

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

October 17-Matthew 14, Mark 6
Luke 9:1-17
October 18-John 6
October 19-Matthew 15, Mark 7
October 20-Matthew 16, Mark 8,
Luke 9:18-27
October 21- Matthew 17, Mark 9,
Luke 9:28-62
October 22-Matthew 18
October 23-John 7-8
October 24-John 9:1-10:21

Birthdays

Susan Nicholson (10/17)
Joel Spencer (10/20)
Mercedes Jimenez (10/21)
Tiffany Tilghman (10/21)
James Farrington (10/22)
Paula Kielmeyer (10/22)
Mary Laycock (10/22)

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!



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

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 Roger or one of the other FBC Pastors?

Free sermons by Pastor Roger 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 Pastor Chris Hester at fbccampuspastor@fbc-tempe.org.

Financial Update 2021

General Giving	Last Week	YTD (10/10)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,124	\$ 1,153,084
Giving (Donations)	\$ 117,848	\$ 1,072,819
	\$ 89,724 (Overage)	\$ -80,265 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 4,165	\$ 964,738
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (10/10)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 42,845
Giving (Donations)	\$ 255	\$ 45,733
	\$ -790 (Shortage)	\$ 2,888 (Overage)
FP Expenses	\$ 1,500	\$ 55,455

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 320	\$ 321,210

Please continue to give to help reduce our long-term Legacy debt of approximately \$1,152,439.00

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 attend one of our "Welcome Lunches" as a guest of Pastor Roger and Dianna.

If you would like to attend our next Welcome Lunch please contact Jeff Savage by calling 480-839-0926.



**FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF TEMPE**

**WE
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PEOPLE**

Accepting, loving and challenging people with God's truth

October 17, 2021

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

Welcome to Worship

8:00 am-Traditional Worship

All Creatures of Our God and King
Welcome and Announcements
Be Thou My Vision
Fairest Lord Jesus
Holy Ground
Prayer
Special Music-Cynthia Enfinger
Message-Al Fadi
“Pilate Knows the Truth”

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

Our God
Choir
Welcome and Announcements
Whom Shall I Fear
This I Believe
Prayer
Message-Al Fadi
“Pilate Knows the Truth”

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

Made Alive
Welcome and Announcements
Gideon Video
Cannons
Jesus Thank You
Come Thou Fount
Prayer
Message-Al Fadi
“Pilate Knows the Truth”

11:00 am-Acoustic Praise and Worship (Loft)

Welcome
Worship Song #1
Worship Song #2
Worship Song #3
Prayer
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe
“Pilate Knows the Truth”

6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Welcome
Lion and The Lamb
No One Higher
It Is Well With My Soul
Message-Pastor Peter Molina
“Significance of Judah”
Family News

CIRA 2021 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 January-May 2021:

Financial Need

Annual Budget	\$ 126,770.00
Giving-to-Date	\$ 89,887.00
Under Budget	\$ 36,883.00

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 aabboud@fbc-tempe.org. Make out all checks to FBC earmarked “CIRA.”

Church Plant 2021 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 January-May 2021:

Financial Need

Annual Budget	\$ 150,000.00
Giving-to-Date	\$ 36,839.00
Under Budget	\$ 113,161.00

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 pmolina@fbc-tempe.org. Make out all checks to FBC earmarked “Church Plant.”

This Week at FBC

Sunday, October 17

8:00 am-Traditional Worship
8:00 am-Adult Bible Class
9:30 am-Contemporary Worship
9:30 am-Kid City Children’s Classes
9:30 am-Junior High and High School Teen Bible Class
9:30 am-Adult Bible Classes
11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship
11:00 am-Acoustic Praise and Worship
11:00 am-Kid City Children’s Classes
11:00 am-Adult Bible Classes
12:00 noon-Lunch in the MAC
2:00 pm-College Age Volleyball
3:00 pm-GriefShare
5:45 pm-Awana Club
6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Monday, October 18

6:30 am-Men’s Monday Morning Bible Study
6:45 pm-Bible Study Fellowship
7:00 pm-Parents of Addicted Loved Ones

Tuesday, October 19

9:00 am-Women’s Ministry Fall Bible Study
6:30 pm-Women’s Ministry Tuesday Evening Bible Study (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 20

