

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

March 20-Deuteronomy 28-29
March 21-Deuteronomy 30-31
March 22-Deuteronomy 32-34
Psalm 91
March 23-Joshua 1-4
March 24-Joshua 5-8
March 25-Joshua 9-11
March 26-Joshua 12-15
March 27-Joshua 16-18

Birthdays

Philip Hammond (3/20)
Rodney Imhoff (3/20)
Suzanne Roderick (3/20)
Jennifer Fisher (3/21)
Adam Bachman (3/22)
Kathryn Spencer (3/23)
Ron Huver (3/25)

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 (3/13)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,355	\$ 311,905
Giving (Donations)	\$ 13,456	\$ 186,283
	\$ -14,899 (Shortage)	\$ -125,622 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 5,743	\$ 201,735
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (3/13)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 11,495
Giving (Donations)	\$ 973	\$ 10,244
	\$ -72 (Overage)	\$ -1,251 (Shortage)
FP Expenses	\$ 289	\$ 11,382

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 552	\$ 402,713

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
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GOD
PEOPLE**

Accepting, loving and challenging people with God's truth

March 20, 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

This is The Day
Garment of Praise
Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So
Welcome, Announcements, Offering
We Gather Together
Just As I Am
Prayer
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
“Bargaining With God”

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

Choir
Welcome, Announcements, Offering
O Praise the Name
From The Inside Out
Prayer
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
“Bargaining With God”

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

From the Day
Welcome, Announcements, Offering
Different
Great I Am
Before the Throne of God Above
Prayer
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
“Bargaining With God”

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

Welcome
Worship Song #1
Worship Song #2
Worship Song #3
Prayer
Message-

6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Welcome
Worship Song #1
Worship Song #2
Worship Song #3
Prayer
Message-Pastor Peter Molina
“Don’t Stop Now, Keep Loving God”

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-February 2022.

Financial Need

Annual Budget	\$ 126,770.00
Giving-to-Date	\$ 21,225.00
Under Budget	\$ 105,545.00

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 alfadi@CIRAIInternational.com. 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-February 2022.

Financial Need

Annual Budget	\$ 150,000.00
Giving-to-Date	\$ 9,391.00
Under Budget	\$ 140,609.00

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, March 20

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

Monday, March 21

6:00 am-Men’s Bible Study
6:00 pm-Bible Study Fellowship

Tuesday, March 22

9:00 am-Women’s Ministry Tuesday
Morning Bible Study

Wednesday, March 23

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

Thursday, March 24

5:00 pm-FBC Youth Music Hangout
6:00 pm-FBC Youth Group

Friday, March 25

6:00 pm-Guadalupe Church Plant Bible Study

Consider These

“Generosity during life is a very different thing from generosity in the hour of death; one proceeds from genuine liberality and benevolence, the other from pride or fear.”
(Horace Mann, American Educator and Politician)

Reflect

Be aware of the cautions about growing indebtedness . . .

- ✓ Proverbs 22:7 Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender.
- ✓ Romans 13:7-8 Give to everyone what you own them . . . Pray all your debts except the debt of love for others. You can never finish paying that!
- ✓ Psalms 37:21 The wicked borrow and never repay, but the godly are generous givers.
- ✓ Proverbs 21:5 Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.
- ✓ Proverbs 22:27 If you lack the means to pay, your very bed will be snatched from under you.

Safety and Security



For the safety and security of everyone, your backpack or bag may be inspected. Thanks for your cooperation!

FBC Window Decals

FBC car window decals are still available for purchase. All proceeds from these go to Faith Promise to support our FBC Missionaries and Short-Term Mission Trips. If you have any questions regarding these, contact David Brinn.



Recycle Ink Cartridges

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

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

Library News

The FBC Library is OPEN!!

New to the Library:

- ✓ *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis
- ✓ *Made to Crave* by Lysa TerKeurst
- ✓ *Quick Answers to Social Issues* by Bryan Osborne
- ✓ *The Paradigm* by Jonathan Cahn
- ✓ *Forensic Faith* by Warner Wallace



Stop by and check them out!

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)

The Cure—Room 104
(Men of 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.

