

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

December 5-II Corinthians 5-9
December 6-II Corinthians 10-13
December 7-Romans 1-3, Acts 20:1-3
December 8-Romans 4-7
December 9-Romans 8-10
December 10-Romans 11-13
December 11-Romans 14-16
December 12-Acts 20:4-23:35

Birthdays


Cynthia Boaz (12/7)
Ryan Walker (12/8)
Mary Paschal (12/9)
Lorraine Weimer (12/9)
Sue Jones (12/10)
Sophia Tilghman (12/10)
Scott Webb (12/12)

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 (11/28)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,124	\$ 1,349,952
Giving (Donations)	\$ 23,142	\$ 1,236,860
	\$ -4,982 (Shortage)	\$ -113,092 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 66,961	\$ 1,096,727
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (11/21)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 49,114
Giving (Donations)	\$ 1,242	\$ 49,377
	\$ 197 (Overage)	\$ 263 (Overage)
FP Expenses	\$ 3,052	\$ 64,160

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 155	\$ 350,894

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 LOVE GOD PEOPLE

Accepting, loving and challenging people with God's truth

December 5, 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

Angels We Have Heard on High
Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Welcome, Announcements, Offering
Come Thou Long Expected
Holy, Holy, Holy
Prayer
Special Music
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
“Peter, Do You Love Me?”

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

Angels We Have Heard on High
Welcome, Announcements, Offering
Overcome
The Stand
Prayer
Choir
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
“Peter, Do You Love Me?”

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

Joy to the World
Welcome, Announcements, Offering
Hark the Herald Angels Sing
O Come All Ye Faithful
Away In a Manger (Forever Amen)
Prayer
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
“Peter, Do You Love Me?”

11:00 am-Acoustic Praise and Worship (Upper Room)

Welcome
Worship Song #1
Worship Song #2
Worship Song #3
Prayer
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe
“Peter, Do You Love Me?”

6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Welcome
O Come All Ye Faithful
Angels We Have Heard on High
Communion
Great Are You Lord
Prayer
Message-Pastor Matthew Downs
“Significance of the Tribe of Benjamin”

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-November, 2021:

Financial Need

Annual Budget	\$ 126,770.00
Giving-to-Date	\$ 101,961.00
Under Budget	\$ 24,809.00

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-November, 2021.

Financial Need

Annual Budget	\$ 150,000.00
Giving-to-Date	\$ 41,519.00
Under Budget	\$ 108,481.00

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, December 5

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-Kid City Gingerbread House Event
12:15 pm-Men’s Leadership Meeting
3:00 pm-GriefShare
5:45 pm-Awana Club
6:00 pm-Evening Worship
6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

Monday, December 6

6:30 am-Men’s Monday Morning Bible Study

6:45 pm-Men’s Bible Study Fellowship

6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

7:00 pm-Parents of Addicted Loved Ones

Tuesday, December 7

6:00 pm-Grief Share (Surviving Holidays)

6:00 00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

Wednesday, December 8

6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

6:30 pm-Worship Team Rehearsal

6:30 pm-Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal

7:00 pm-FBC Endowment Meeting

Thursday, December 9

9:00 am-Tot Town

6:00 pm– Walk to Bethlehem

Friday, December 10

6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

6:30 pm-Memorial Service Eva O’Quinn

Saturday, December 11

7:00 am-All-Church Work Day

7:30 am-Deaconess Christmas

6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

Consider These

*“Some people say, “Give till it hurts.”
But God recommends that we give until it feels good.
God loves a cheerful giver!
(Brian Kluth, Pastor and Generosity Speaker and Author)*

*“With the price of everything else going up these days,
aren’t you glad the Lord hasn’t increased the tithe to 15%?”*

“Real charity does not care if it is tax deductible or not.”

Reflect

Understand riches can deceive you . . .

