

### 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 19-Titus 1-3  
December 20-I Peter 1-5  
December 21-Hebrews 1-6  
December 22-Hebrews 7-10  
December 23-Hebrews 11-13  
December 24-II Timothy 1-4  
December 25-Jude 1, II Peter 1-3  
December 26-I John 1-5

### Birthdays

Tom Anderson (12/19)  
Sharon Bramlett-Solomon (12/19)  
Lisa Barbarisi (12/20)  
Tasha Ryan (12/20)  
Jim Coleman (12/21)  
Pastor Rob Swanson (12/21)  
Bruce Baird (12/23)  
Cynthia Enfinger (12/24)  
Jamie Flesher (12/24)  
Rebecca Blum (12/25)  
Marsha Nitchman (12/25)  
Sidney Tribiana (12/25)  
Ralph Eggleston (12/26)  
Laura McDonald (12/26)

### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:fbccampuspastor@fbc-tempe.org).

### Financial Update 2021

General Giving	Last Week	YTD (12/12)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,124	\$ 1,406,200
Giving (Donations)	\$ 26,558	\$ 1,293,595
	\$ -1,566 (Overage)	\$ -112,605 (Shortage)
<b>GF Expenses</b>	\$ 6,924	\$ 1,196,643
<b>Faith Promise</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>YTD (12/12)</b>
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 52,250
Giving (Donations)	\$ 931	\$ 61,990
	\$ -114 (Overage)	\$ 9,740 (Overage)
<b>FP Expenses</b>	\$ 100	\$ 77,368

### Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 655	\$ 352,043

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 19, 2021**

4525 S. McClintock Drive  
Tempe, AZ 85282  
480-839-0926  
[fbc-tempe.org](http://fbc-tempe.org)  
Dr. Roger Ball, Senior Pastor

## Welcome to Worship

### 8:00 am-Traditional Worship

Go Tell It On the Mountain  
O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Welcome, Announcements, Offering  
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear  
Silent Night  
Prayer  
Special Music  
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
“Justice of God”

### 9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)  
Welcome, Announcements, Offering  
Hark the Herald-Heaven Came Down  
Silent Night  
Prayer  
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
“Justice of God”

### 11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

Go Tell It On the Mountain  
Welcome, Announcements, Offering  
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear  
For Unto Us a Child is Born/Open  
The Eyes of My Heart  
O Holy Night  
Prayer  
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
“Justice of God”

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

Welcome  
Worship Song #1  
Worship Song #2  
Worship Song #3  
Prayer  
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe  
“Justice of God”

### 6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Welcome  
Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)  
Angels We Have Heard on High  
O Come All Ye Faithful  
Prayer  
Message-Pastor Matthew Downs  
“Significance of the Tribe of Simeon”

## 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	\$ 113,968.00
Under Budget	\$ 12,802.00

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	\$ 44,703.00
Under Budget	\$ 105,297.00

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 19

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-Memorial Service Steve Weston  
3:00 pm-GriefShare  
6:00 pm-Evening Worship  
6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

### Monday, December 20

6:30 am-Men’s Monday Morning Bible Study  
8:00 am-McClintock Street Clean-Up  
6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem  
7:00 pm-Parents of Addicted Loved Ones

### Tuesday, December 21

6:00 00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

### Wednesday, December 22

6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

### Thursday, December 23

6:00 pm– Walk to Bethlehem

### Friday, December 24

**FBC Office Closed**

4:00 pm-Christmas Eve Service  
6:00 pm-Christmas Eve Service  
6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem  
8:00 pm-Christmas Eve Service

### Saturday, December 25

Merry Christmas

## Consider These

*“Do not give, as many rich men do,  
like a hen that lays her eggs ... and then cackles.”  
(Henry Ward Beecher, American Abolitionist and Clergyman)*

*“Wealth shines in giving rather than in hoarding:  
for the miser is hateful, whereas the generous man is applauded.”  
(Boethius, Roman Statesman and Philosopher and Christian Martyr)*

## Reflect

**Train your children to be faithful and generous givers . . .**

- ✓ Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
- ✓ Genesis 18:19 I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just.
- ✓ Deuteronomy 6:6-7 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.
- ✓ Ephesians 6:4 Bring them (children) up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves, with suggestions and godly advice.