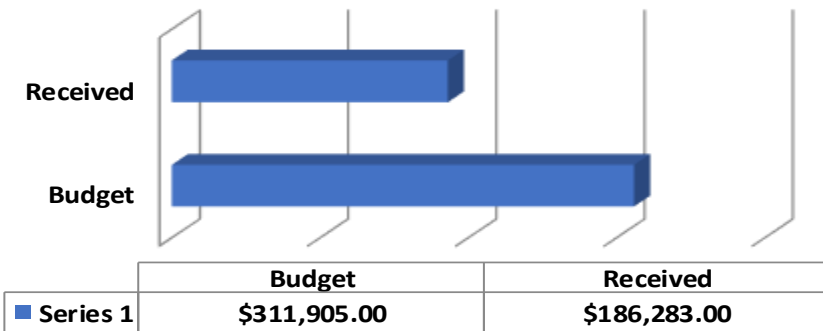
We need \$28,355.00 each week to meet our budget.

YTD Money Needed
\$311,905.00

YTD Money Received
\$186,283.00

UNDER Budget
\$-125,622.00

2022 General Fund Giving



GriefShare Support Groups In-Person or via Zoom

Help and encouragement
following the death of a loved one

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

Sunday, January 16, through Sunday, April 24

Loss of Spouse Seminar – Sunday, May 22, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

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

It takes more courage to repent
than to keep on sinning!



Children's Ministry (Birth through 6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story: Creation Days Six and Seven

Bible Point: Creation Days Six and Seven

Elementary

9:30 am Bible Story: God Is . . . Review

11:00 am Bible Story: God Parts the Red Sea

Extraordinary Blessings / Special Needs

Bible Story:

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

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

Kid City Prayer Request for the Week:

Pray for our Kid City teachers . . .

As they serve, lead and instruct in this building.

Awana



Club

Sunday evenings, 5:45 to 7:15 PM

March 20 –

March 27 – Grand Prix Night

April 3 –

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.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, July 9, 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, July 9, 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.
- **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.
- **Men's Alaska Fishing Trip** – August 22 – 29 – Contact Pastor Anthony for more detailed information and cost.
- **Men's Camp** – September 23-25 – Be watching for more information.
- **Men's Golf Outing** – July 23 – Be watching 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 – First and Third Thursdays of each month
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

March 20 – Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Condiments, Potato Salad, 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

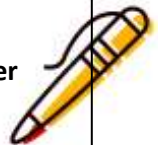
Upcoming Activities

**Women's Event and
Spring Luncheon
Saturday, April 23, 2022
10:30am ~ 1:00pm**

Tickets are on sale at
the Women's Ministry
Table for \$10.00 each

**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 Hike

Date and Time – Saturday, April 2, 5:00 am to 6:00 pm

Location – Horton Creek (Payson)

(Moderate – 7 Miles – 1,214 Feet (Sunrise at 6:14 am)

Bring: water, snacks, snack lunch and sunscreen

We will caravan up to Payson, stopping at Safeway for bathroom break. I have led the group on the trail many times, but this will be the first time we will hike all the way to the spring that feeds the creek. On our way down, we will stop along the creek to eat our sack lunch. We will be crossing the creek a few times. We are leaving early because in 2020 they enforced parking restrictions, making parking limited.

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



Donate to Help the People in the Ukraine . . .

Would you like to join others here at FBC and help the people in the Ukraine?

If you would like to make a financial donation, use one of the offering envelopes located in the chair pockets, place your money in it, write on the front Ukraine and place it in the offering plate.

Let's use our resources to help and assist these people.

Praying Daily . . .

Prayer is sort of like an unlocked door with a giant, red-lettered sign on it that says, "Welcome. Feel Free to Take Whatever You Need." Inside is the storehouse of all that God is. He invites us to share it all. He does not intend for us to stay on the outside and struggle all alone with the perplexities of life, and He not only invites us to come in but to stay in, in order that His "Grace and peace be yours in fullest measure, through the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord" (II Peter 1:2).

Gloria Gaither
"Decisions"



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



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?

Sunday, April 3 – What pleases God and what does not?

Sunday, April 10 – What does salvation mean?

Sunday, April 17 – How can I be a winner at life?

Sunday, April 24 – What does God really want from me?

Sunday, May 1 – How much of my sin does Jesus cover?

Sunday, May 8 – How do I rejoice in my salvation?

Sunday, May 15 – What is healthy grief?

Sunday, May 22 – God's design has always been to dwell with His people

Sunday, May 29 – Can God make me a new person?

Sunday, June 5 – Is most of the world blind to the truth?

