

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

May 15-II Samuel 13-15
May 16-Psalm 3-4, 12-13, 28, 55
May 17-II Samuel 15-16
May 18-Psalm 26, 40, 58, 61-62, 64
May 19-II Samuel 19-21
May 20-Psalm 5, 38, 41-42
May 21-II Samuel 22-23, Psalm 57
May 22-Psalm 95, 97-99

Birthdays

Damaris Beltran (5/15)
Damon Frisbie (5/15)
William Godel (5/15)
Paul McDonald (5/15)
Naidra Salgado (5/15)
Abeer McCall (5/16)
Mike Brodeur (5/18)
Lisa Ann Sidabras (5/19)
Kay Shedenhelm (5/21)
Andy Anderson (5/22)
Julie Eggleston (5/22)
Joy Getz (5/22)
Addison Steil (5/22)

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 (5/8)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,355	\$ 538,745
Giving (Donations)	\$ 214,260	\$ 563,781
	\$ 185,905	\$ 25,036
	(Overage)	(Overage)
GF Expenses	\$ 1,489	\$ 377,407
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (5/8)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 19,854
Giving (Donations)	\$ 802	\$ 20,341
	\$ -243	\$ 487
	(Shortage)	(Overage)
FP Expenses	\$ 87	\$ 25,747

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 810	\$ 418,005

Please continue to give to help reduce our long-term Legacy debt of approximately \$822,627.20.
On February 6, 2018, our debt was \$1,829,853.40.

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 Di-anna. If you would like to attend our next Welcome Lunch please contact the Church Office by calling 480-839-0926.



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CHURCH  TEMPE

WE
LOVE
GOD
PEOPLE

Accepting, loving and chal-
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truth

May 15, 2022

4525 S. McClintock Drive
Tempe, AZ 85282
480-839-0926
fbc-tempe.org
Dr. Roger Ball, Senior Pastor

Welcome to Worship

8:00 am-Traditional Worship

Shine Jesus Shine
O Worship the King
Welcome and Announcements
When We All Get to Heaven
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Prayer
Message-Al Fadi
“Destruction and Salvation”

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

Lion and the Lamb
Welcome and Announcements
The Stand
That’s the Power
Prayer
Choir
Message-Al Fadi
“Destruction and Salvation”

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

From the Day
Welcome and Announcements
Psalm 19
The Everlasting
How Great Thou Art
Prayer
Message-Al Fadi
“Destruction and Salvation”

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

Welcome
Worship Song #1
Worship Song #2
Worship Song #3
Prayer
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe
“Destruction and Salvation”

6:00 pm-Worship Service

Welcome
Unstoppable God
Great I Am
That’s the Power
Prayer
Message-Pastor Matthew Downs
“We Choose to Follow, God,
But We Cannot”

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	\$ 43,369.00
Under Budget	\$ 83,401.00

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	\$ 18,445.00
Under Budget	\$ 131,555.00

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, May 15

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
11:00 am-Meeting with Missionaries Ryan And Shelby Webb
12:00 pm-Lunch in the MAC
1:00 pm-Sunplash Family Event
6:00 pm-Evening Worship Service

Monday, May 16

6:00 am-Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday, May 18

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

Thursday, May 19

9:00 am-Tot Town
5:00 pm-Teen Music Hang-Out
6:00 pm-High School and Junior High Teen Youth Group

Friday, May 20

5:00 pm-Messenger Class Social
6:00 pm-Guadalupe Church Plant Bible Study

Saturday May 21

Compassion Outreach Day

Consider These

*“Earn as much as you can. Save as much as you can.
Invest as much as you can. Give as much as you can.”
(John Wesley, English Evangelist and Founder of Methodism)*

*“God’s work done in God’s way will never lack God’s supply.”
(J. Hudson Taylor, English Missionary to China)*

Reflect

Give careful thought to your financial practices and never neglect God’s house and servants . . .

- ✓ Nehemiah 10:39 (The leaders and the people repented and said) “We will not neglect the house of our God.”
- ✓ Exodus 22:29 (God says) “You must be prompt in giving me the tithe.”
- ✓ Deuteronomy 12:19 Be careful not to neglect the Levites (ministers) as long as you live in your land.

**Materialism is to generosity,
what kryptonite was to Superman.**

**If everyone in your church followed your pattern of giving
would you church receive a token, a tip or a tithe?**

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 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.

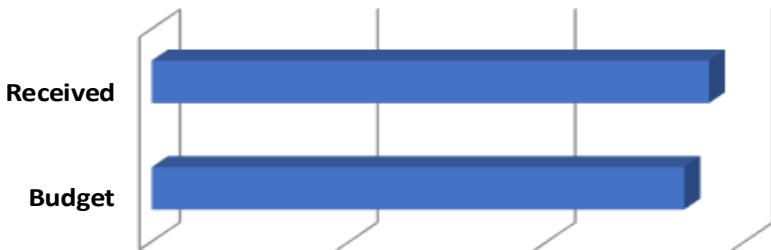
We need \$28,355.00 each week to meet our budget.

