

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

April 17-I Samuel 25-27
April 18-Psalm 17, 35, 54, 63
April 19-Psalm 18, I Samuel 28-31
April 20-Psalm 121, 123-125, 130
April 21-I Samuel 1-4
April 22-Psalm 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21
April 23-I Chronicles 1-2
April 24-Psalm 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87

Birthdays


Mary Beth Cochran (4/17)
James Dorsett (4/17)
Rodney Scharr (4/17)
Owen Summers (4/17)
Issad Fisher (4/19)
Stephanie Reynolds (4/19)
Paul Wenz (4/19)
Nhan Tran Nguyen (4/20)
Sharon Barone (4/21)
Kina Bell (4/21)
Kay Lowe (4/21)
Nancy Peake (4/21)
Kelly Bachman (4/22)
Rihanna Abboud (4/23)
Leonard Kull (4/24)

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 (4/10)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,355	\$ 425,325
Giving (Donations)	\$ 18,186	\$ 256,119
	\$ -10,169 (Shortage)	\$ -169,206 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 4,293	\$ 284,880
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (4/10)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 15,675
Giving (Donations)	\$ 4,408	\$ 17,332
	\$ 3,363 (Overage)	\$ 1,657 (Overage)
FP Expenses	\$ 150	\$ 17,568

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction


	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 570	\$ 404,642

Please continue to give to help reduce our long-term Legacy debt of approximately \$822,627.20

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

LOVE GOD PEOPLE

Accepting, loving and challenging people with God's truth

April 17, 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

Welcome and Announcements
Graves Into Gardens
The Gospel
Jesus Paid It All
Offering
Tremble
What a Beautiful Name
Prayer
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
“Victorious”
Victory In Jesus
Baptism

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

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11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

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Baptism

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

Welcome
Worship Song #1
Worship Song #2
Worship Song #3
Prayer
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe
“Victorious”

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	\$ 30,023.00
Under Budget	\$ 96,747.00

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	\$ 14,443.00
Under Budget	\$ 135,557.00

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, April 17

7:00 am-Easter Breakfast
8:00 am-Traditional Worship
9:30 am-Contemporary Worship
9:30 am-Kid City Children’s Classes
11:00 am-Easter Lunch
11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship
11:00 am-Acoustic Praise and Worship
11:00 am-Kid City Children’s Classes
2:00 pm-GriefShare

Monday, April 18

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

Tuesday, April 19

9:00 am-Women’s Ministry Tuesday Morning Bible Study
4:00 pm-Viewing for Wanda Godein

Wednesday, April 20

9:00 am-Internment for Wanda Godwin
2:00 pm-Memorial Service for Charlie Betts
6:30 pm-Worship Team Rehearsal
6:30 pm-Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, April 21

9:00 am-Tot Town
5:00 pm-Teen Music Hang-Out Youth Group
6:30 pm-Women’s Ministry Thursday Night Bible Study

Saturday, April 23

10:00 am-Women’s Spring Outreach Event

Consider These

*“Even if I give the whole of my worth to Him,
He will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave.”
(Charles Haddon Spurgeon, English Baptist Preacher)*

*“We can all be stimulated to greater generosity
by the known generosity of others.”
(John R. W. Stott, English Pastor and Evangelist)*

Reflect

Women play a significant part in giving to God’s work . . .

- ✓ Luke 8:3 Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod’s household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them (Jesus and his disciples) out of their own means.
- ✓ Mark 14:3 A woman cam with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume (worth a year’s wages), made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on “Jesus’) head.
- ✓ Nehemiah 2:6-8 Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me (Nahemiah), “How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?” It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time ... and because the gracious hand of my God was upon me, the king granted my requests.

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 Library will be closed on
Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022!**

New to the Library:

- ✓ *Heart of Rubies* by Tessa Afshar
- ✓ *Harvest of Gold* by Tessa Afshar

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
\$425,325.00

YTD Money Received
\$256,119.00

UNDER Budget
\$-169,206.00

2022 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
■ Series 1	\$425,325.00	\$256,119.00



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

A Christian is a living sermon,
whether or not he preaches a word!



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

April 17 – Easter Sunday

April 24 – Chad's Famous Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Vegetables, 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

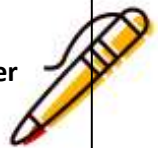
Upcoming Activities

**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!**





Family Dedication

Date – Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8

Times – 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

This is a special event where parents dedicate themselves to raise their children based on biblical principles and to set an example for them.

Families (single or married) need to fill out a form and meet with Dianna Ball to take part in this special Mother's Day event. You can contact Dianna at 602-463-7329 (please leave a message) or at dball@fbc-tempe.org.

Where Do We Go from Here?

Starting Sunday, May 8

Our world is experiencing major changes. We see the falling away of the church, the silencing of Christians, the ravaging toll of pandemics, the rise of globalism, a frail world economy, the fallout from socialism, woke religion, and more. These issues can be a cause of great anxiety. But if we understand that they were prophesied in the Bible as signs of the end times then we can be encouraged and know how to respond properly.

