

The Purpose of FBC . . .

Accept, love and challenge people with God's truth. We help any willing person reach his or her fullest potential to become radically Christ-like.

Bible Reading for the Week

April 7 Ruth 1-4
April 8—1 Samuel 1-3
April 9—1 Samuel 4-8
April 10—1 Samuel 9-12
April 11—1 Samuel 13-14
April 12—1 Samuel 15-17
April 13—Psalm 11, 1 Samuel 18-20, Psalm 59
April 14—1 Samuel 21-24

Birthdays

Luke Fowler—4/7
Jeff Warrick—4/7
Erlinda Wenzel—4/7
David Wheatley—4/7
Aaron Will—4/7
Ava Good—4/8
Leilani Humble—4/8
Vien Nguyen—4/8
Tom Croke—4/9
Antonio Valencia—4/9
Natasha Will—4/10
Amanda Schabacker—4/11
William Smith—4/11
Jose Viccina—4/11
Carlos Aguirre—4/12
Natalie Barajas—4/12
Deanna Robenalt—4/12
Allison Warrick—4/14

For Our Guests . . .

Welcome to First Baptist Church! We are so glad you have joined us this morning.

Guests . . If you would like to receive information or a brochure on FBC and any of its ministries, please stop by the Connections Center.

Also, please share any prayer or praises in the space provided on one of the orange Communication Cards located in the pew racks. Let us know how we can help you!

Visit our Website for more information on all our ministries:
<http://fbc-tempe.org>

For a complete listing of our Pastoral Staff and contact information, please visit our website at fbc-tempe.org.
You may also contact the Church Office at 480-839-0926.

Free Sermons

Want to listen to one of the sermons by Pastor Anthony or one of the other FBC Pastors?

Free sermons by Pastor Anthony and the other FBC Pastors are available to you on the FBC webpage at www.fbc-tempe.org.

Volunteer House Cleaners Needed at FBC

We are looking for a few good men and women who could help with some important tasks on our campus. We need help with:

- ✓ Vacuuming
- ✓ Cleaning windows,
- ✓ Landscape projects,
- ✓ Clean tables and chairs,
- ✓ Dusting for cob webs and
- ✓ Organizing several storage rooms.



If you would give a few hours to help with one or more of these projects, contact the Church Office at 480-839-0926.

Financial Update 2024

General Giving	Last Week	YTD (03/24)
Budget Plan	\$ 23,920	\$ 310,960
Giving (Donations)	\$ 8,026	\$ 221,385
	\$ -15,894 (Shortage)	\$ -89,575 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 22,079	\$ 262,634
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (03/24)
Budget Plan	\$ 888	\$ 11,544
Giving (Donations)	\$ 4,134	\$ 26,804
	\$ 3,246 (Overage)	\$ 15,260 (Overage)
FP Expenses	\$ 2,858	\$ 13,206

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 210	\$ 593,442

Please continue to give to help reduce our long-term Legacy debt of approximately \$296,286.00
On February 6, 2018, our debt was \$1,829,853.40.
Earmark your donations "Legacy"

How Do I Get Connected?

Do you want to meet and get to know the full-time Pastors, Children's Director, Women's Ministry Director and others? If so, you are invited to contact the Church Office by calling 480-839-0926 to schedule a time to meet.



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April 7, 2024

4525 S. McClintock Drive
Tempe, AZ 85282
480-839-0926
fbc-tempe.org
Dr. Roger Ball, Managing Pastor

Welcome to Worship

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

This is Amazing Grace
Welcome and Announcements
How Great is Your Love
Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me
Message:
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
Mental Health—"Sin or Not"
1 Thessalonians 5:14

11:00 am - Contemporary Worship

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By giving to Faith Promise you help our missionaries spread the Gospel of Jesus around the world!

Scan here to enter FBC's electronic giving page.



CIRA 2024 Update

The Center for Islamic Research and Awareness (CIRA-a full-time ministry of FBC) is excited to provide you with this financial update for the period of February 2024.

