

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

January 23-Genesis 32-34
January 24-Genesis 35-37
January 25-Genesis 38-40
January 26-Genesis 41-42
January 27-Genesis 43-45
January 28-Genesis 46-47
January 29-Genesis 48-50
January 30-Exodus 1-3

Birthdays

Bessie Tolliver (1/23)
Teresa Devine (1/24)
Tammy Morrissey (1/27)
Bohdan Will (1/27)
David Tribiana (1/28)
Lorina Gillette (1/29)
Vicky Moore (1/30)
Nancy Rawls (1/30)

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 the Church Office at 480-839-0926.

Financial Update 2022

General Giving	Last Week	YTD (1/16)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,355	\$ 85,065
Giving (Donations)	\$ 11,110	\$ 42,569
	\$ -17,245 (Shortage)	\$ -42,496 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 44,354	\$ 44,354
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (1/16)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 3,135
Giving (Donations)	\$ 244	\$ 2,547
	\$ -801 (Shortage)	\$ -588 (Shortage)
FP Expenses	\$ 25	\$ 25

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 100	\$ 383,723

Please continue to give to help reduce our long-term Legacy debt of approximately \$906,205.89

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 the Church Office by calling 480-839-0926.



**FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF TEMPE**

**WE
LOVE
GOD
PEOPLE**

Accepting, loving and challenging people with God's truth

January 23, 2022

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

Shine Jesus Shine
O Worship the King
Welcome, Announcements, Offering
Blessed Be the Name
Because He Lives
Prayer
Message-Al Fadi
“Speak to the Rebellious”

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

How Great Thou Art
Choir
Welcome, Announcements, Offering
Today Is the Day
Christ Is Risen
Prayer
Message-Al Fadi
“Speak to the Rebellious”

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

No Other Way
Welcome, Announcements, Offering
Jesus Thank You
King of Kings
His Mercy Is More
Prayer
Message-Al Fadi
“Speak to the Rebellious”

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

Welcome
Worship Song #1
Worship Song #2
Worship Song #3
Prayer
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe
“Speak to the Rebellious”

6:00 pm-Evening Worship Service

Welcome
House of the Lord
Whom Shall I Fear
This I Believe
Prayer
Message-Pastor Matthew Downs
“Significance of the Tribe of Asher”

CIRA 2022 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 2022.

Financial Need

Annual Budget	\$ 126,770.00
Giving-to-Date	\$ 3,674.00
Under Budget	\$ 123,096.00

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 2022 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 2022.

Financial Need

Annual Budget	\$ 150,000.00
Giving-to-Date	\$ 672.00
Under Budget	\$ 149,328.00

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, January 23

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

Monday, January 24

6:30 am-Men’s Bible Study
6:30 pm-Men’s Bible Study Fellowship

Tuesday, January 25

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

Wednesday, January 26

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

Thursday, January 27

9:00 am-Tot Town
5:00 pm-Youth Music Hangout
6:00 pm-Youth Bible Study and Games
6:30 pm-Women’s Ministry Thursday Night Bible Study

Consider These

*“No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.”
(Calvin Coolidge, 30th US President)*

*“Give naught, get same. Give much, get same.”
(Malcolm Forbes, American Publisher)*

*“No one has ever become poor by giving.”
(Anne Frank, Jewish Dutch Diarist During Nazi Occupation)*

Reflect

You cannot serve God “and” money, but you must learn to serve God “with” money . . .

- ✓ Matthew 6:19-21 (Jesus said) “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
- ✓ I Corinthians 4:2 It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

**The world asks: “What does a person own?”
God asks, “How is the person using what they have been given?”**

A Christian is one who does not have to consult his bank book to see how wealthy he really is.

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

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 \$28,355.00 each week to meet our budget.

YTD Money Needed
\$85,065.00

YTD Money Received
\$42,569.00

UNDER Budget
\$-42,496.00

2022 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
Series 1	\$85,065.00	\$42,569.00



GriefShare Support Groups In-Person or via Zoom

Help and encouragement
following the death of a loved one

Loss of a Spouse – Sunday, January 9, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

GriefShare Weekly Seminars – Sundays, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Sunday, January 16, through Sunday, April 24

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

What the world needs
is peace that passes all misunderstanding.