This series from Dr. David Jeremiah looks at 10 prophetic events that are appearing today in our culture and provides answers to these questions:

- **Where are we?** Take an honest look at troubling issues in our culture.
- **What does it mean?** Examine how these events are linked to Biblical prophecy.
- **Where do we go from here?** Get practical Biblical instruction to provide hope and courage to face these issues.

This series will be presented in The Hood Class, which meets on Sundays at 11:00 in Room 107. It will begin on Sunday, May 8. There is an optional study guide available for \$7.00. For more information contact Greg Jones, 480-205-8801, gregj757@gmail.com.

Don't pray for an easy life;
pray to be a stronger person.



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



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?



Thankfulness could well be
the finest sentiment of man –
and also the rarest.



Kid City Happenings . . .

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

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

3. 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.

4. 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.

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

6. 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.

7. 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.



8. 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.**



17 Celebrations of You and God at Work at FBC-Tempe

1. Recently our church gave \$5,000.00 to help the suffering people in Ukraine with special personal delivery by our Missionary, Steve Evers.
2. In the last week \$8,379.25 was sent to A Perfect Injustice to help orphans in Uganda through Abigail and David Kakeeto, the daughter of one of our former pastors Steve Tracy. Thanks to all donors!
3. In 2021 total mission donations received (General Fund and designated) and made available for our missionaries was \$695,647.00 which is 47.18% of our total General Fund Budget. Praise God! Keep giving to our Faith Promise missionaries.
4. In February and March, 2021 our average attendance on Sundays, AM and PM, adults, children and teens, was approximately 375. In February and March, 2022, one year later, our average attendance on Sundays is almost 200 more, totaling 575 people.
5. After two years of no Easter Breakfast and Lunch in the gym due to Covid, we will serve Easter Breakfast and Lunch in the gym on Easter Sunday. Thank you, Ryan Barbarisi and team.
6. In March, 2022 our monthly expenses for the new Guadalupe Church Plant were \$5,447.00 and we received in donations \$5,190.00. Continue to give donations earmarked to our Church Plant in Guadalupe. Praise God! Pray and help Peter and Trisha Molina.
7. Last week the FBC Finance Committee and Deacon Board approved approximately \$19,000.00 to be spent toward Legacy Debt Reduction. In February, 2018, our original loan was \$1.8 million, and four-years later our Legacy indebtedness has a balance of \$792,715.00. This is a 56% reduction after four years. Earmark your donations "Legacy Debt."
8. In the last four or five months many first-time guests (visitors) have attended FBC and become regular attendees. Keep loving new faces in our church. Keep loving familiar faces.
9. Praise God, last Sunday night we worshiped God with an Easter Musical by our music team. The last Easter Musical occurred many, many years ago. Thank you, Music Team. Thank you, Pastor Rob.

10. In the last 12 months children's attendance on Sunday morning has gone from an average of 62 children to 90 children. Thank you, Kid City leaders and teachers. Thanks, Sharmon.
11. Two former Pastors-in-Training became Senior Pastors: Corey Kugle and Burton VanKirk. Pray for them.
12. Finally, after 2 ½ years we legally started the FBC Legacy Endowment and LLC for Church Preservation Planning. Thank you, Gary Maack, Pam Rosendale, Deacons, congregation, staff and soon to be the newly created FBC Endowment Board with Board Members Gary Maack, Danielle Fisher, Debbie Roberts, Robert Hill and David Brinn.
13. Praise God for first-term new Deacons: Ted Gutierrez, John Lucki and Mike McCall, and first-term new Deaconess, Sherri Lucki.
14. Our missionaries, Ryan and Shelby Webb and their four children soon return to Papua New Guinea to share Jesus with the Manam people. Listen to their story on Thursday, May 12, and Sunday, May 15, at FBC-Tempe. Give a donation to FBC earmarked "Webb Airfare."
15. FBC-Tempe Family Camp returns to FBC sponsored by Children's Ministry, June 24-26 at Prescott Pines. Go to the FBC website Children's Ministry page for more information.
16. Several people recently said "YES" to Jesus as their Savior. Show kindness and Jesus to everyone.
17. Women! Have fun. Laugh. Bring your neighbors and friends to the Women's April 23 comedy event. Buy your ticket now.



Ryan and Shelby Webb . . .

Are you interested in hearing more about Sharing the Gospel with the Manam people?

Ryan and Shelby Webb and their four children are soon returning to Papua New Guinea with plans for finally sharing the Gospel with the Manam people after 10 years of serving them.

Join them at FBC in Room 118 on Thursday, May 12, at 6:30 pm -OR- Sunday, May 15, 11 am to hear directly from them. Ryan will show you some Gospel training material he has been developing.

Pray for them, support them and listen carefully to how God will bring His Gospel to the nations.



