

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 12-Acts 20:4-23:35
December 13-Acts 24-26
December 14-Acts 27-28
December 15-Philemon 1
Colossians 1-4
December 16-Ephesians 1-6
December 17-Philippians 1-4
December 18-I Timothy 1-6
December 19-Titus 1-3

Birthdays

Scott Webb (12/12)
Dhillon Malmin (12/14)
Gary Mitchell (12/14)
Craig Chambers (12/15)
Michael Parks (12/17)
Ted Cary (12/18)
Tom Anderson (12/19)
Sharon Bramlett-Solomon (12/19)

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 (12/5)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,124	\$ 1,378,076
Giving (Donations)	\$ 30,177	\$ 1,267,037
	\$ 2,053 (Overage)	\$ -111,039 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 26,031	\$ 1,189,719
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (12/5)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 51,205
Giving (Donations)	\$ 10,917	\$ 61,059
	\$ 9,872 (Overage)	\$ 9,854 (Overage)
FP Expenses	\$ 13,108	\$ 77,268

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 117	\$ 351,363

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 12, 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

Joy to the World
The First Noel
What Child is This
Welcome, Announcements, Offering
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Prayer
Special Music
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
“Honesty”

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

Hark the Herald-Heaven Came Down
Welcome, Announcements, Offering
Angels We Have Heard on High
O Come All Ye Faithful
Prayer
Choir
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
“Honesty”

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

The First Noel
Welcome, Announcements, Offering
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
What Child Is This
O Come O Come Emmanuel
Prayer
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
“Honesty”

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

**Worship Ministries
presents
A Celebration of
Christmas**

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	\$ 109,101.00
Under Budget	\$ 17,669.00

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	\$ 44,308.00
Under Budget	\$ 105,692.00

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 12

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
3:00 pm-GriefShare
5:45 pm-Awana Club
6:00 pm-Evening Worship
6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

Monday, December 13

6:30 am-Men’s Monday Morning Bible Study
6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

Tuesday, December 14

6:00 00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

Wednesday, December 15

6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem
6:30 pm-Worship Team Rehearsal
6:30 pm-Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, December 16

9:00 am-Tot Town
6:00 pm– Walk to Bethlehem

Friday, December 17

6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

Saturday, December 17

10:00 am-Youth Cyber Saturday
6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

Consider These

*“The Dead Sea is the dead sea
because it continually receives and never gives.”*

*“Thank the Lord that you can give
instead of depending on others to give to you.”*

*“Charity begins at home
and generally dies from lack of outdoor exercise.”*

Reflect

Understand riches can deceive you . . .

- ✓ Proverbs 23:4-5 “Don’t worry yourself trying to get rich. Why waste your time? Riches can disappear as though they had the wings of a bird!”
- ✓ Ecclesiastes 5:11 The more you have, the more you spend, right up to the limits of your income. So what is the advantage of wealth-except perhaps to watch it as it runs through your fingers!
- ✓ I Timothy 6:10 The love of money is the first step toward all kinds of sin. Some people have even turned away from God because of their love for it, and as a result have pierced themselves with many sorrows.
- ✓ Galatians 6:8 It (a person) sows to please his own wrong desires, he will be planting seeds of evil and he will surely reap a harvest of spiritual decay and death.

The poorest man in the world is the man who has nothing by money!

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
\$1,378,076.00

YTD Money Received
\$1,267,037.00

UNDER Budget
\$-111,039.00

2021 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
Series 1	\$1,378,076.00	\$1,267,037.00



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

**“Good Will Toward All”
is the spice of the
Christmas Season!**



Children's Ministry (Birth through 6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story: Jesus Is Born in a Manger

Bible Point: Wow

Elementary

Bible Story: The Preparation of Christmas

Bible Point: The Preparation 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 the Word is faithfully preached and proclaimed.

Awana



Club

Sunday evenings, 5:45 to 7:15 PM

December 12 –

December 19 – No Awana

December 26 – 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 1:00 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 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 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

*Save
the
Date*

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.



Church Preservation Planning Update . . .

FBC has been entrusted by God with a precious and unique ministry. He has given FBC the resources necessary to fulfill that ministry. We are stewards and not owners of what God has entrusted to us. As

such, we are fully accountable before God for how we use what He has given us to accomplish His purposes. To be sure that FBC remains directed and guided by our Biblical imperative, the FBC Endowment Board is undertaking a process of prayer and investigation to determine the best way to provide total protection for what we have been given. This is intended first to protect the integrity of FBC, next to protect its resources and risk aversion from fraudulent law suits and to also provide a structure to facilitate growth and expansion as God continues to bless FBC. The FBC Endowment legally and ethically exists only to support and advance FBC based on our Statement of Faith and Bylaws.

The members of the FBC Endowment Board are:

- Gary Maack, President,
- David Brinn,
- Danielle Fisher,
- Robert Hill,
- Deborah Roberts, and
- Josiah Bender (Alternate)
- Lorina Gillette (Alternate)

The first Orientation Meeting of the Endowment Board was held on Monday, November 29, and the second meeting was held on Wednesday, December 8. The first Official Board Meeting should take place in early Spring 2022.

If you would like more information, please contact Gary Maack, Scott Blum or Pastor Roger Ball.

“Christmas is not as much
about opening our presents
as opening our hearts.”

(Janice Maeditere)



Our Information is Incomplete Without YOU!