YTD Money Needed
\$538,745.00

YTD Money Received
\$563,781.00

OVER Budget
\$25,036.00

2022 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
Series 1	\$538,745.00	\$563,781.00



GriefShare Support Groups In-Person or via Zoom

Help and encouragement
following the death of a loved one

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

Study the Bible to be wise,
believe it to be safe,
practice it to be holy.



(Birth through

6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story: The Prodigal Son

Bible Point: Big

Elementary

9:30 am Bible Story: Acts

11:00 am Bible Story: God Punishes Idolatry

Extraordinary Blessings / Special Needs

Bible Story:

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

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

Kid City Prayer Request for the Week:

Pray that Kid City . . .

Would be a place where love bridges the gap between young and old.

Other books were given to us for information,
but the Bible was given to us for transformation.

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.

The Bible is most helpful when it is open!

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!



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.



Sunday Lunch in the MAC

Your donations at the food line in the wood boxes help greatly to cover the cost of each meal

May 15 – Variety Pizza Bagels, Caesar Salad, Salad Bar and Dessert

May 22 – Baked Chicken Taquitos, Rice, Pintos, Lisa's FBC Salsa, Guacamole, Salad Bar and Dessert



“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.



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

Summer Bible Class –

Two Studies in One!!

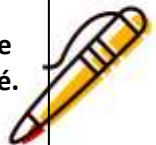
Tuesday Mornings,

June 7 - August 23 from

9:30 to 11:00 am

**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!**



Go to your Bible regularly,
open it prayerfully,
read it expectantly,
live it joyfully!



The Gideons are Looking for a Few Good Men

The Gideons are a body of believers dedicated to making the Word of God available to everyone and, together with the local church, reaching souls for Christ.

The Gideons began in 1908 as an Association of Christian Businessmen placing Bibles in hotel rooms and has evolved into an expanding mission to provide Scriptures to all people in nearly every facet of life. Today they have taken more than 2 billion Scriptures in more than 95 languages to 200 countries, territories and possessions across the globe.

They exist as an advocate for the lost, to bring them the saving knowledge of the Word through not only placing and distributing Scriptures, but also through personal witnessing and by associating together for service.

Join them and together spread the Good News. If you would like to know more about being a Gideon contact Stephen Hillis at 480-921-7738 or at fatherhillis@gmail.com.

Pastor Roger Ball



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 Guinee 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 Sunday, May 15, at 11:00 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.

Carrying a Bible
will never take the place of reading it.



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



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?



Ukraine Report

Missionary Steve Evers recently went to the Ukraine. He will give a report on his trip on Sunday, May 22, in the Hood Class at 11:00 am in Room 107.

This is a great opportunity to hear firsthand about what is going on in that country. You don't have to get your news from media sources. You will get to meet someone who has been there. You will also be able to ask questions about the situation there.

Don't miss this special one-time event. Come to Room 107 at 11:00 am on Sunday, May 22.



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. 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.

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

4. 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.

5. 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.



6. 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.**



Where we go and what we do
advertises what we are.



**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***



**I will sing of the mercies
of the Lord forever;
With my mouth will I make known
Your faithfulness to all generations.
(Psalm 89:1)**



Our Information is Incomplete Without YOU!

*It is time to update the information in our
FBC Data Base and we want to make sure you
are included. Please fill out the information
below*

and drop it in the offering plate.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Birthdate _____

Children's Names and Birth Dates _____

Wedding Anniversary _____

Are you a: _____ Visitor _____ Regular Attender _____ Member



Help God. Enjoy Amazing Results

Do everything you can each day to fully serve God and watch God richly bless you.

1. About 65 years ago ... he started attending FBC-Tempe as a baby. Now home-grown generational missionaries David and Donna Shaver just completed 25 years of missionary service in Mexico with a recent promotion of increased responsibility supporting and overseeing many missionaries. David's parents Harold and Betty Shaver were married in our church and served the rest of their life as our missionaries.
2. This past Easter Sunday God gave us six baptisms: Three planned and three spontaneous. One university student surprised everyone including her mentors Al Fadi and Hanane.
3. As children or teenagers, they started attending our church. Now years later the 2022 Deacon Board voted to elect Scott Blum as Chairman, Aaron Will as Vice Chairman and Josiah Bender as Secretary.
4. She started attending our church as a young single adult. Women's Ministry just enjoyed a successful Spring Women's Outreach Event led by Mindelle Will.
5. On Friday, May 6, Phoenix Seminary brought over 400 people into our Worship Center for commencement graduation ceremonies of 44 graduates. Loretta White from our church received her Master's Degree in Counseling.
6. A loud huge crowd in the church gym on Sunday evening, April 24, cheered our children at the Awana Grand Prix and Awards ceremony. Thank you to all Awana workers and Aaron Will for your Leadership in Awana.
7. Post Covid, on Sundays we reached our highest attendance month in the last two years in combined AM and PM attendance with 702 adults, teens and children, at church on average each Sunday for the month of April 2022.
8. The Ukraine was blessed by you. Many of you gave extra donations to Faith Promise sacrificially to help many missionaries and their projects around the world. Your donations earmarked Faith Promise remain strong and needed. For example, Missionary Steve Evers just returned from the Ukraine where he provided food and assistance with the money you gave.
9. A drunk man. A homeless woman. A deaf person. And a man just released from prison. In the last month four strangers came to our church and received kindness and respect through our church staff and some financial help from the Deacon Benevolence Fund.

