

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

July 3-II Kings 5-8
July 4-II Kings 9-11
July 5-II Kings 12-13, II Chronicles 24
July 6-II Kings 14, II Chronicles 25
July 7-Jonah 1-4
July 8-II Kings 15, II Chronicles 26
July 9-Isaiah 1-4
July 10-Isaiah 5-8

Birthdays


Gilbert Carrasco (7/3)
Vance Dorsett (7/5)
Terry Gott (7/6)
Mindy Lang (7/8)
Robert Tilghman (7/9)
Ryan Lauffer (7/10)
Reese Lauffer (7/10)
Carson Lauffer (7/10)
Drew Malmin (7/10)

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 (6/26)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,355	\$ 737,230
Giving (Donations)	\$ 14,627	\$ 687,096
	\$ -13,728 (Shortage)	\$ -50,134 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 11,966	\$ 575,636
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (6/26)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 27,169
Giving (Donations)	\$ 510	\$ 28,524
	\$ -535 (Shortage)	\$ 1,355 (Overage)
FP Expenses	\$ 3,089	\$ 38,451


Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 8,765	\$ 432,688

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.





FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TEMPE

WE LOVE GOD PEOPLE

Accepting, loving and challenging people with God's truth

July 3, 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

Battle Hymn of the Republic
America the Beautiful
Welcome and Announcements
Victory In Jesus
For the Beauty of the Earth
Prayer
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
"The Gospel"
Communion

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

America the Beautiful
Welcome and Announcements
This is Amazing Grace
Love so Great
Prayer
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
"The Gospel"
Communion

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

My Lighthouse
Welcome and Announcements
Ancient of Days
O Happy Day
Communion
Jesus Paid it All
Prayer
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
"The Gospel"
Communion

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

Welcome
Worship Song #1
Worship Song #2
Worship Song #3
Prayer
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe
"Stumbling Blocks"

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	\$ 64,250.00
Under Budget	\$ 62,520.00

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	\$ 24,287.00
Under Budget	\$ 125,713.00

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, July 3

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
12:15 pm-Men's Ministry Leadership Meeting

Monday, July 4

FBC Office Closed

6:00 am-Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, July 5

1:00 pm-Teen Gaming Tuesday

Wednesday, July 6

6:30 pm-Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, July 7

9:00 am-Tot Town
5:00 pm-Teen Film and Technology
7:00 pm-Finance Committee Meeting

Friday, July 8

6:00 pm- Guadalupe Church Plant Bible Study

Saturday, July 9

7:50 am-Men's Breakfast
9:00 pm-Teen Saturday @ Sozo Coffee
1:00 pm-Memorial Service for Wanda Gadwin

Consider These

*"If a pauper gives to God, he'll feel like a prince.
If a prince does not give to God, he'll feel like a pauper."*

*"I have observed 100,000 families over my years of investment counseling.
I always saw greater prosperity and happiness among those families who tithed than among those who did not."
(Sir John Templeton, Chairman of Templeton Funds)*

Reflect

God can do great things through one person or a group that is devoted to Him . . .

- ✓ II Chronicles 16:9 The eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth, looking for people whose hearts are perfect toward him, so that he can show his great power in helping them.
- ✓ I Samuel 14:6-13 "Let's go across to see those pagans," Jonathan said to his armor bearer. "The Lord will help us, for nothing can hinder the Lord. He can win a battle whether he has many warriors or only a few!" ... So they climbed up using both hands and feet, and the Philistines fell back as Jonathan and his armor bearer killed them right and left.
- ✓ Judges 7:7 The Lord said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the (120,000) Midianites into your hands."

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:

- ✓ Season 2 of *The Chosen*
- ✓ Book #2 of *Leah's Garden* by Laurine Snelling

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

Truth Seekers-Room 106
(Couples and Singles All Ages)

JHM (Junior High)-Room 207
(Junior High Ages 12-14)

HSM (High School)-Room 207
(High School Ages 14-18)

11:00 am

**Nursery-
Birth through 23 Months Old
Children's Classes-Kid City**
(2 Years through 6th Grade)

The Hood-Room 107/108
(Couples and Singles All Ages)

Journeys-Room 106
(Couples and Singles All Ages)

Online Donation

Why not consider signing up for electronic giving. FBC relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give once or on a recurring basis. To give electronically, visit www.fbc-tempe.org and locate the link to the electronic giving page.

Help FBC Meet Its Budget

We appreciate your faithful giving to FBC and its ministries.