Children's Ministry (Birth through 6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story: Jesus Listens to the Temple Teachers

Bible Point: God's Kid

Elementary

Bible Story: Joseph Rises to Power

Bible Point: Joseph Rises to Power

Extraordinary Blessings / Special Needs

Bible Story:

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

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

Kid City Prayer Request for the Week:

Pray for our Kid City Teachers. . .

To walk in holiness and may their steeps be ordered by you,

Awana



Club

Sunday evenings, 5:45 to 7:15 PM

January 23 –

January 30 –

February 6 –

February 13 – No Awana (Super Bowl)

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/FBCtempe, 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 Rob Swanson at 480-839-0926 or Julie Huver at jhuver@fbc-tempe.org.

**To succeed – do the best you can,
where you are, with what you have.**

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 12, 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, March 12, 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

January 23 – Asian Chicken, Stir Fry Veggies, Rice, Salad Bar and Dessert

January 30 – Chili and Nacho Potluck

February 6 – Meat Lasagna, Roasted Veggies, Garlic Toast, Salad Bar and Dessert



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.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Evenings

Moms In Prayer on ZOOM

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Dates: Jan. 9 - May 1

Tuesday Mornings

Connections and 2 Bible Studies

Quad & Rooms 104 & 109

9:00 am - 11:30am

Dates: Jan. 11 - April 26

Tuesday Evenings

Bible Study on ZOOM

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Dates: Jan. 18 - April 26

Thursday Mornings

Tot Town in Kid City

9:30am - 12:00pm

Dates: Jan. 13 - April 28

Thursday Evenings

Bible Study in Room 104

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Dates: Jan. 13 - April 28

Upcoming Activities

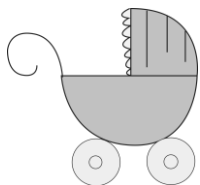
**Women's Event and
Spring Luncheon
Saturday, April 23, 2022**

10:30am ~ 1:00pm

**Additional Information
can be found at the
Women's Ministry Table
across from Skylight Café.**

**Sign-up there
to receive
an email reminder
on all activities
and events!**





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 an ErgoBaby Performance Carrier.

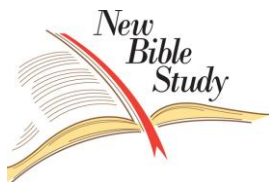
You may drop off your gift at the table located in the hallway near the FBC Office. Let's shower this new baby with lots of love!

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.



NEW Men's Sunday Bible Class

"The Cure"

Date and Time - Beginning Sunday, January 23, at 11:00 am

Room – 104 (across from Church Office)

Co-Teachers – Ron Huver and Ted Gutierrez

This class is limited to eight men and will last for only eight weeks. In this class men will grow in their spiritual relationship with God and better understand their own spirituality.

For more information contact Pastor Anthony at 480-839-0926.



Celebrate . . .

Through your generous contributions FBC donated 26 bags of food items totaling 690 pounds in support of the Phoenix Rescue Mission.

Thank you, Richard Compton, for your on-going ministry of caring for others.



FBC Is Looking for Volunteers

Are you looking to meet some new people? Are you interested in serving here at

FBC? Do you have a few hours you could give each week to volunteering here at FBC? Then we have just the thing for you!