- ✓ Revelation 3:17-“You say, ‘I am rich, with everything I want; I don’t need a thing!’ And you do not realize that spiritually you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.”
- ✓ Mark 8:36-“What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?”
- ✓ Mark 4:18-19-“Others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.”
- ✓ Luke 12:15-“(Jesus said) Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

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)

Truth Seekers-Room 118
(Couples and Singles 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)

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
\$1,349,952.00

YTD Money Received
\$1,236,860.00

UNDER Budget
\$-113,092.00

2021 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
■ Series 1	\$1,349,952.00	\$1,236,860.00



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 – Tuesday, December 7

**Be kind to unkind people –
They need it the most!**



Children's Ministry (Birth through 6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story: Mary Is Given a Special Message

Bible Point: Wow

Elementary

Bible Story: The Hope of Christmas

Bible Point: The Hope of Christmas

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 that Kid City . . .

Would be a place where God would be worshiped,
praised and adored.

Awana



Club

Sunday evenings, 5:45 to 7:15 PM

December 5 –

December 12 –

December 19 – 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



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.

**Keeping Christmas is good,
but sharing it with others is much better.**

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 8, 2022 -
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!



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, January 8, 2022, 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 and Winter. 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 the Church Office at 480-839-0926 for more information.



Sunday Lunch in the MAC

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

December 5 – No Lunch

December 12 – Traditional Style Meatloaf, Roasted Potatoes, Veggies, Salad Bar and Dessert

December 19 – Pasta and Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Veggies, Salad Bar and Dessert

December 26 – No Lunch



Invite your friends on Sundays
to Hear Practical Answers
to Every Day Problems!



Sunday, December 5 –

How to find the plan of God for my life

Sunday, December 12 –

Being honest with God

Sunday, December 19 –

God will make all things right – we can trust the justice of God

Sunday, December 26 –

Sin has grave consequences in this life and the next

Sunday, January 2 –

Trust God even when you do not understand

Sunday, January 9 –

God is always with His people

Sunday, January 16 –

We must honor the glory of the Lord
and fear and reverence God because of His power

Sunday, January 23 –

Sometimes God asks us to call out sin –
we must be willing

Sunday, January 30 –

Let God prepare you





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



All Church Hike

Date and Time – Saturday, January 1,
from 3:00 to 8:00 pm

Location – Quartz Trail to Taliesin (McDowell Mountain)
(Moderately Easy – 4.5 Miles – 500 Feet (Sunset at 5:31 pm)

Bring: water, snacks and a flashlight

A new trail to enjoy Phoenix's beautiful sunset. The trail follows the desert wash near fancy Scottsdale homes. After enjoying the sunset from Taliesin Overlook, we will hike back down in the dark with flashlights.

Meet at FBC-Tempe to carpool.

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



FBC Mission Conference

Date: February 11-13, 2022

Theme – "Every Tribe, Every Nation"

*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.

The Christmas Star



May the Light that shone from the Christmas Star
On that night so long ago
Fall on you this Christmas night
and set your face aglow.

May it shine from your eyes. May it rest in your mind.
May it burn in your Spirit bright.
May the Peace it spoke to a weary world
Bring joy to your heart tonight.



Help FBC With Your

Year-End Donations

Help FBC reduce the deficit, pay our bills and reach our budget goal. You can give through online giving,

through your local bank or by writing a check and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday. Your year-end giving is greatly appreciated.

To be able to declare your end-of-year gifts for 2021, and in accordance with IRS rules:

1. All checks need to be dated no later than December 31, 2021,
2. If hand carried to FBC, your gifts need to be in the church's possession on or before 12:00 noon on Friday, December 31, 2021,
3. If sent through the mail, your gifts need to be postmarked no later than December 31, 2021 and
4. If you use online giving your gifts must be dated no later than December 31, 2021.

Children's Ministry Special Event

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.





Let's Help This Christmas ... Let's Help This Christmas ... FBC Families Need Help!

^{5.} There are a number of families in our church who face "monthly painful challenges." Hardship has become a way of life for these families. But all of these families serve God with a smile among us. They work hard. They purpose to pay their bills on time. Lazy, no. No scams here. But no savings. Some families are younger. Some are older. Red, yellow, black and white and they all need some help at Christmas. Some families struggle every month to make medical payments on major medical expenses. Some families work part-time as they constantly look for full-time employment. From big families to families of one. Some face the loss of their rental home and some contemplate being homeless. Some live paycheck to paycheck on part-time wages. Some walk or ride the bus. Some families have one car. Some have no insurance.