Sunday, June 12 – Is Jesus going to return soon?

Sunday, June 19 – How can I avoid a false prophet?

Sunday, June 26 – What is real hypocrisy?



VOLUNTEER



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 _____



Kid City Happenings . . .

1. Parenting Class, Sunday, March 27, 9:30 am or 11:00 am

It's easy to look at the world and feel overwhelmed, but you don't need to lose hope. This class will provide tools that will help you model Godly characteristics and biblical values in your own life and home. Registration required.

2. Tot Town, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 9:00 am - 1 pm, Indoor parent/child playgroup for 5 years and under.

3. Palm Sunday Celebration, Sunday, April 10, 9:30 am or 11:00 am

4. Easter Celebration, Sunday, April 17, 9:30 am or 11:00 am, Family Breakfast and Decorating Cookies

5. Mother's Day Celebration, Sunday, May 8, Students will be presenting a special Mother's Day Poem through sign language during the 9:30 am and 11:00 am services.

6. Family Event @ SunSplash, Sunday, May 15, 1 pm - 5 pm, \$20.00 if you pre-register and pay in advance or \$46.00 @ the gate.

7. Donuts with Dad, Sunday, June 19, Students bring your dad, uncle or grandpa to Kid City on Father's Day for a free donut.

8. Family Summer Camp, June 24 – 26, Prescott Pines Camp

Get ready to have a family weekend filled with adventure, food, activities, laughter, recreation for the whole family and faith. Family camp is a great place for traditions and memories to form. This event is open to families of all ages. Registration required.



9. VBS, June 27-29 | 9:30 am – Noon, FREE

Join us for Mystery Island. Students will track down truths about the one true God. Students leaving 1st -5th grade will also have the opportunity to participate in electives such as soccer, sign language, cheer, art and more. Registration required.

10. Worship and Serve God

God created each of us uniquely with gifts and talents to bring Him the glory and to benefit the body of Christ. Our desire is to help you and your children find your place here at FBC. We are excited to provide ways for your family to use your gifts by serving in Kid City. Registration required.

**Information and registration links can be found on the church website:
www.fbc-tempe.org under Children's Ministry.**



HELP Needed Easter Sunday . . .

For our Easter Bruch in the gym we need servers and individuals to help with clean-up. This is your opportunity to love people on Easter before and after our four Morning Worship Services here at FBC.

_____ **Team #1** (from 6:30 to 7:45 am) ***we need ten individuals***

_____ **Team #2** (from 7:45 to 8:45 am) ***we need ten individuals***

_____ **Team #3** (from 8:45 to 9:45 am) ***we need ten individuals***

_____ **Team #4** (from 9:45 to 10:45 am) ***we need ten individuals***

_____ **Team #5** (from 10:45 to 11:45 am) ***we need ten individuals***

_____ **Team #6** (from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm) ***need ten individuals***

_____ **Team #7** (12:45 to 1:45 pm) ***we need ten individuals***

If you can help make Easter special for those people attending our services, please indicate above when you would be able to help and drop it in the offering plate.

Name _____

Email Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Resurrection Sunday

Celebrate Easter at FBC

Good Friday, April 15,

7:00 pm – Worship Service in the Worship Center
led by Pastor Scott Summers

Easter Sunday, April 17

"Victorious"

8:00 am – Worship Service in the Worship Center

9:30 am – Worship Service in the Worship Center

9:30 am – Upper Room Service in the Loft

11:00 am – Worship Service in the Worship Center

Special Children's Program at 9:30 and 11:00 am
in Kid City for children grade 6 and younger.

Youth are encouraged to attend the 9:30 am
Service in the Worship Center with Pastor Scott.



FREE Breakfast in the MAC from 7:00 to 10:30 am

Scrambled Eggs with Cheese, Rosemary
Roasted Potatoes, Bacon and Sausage
Links, Cinnamon Maple Pancakes,
Coffee, Orange Juice, Water

FREE Lunch in the MAC from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Grilled Herb Chicken and Seasoned Rice, Rosemary
Roasted Potatoes, Roast Pork with Natural Au Jus,
Tortellini Pasta with Tomato Fresca and Basil,
Fresh Vegetable Medley, Rolls and Butter, Water
and Lemonade and Assorted Desserts

**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

March 27 – “Destruction and Preservation” (Ezekiel 5:1-4)

