

### 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 24-Psalm 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87  
April 25-I Chronicles 3-5  
April 26-Psalm 73, 77-78  
April 27-I Chronicles 6  
April 28-Psalm 81, 88, 92-93  
April 29-I Chronicles 7-10  
April 30-Psalm 102-104  
May 1-II Samuel 5:1-10  
I Chronicles 11-12

### Birthdays

Leonard Kull (4/24)  
Colton Ferry (4/25)  
Linda Ruitenber (4/25)  
Midge Baird (4/26)  
Barbara McIntyre (4/26)  
Louie Padilla (4/28)  
Madison Platt (4/28)  
Dianna Ball (4/29)  
Rafael Salgado (4/30)  
Lupe Finch (5/1)  
Jo Gott (5/1)  
Michael Vega (5/1)

### 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 the Church Office at 480-839-0926.

### Financial Update 2022

General Giving	Last Week	YTD (4/17)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,355	\$ 453,680
Giving (Donations)	\$ 17,215	\$ 273,334
	\$ -11,140 (Shortage)	\$ -180,346 (Shortage)
<b>GF Expenses</b>	\$ 43,145	\$ 328,025
<b>Faith Promise</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>YTD (4/17)</b>
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 16,720
Giving (Donations)	\$ 721	\$ 18,053
	\$ -324 (Shortage)	\$ 1,333 (Overage)
<b>FP Expenses</b>	\$ 00	\$ 17,568

### Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 510	\$ 405,152

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**

**WE  
LOVE  
GOD  
PEOPLE**

Accepting, loving and challenging people with God's truth

**April 24, 2022**

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

There is Power in the Blood  
I'll Fly Away  
Welcome and Announcements  
Blessed by the Name  
Because He Lives  
Prayer  
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
"God Does Nothing in Vain"

### 9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

This is Amazing Grace  
House of the Lord  
Welcome and Announcements  
Same God  
Prayer  
Choir  
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
"God Does Nothing in Vain"

### 11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

You Brought Me Back to Life  
Welcome and Announcements  
Behold Him  
My Worth is Not in What I Own  
King of Kings  
Prayer  
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
"God Does Nothing in Vain"

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

Welcome  
Worship Song #1  
Worship Song #2  
Worship Song #3  
Prayer  
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe  
"God Does Nothing in Vain"

## 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	\$ 33,053.00
Under Budget	\$ 93,717.00

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](mailto: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	\$ 14,936.00
Under Budget	\$ 135,064.00

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](mailto:pmolina@fbc-tempe.org). Make out all checks to FBC earmarked "Church Plant."

## This Week at FBC

### Sunday, April 24

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-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 pm-Lunch in the MAC  
6:00 pm-Awana Grand Prix and Awards Program

### Monday, April 25

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

### Tuesday, April 26

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

### Wednesday, April 27

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

### Thursday, April 28

5:00 pm-Teen Music Hang-Out  
6:00 pm-High School and Junior High Teen Youth Group  
6:30 pm-Women's Ministry Thursday Night Bible Study

### Saturday, April 30

7:00 pm-Youth Lock-In

## Consider These

*"The measure of a life is not its duration, but its donation."  
(Peter Marshall, US Senate Chaplain)*

*"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."  
(Mother Teresa, Catholic Missionary to India)*

## Reflect

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

- ✓ Exodus 35:21, 22, 25, 26 *Everyone who was willing and whose heart moved him came and brought an offering to the Lord for the work ... All who were willing, men and women alike, came and brought gold jewelry of all kinds: brooches, earrings, rings and ornaments. They all presented their gold as a wave offering to the Lord ... Every skilled woman spun with her hands and brought what she had spun-blue, purple or scarlet yarn or fine linen. And all the women who were willing and had the skill spun the goat hair.*
- ✓ Acts 9:36 *In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, who was always doing good and helping the poor.*

**God looks at the heart, not the hand -  
The giver, not the gift.**

## 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

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](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.

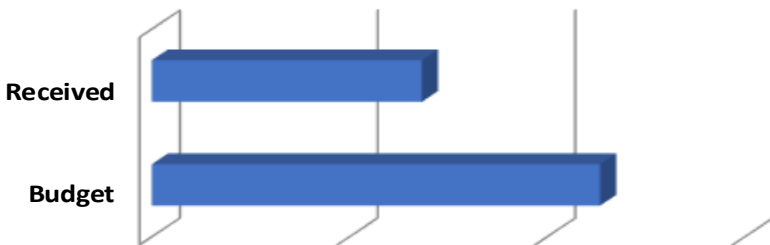
We need \$28,355.00 each week to meet our budget.

**YTD Money Needed**  
**\$453,680.00**

**YTD Money Received**  
**\$273,334.00**

**UNDER Budget**  
**\$-180,346.00**

### 2022 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
■ Series 1	\$453,680.00	\$273,334.00



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

To grieve over sin is one thing;  
To repent is another.



