members (Col 3:12-17; Eph 5:21)
- *Under the Shepherd's Care* (Psalm 23)
- *Why the Nativity?* (4-week series: Why Jesus Came?; Why Joseph?; Why Mary?; and Why Call Him Savior?)
- We also praise and thank God for many pastors and missionaries who visited and spoke at our church.

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