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

April 3 – “Rebellion, Abominations, Judgment” (Ezekiel 5:5-17)

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

April 10 – “Hosanna – ‘Save We Plead’” (Matthew 21:1-11)

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

April 17 – “Victorious” (I Corinthians 15)

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

Sunday Evening Messages

March 20 – “Don’t Stop Now, Keep Loving God” (Joshua 22:1-9)

Pastor Peter Molina

March 27 – “Confronting Potential Sin Before Condemning” (Joshua 22:10-20)

Pastor Peter Molina

April 3 – “No Barriers Between Believers” (Joshua 22:21-34)

PIT Stephen Tunnicliff

“Bargaining with God”

March 20, 2022
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

A - Siege Diet (Ezekiel 4:9 - 11)

B - Exilic Diet (Ezekiel 4:12)

B' - Interpretation of the Exilic Diet (Ezekiel 4:13)

C - Bargaining over Cleanliness (Ezekiel 4:14 - 15)

A' - Interpretation of the Siege Diet (Ezekiel 4:16 - 17)

Ezekiel 4:9 – *“But as for you, take wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet and spelt, put them in one vessel and make them into bread for yourself; you shall eat it according to the number of the days that you lie on your side, three hundred and ninety days.*

Ezekiel 4:10 – *“Your food which you eat shall be twenty shekels a day by weight; you shall eat it from time to time.*

Ezekiel 4:11 – *“The water you drink shall be the sixth part of the hin by measure; you shall drink it from time to time.*

- Twenty shekels - _____
- Sixth part of a hin - _____

Ezekiel 4:12 – *“You shall eat it as a barley cake, having baked it in their sight over human dung.”*

- Deuteronomy 23:12 – *“You shall also have a place outside the camp and go out there.*
- Deuteronomy 23:13 – *and you shall have a spade among your tools, and it shall be when you sit down outside, you shall dig with it and shall turn to cover up your excrement.*
- Deuteronomy 23:14 – *“Since the Lord your God walks in the midst of your camp to deliver you and to defeat your enemies before you, therefore your camp must be holy; and He must not see anything indecent among you or He will turn away from you.*

Ezekiel 4:13 – *Then the Lord said, “Thus will the sons of Israel eat their bread unclean among the nations where I will banish them”*

- The point is for the people to realize they are _____

Ezekiel 4:16 – *Moreover, He said to me, “Son of man, behold, I am going to break the staff of bread in Jerusalem, and they will eat bread by weight and with anxiety, and drink water by measure and in horror.*

Ezekiel 4:17 – *because bread and water will be scarce; and they will be appalled with one another and waste away in their iniquity.*

- The people need to realize they need _____
- The people need to realize their _____ is causing their wasting away

Ezekiel 4:14 – *But I said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I have never been defiled; for from my youth until now I have never eaten what dies of itself or was torn by beasts, nor has any unclean meat ever entered my mouth.”*

- “I have never been defiled,” literal Hebrew is “my throat has not been defiled”
 - Ezekiel is NOT claiming _____
- Leviticus 22:8 – *‘He shall not eat an animal which dies or is torn by beasts, becoming unclean by it; I am the Lord.*
- Leviticus 7:18 – *‘So, if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings should ever be eaten on the third day, he who offers it will not be accepted, and it will not be reckoned to his benefit. It shall be an offensive thing, and the person who eats of it will bear his own iniquity.*

Ezekiel 4:15 – *Then He said to me, “See, I will give you cow’s dung in place of human dung over which you will prepare your bread.”*

Theological

- _____ of God - God is unchanging in his being, perfections (knowledge, power and presence), purposes and promises, yet God does act and feel emotions and he acts and feels differently in response to different situations
 - Malachi 3:6a - *“For I, the Lord, do not change,”*
 - James 1:17 - *“Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is not variation or shifting shadow”*
 - Jonah 3:4 - *Then Jonah began to go through the city one day’s walk; and he cried out and said, “Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” (5) Then the people of Nineveh believed in God; and they called a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least of them...*
 - Jonah 3:10 - *When God saw their deeds, that they turned from their wicked way, then God relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it.*

Practical

The most effective way to bargain with God is from righteousness to righteousness

From Righteousness

1. Not from _____ - but from a history of _____
2. You must know the _____

To Righteousness

1. Erring on the side of _____ - not looking for a _____

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