Helping our Missionaries

Since January 1, giving to Faith Promise has been

\$15,261.00

Our need since January 1 is **\$14,280.00**

Our weekly need is **\$1,098.00**

If we do not receive \$4,760.00 each month, each of our Faith Promise missionaries receive partial monthly support, not "full" monthly support from us.

Your faithfulness in giving to Faith Promise helps our **missionaries** spread the love of Jesus around the world!

Faith Promise **missionary** giving is in addition to your General Fund giving.

Here at FBC we support our **missionaries** in three ways:

1. Through our General Fund Budget,
2. Through designated gifts to specific **missionaries**, and
3. Through our Faith Promise giving to our **missionaries**.

Below is a list of the **missionaries** we support monthly through Faith Promise:

- Al Fadi
- Mark Burritt
- Steve and Darlene Evers
- Jim and Carolyn Fasold
- Gideons
- Bob and Elena Gonzalez
- Jeff Hause
- Kevin and Lelani Humble
- Ben and Aleyamma Joseph
- Luis Matute
- Bernie and Mary Miller
- Nogales Baptist Seminary
- Brent and Melanie Palmer
- Nathan and Meagan Pipe
- Erika Potter
- Tom and Laura Requadt
- Steve and Patty Robenalt
- Salvation Army
- Dwight and Gwynne Shaver
- Southwest CBA
- Tempe Community Action
- Ryan and Shelby Webb
- Cathy Wilson
- Peter and Trisha Molina

To help support our Faith Promise **missionaries** you can donate online using the FBC website, you can bring your check or cash when you attend one of our Sunday Worship Services, you can mail a check to the Church Office or you can drop off your donation at the Church Office. Be sure to designate your gift for "Faith Promise."

We received for our **missionaries** in 2021, through our General Fund Budget, through specific designated gifts and through Faith Promise giving \$695,647.00 which is 47.18% of our total General Fund Budget.



Resurrection Sunday

Celebrate Easter at FBC

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

**April 24 – “God Does Nothing in Vain”
(Ezekiel 6)**

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

**May 1 – “Nothing Has Been Left Unpunished”
(Ezekiel 7:1-27)**

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

**May 8 – “Full Scale Corruption”
(Ezekiel 8:1-18)**

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

**May 15 – “Destruction and Salvation”
(Ezekiel 9:1-14)**

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

Sunday Evening Messages

April 17 – No PM Service

April 24 – Awana Closing Program

**May 1 – “If You Want the Blessing of God,
You Must Obey”**

(Joshua 23:1-16) Pastor Matthew Downs

**May 8 – “The Choice to Serve God”
(Joshua 24:1-15) Pastor Matthew Downs**

“Victorious”

April 17, 2022
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

I Corinthians 15:1 – Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand.

I Corinthians 15:2 - by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

- Genuine Belief has an _____ on your life
- False Belief is proven when my lack of life _____ evidences the lack of the Spirit of God in me

I Corinthians 15:3 – For I delivered to you as of first importance which I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

I Corinthians 15:4 - and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

I Corinthians 15:5 - and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

I Corinthians 15:6 - After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep,

I Corinthians 15:7 - then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;

I Corinthians 15:8 - and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

I Corinthians 15:9 - For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

I Corinthians 16:10 - But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

The Gospel

- Christ died for our _____ according to the Scripture

- He was _____ and _____ on the third day
- There were _____ witnesses of His Resurrection!

How does the Resurrection Infiltrate our Lives!?

I Corinthians 15:50 – Now I say this brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

- That which makes me _____ cannot inherit the kingdom of God
- My _____ cursed from sin cannot inherit immortality

I Corinthians 15:51 – Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,

I Corinthians 15:52 - in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

I Corinthians 15:53 - For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

#1 - Our Lives Will Have _____ Change When Christ Returns

#2 - The Resurrection Changes the Curse of _____ to a Blessing

I Corinthians 15:54 – But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

I Corinthians 15:55 - “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

- Isaiah 25:8 – *He will swallow up death for all time, And the Lord God will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For the Lord has spoken.*

- Hosea 13:14 – *Shall I ransom them from the power of Sheol? Shall I redeem them from death? O Death, where are your thorns? I Sheol, where is your sting? Compassion will be hidden from My sight.*

I Corinthians 15:56 – *The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;*

- Death reminds us all that sin is _____ and has _____ Consequences

I Corinthians 15:57 – *but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- The _____ of Death becomes the _____ to eternal life and _____

I Corinthians 15:58 – *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.*

- Be steadfast - Firmly planted in the _____, _____, and _____ of Jesus Christ
- Immovable - not _____ by the ever shifting _____ of the world
- Abounding in the work of the Lord

1. Using my giftedness to build up the _____ of Christ

- Your toiling is not is Vain

1. In _____

2. In _____ the Gospel with the world

#3 - The Resurrection Plants Us Firmly in Jesus Christ, with Meaningful Purpose