^{6.} We would like to help 20 low income families in our church with some extra money at Thanksgiving or at Christmas. If you know of a family who is facing some special needs, please contact Pastor and give him your recommendation.

^{7.} Starting now and until Christmas, please give a check marked "Thanks Jesus." Pray and give. The last opportunity to give to this is at our three Christmas Eve Services on Friday, December 24, at 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 pm.



Gingerbread House Event

***Date and Time –
TODAY at 12:00 pm in the MAC***

Goody gumdrops, lollipop and candy galore – you will love what we have in store! All families are invited to decorate gingerbread houses in the MAC. This Christmas event is designed to be a relaxing afternoon for your family and the best part . . . your house won't get messy either. Please reserve your family spot and sign-up to donate two bags of Christmas candy on the church website: www.fbc-tempe.org, Children's Ministry.

Any questions or comments, please contact Sharmon Steil at 480-839-0926 or at fbcchildren@fbc-tempe.org.



Celebrate Christmas at FBC

Walk to Bethlehem

Bring a friend to Walk to Bethlehem

at Pastor Roger and Dianna's Home
at 618 W. Natal Circle, Mesa, AZ 85210,
between 5:30 and 9:30 pm every night
between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve.

Sunday, December 5

AM Sermon - "Peter, Do You Love Me"

***Children's Ministry Gingerbread House Event
at 12:00 noon in the MAC.***

PM Sermon – "Significance of the Tribe of Benjamin"

Sunday, December 12

AM Sermon - "Honesty"

PM – Celebration of Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 19

AM Sermon - "Justice of God"

PM Sermon – "Significance of the Tribe of Simeon"

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelighting Services

"Jesus Is King"

Enjoy a delightful evening as a family singing Christmas Carols
and hearing the Christmas Story told in many different ways
plus the lighting of the candles at 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 pm.

Sunday, December 26

AM Sermon – "Woe to the Sinner"



Candle Two Equals Bethlehem (Second Week of Advent) Micah 5:2 and John 6:35

The second candle represents faith and is called “Bethlehem’s Candle.” Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. This candle reminds of the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem

The old, beautiful city of Bethlehem is surrounded by barren, unproductive regions – the wilderness of the Sinai and the mountains of Moab. Bethlehem means “the house of bread.” God chose this insignificant village as the birthplace of His Son.

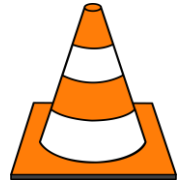
Bread has long been a staple food for the human race. Leavened and unleavened, it is mentioned many times in Scripture. When the Israelite slaves had to free Egypt, they ate unleavened bread that they could prepare quickly. Curing their wandering in the desert on the way to the Promised Land, God showered heavenly bread on their encampments: manna. During His final Passover supper with the disciples, Jesus used bread as an illustration of Himself. He said that He was “the Bread of Life.” What does this mean to us? Even as bread sustains physical life, Jesus can bring us life, strength and satisfaction when we have faith in Him.

Bethlehem – the house of bread; Jesus – the Bread of Life. Use this day to focus on the only One who can satisfy the hunger of your soul.

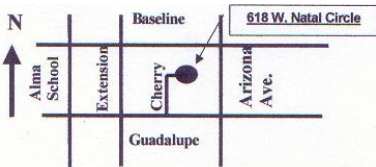


Walk to Bethlehem Needs YOU

***DISMANTLE on Monday and Tuesday,
January 10 and 11, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
and store it away for another season.***



LOTS of volunteers with helpful hands are needed. Bring a battery charged drill if you have one and a pair of gloves. Lunch will be provided. Please stop by the table in Skylight Hall or RSVP to Pastor Roger at rb618@cox.net if you are available to help.



Can We Count on YOU!!