FBC is looking for volunteers who would be willing to give a few hours each week as needed to accomplish some of the following:

- Maintenance and housekeeping projects
- Window washing
- Dusting, sweeping and vacuuming
- Painting projects
- Taking out trash
- Cleaning tables and chairs
- Landscaping projects
- Sweeping sidewalks
- Cleaning and sanitizing kitchens
- Cleaning and sanitizing bathrooms
- Tear-down and re-set classrooms
- Greeters and Information Desk Greeter
- Bible Class Teachers
- Small Group Leaders
- Sunday Morning Early Prep Church – Open-Up and Lock-Up
- Sunday Evening – Open-up and Lock-up
- Golf Cart Overseer and Golf Cart Drivers

If you are interested in volunteering here at FBC please drop this form in the offering plate, sign-up at the table across from the Library or contact Pastor Roger at rb618@cox.net

Name _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Email Address _____



Invite

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



Sunday, January 23 – Sometimes God asks us to call out sin – we must be willing

Sunday, January 30 – Let God prepare you

Sunday, February 6 – Are you resisting the call of God?

Sunday, February 13 – Meet missionaries at our Mission Conference

Sunday, February 20 – Our obedience should NOT depend on other people's responses

Sunday, February 27 - Speak? Listen?
When do I do which?

Sunday, March 6 – Is it urgent that I believe in Jesus Christ?



Sunday, March 13 – Christians are free, not bound

Sunday, March 20 – How to bargain effectively with God

Sunday, March 27 – How does God protect His people?



Chili and Nacho Potluck

Join us at FBC on Sunday, January 30,
at 12:00 noon in the MAC
for our
Chili and Nacho Potluck!

Please plan ahead and sign up to bring a side dish or bring
your favorite chili

Cheese for the Nachos
will be provided by FBC
as well as plates and utensils



I am planning to attend and . . .

- ☐ I will bring my favorite Chili
- ☐ I will bring a Side Dish

Name _____

Email Address _____

Cell Phone _____

Please tear off and place in the offering plate!



All Church Hike

Date and Time – Saturday, February 5 from 6:00 to 11:00 am

Location – Bursera Loop (South Mountain)
(Moderate – 4 Miles – 705 Feet (Sunrise at 7:21 am)

Bring: water, snacks and a flashlight

Early morning hike to enjoy the sunrise.

On our way down, we will be taking a brand-new trail
that might be steep that crisscrosses a desert wash.

Meet at FBC-Tempe to carpool. For more information, contact Adam
Bachman at 480-363-5570 or at ajbachman7@hotmail.com



God Blesses FBC . . .

**We are praising God for His blessings
financially during 2021**

2021 Budget - \$1,462,000.00

2021 Donations Received - \$1,438,000.00

Budget Shortage - \$24,000.00

God has blessed us with 98.4% of our
Budget.

Thank you everyone for your donations!



Skylight Café . . .

**FREE Bagels, FREE Donuts, FREE Drinks,
FREE Coffee, FREE Water, FREE Everything**

Dates - Sundays – January 16 and January 23

Enjoy Skylight Café and Each Other

Everyone is invited to praise God for the blessing of Skylight
Café! Take time to re-discover Skylight Café on Sunday morning, January
16, and Sunday morning, January 23.

An FBC family is buying everyone **FREE** bagels, **FREE** donuts, **FREE** drinks,
FREE coffee, **FREE** water and **FREE** everything. Everything from the café is
free and paid by the kindness of one of the FBC church families.

One person recently did this research:

Church: less people are going these days. In 2020, 47% of U.S. adults belonged to a church, synagogue or mosque. This is more than 20 points down from the turn of the century. There are many reasons, with one being that more Americans are defining themselves as having no religious preference. Gallup studies have examined the issue, and you can go online to read about Traditionalists (born before 1946), Baby Boomers (born 1946-1965), Gen X (born 1965-1980), and Gen Z (born 1981-1996), and their perspectives. My encouragement is that (as my daughter Gwynne often reminds me) we need community. We need to hear a message from the scripture (or a word from The Word). We need to worship together. We need to study together. We need to practice hospitality. It is part of being human and part of being made in the Imago Dei (the image of God). Granted, COVID has been tough and we need to take precautions: but we die on the vine without cultivation. As a military chaplain and a sometime connoisseur of church life, I found these top complaints about church:

1. The sermon was too long
2. The music was too loud (or the church is too cold, or too hot)
3. The people were not friendly
4. The sermons always have to do with giving more money
5. The praise hymns are too repetitive (7-11 songs: seven words we sing eleven times)
6. The traditional hymns are too old fashioned
7. The congregation is not spiritual (not sure what this means)
8. The congregation is too expressive
9. The sermon was pointless
10. The sermon had too many points
11. Everyone was overdressed (or underdressed)
12. Too many hypocrites (or fanatics)

What is a pastor to do? We simply cannot make everyone happy but then, that is not the point. Go to worship, go for community, go to be fed, go to encourage others, go to worship (yes, I intentionally stated that twice). Go. It pleases God.