Financial Need

Annual Budget	\$ 139,447.00
Giving-to-Date	\$ 34,745.00
Under Budget	\$ 104,702.00

On behalf of Al Fadi, Hanane and the CIRA ministry thank you for your kindness and your continued support. Your contributions enable them to serve HIM to advance the Gospel to Muslims here and throughout the world. For more information contact Al Fadi at alfadi@CIRAIInternational.com. Make out all checks to FBC earmarked "CIRA."

Church Plant 2024 Update

The FBC Church Plant (10 minutes from FBC-Tempe) in Guadalupe (a ministry of FBC) is pleased to provide you a financial update for the period of February 2024.

Financial Need

Annual Budget	\$ 150,000.00
Giving-to-Date	\$ 15,452.00
Under Budget	\$ 134,548.00

The FBC Church Plant in Guadalupe along with Peter and Trisha Molina, would like to say thank you for your support and contributions which enable them to serve HIM and share the Gospel with the people of Guadalupe. For more information regarding the Church Plant, you can contact Peter Molina at pnmolina@asu.edu. Make out all checks to FBC earmarked "Church Plant."

This Week at FBC

Sunday, April 7

9:30 am-Contemporary FAMILY Worship
9:30 am-Kid City nursery/preschool Classes
11:00 am-Contemporary FAMILY Worship
11:00 am-Kid City nursery/preschool Classes
12:00 pm-Lunch in MAC
5:00pm—Young Adults in the Café

Monday, April 8

6:15 am—Men's Bible Study-Truth Project
7:00 pm-Parents of Addicted Loved Ones

Tuesday, April 9

9:30 am-Tuesday Women's Ministries Bible Study

Wednesday, April 10

5:00 pm— Young Family Group
5:30 pm-Karate
6:30 pm-Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm-Orchestra Rehearsal
7:45 pm-Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal
8:00 pm-Worship Team and Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, April 11

5:00 pm Youth Music Hang Out
6:00 pm Youth Group
6:30 pm GriefShare
6:30 pm-Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study

Consider These

Consistent giving facilitates consistent ministry.

Abundant grace brings abundant blessing and spurs abundant ministry.

The work of God is to be done by the people of God giving according to the will of God.

Reflect

Happiness comes when we stop wailing about the troubles we have, and offer thanks for all the troubles we don't have.

Patience strengthens the spirit, sweetens the temper, stifles anger, subdues pride, and bridles the tongue.

Romans 8:6-8 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, ⁷because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able *to do so*, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Safety and Security



For the safety and security of everyone, your backpack or bag may be inspected. Thanks for your cooperation!

FBC Window Decals

FBC car window decals are still available for purchase. All proceeds from these go to Faith Promise to support our FBC Missionaries and Short-Term Mission Trips. If you have any questions regarding these, contact David Brinn.



Visit our Website for more information on all our ministries:
<http://fbc-tempe.org>

Library News

New DVD's in the Library:

- ✓ "Faith Under Fire"
- ✓ "The Hill"

New Books in the Library:

- ✓ "The Battle for the Beginning" by John MacArthur
- ✓ "Dancing Through Sor-row" by Ben Joseph
- ✓ "The Search for Significance" by Robert McGee



FBC Bible Classes

8:00 am

Messenger Class-Room 107/108
(Couples and Singles, 50's-70's)

9:30 am

Nursery-
Birth through 23 Months Old
Children's Classes-Kid City
(2 Years through 6th Grade)

Truth Seekers-Room 106
(Couples and Singles All Ages)

Women's Bible Study-Room 118

JHM (Junior High)-Room 207
(Junior High Ages 12-14)

HSM (High School)-Room 207
(High School Ages 14-18)

11:00 am

Nursery-
Birth through 23 Months Old
Children's Classes-Kid City
(2 Years through 6th Grade)

The Hood-Room 107/108
(Couples and Singles All Ages)

5:00 pm

Young Adults
18-25 years old
Meet in the Café

Online Donation

Why not consider signing up for electronic giving. FBC relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give once or on a recurring basis. To give electronically, visit www.fbc-tempe.org and locate the link to the electronic giving page.