**Will you help FBC Raise
\$225,496.00
by December 31 to Make
General Fund Budget!**

**Your donation is important to help us raise
\$225,496.00 by December 31 to meet our budget!
Everyone's donation, large or small, is important!**

Here are a few reasons for giving now:

- FBC is in the process of launching a new church plant to advance John 3:16 into Guadalupe, Our Church Plant Pastor is Peter Molina. Please pray for Peter and his wife, Trisha.
- Several adults from our church are attending and growing as students for Jesus at Phoenix Seminary.
- Walk to Bethlehem each night is receiving hundreds of grateful visitors as they see and hear Luke 2:1-21, the birth story of Baby Jesus.
- Our missionaries around the world have not lost any financial support from our church 2021. Many churches have drastically reduced their support for missionaries due to the decrease in donations.
- Our children and our youth are faithfully taught Bible truth each week.
- Outreach and assistance continues each week to families, the homeless, singles and the elderly.
- Women's Ministry and Men's Ministry are advancing Jesus in many many ways.
- Your donations are an investment in the Kingdom of God. Together through our donations and gifts we worship, equip and share love and compassion with a changing world that desperately needs Jesus Christ and the values taught in the Bible.

**First Baptist
is at a very important point in its life
and this challenge is before each one of us.**

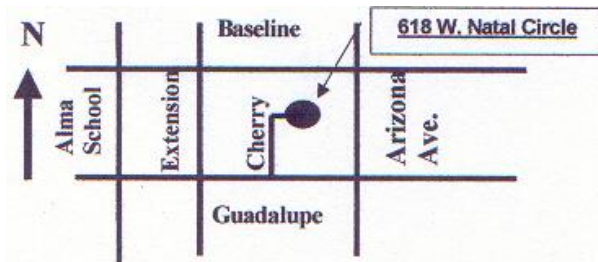
Celebrate the Wonder
of Christmas

Walk to Bethlehem

Date - Thursday, November 25,
through Friday, December 24

Time - Gates open at 5:30 pm

Place - At the home of
Pastor Roger and Dianna Ball,
618 W. Natal Circle, Mesa 85210



**Video and audio services and messages are being
live streamed at 9:30 and 11:00 am and 6:00 pm 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 Mornings Messages

December 12 – “Honesty” (Habakkuk 1:1-11)

**Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)**

December 19 – “Justice of God” (Habakkuk 1:12-2:5)

**Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)**

December 26 – “Woe to the Sinner” (Habakkuk 2:6-20)

**Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)**

January 2 – “Trust the Power of God” (Habakkuk 3:1-19)

**Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
TBA (11:00 Upper Room)**

Sunday Evening Messages

**December 5 – “Significance of the Tribe of Benjamin”
(Joshua 18:11-28) Pastor Matthew Downs**

December 12 – A Christmas Celebration

**December 19 – Significance of the Tribe of Simeon”
(Joshua 19:1-9) Pastor Matthew Downs**

“Peter, Do You Love Me?”

December 5, 2021
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

John 21:15 – So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My lambs.”

- Notice the _____ & _____
in Peter’s Response
 - Peter is no longer trying to _____
Jesus that he loves him
 - John 13:36 – *Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but you will follow later.”*
 - John 13:27 – *Peter said to Him, “Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You.”*
 - John 13:28 – *Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life to Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times.*

Can you Say to Jesus - “You know that I love you?”

John 21:16 – He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Shepherd My sheep.”

John 21:17 – He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And He said to Him, “Lord You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Tend My sheep.

- Peter's Original _____ to Jesus was Public
- Peter's _____ was public
- Peter's _____ is also public

John 21:18 – *“Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go.”*

John 21:19 – *Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me!”*

- Legit ancient sources simply say Peter was martyred in Rome

John 21:20 – *Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; the one who also had leaned back on His bosom at the supper and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?”*

John 21:21 – *So Peter seeing him said to Jesus, “Lord, and what about this man?”*

John 21:22 – *Jesus said to him, “If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!”*

- Don't Get _____ Worrying About the Plan of God For _____ People?

John 21:23 – *Therefore this saying went out among the brethren that that disciple would not die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but only, “If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?”*

John 21:24 – *This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true.*

John 21:25 – *And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written.*

How do I find the COMMISSION of God for my life? How do I find the PURPOSE of God for my life?

1. Come to My _____ - Do you Love Jesus?
2. Spend _____ with Jesus -

 - a. _____
3. Listen _____ and be _____
to anything
 - a. Don't get stuck worrying about the plan of God for
other people!
4. Ask _____ to help you find your
_____ from God
 - a. Ask them to _____ for you
 - b. Ask them to _____ to God for you