God is doing many good things at our church. Pray for the economy in America.

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

YTD Money Needed
\$737,230.00

YTD Money Received
\$687,096.00

UNDER Budget
\$-50,134.00

2022 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
■ Series 1	\$737,230.00	\$687,096.00

Upcoming Men's Events

Men's Golf Tournament –



Date and Time – Saturday, August 6, 7:00 am Start

Location – Bear Creek Golf Complex in Chandler

Cost - \$50.00 (includes green fees and cart)

Must register with payment by July 24 –
contact Jim Strouse at 480-410-5245

Optional \$5.00 Longest Drive Contest and \$5.00 Closest Pin Contest

Men's ONLY Camping –

Dates – September 23-25

Location – Sharp Creek Campground (east of Payson)

Cost - \$40.00 per person (includes meals and camp sight)

Must register with payment by August 28 –

contact Jim Strouse at 480-410-5245 or

Pastor Anthony with any questions or to register





(Birth through

6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story: David Stands Against a Giant

Bible Point: God is Everywhere

Elementary

9:30 am Bible Story: Firecracker Christians

11:00 am Bible Story: Firecracker Christians

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 Your plan for their lives
and use their talents, abilities and spiritual gifts.

Christianity helps us face the music,
even when we do not like the tune!

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.

Genuine faith us assuring,
insuring and enduring.

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

July 3 – Grilled Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken, Condiments, Salad Bar and Dessert

July 10 – Pasta Toss with Sausage, Fresh Basil Tomato Sauce, Garlic Green Beans, Bread, Salad Bar and Dessert



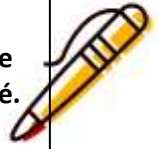
Women's Ministries helps create opportunities for women to grow in their relationship with Jesus, to make healthy and safe connections with other women of faith, and to use their God given talents to benefit the church body and the community.

Weekly Schedule

***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!**



Faith Promise . . .

Thank you for being faithful to God's Word
through Faith Promise Giving!

**Faith Promise is money you give to help our
missionaries.**

If we do not receive \$1,045.00 each week, all of our Faith Promise missionaries like Jim and Carolyn Fasold, Jeff Hause, Kevin and Lelani Humble, Bernie and Mary Miller, Brent and Melanie Palmer, Erika Potter, Tom and Laura Requadt, Dwight and Gwynne Shaver and Cathy Wilson will not receive their "full" monthly support from us.

Your faithfulness helps our missionaries spread the love of Jesus around the world!

You can give to Faith Promise through your online giving or you can make a check payable to FBC earmarked "Faith Promise.



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

Sunday AM, July 3 – Trust God's justice, not your own.



Serving Helpers and Cooking Helpers Needed

- ***Serving Help is needed in Skylight Café*** on Sundays at 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am – Contact Robin Spencer at 480-708-6964
- ***Serving Help is needed at Lunch in the MAC*** on Sundays at 12:00 pm – Contact Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2394 or at the Church Office at 480-839-0926
- ***A Cooking Assistance is needed on Sundays for Lunch Preparation*** – Contact Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2394 or at the Church Office at 480-839-0926
- ***Individuals are needed to help Wash Dishes on Sundays following Lunch*** – Contact Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2394 or at the Church Office at 480-839-0926

Forgiveness saves the expense of anger,
the high cost of hatred
and the waste of energy!



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. 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.



All-Church Summer Hike

Lava River Tube (Northwest of Flagstaff)

Date and Time – Saturday, August 13,
from 6:00 am to 5:00 pm

Meet at FBC to carpool to Flagstaff

Trail – 1.5 miles round trip with 100-foot climb down

Moderate hike in a cave formed by lava.

No natural light, rocky terrain, awesome wall colors. Constantly 45 degrees.

Bring – layers, flashlight, water bottle, snacks for the drive.

(Lunch in Flagstaff after the hike)

For more information contact Adam Bachman
at 480-363-5570 or at ajbachman7@hotmail.com



ANGEL TREE

A Program of Prison Fellowship

Angel Tree

Angel Tree is your opportunity to help a needy child during the upcoming Christmas Season by buying a gift on behalf of their incarcerated parent. If you would like to volunteer and assist with this ministry this coming fall, please contact Bruce Baird at brucerobertbaird@gmail.com or at (480) 274-5467. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

“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.



Join us on Sunday
Evenings
as we are challenged to
accept the
“Real Truth!”

Sunday, July 10 – Conquer racism. Check your motives.

Sunday, July 17 – Win with mercy, not judgment.