Every Donation Helps

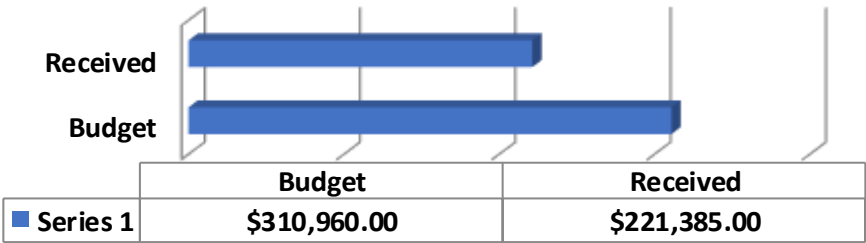
God values and blesses your faithful giving. Read Proverbs 3:5-10.

God is doing many good things at our church. Thanks for your offerings to God.

We need \$23,920.00 each week to meet our budget.

YTD Money Needed
\$310,960.00
YTD Money Received
\$221,385.00
UNDER Budget
\$89,575.00

2024 General Fund Giving



Sunday Lunch in the MAC

Your donations at the food line in the wood boxes help greatly to cover the cost of each meal

- 4-7 Deli Bar with assorted condiments, vegetables, chips, pasta salad, salad bar and dessert
- 4-14 Taco Bar with Beans, rice, chips and FBC salsa, salad bar and dessert
- 4-21 Teriyaki Chicken, fried rice, spring rolls, salad bar and dessert
- 4-28 Herb Seared Chicken, rice, vegetables, rolls and butter, salad bar and dessert

KID CITY

(Birth through 6th grade)
Spiritual Growth Opportunities
Sunday's 9:30 am & 11:00 am

Today your son/daughter will learn about:

Preschool through Kindergarten

A Servant's Eyes are Opened
(2 Kings 6:8-17)

Memory Verse: Psalm 75:1

"Our God, we thank you for being so near to us! Everyone celebrates
your wonderful deeds."

1st through 6th Grade

Family Service
(9:30 & 11:00 hours)

1st through 6th Grade: Read It, Memorize It & Live It

Between services (10:30 am -11:00 am) students have the
opportunity to memorize God's Word.



Kids age 3 thru 5th grade join us this summer
for **Wacky Wednesday VBS!**

Every other Wednesday night from 6-8pm
June 5 & 19
July 3 & 17

FREE but you MUST REGISTER

Or go to fbc-tempe.org and check out
Children's Ministries





CHURCH VOTE RESULTS. Thank you.

FBCT church members voted on Sunday, March 17, 2024 and approved the following nominees for various church leadership positions/offices. Each nominee on the ballot received at least a 90 percent "Yes Vote" approval. Each nominee will begin their service as an officer of FBCT on April 1, 2024.

- We welcome Rassamy Keoduangta as Financial Secretary and Don Halver as Church Treasurer.
- We welcome Paulina Harner and Joy Getz as Deaconesses.
- We welcome Robert Hill, Paul Turck, Todd White and Troy Malmin as Deacons.

Serving Helpers and Cooking Helpers Needed



- ***Serving Help is needed in Skylight Café*** on Sundays at 9:00 am and 11:00 am – Contact Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2394 or at the Church Office at 480-839-0926
- ***Serving Help is needed at Lunch in the MAC*** on Sundays at 12:00 pm – Contact Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2394 or at the Church Office at 480-839-0926
- ***A Cooking Assistance is needed on Sundays for Lunch Preparation*** – Contact Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2394 or at the Church Office at 480-839-0926
- ***Individuals are needed to help Wash Dishes on Sundays following Lunch*** – Contact Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2394 or at the Church Office at 480-839-0926

HELP Needed in Skylight Café!

Skylight Café is still in need of more volunteers! Come and be a part of this exceptional ministry!



- ☐ I would like more information on working in Skylight Café!

Name _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Please tear off and place in Offering Plate!