***It is time to update the information in our
FBC Database and we want to include you.
Please fill out the information below and drop
it in the offering plate.***

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Birthdate _____

Children's Names and Birth Dates _____

Wedding Anniversary _____

Are you a:

____ Visitor

____ Regular Attender

____ Member



**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.**



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.

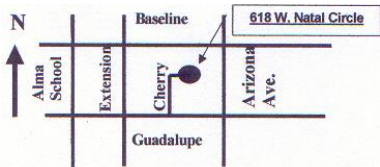
^{7.} Starting now and until Christmas, please give a check marked "Thanks Jesus." Pray and give. The last opportunity to give to this is at our three Christmas Eve Services on Friday, December 24, at 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 pm.

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!!



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
Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve.

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”



“Christmas gives us the opportunity
to pause and reflect
on the important things around us.”
(David Cameron)



Candle Three Equals the Shepherds Third Week of Advent)

Luke 2:8-18 and John 10:14-15

God could have chosen any number of people to be the recipients of the announcement that His Son had been born. But He did not choose the educated religious leaders of that day, or a government official ... instead, He chose an ordinary group of people: shepherds. Shepherds were in a lower class of Jewish society and how appropriate it was that God selected them. It was in keeping with His philosophy of “looking on the heart” (I Samuel 16:7) instead of the outward appearance or social standing. When God chose shepherds, He was telling us that His love, demonstrated in the arrival of His Son, was for ALL people.

Shepherds performed the menial tasks required to maintain the health and safety of their flocks. Their humble hearts were ready for the announcement of Christ’s coming. They believed the message of the angels and immediately put their faith into action. They left their usual business to seek the true Shepherd.

At the beginning of each day, we need to make a choice to humble our hearts and submit to God’s direction. Take a moment to ask Jesus if there is something specific He wants you to do this week.

Candy Cane



Look at a candy cane,
what do you see?

Stripes that are red
like the blood shed for me!

White for my Savior, Who’s sinless and pure!

“J” is for Jesus, My Lord that’s for sure!

Turn it around and a staff you will see,
Jesus, my Shepherd, is coming for me!

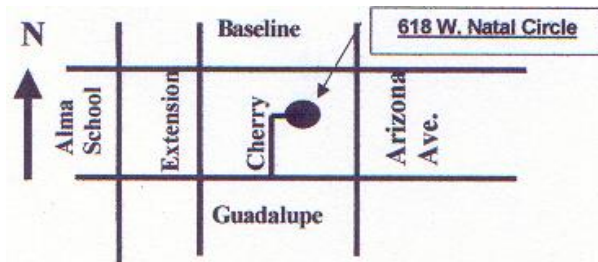
Celebrate the Wonder
of Christmas

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 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)

Al Fadi (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

January 9 – “God Reveals Himself in Exile”

(Ezekiel 1:1-3)

Al Fadi (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

Sunday Evening Messages

December 12 – A Christmas Celebration

December 19 – Significance of the Tribe of Simeon”

(Joshua 19:1-9) Pastor Matthew Downs

December 26 – NO PM Service

January 2 – NO PM Service

“Honesty”

December 12, 2021
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

Habakkuk Outline

- Habakkuk 1:1-11 - Q & A with God #1 - How Long Will You Do Nothing About Injustice?
- Habakkuk 1:12-2:5 - Q & A with God #2 - How Can You Use the Wicked to Judge The “Righteous”?
- Habakkuk 2:6-20 - Words of Woe to Everyone
- Habakkuk 3:1-19 - Prayer of Habakkuk

Habakkuk 1:1 – The oracle which Habakkuk the prophet saw.

Habakkuk 1:2 – How long, O Lord, will I call for help, And You will not hear? I cry out to You, “Violence!” Yet You do not save.

Habakkuk 1:3 – Why do You make me see iniquity, And cause me to look on wickedness? Yes, destruction and violence are before me; Strife exists and contention arises.

Habakkuk 1:4 – Therefore the law is ignored And justice is never upheld. For the wicked surround the righteous; Therefore justice comes out perverted.

- Habakkuk cries out because (of):
 - _____
(Unjust/unrighteous)
 - He sees _____ -
Trouble that comes with _____
 - He knows God _____ the
injustice also

- There is _____ and

- The _____ is ignored
- Justice is _____

Habakkuk 1:12 – Are You not from everlasting, O Lord, my God, my Holy One? We will not die. You, O Lord, have appointed them to judge; And You, O Rock, have established them to correct.

Habakkuk 1:13 – Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, And You cannot look on wickedness with favor. Why do You look with favor On those who deal treacherously? Why are You silent when the wicked swallow up Those more righteous than they?

Habakkuk 1:14 – Why have You made men like the fish of the sea, Like creeping things without a ruler over them?

Habakkuk 1:15 – The Chaldeans bring all of them up with a hook, Drag them away with their net, And gather them together in their fishing net. Therefore they rejoice and are glad.

Habakkuk 1:16 – Therefore they offer a sacrifice to their net And burn incense to their fishing net; Because through these things their catch is large, And their food is plentiful.

Habakkuk 1:17 – Will they therefore empty their net And continually slay nations without sparing?

- Question #2 - How Can a Just God Use A Wicked Nation Like Babylon to _____

**It is Okay to Be Honest with God
About What You See in The World.
You have Permission to Speak Honestly with God!**

To every form of Injustice God offers a solution: The

_____ - _____ -

_____ - _____ of Jesus Christ

In your Honesty with God remember 2 things:

1. Do Not Make The _____ of Thinking God
is _____ at Work
2. Remember with Whom It Is You Speak