Don't be like the man who would not get out of bed Sunday morning. His wife encouraged him: Honey, get up! We leave for church in 20 minutes. He responded: I am not going. I don't like church. The people are not friendly and I really don't like any of them. His wife said: Get up! He said: Give me one good reason I need to go to church! To this she replied: Well, you are the pastor!

Smile! Smile. Smile. Love God and His people we need both.



FBC Celebrates with

Pastor Anthony . . .

FBC celebrates with Pastor Anthony that after 3 ½ years of continuous full-time employment with FBC he has earned and been granted a one-month Spiritual Retreat.

The purpose of this retreat is Spiritual Renewal and Development:

- ***Spiritual Renewal:*** Long periods of ministry often leave a person spiritually weary or burned out. A rest from labor does wonders for the soul. Ministry activity is not to be the goal of the retreat. Meditation, prayer, physical rest and personal reflection are the key.
- ***Spiritual Development:*** The retreat offers a period of personal spiritual development, reflection and evaluation of one's spiritual condition. It would be an expectation that the individual would evaluate his/her own spiritual welfare and use the time to develop a renewed vision for their particular ministry area at FBC.

In an article entitled "The Almost inevitable ruin of every minister ... and how to avoid it" Donald S. Whitney notes that in I Timothy 4:6-16, Paul encourages pastors in many aspects of the ministry but notably summarizes all of his evidence in verse 16 saying, "Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching: persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you." The church leadership recognizes the need to provide pastors and staff with the opportunity of personal reflection without the ever-present pressures and responsibilities of the day to day ministry activities.

The church leadership recognizes that the job of the church staff is unlike any secular job due to the ministerial nature of the job. The ministerial aspect of the job calls for a 24/7 demand for availability from the staff that eventually takes its toll on the spiritual health of our staff and their ministries.

This retreat provides the opportunity for periodic spiritual evaluation and renewal.

**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

**January 30 – “Do Not Be Rebellious”
(Ezekiel 2:8-3:11)**

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

**February 6 – “Inner Wrestling”
(Ezekiel 3:12-15)**

Al Fadi (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
Pastor Peter Molina (11:00 Upper Room)

February 13 – 2022 Mission Conference

**February 20 – “Do What You Are Told”
(Ezekiel 3:16-21)**

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

Sunday Evening Messages

**January 23 – “Significance of the Tribe of Asher”
(Joshua 19:24-31) Pastor Matthew Downs**

**January 30 – “Significance of the Tribe of Naphtali”
(Joshua 19:32-39) Pastor Matthew Downs**

**February 6 – “Significance of the Tribe of Dan”
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“Speak to the Rebellious”

January 23, 2022

Al Fadi

Ezekiel 2:1 – Then He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet that I may speak with you!”

Ezekiel 2:2 – As He spoke to me the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet; and I heard Him speaking to me.

Ezekiel 2:3 – Then He said to me, “Son of man, I am sending you to the sons of Israel, to a rebellious people who have rebelled Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day.

Ezekiel 2:4 – “I am sending you to them who are stubborn and obstinate children, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’

Ezekiel 2:5 – “As for them, whether they listen or not – for they are a rebellious house – they will know that a prophet has been among them.

Ezekiel 2:6 – “And you, son of man, neither fear them nor fear their words, though thistles and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions; neither fear their words nor be dismayed at their presence, for they are a rebellious house.

Ezekiel 2:7 – “But you shall speak My words to them whether they listen or not, for they are rebellious.