June 2026 Debt/Bank Loan for Worship Center, Music Center and Kid City



Originally the Loan was \$1,829,853.44 in November 2016
The Loan is now \$308,580.00 as of February 18, 2024.

FBC Endowment, a support organization of First Baptist Church of Tempe, services the National Bank of Arizona loan out of \$13,500.00 monthly payment from the church. With an additional \$24,000.00 of contributions each year, that loan would be fully paid off in May 2026. (And by the end of that year, a secondary loan of \$110,000.00 would also be paid off.) Payments of \$13,500 per month (\$162,000.00) can then be used to support other ministries of the church!

***Amazing! Help Pay down the debt.
Make your donation to FBC, earmarked "Legacy"***

April 7 – May 5, 2024



**New Sermon Series Coming
Soon!**

MENTAL HEALTH

Hear from Pastor Anthony as well as guest professionals in the mental health field each week.

April 7: Sin or Not – Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

April 14: Spiritual Abuse - with Mindelle Will Romans 6:1-14, 23

April 21: Social Conflict – with Alicia Padilla Luke 17:3, Eph 4:29, Rom12:17

April 28: Self-Regulation – with Loretta White 2Tim 1:7, Gal 5:22-23

May 5: Relational Trauma – w/Karissa Whitlatch John 8:31-32, Heb.6:18



GriefShare Support Group

Help and encouragement following the death of a loved one

GriefShare Weekly Seminars – in person/online

NEW MEETING DAY! Thursdays, January 18 – April 11 6:30pm

For registration information, contact Teresa Kovac at 732-319-5533
or visit www.Griefshare.org

Men's Golf Tournament

Date and Time - Saturday, May 11, 2024, 7:00 am

Place – Springfield Golf Resort

Cost - \$65.00 per person



Includes: Two-Man Best Ball,

1 Round of Golf, Cart and Lunch

To Register – Scan the QR code or
sign up at the Men's table



Online Giving

Have you ever considered using online donations to make your contributions to FBC? Online Giving . . .

- Helps you plan your offerings as a percentage of your income (I Corinthians 16:2).
- Is easy, convenient and secure.
- Supports the ministry program at FBC, just like your plate offerings do.

Would you like to give online? Go to the FBC webpage at www.fbc-tempe.org and click on "Donations" and follow the directions.

If you need assistance contact Pam Rosendale at 480-839-0926.



Golfland Sun Splash

Date – Sunday, May 19

Time – 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Cost - \$25.00 per person

Be watching for details!

Women's Ministry Events

Women to Women Connection

Thursdays in April – 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th. 4 messages, “Discerning the Voice of God” by Charmaine Newton

Make it a “girls night out” – meet new and old friends, refreshments and dynamic message from God’s Word. In the Quad – no charge, 6:30-8:00 pm

Summer Bible Studies

*Tuesdays: May 7 – June 25, in the Quad 9:30-11:30 am. Study Book \$12
“Making God’s Faithfulness the Bedrock of Your Faith”*

*Thursdays: May 2 – June 20, Room 104 6:30-8:00pm. Study Book \$11
“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”, a study in the Parables*



WOMEN'S RETREAT

September 13-15, 2024

\$165 – 5 meals, 2 nights

Tonto Rim Christian Camp, Payson, AZ

“Life is Like a Box of Chocolates...taking the risk”

SPOTS ARE GOING FAST! Sign up SOON!

All Women are Welcome – Sign up at the Women’s Ministry Table in the hallway across from the Café

SAVE THE DATE!

Fall Bible Studies – Tuesdays AM August 13-November 12
“Sermon on the Mount”

Thursdays PM August 15 – November 7
“Hebrews”

Women’s Christmas Brunch Potluck: Saturday, December 7, 9am – Noon

For more information and to sign up for women’s Bible studies and activities, visit the Women’s Ministry Table in the hallway across from the café.