6:30 pm-Worship Team Rehearsal
6:45 pm-Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, October 21

9:00 am-Tot Town
6:00 pm-Women’s Ministry Thursday Night Fall Bible Study
6:00 pm-Junior High and High School Bible Study and Games

Consider These

*“Charitable giving should be a spiritual, rather than an economic decision. Economically, charitable giving never pays.”
(Ron Blue, Christian Financial Planner)*

*“Looking for the reward of good works, we must wait patiently till the last day, the day of resurrection.”
(John Calvin, French Theologian and Reformer)*

*“The return we reap from generous actions is not always evident.”
(Francesco Guicciardini, Italian Historian and Statesman)*

Reflect

Don’t be prideful about anything God has entrusted to you . . .

- ✓ Mark 8:26 “What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?”
- ✓ Proverbs 16:19 “Better to be poor and humble than proud and rich.”
- ✓ Obadiah 1:3-7 “The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself, ‘Who can bring me down to the ground? Though you soar like the eagle and make your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down,’ declares the Lord ... ‘Oh, what a disaster awaits you ... Your friends will deceive and overpower you.’”

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.



Recycle Ink Cartridges

Please place any HP, Dell, Lexmark, Brother, Epson, Samsung, Kodak, Sharp or Canon empty ink cartridges that you have in the recycle box in Skylight Hall. These help defray the cost of office supplies for the church.

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

Library News

The FBC Library is OPEN!!

New to the Library:

- ✓ DVD—The Chosen Season!
- ✓ Books by: Tracie Peterson, Lynn Austin, Karen Kingsbury, and Lauraine Snelling



FBC Bible Classes

8:00 am

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

9:30 am

Friendship Class-Room 106
(Couples and Singles All Ages)

Men’s Class-Room 105
(Men of all Ages)

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)

Truth Seekers-Room 118
(Couples and Singles All Ages)

Journeys-Room 106
(Couples and Singles All Ages)

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.

Help FBC Meet Its Budget

We appreciate your faithful giving to FBC and its ministries.

God is doing many good things at our church. Pray for the economy in America.

We need \$28,124.00 each week to meet our budget.

YTD Money Needed
\$1,153,084.00

YTD Money Received
\$1,072,819.00

UNDER Budget
\$-80,265.00

2021 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
■ Series 1	\$1,153,084.00	\$1,072,819.00



Worship Service Tech Workers Needed

Due to moves and health issues **we are in serious need of new Tech Workers to run our**

Sound, Lighting, Media and Camera Stations for all morning services, as well as our evening service. If you have a desire to serve our Lord Jesus in these areas, we need you greatly. Our worship services cannot happen without dedicated volunteers to serve these vital tech positions. We will train you on whichever tech station you would like to serve. Please contact Pastor Roger Ball at 602-402-5309 or email him at rball@fbc-tempe.org or Julie Huver at jhuver@fbc-tempe.org.



Children's Ministry (Birth through 6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story: God Hears the Prayers of His People and Sends Moses

Bible Point: Shout

Elementary

Bible Story: A Bride for Isaac

Bible Point: A Bride for Isaac

Extraordinary Blessings / Special Needs

Bible Story:

Our goal is to partner with parents in teaching children to see and experience the world through the lenses of our beliefs.

Our desire is for them to have a biblical worldview instead of a secular worldview. Our worldview influences everything in our lives. We want our children to know that God's Word is the foundation for our lives and is the standard we use to judge every thought and action. Our Bible is perfect and true. If we use it as our foundation, it will guide us and change our lives.

Kid City Prayer Request for the Week:

Pray for our Kid City teachers . . .

as they serve, lead and instruct in this building.

Awana



Club

Sunday evenings, 5:45 to 7:15 PM

October 17 –

October 24 –

October 31 – No Awana

Do you listen to . . .

Pastor Roger's "Walk and Talks"

each week? If not, why not start this week!!

Here is how you can find the "Walk and Talks" on the internet.