## 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](http://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**  
**\$1,406,200.00**

**YTD Money Received**  
**\$1,293,595.00**

**UNDER Budget**  
**\$-112,605.00**

### 2021 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
Series 1	\$1,406,200.00	\$1,293,595.00



## 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](http://www.Griefshare.org)

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



## *Children's Ministry (Birth through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)*

### **Preschool and Kindergarten**

***Bible Story:*** Shepherds Visit Baby Jesus

***Bible Point:*** Wow

### **Elementary**

***Bible Story:*** The Joy of Christmas

***Bible Point:*** The Joy 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 love bridges the gap  
between young and old.

Awana



Club

Sunday evenings, 5:45 to 7:15 PM

December 19 – No Awana

December 26 – No Awana

January 2 -

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](http://www.fbc-tempe.org)
- To find all of the "Walk and Talks" on YouTube, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), type in "FBC Tempe Walk and Talk"
- To find the "Walk and Talks" on Facebook, go to [www.facebook.com](http://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](mailto:rball@fbc-tempe.org) or Julie Huver at [jhuver@fbc-tempe.org](mailto: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](http://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 19** – Pasta and Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Veggies, Salad Bar and Dessert

**December 26** – No Lunch

**January 2** – No Lunch



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



***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!***

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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

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## Express Appreciation to Pastor Chris Hester

One and half years ago God guided Pastor Chris Hester to our church to oversee the FBC Campus Ministry, its cleaning, maintenance and security. Today God is guiding Pastor Chris to conclude his ministry with us for health challenges.

Pastor Chris has resigned from his pastoral position with his last day being Wednesday, December 15. Pastor Roger thanks Chris for loving God, gifted in campus facilities, loving the Bible, and caring for people.

A love offering is being collected for Pastor Chris. You can make your donation to FBC-Tempe and earmark "Pastor Chris" and return it to the church office.



### 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](mailto: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.



## Skylight Café . . .

Skylight Café will be closed on  
Sunday, December 26,  
and Sunday, January 2.



## 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

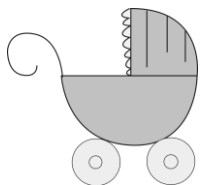
such, we are fully accountable before God for how we use what He has given us to accomplish His purposes. To be sure that FBC remains directed and guided by our Biblical imperative, the FBC Endowment Board is undertaking a process of prayer and investigation to determine the best way to provide total 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.



## All-Church Baby Shower

In just a month Peter and Trisha Molina, our Church Plant Pastor and his wife, are expecting a **baby girl**. Let's express our love for this special blessing God is giving to them by praying for them and showering them with needed baby items.

Please pray for a safe delivery and recovery from c-section, scheduled for January 28, at 9:30 am.

Would you consider purchasing and gifting them with one or more of the items listed below:

- Clothes for baby girl (sleepers, onesies, socks, bibs and burp cloths)
- Swaddles (Love to Dream, Adan & Anai, etc)
- Diapers and wipes (Target)
- Bath items (towels, baby bath wash and lotion)
- Braun Forehead Thermometer
- Summer Infant 3Dlite Convenience Stroller
- Young Living Essential Oils (Amazon)
- Gift Cards to Trader Joe's, Sprouts or Fry's
- Housecleaning Gift Card (Desert Homes Cleaning)
- Restaurant Gift Cards (Chick-fil-a, Chipotle, Rubio's, Peter Piper Pizza)
- Gift Card to Once Upon a Child
- Snack Box for Peter, Trisha or Monty (6 years old)
- Activity and Other Items for Monty (Gift Card to Lakeshore Learning, art supplies, table easel, Gift Card to Climb Max Climbing Gym, Gift Card to Zoyo, Gift Card to Pigtails and Crewcuts Haircuts, Boys Crocs Crocband clogs blue size Little Kid 13, beginner keyboard piano)
- Date Night Gift Cards (Painting with a Twist and Tapas Papa Frita)
- For Mom (pass to Stroller, Strides Mom and Baby Fitness Class or Gift Card to Dance 101 in Tempe or Gift Cards to Goodwill, Old Navy, or Nordstrom Rack)

Peter and Trisha are registered at Target, Amazon and Buy Buy Baby.

They would also appreciate any pre-owned baby items such as a hiking child carrier backpack, a lightweight stroller or a ErgoBaby Performance Carrier.

You may drop off your gift at the table located in the hallway near the FBC Office. Let's shower this new baby with lots of love!