April 2024 God Stories

*“Trust in Him at all times, O people;
Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah.”
Psalms 62:8*

1. **Pray, Pour Out Your Heart, and Trust God.** After much prayer and consideration, the FBCT Deacon Board unanimously recommends Pastor John Heston to the FBCT family as a candidate for the Senior Pastor position. They ask that you continue to join them in prayer as on Sunday, April 14, 2024 a vote will be held in each worship service to determine if Pastor Heston will be the next Senior Pastor for FBCT. Pray for our FBC Family that we would pray and then trust God's leading.
2. **Trusting God to Use You to Build His Kingdom.** Damaris Beltran spent her spring break in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico building a roof, painting walls, apply stucco, mixing cement, spooling wire, and shoveling dirt. She did this to show God's love to the poor. Damaris says, “But it is much more than that. This is an opportunity to share Jesus. I am fluent in Spanish. I have a unique opportunity to talk to people and share my faith, and not just do the physical labor. I am only 15 years old, and although I don't have all the answers or know the Bible as well as I should, I can still plant seeds. I plant seeds by sharing what I do know, I plant seeds by loving people, showing kindness, playing with the little kids, and developing relationships with the families we are helping. My favorite part is always connecting with people, talking to them and sharing my life with them. I plan on continuing these trips as long as God allows me to!” Pray that God uses these mission trips in Damaris' life to not only change the lives in Mexico but also to change her life. Great job, Damaris!

3. **Church Planters Pray, Pour Out Their Hearts and Trust God!**
Pastor Peter and Trish Molina, FBCT's church planters are seeing fruit from their ministry. Pastor Peter writes, "Months ago, I shared a story about one young adult named Antonio. He was seeking help from witchcraft books at the Guadalupe library to "cast spells" on his own family. A couple of weeks ago, by God's grace, I led him through the sinner's prayer. Now, he is hungry for God's Word and growth. Antonio's decision to accept Christ's free gift of forgiveness was made after many conversations. Each Friday I asked him how he was doing and he was an open book ready for someone to dive in and help him peel back parts of his story like an onion while moving forward as he figures out how to turn the next page." Pray and trust God with the Molina's.
4. **Women's Retreat Will Prepare You to Trust a Sovereign God.**
"Life is Like a Box of Chocolates" – you don't know what you will get. This weekend without responsibility is filled with lots of laughter, freedom to be silly and the assurance of being accepted. It's listening, sharing, and praying. It's building new friendships and rekindling the old. Most importantly it's growing in your personal relationship with Jesus. It's Women's Retreat! Ladies, we need each other, the church needs us. Most importantly we all need Jesus. Can't wait to see you September 13-15! Look for Kris Williamson on Sundays for more information.
5. **Praise God! People Want to Trust God Together at FBCT!**
That is right. It is exciting to see the increased interest in belonging to a family of like-minded believers. When you belong to FBC-T, you are saying that you are committed to worshipping, serving and encouraging the family here. You, too, can join FBC-T. You, too, can serve the family and trust God together. Our pastors would be glad to help you through the steps to membership.

6. **Committed to Truth and Trusting God.** The 6:15am Men's Monday morning group taught by Greg Jones is doing an in-depth study called "The Truth Project." Praise God for this faithful group of men who welcomes any new man, who studies meticulously, who shows up faithfully and who are all committed to living a life for Jesus by trusting Him and by defending the Gospel.
7. **The More You Understand – The More You Trust.** One person gave this feedback after attending the "How to Read/Apply the Bible" special Sunday Bible class: "I have benefited greatly from the new class. I am learning homiletics." Austin Erwin has enjoyed teaching this material at FBC on Sunday mornings. Praise God for Austin. Pray that Austin keeps teaching this special class at FBC, so more people can grow in their ability to read/study the Bible and apply it to their lives.
8. **When You Trust God – You Serve God.** For the last couple of years Rodney Imhoff has showed up every Wednesday and has spent about two hours emptying, cleaning and sanitizing every single trash can (approximately 60) at FBCT. This volunteer service saves the church a ton of money. It sounds like a small thing but Rodney serves God and you in a mighty way. Please tell Rodney thank you when you see him on Sunday.
9. **You Pray and then You Trust God with Your Children.** Pastor Rob did that and now he is beyond thrilled. In February he had an amazing opportunity. Pastor Rob writes: "I had the tremendous privilege of baptizing my son and soon-to-be daughter-in-law." Not only did Pastor Rob get to baptize them but he and his wife Melissa enjoy watching Caleb and Sylvia becoming an active part of FBCT. Pastor Rob says, "It is amazing to see your kids make decisions like this."