- The most current weekly "Walk and Talk" is found on the FBC webpage at www.fbc-tempe.org
- To find all of the "Walk and Talks" on YouTube, go to www.youtube.com, type in "FBC Tempe Walk and Talk"
- To find the "Walk and Talks" on Facebook, go to www.facebook.com, search First Baptist Church – Tempe and go to videos



Invite Someone To Worship

Family, Friends, Neighbors, Co-Workers



GriefShare Support Groups In-Person or via Zoom

Help and encouragement
following the death of a loved one

GriefShare Weekly Seminars – Sundays, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

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

Surviving the Holidays – Sunday, October 24, and Tuesday, December 7

**To truly worship God
is to carry the spirit of worship
into every facet of our lives.**

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 13, 2021 -
7:50 to 10:00 am



You will get to:

- Meet – Know – Pray for Other Men
- Enjoy an Excellent Breakfast
- Join Other Men in Lifting Up Jesus
- Develop New and Lasting Friendships
- Worship
- Discover Special Events for Men

Sign-up today at the Men's Ministry Table
in Skylight Hall – Don't miss it!

men³
encourage · enable · equip

Men's Upcoming Events

*Plan ahead and sign-up at the
Men's Ministry Table across from the Library
for the following men's events:*

- **Men's Breakfast** – The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at 7:50 am here at FBC. For more information on what is planned contact Pastor Anthony.
- **Monday Morning Bible Study** – This Men's Bible Study is meeting each Monday morning at 6:30 am here at FBC in Room 104. Contact David Brinn at 480-466-3481 for more information.
- **Authentic Manhood** – This class for men meets on Sunday mornings here at FBC at 9:30 am in Room 105. For more information on this class contact Pastor Anthony.
- **Hikes with Adam** – Hikes are now being planned for the Fall. Contact Adam Bachman at 480-363-5570 for more information.
- **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University** – The start-up date for this class is yet to be determined. Contact Pastor Anthony for more information.
- **Bible Study Fellowship** – Small group Bible studies focused on learning the Bible here at FBC on Monday evenings. Contact Austin Erwin at 480-213-9627 for more information.



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.



"TOT TOWN"

FREE New Indoor Play Area in Kid City!

Ages – Birth to 5 years old with attending parent

When – On Thursdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Where – FBC Kid City Preschool

Call your friends, bring your tots and meet up with new friends for some great play time. This is an amazing NEW community space, which will include bounce houses, imagination play, doll houses, an indoor playground and more!

Contact Pastor Jeff at fbcoutreach@fbc-tempe.org for more information.

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Women's

Ministries helps

create opportunities for women to grow in their relationship with Jesus, to make healthy and safe connections with other women of faith, and to use their God given talents to benefit the church body and the community.

❖ We offer Weekly:

- ❖ Bible Studies
- ❖ Moms groups
- ❖ Small connection groups
- ❖ Prayer teams

❖ Throughout the year we gather together for:

- ❖ "Girls night-out"
- ❖ Multicultural potluck and games
- ❖ Crafts and Painting classes
- ❖ Whatever other fun activities our creative connection team can come up with!

❖ Each year we have our Spring Event and Luncheon and the Fall Retreat to Prescott Pines.

We are an active, caring, and growing community that wants to live for Jesus.

Let's Journey Together!

More information is at the Women's Ministries table across from the Café!

Sign up for our weekly email for updates on dates and times



It's that time again . . Walk to Bethlehem

To honor and bear witness to the birth of
Jesus Christ,

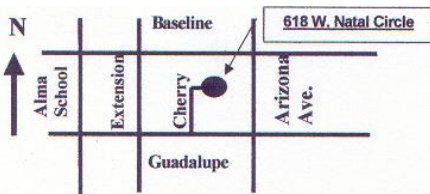
We need your HELP!!

To lift Jesus **REALLY HIGH** we will set-up Walk to Bethlehem on Monday and Tuesday, October 25-26, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

We need around 50 people to keep the work manageable, less of a burden and almost done in the two days. Can you bring a friend to help with discipleship - The Great Commission??

Bring gloves, hats and battery charged up drills and small hand tools.

Meet a bunch of Jesus followers in Pastor Roger and Dianna's backyard on Monday and Tuesday, October 25 and 26. Snacks for breaks, lunch and plenty of cold water will be provided.