10. Since November 1 our retention of new faced has significantly increased. Thank you for loving the familiar faces and the new faces.
11. Praise God, thanks to you our weekly donations and offerings to the church budget, General Fund, moved from a shortfall (negative) to a positive position. Praise God.
12. Your Church Plant donations supporting Peter and Trisha Molina continue to increase to help meet monthly expenses to plant a church and share Jesus in the nearby town of Guadalupe where the Molina's have deep family roots.
13. Four hundred and thirty pounds of food is what you give on average each month which Richard Compton collects and delivers to help the needy through the Phoenix Rescue Mission. Keep filling those orange food bags. Praise God. Get your orange food bag on Sundays from Richard near the elevator and church office. Thank you, Richard Compton. Thank you, FBC-Tempe, for being compassionate.
14. Seven big compassion projects on or near Saturday, May 21, involving around 100 big hearted people offering helping hands and hearts of mercy. Trash pick-up along McClintock. Blood donations. Prayer people. Medical equipment sorting. Painting project. Breakfast for the homeless. Sorting food. Free carwash. Collecting extra Bibles. Thank you, Pastor Anthony, for organizing these projects.
15. Pray for our dedicated 30-year long time missionary Jim Fasold as he battles cancer with radiation treatment.
16. Recently we welcomed ten people into our church as official church members.
17. Two EINS approved by the IRS. Two Employer Identification Tax ID numbers. Thank you, God, for the last three years. To protect the church property from fraudulent law suits many of God's people have worked faithfully in Church Preservation Planning and it is now official. We recently legally created two new not-for-profit entities to protect FBC-T: An Endowment and LLC to add firewalls against fraud.
18. On Wednesday, June 8, the first Endowment Board meeting is scheduled to convene with Gary Maack (Chairman) and four board members: David Brinn, Debbie Roberts, Robert Hill and Danielle Fisher. Thank you for overseeing the Endowment and LLC. Soon after this meeting the deed to the church property will be transferred from FBC-Tempe to this LLC and Endowment for enhanced protection. Praise God. Thanks to the wise people who supported this.
19. Tom and Laura Requadt serve Jesus in Mali, West Africa as Bible consultants to a local pastor in the language of Shempire. They have now translated the New Testament pending final review of the last few books. Laura runs a Bible club out of the home for children which is very well attended. For cookies and prizes the children have memorized hundreds of Bibles verses.

**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

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)

May 29 – “The Gospel” (Ezekiel 11:1-25)

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

June 5 – “Seeing and Hearing” (Ezekiel 12:1-20)

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

June 12 – “False Prophets” (Ezekiel 12:21-28)

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

Sunday Evening Messages

May 15 – “We Choose to Follow God, But We Cannot” (Joshua 24:16-28)

Pastor Matthew Downs

May 22 – “What Will You Choose When the Faithful Have Gone?” (Joshua 24:29-33)

Pastor Matthew Downs

May 29 – “Finding Joy in Trials” (James 1:1-4)

Pastor Matthew Downs

“Destruction and Salvation”

May 15, 2022

Al Fadi

Ezekiel 9:1 – Then He cried out in my hearing with a loud voice saying, “Draw near, O executioners of the city, each with his destroying weapon in his hand.”

Ezekiel 9:2 - Behold, six men came from the direction of the upper gate which faces north, each with his shattering weapon in his hand; and among them was a certain man clothed in linen with a writing case at his loins. And they went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

Ezekiel 9:3 – Then the glory of the God of Israel went up from the cherub on which it had been, to the threshold of the temple. And He called to the man clothed in linen at whose loins was the writing case.

Ezekiel 9:4 – The Lord said to him, “Go through the midst of the city, even through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst.”

Ezekiel 9:5 – *But to the others He said in my hearing, “Go through the city after him and strike; do not let your eye have pity and do not spare.*

Ezekiel 9:6 – *“Utterly slay old men, young men, maidens, little children, and women, but do not touch any man on whom is the mark; and you shall start from My sanctuary.” So they started with the elders who were before the temple.*

Ezekiel 9:7 – *And He said to them. “Defile the temple and fill the courts with the slain. Go out!” Thus they went out and struck down the people in the city.*

Ezekiel 9:8 – *As they were striking the people and I alone was left, I fell on my face and cried out saying, “Alas, Lord God! Are You destroying the whole remnant of Israel by pouring out Your wrath on Jerusalem?”*

Ezekiel 9:9 – *Then He said to me, “The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is very, very great, and the land is filled with blood and the city is full of perversion; for they say, ‘The Lord has forsaken the land, and the Lord does not see!’*

Ezekiel 9:10 – *“But as for Me, My eye will have no pity nor will I spare, but I will bring their conduct upon their heads.”*

Ezekiel 9:11 – *Then behold, the man clothed in linen at whose loins was the writing case reported, saying, “I have done just as You have commanded me.”*