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

### **Preschool and Kindergarten**

**Bible Story:** Jesus Dies on the Cross and Rises from the Dead

**Bible Point:** I Can Welcome Jesus

### **Elementary**

**9:30 am Bible Story:** Jesus – The Bridge

**11:00 am Bible Story:** Jesus' Betrayal and Trial

### **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 students . . .***

To follow God's plan for their lives  
and use their talents, abilities and spiritual gifts.



Awana Club

Sunday evenings, 5:45 to 7:15 PM

April 24-Awana Grand Prix and

Awards Program

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/FBCtempe](http://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](mailto:jhuver@fbc-tempe.org).

**When in doubt – tell the truth!**



# 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** – 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 – Check out the Men's Ministry Table for more information.
- **Men's Golf Outing** – July 23 – Check out the Men's Ministry Table 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** – 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 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***

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#### **Tuesday Mornings**

Connections and 2 Bible Studies

Quad & Rooms 104 & 109

9:00 am - 11:30am

***Dates: Jan. 11 - April 26***

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#### **Tuesday Evenings**

Bible Study on ZOOM

6:30pm - 8:00pm

***Dates: Jan. 18 - April 26***

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#### **Thursday Mornings**

Tot Town in Kid City

9:30am - 12:00pm

***Dates: Jan. 13 - April 28***

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#### **Thursday Evenings**

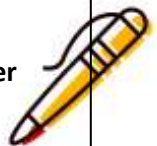
Bible Study in Room 104

6:30pm - 8:00pm

***Dates: Jan. 13 - April 28***

**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](mailto:dball@fbc-tempe.org).

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## 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](mailto:gregj757@gmail.com).

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Beware of the half-truth.  
You might get hold of the wrong half!



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



***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?



The things in life  
that count most  
are the things  
that cannot be counted!

# 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](mailto:rb618@cox.net)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_



## Kid City Happenings . . .

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

**2. 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.

**3. Family Event @ SunSplash, Sunday, May 15, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm**, \$20.00 if you pre-register and pay in advance or \$46.00 @ the gate.

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

**5. 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.

**6. 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.



**7. 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](http://www.fbc-tempe.org) under Children's Ministry.**



## 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





**Plan to show your  
compassion at our next**

**Compassion Outreach  
Day**

**Honoring God & Others!**

**Saturday, May 21, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm**

- One-Hour Prayer Groups
- Painting Project
- Free Car Wash
- Blood Drive
- Send the Gospel to PNG
- Breakfast in the Park
- McClintock Street Clean-Up
- United Food Bank
- Bible Drive



***Sign-Up at the Compassion Outreach Day table  
in the foyer for the project  
that you would like to take part in.***

***“This is how everyone will know  
that you are my disciples  
when they see the love  
you have for each other.” John 13:3***

**For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the  
victory that has overcome the world – our faith. Who is he who  
overcomes  
the world, but he who believes  
that Jesus is the Son of God?**





## **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.

**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**

### **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)

### **May 22 – “The Departure of the Divine King” (Ezekiel 10:1-22)**

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

## **Sunday Evening Messages**

### **April 24 – No PM Service**

### **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**

# “God Does Nothing in Vain”

April 24, 2022

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

Ezekiel 5:5 – *“Thus says the Lord God, ‘This is Jerusalem; I have set her at the center of the nations, with lands around her. (6) But she has rebelled against My ordinances more wickedly than the nations and against My statutes more than any lands which surround her; for they have rejected My ordinances and have not walked in My statutes.*

- Genesis 12:1 – Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you; (2) And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;
- “Center of the Nations” - God’s People were supposed to be a \_\_\_\_\_ to the nations

Ezekiel 5:7 – *“Therefore, thus says the Lord God, ‘Because you have more turmoil than the nations which surround you and have not walked in My statutes, nor observed My ordinances, nor observed the ordinances of the nations which surround you.(8) therefore, thus says the Lord God, ‘Behold, I, even I, am against you, and I will execute judgments among you in the sight of the nations. (9) And because of all your abominations, I will do among you what I have not done, and the like of which I will never do again. (10) Therefore, fathers will eat their sons among you, and sons will eat their fathers; for I will execute judgments on you and scatter all your remnant to every wind.*

- Leviticus 26:29 – Further, you will eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters you will eat.
- Summary - You Have Violated My \_\_\_\_\_ and Committed \_\_\_\_\_, therefore I (God) am against you!