Walk to Bethlehem

Needs

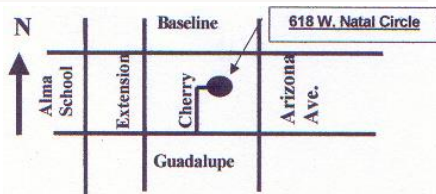
Hosts and Hostesses

Would you be willing to be a

Host/Hostess for Walk to Bethlehem?

Hosts and Hostesses are need for Walk to Bethlehem between the dates of Thursday, November 25, and Friday, December 24, from 5:30 to 9:30 pm at the home of Pastor Roger and Dianna.

If you would like to be included in this special Christmas ministry, please stop by the Walk to Bethlehem Table in Skylight Hall and sign-up for one of these dates or call Pam Rosendale in the Church Office at 480-839-0926.



**Stop by the Christmas Tables in Skylight Hallway
and sign-up to help with these two very important projects.**



All Church Hike

Date and Time – Saturday, November 6
from 5:00 am to 10:00 am

Location – EJ Peak Trail (Usery Mountain)
(Moderate – 2.4 miles – 744 ft with sunrise at 6:51 am)

Bring: water, snacks and flashlight

A new short hike to enjoy the sunrise from EL Peak. After the hike and group might eat breakfast somewhere.

Meet at FBC-Tempe to carpool.

For more information, contact Adam Bachman at
480-363-5570 or at ajbachman7@hotmail.com



Sunday Lunch in the MAC

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

October 17 – Grilled Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Grilled Chicken, Potato Salad, Salad Bar and Ice Cream

October 24 - Pork Carnitas, Soft Tacos, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Seasoned Black Beans, Chips and Salsa, Salad Bar and Dessert

October 31 – Lemon Herb Chicken, Seasoned Herb Rice, Squas Vegetable Medley, Salad Bar and Dessert



Truth Seeker Adult Bible Class . . .

Effective **TODAY**, the Truth Seeker Adult Bible Class will change its meeting time to 9:30 am in Room 118. They will begin a study using the video series, “That the World May Know” by Ray Vander Laan. This video was filmed on location in Israel. An open invitation is extended to anyone who would like to attend.

Happiness is in the heart,
not in the circumstances.



Sign-Up Today for Israel . . .

Have you ever considered traveling to Israel and experiencing this unique place with Pastor Roger and Dianna Ball as your tour guides?

It is not too early to sign-up and register and join those who are already planning to take this adventure.

Upcoming Trips to Israel

March 3-13, 2022

March 17-27, 2022

March 2-12, 2023



When you are in Israel you will:

- Visit the ***Village of Nazareth*** and experience hands-on what life was like during the time of Jesus.
- You will board a replica wooden “Jesus Boat” for an amazing boat ride on the ***Sea of Galilee***.
- You will have the amazing opportunity to be baptized in the ***Jordan River***.
- You will visit the beautiful ***Mt. of Olives*** and see a breathtaking view of the ***Holy City***.
- While you are in the ***City of Jerusalem*** you will walk to the holiest site in the whole Jewish world, the ***Western Wall***.
- You will travel and enjoy your time with an amazing group of people.
- And much, much more!

☐ I would like to receive more information on the Trip to Israel planned for ☐ March 3-13, 2022 ☐ March 17-27, 2022 ☐ March 2-12, 2023

Name _____

Email _____

You can also contact Pastor Roger at rball@fbc-tempe.org.



Intentional Love Marriage Date Night

Date: Saturday, November 6

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Speaker: Dr. Randy Carlson

Cost: \$20.50 per person

On Date Night You Will Discover . . .

- How to build a bright, healthy, and intimate future for your family.
- How intentional living will help you as a parent and grandparent raise a responsible adult.
- The Top 10 for building a long-term, intentional marriage.

This special evening is perfect for engaged couples, those celebrating decades of marriage and everyone in between!

Register online at: myflr.org

Click on "Intentional Love Marriage Date Night"

Click on "November 6, First Baptist Church Tempe"

Click on "Buy Tickets"



Holiday Concert & Pie Social

Join us on Sunday evening, November 21, at 6:00 pm for a special concert presented by Hosanna.

Following our Holiday Concert join us in the MAC for our Annual Holiday Pie Social. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship, friendship and great pies!

Everyone is encouraged to please bring your favorite pie to share with others. Pies can be brought on Sunday morning or on Sunday evening.