**Will you help FBC Raise  
\$168,853.00 by  
December 31 to Make General  
Fund Budget!**

**Your donation is important to help us raise  
\$168,853.00 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 5:00 pm on Friday, December 31, 2021, or if you need to make other arrangements on Friday after 5:00 pm, please call Pam Rosendale at 480-206-2253.
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](mailto: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  
between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve.

***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"***



## **New Holiday Schedule**

Friday, December 24 – FBC Office is Closed  
Sunday, December 26 – No 8:00 am Worship Service  
Monday, December 27 – FBC Office is Closed

*Merry Christmas*



## Christmas Tradition

### **Candle Four Equals the Angels (Fourth Week of Advent)**

**Luke 1:26-28 and Luke 2:8-14**

Throughout human history angels have been God's messengers from heaven. They are spirit beings, usually invisible but taking on human form when they deliver messages from God or minister to people. They are also capable of appearing in such a way that the response to human beings is terror. Even so, they exist to do the will of God and consistently reject any worship or praise directed toward themselves, always insisting that worship is for God alone.

Angels have directly involved themselves in the affairs of humanity since the creation of Adam and Eve. Sometimes they have prevented courses of action, and many times they have encouraged, strengthened and helped people physically. It was an angel who came along side Jesus and strengthened Him as he agonized over His imminent suffering on Calvary.

In spite of their amazing abilities, there is one thing totally outside an angel's realm of experience: The working of God in a human heart, causing repentance and acceptance of Christ as Savior. In I Peter 1:12 we are told that angels "long to look into these things."

Has God announced to your heart the Good News of a Savior? If you have never placed your eternal destiny in the hands of this One who loves you, ask God now to forgive your sin and take control of your life. When a person becomes a child of God in this way, we are told that "there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."



## 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!

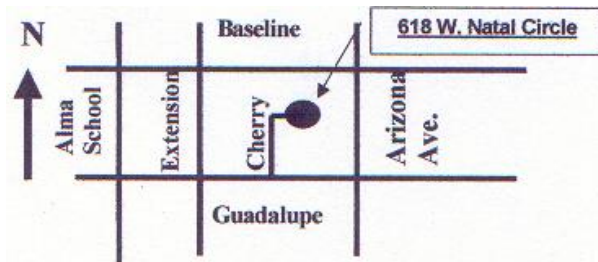
Celebrate the Wonder  
of Christmas

# 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](http://www.fbc-tempe.org).**

## **Sunday Mornings Messages**

**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)**

**January 16 – “Glory of the Lord”  
(Ezekiel 1:4-28)**

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

## **Sunday Evening Messages**

**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**

**January 9 – “Significance of the Tribe of Zebulun”  
(Joshua 19:10-16) Pastor Matthew Downs**

# **“Justice of God”**

December 19, 2021  
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

*Habakkuk 1:5 – “Look among the nations! Observe! Be astonished! Wonder! Because I am doing something in your days – You would not believe if you were told.*

*Habakkuk 1:6 – “For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, That fierce and impetuous people Who march throughout the earth To seize dwelling places which are not theirs.*

*Habakkuk 1:7 – “They are dreaded and feared; Their justice and authority originate with themselves.*

*Habakkuk 1:8 – “Their horses are swifter than leopards And keener than wolves in the evening. Their horsemen come galloping, Their horsemen come from afar; They fly like an eagle swooping down to devour.*

Habakkuk 1:9 – *“All of them come for violence, Their horde of faces moves forward. They collect captives like sand.*

Habakkuk 1:10 – *“They mock at kings And rulers are a laughing matter to them. They laugh at every fortress And heap up rubble to capture it.*

Habakkuk 1:11 – *“Then they will sweep through like the wind and pass on. But they will be held guilty, They whose strength is their god.”*

Habakkuk 2:1 – *I will stand on my guard post And station myself on the rampart; And I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me, And how I may reply when I am reproved.*

Habakkuk 2:2 – *Then the Lord answered me and said, “Record the vision And inscribe it on tablets, That the one who reads it may run.*

Habakkuk 2:3 – *“For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay.*

Habakkuk 2:4 – *“Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith.*

Habakkuk 2:5 – *“Furthermore, wine betrays the haughty man, So that he does not stay at home. He enlarges his appetite like Sheol, And he is like death, never satisfied. He also gathers to himself all nations And collects to himself all peoples.*