Ezekiel 5:11a – *‘So as I live,’ declares the Lord God, surely because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your detestable idols and with all your abominations,*

- Yahweh is the ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ God

Ezekiel 5:11b - *therefore I will also withdraw, and My eye will have no pity and I will not spare. (12) ‘One third of you will die by plague or be consumed by famine among you, one third will fall by the sword around you, and one third I will scatter to every wind, and I will unsheathe a sword behind them. (13) ‘Thus My anger will be spent and I will satisfy My wrath on them, and I will be appeased; then they will know that I, the Lord, have spoken in My zeal when I have spent My wrath upon them.*

- “I will also withdraw” - better translation - “I myself will shave/cut you off”

- Isaiah 15:2 - “they have gone up to the temple and to Dibon, even to the high places to weep. Moab wails over Nebo and Medeba; Everyone’s head is bald and every beard is cut off.”
- “And my eye will have no pity”
  - Deuteronomy 7:16 – You shall consume all the peoples whom the Lord your God will deliver to you; your eye shall not pity them, nor shall you serve their gods, for what would be a snare to you.

Ezekiel 5:14 – *‘Moreover, I will make you a desolation and a reproach among the nations which surround you, in the sight of all who pass by. (15) ‘So it will be a reproach, a reviling, a warning and an object of horror to the nations who surround you when I execute judgments against you in anger, wrath and raging rebukes. I, the Lord, have spoken.*

- This is a temporary reversal of what Israel was supposed to be to the nations (a \_\_\_\_\_)

Ezekiel 5:16 – *‘When I send against them the deadly arrows of famine which were for the destruction of those whom I will send to destroy you, then I will also intensify the famine upon you and break the staff of bread. (17) ‘Moreover, I will send on you famine and wild beasts, and they will bereave you of children; plague and bloodshed also will pass through you, and I will bring the sword on you. I, the Lord, have spoken.’”*

- The wrath that was supposed to be upon those who \_\_\_\_\_ Israel will now be upon \_\_\_\_\_

Leviticus 26:14 – *But if you do not obey Me and do not carry out all these commandments, (15) if, instead, you reject My statutes, and if your soul abhors My ordinances so as not to carry out all My commandments, and so break My covenant, (16) I, in turn, will do this to you; I will appoint over you a sudden terror, consumption and fever that will waste away the eyes and cause the soul to pine away; also, you will sow your seed uselessly, for your enemies will eat it up. (17) I will set my face against you so that you will be struck down before your enemies; and those who hate you will rule over you, and you will flee when no one is pursuing you. (18) If also after these things you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. (19) I will also break down your pride of power; I will also make your sky like iron and your earth like bronze. (20) Your strength will be spent uselessly, for your land will not yield its produce and the trees of the land will not yield their fruit. (21) If then, you act with hostility against Me and are unwilling to obey Me, I will increase the plague on you seven times according to your sins. (22) I will let loose among you the beasts of the field, which will bereave you of your children and destroy your cattle and reduce your number so that your roads lie deserted. (22) And if by these things you are not turned to Me, but act with hostility against Me, (24) then I will act with hostility against you; and I, even I, will strike you seven times for your sins. (25) I will bring upon you a sword which will execute vengeance for the covenant; and when you gather together into your cities, I will send pestilence among you, so that you shall be delivered into enemy hands. (26) When I break your staff of bread, ten women will bake your bread in one oven, and they will bring back your bread in rationed amounts, so that you will eat and not be satisfied. (27) Yet if in spite of this you do not obey Me, but act with hostility against Me, (28) then I will act*

*with wrathful hostility against you, and I, even I, will punish you seven times for your sins. (29) Further, you will eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters you will eat. (30) I then will destroy your high places, and cut down your incense altars, and heap your remains on the remains of your idols, for My soul shall abhor you. (31) I will lay waste your cities as well, and will make your sanctuaries desolate, and I will not smell your soothing aromas. (32) I will make the land desolate so that your enemies who settle in it will be appalled over it. (33) You, however, I will scatter among the nations and will draw out a sword after you, as your land becomes desolate and your cities become water. (34) Then the land will enjoy its sabbaths all the days of the desolation, while you are in your enemies' land; then the land will rest and enjoy its sabbaths. (35) All the days of its desolation it will observe the rest which it did not observe on your sabbaths, while you were living on it. (36) As for those of you who may be left, I will also bring weakness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies. And the sound of a driven leaf will chase them, and even when no one is pursuing they will flee as though from the sword, and the will fall. (37) They will therefore stumble over each other as if running from the sword, although no one is pursuing; and you will have no strength to stand up before your enemies. (38) But you will perish among the nations, and your enemies' land will consume you. (39) So those of you who may be left will rot away because of their iniquity in the lands of your enemies; and also because of the iniquities of their forefathers they will rot away with them. (40) If they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their forefathers, in their unfaithfulness which they committed against Me, and also in their acting with hostility against Me -*

These warnings are specific to the Old Testament follower of God right!? Maybe not...

*Revelation 15:1 – Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, which are the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished. (2) And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God. (3) And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations! (4) "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For all the nations will come and worship before You, For Your righteous acts have been revealed." (5) After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened. (6) and the seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, clothed in linen, clean and bright, and girded around their chests with golden sashes. (7) Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. (8) And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.*

**In Jesus Christ there is Warning for the Those Who Reject God  
and there is Endless Hope for Those Who Receive Him  
as the Messiah, Sent from the Father**