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as our heartbeat.



**Plan to show your
compassion at our next**

**Compassion Outreach
Day**

Honoring God & Others!

Saturday, November 19, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

- **Feed My Starving Children**
- **Operation Christmas Child**
- **Outreach to the Homeless**
- **McClintock Street Clean-Up**
- **United Food Bank**
- **Women4Women Tempe**
- **Evangelism in Action**



***Sign-Up at the Compassion Outreach Day table in the foyer
for the project that you would like to take part in.***

***"This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples
when they see the love you have for each other." John 13:3***



***Save
the
Date***

FBC Mission Conference

Date: February 11-13, 2022

****Join us on Friday Evening, February 11
for our "Youth Silent Auction"***

****On Saturday, February 12,
you will have the opportunity to
"Meet a Missionary"***

****On Sunday, February 13, missionaries will be in all of the
Morning and Evening Worship Services
as well as in all of our children, teen and adult Bible Classes.***



Church Action Meeting

There will be a Church Action Meeting **TODAY**, following each of our four Morning Worship Services to vote on the following Deacon Board recommendations:

- 2021 FBC Proposed Budget
- 2021 FBC Proposed Faith Promise Giving

A copy of the 2022 FBC Proposed Budget, 2022 FBC Proposed Faith Promise Giving and current Finance Report are available at the Connection Center and the FBC Office.



ANGEL TREE

A Program of Prison Fellowship

Angel Tree is Coming Soon

This is your opportunity to help a needy child by buying a gift on behalf of an incarcerated parent. These children need us! On Sunday, November 7, November 14 and November 21, there will be a tree in the FBC Lobby with paper angels attached that contain information about a child. All you need to do is take an angel and buy a gift (approximately \$25.00) and bring it to us in a gift bag with the paper angel attached no later than Sunday, November 28. Please do not wrap your gift. Each child will have two angels in their name. One is for a clothing item and the other a fun gift. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause. We are short of volunteers this year, so if you would like to stop up and help, please call Bruce Baird at 480-274-5467. Have a wonderful Christmas season.



“The Upper Room” Service

Day and Time – Sunday Mornings at 11:00 am
Room – 221 (Second Floor of Education Building)
Led By – PIT Nathan and Meagan Pipe

This service will have an informal home church feel. Meagan will lead worship on the piano and Nathan will provide the teaching. This service is a great option for those seeking a small community of people desiring the opportunity to build fellowship while following Jesus.

For more information contact Nathan Pipe at 602-909-5122

Children's Ministry Special Events



Join us for an evening of fun!

**Decorate your car trunks
and fill them with
yummy treats
to pass out to the children.**

**If you would like to participate
please register your
“car” and “family”
on the FBC website
under Children's Ministry.**

**Winter Camp is a fun time for
students to connect with other
students, grow spiritually and
have FUN!**

**Students can participate in
Archery, High Ropes Course,
Indoor Rock-Climbing Wall,
Eliminator, Double Zipline,
Team Competitions, Gaga Ball,
9 Square, Hiking and much
more!**

**For more information please
visit the website under
Children's Ministry.**





What is a Gideon?

The Gideons international is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While they are often recognized for their work with hotels, they also place and distribute Scriptures in strategic locations so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not know they need them.

As a group of believers they are dedicated to making the Word of God available to everyone and, together with the local church, reaching souls for Christ.

The Gideons began in 1908 as a group of Christian business men placing Bibles in hotel rooms and has evolved into an expanding mission to provide Scriptures to all people in nearly every facet of life. Today, they have taken more than two billion Scriptures in more than 95 languages to 200 countries and territories across the globe.

Following each of our Morning Worship Services today we will be taking a special offering for this ministry.



Lifting Others Up . . .

There is something deep within us that loves to be first, to win, to be “in.” We elbow up through degrees, titles, possessions, rights, privileges, connections, seniority, and the like. But once we reach our goals, then what? God does not separate us from those who are lower on the career ladder than we are. He tells us to pull them up with us. “Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the Lord your God” (Leviticus 19:3-4). In a few words God both levels and lifts us: “You were an alien, too,” and “I am your Lord God.”

Do you know someone who needs a lift today?

Jan Carlberg
“The Hungry Heart”