10. **When you pray God hears you!** Our music leadership team has been diligently praying that God would send them a guitarist for our services. Pastor Rob writes, “Last week I was introduced to Collin who plays acoustic and is also a vocalist. What a blessing.”
11. **They Long to Be Rooted and Built Up in Jesus.** God is giving our women a desire to grow in spiritual maturity. Tuesday morning’s Connection now has two break-out studies. The Thursday evening study is rock strong. And, our Sunday morning ladies are studying about Jesus’ I Am statements. Women are growing by studying and discovering what the Bible says and means, by having dynamic Bible discussions, and by learning to apply the Word to their own lives. You, too, can mature in your faith! Stop by the Women’s Ministry Table in the hall and chat with Kris Williamson about available studies.
12. **I Trusted Christ at a Young Age.** In 2000 my parents and I moved from rural NY to AZ. The big city intimidated me, Here I met the father of my 3 beautiful children. He was abusive and involved with drugs. It got so bad. One day I really wanted to leave so I went into my bedroom, dropped to my knees and really talked and prayed to the Lord to please help me escape my situation. The next morning, I received a phone call to say he was incarcerated.
13. **Celebrating with Graduates.** FBCT has the privilege of hosting the 2024 Phoenix Seminary graduation May 4th. They will be using our worship center for their graduation ceremony. FBCT’s Mindelle Will and Alicia Padilla will both receive their master’s degrees that day. Congratulations, Mindelle and Alicia!

*“And again, ‘I will put My trust in Him.’ And again,
‘Behold, I and the children whom God has given Me.’”*

Hebrews 2:13



**Video and audio services and messages are being
live streamed at 9:30 and 11:00 am Sundays at
<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchTempe>**

**Pastor Roger's sermons and other FBC Pastors
can be heard for free on our website
at www.fbc-tempe.org.**

Sunday Morning Messages

New Sermon Series April 7 – May 5

MENTAL HEALTH

April 7 – “Sin or Not”

(1 Thessalonians 5:14)

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

April 14 – “Spiritual Abuse”

(Matthew 23)

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch with guest professional, Mindelle Will

April 21 – “Social Conflict – Teens”

(Luke 17:3, Ephesians 4:29, Romans 12:17)

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch with guest professional, Alicia Padilla

April 28 – “Self Regulation”

(2 Timothy 1:7, Galatians 5:22-23)

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(John 8:31-32, Hebrew 6:18)

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch w/ guest professional, Karissa Whitlatch

Mental Illness – Sin or Not?

1 Thessalonians 5:14

April 7, 2024

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

Isaiah 5:20 – “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!”

- **We have to be _____ that we don’t misdiagnose**

How do we tell where mental health begins/ends and where sin begins/ends (do they ever overlap)??

ANSWER- _____

Things to consider

1. Humanity sees _____
2. God sees _____
 - a. 1 Chronicles 28:9 “As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts...”
 - b. Psalms 147:5 “Great is our Lord, and Almighty in power; His understanding is infinite.”
 - c. 1 John 3:20 “For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things”
 - d. Romans 11:33 “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

3. _____ has affected all of

a. Our _____
i. Romans 12:2

b. Our _____
i. Death

c. Our _____
i. Jeremiah 17:9

d. Our _____
i. Romans 3

4. The _____ of God is NOT
dependent on our ability to _____ it

God's job is to decide where _____

Our job is to _____

1 Thessalonians 5:14 "We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

If it's a sin issue... I have _____ because I'm a sinner too!

If it's a mental issue... I have _____ because sin has affected all things, not necessarily always our own sin directly.

Patience doesn't mean no _____ and

patience doesn't mean no _____

God Knows...and Our Response is Patience!