Sunday, July 24 – Don’t be all talk. Work out your faith.

Sunday, July 31 – Control your free speech.

Sunday, August 7 – World peace does not come from the world.

Sunday, August 14 – Change your desire, not just your action.

Sunday, August 21 – Choose proper friendship. Reap eternal benefits.

Sunday, August 28 – Leave the judging to Jesus.

**Faith gives us the courage
to face the present with confidence
and the future with expectancy.**

VBS Says "Thanks!"

Thank You for praying, planning, giving and participating. It takes every part of the church body to make VBS successful. During VBS our students learned how to track down the one true God who is revealed in the Bible. Thank you to everyone who donated supplies.



A **BIG SHOUT OUT** to our amazing Mystery Island VBS Leaders!

LeeAnna Frisbie, Allison Warrick, Megan Curry, Kathi Norton, Larae Hill, Sheryl Arvayo, Grace Blum, Becca Blum, Rachel Blum, Page Dille, Avery Webb, John Renninger, Joy Morse, Damaris Beltran, Marybeth Warrick, Leticia Beltran, Amanda Jones, Pastor Anthony Whitlatch, Linda Savage, Natasha Will, Tyler Steil, Addison Steil, Patt Mitchell, Josiah Lemons, Aly Lemons, Sarah Bader, Sue Goodwin, Emma Malmin, Heather Malmin, Don Halver, Paula Kielmeyer, Ella Siewin, Chad Curry, Amanda Fones, Ryan Webb, Shelby Webb, Tiffany Tilghman, Pastor Roger Ball and Pastor Rob Swanson.

Choosing a Positive Attitude

Your attitude is your choice. It always is. We live in an age that has developed the art of shifting blame to very high levels, and sometimes we get caught up in that same tendency. "Well, if you had my job you would not be so positive." "If you had my kids, you wouldn't feel so good." "Of only my boss were different, I could be a positive person." In other words, "My bad attitude is not my fault!"

The truth is, however, your attitude and mine are always our choice. No matter how bad things are, no one can force you to have a bad attitude if you do not want to, and no matter how good things are, no one can force you to have a good attitude if you do not want to. Now that should come as really good news because it says our attitudes do not have to be the victims of our circumstances or of other people. We choose our responses.

Mary Whelchel
"How to Thrive from 9 to 5"



July Fresh NEW God stories. Will you help God?

During our five-minute conversation after worship on June 26, 2022, Mike wiped tears away from his eyes. Mike came to me and said, "I have been coming to this church for a few Sundays. From five different sermons, God is showing me how stubborn I have been all my life. How can I follow God not myself?" I said to Mike, "Everyone is stubborn against God. I am. Keep listening to the sermons. Love people. Keep admitting to God you are stubborn. Be honest about your arrogance against God. Find a Bible class and join it." Pray for Mike. Pray for me. Pray for your pigheadedness against God. Don't miss the next sermon and join a Bible class on Sunday mornings.

Chelsie two weeks ago emailed our church to say, "Hello! This past year has been rough for me. I attend a school near your church and every night when I get out I have to get on the freeway going east. On some of the hardest nights of my life I have looked up beyond the traffic light and stared at the cross. That cross has been a beautiful reminder that I am exactly where I need to be and that all of these hard things that happen are lessons. Your church has helped me without even having to step inside. Thank you so much."

Never forget the miraculous lesson from the overturn of *Roe vs Wade*, 50 years later: When it looks like God does not exist or does not care about you just know you are 100% wrong. God is permanently at work, never sleeping, doing his will on earth in many ways, especially through highly committed humble people of faith who keep on believing God for a miracle. God's people are called believers because we have faith in what we can NOT see or accomplish on our own. Did you have enough faith to believe God would overturn *Roe vs Wade*? Face your life with much more faith in our God. One person said, "One day America will look back on the fifty years following *Roe v Wade* in the same way we look back on legalized slavery—as a horrific evil justified by the courts but eventually overturned by the cause of justice for all. Frederick Douglas said, "The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful, and virtuous." Pray, one person said, "For a transforming movement of the Holy Spirit that will make our nation truly 'secure,' to the glory of God.

Carrie Sill went to Heaven on Thursday, June 23, after battling cancer. Pastor Roger says: "Carrie taught me in the face of adversity to trust more in Jesus less in self. Carrie taught me to smile big. Carrie taught me to take Heaven seriously. Carrie taught me how to grow my faith in God. Carrie

taught me it is good to joke around with firemen. Carrie taught me to face pain and death with Jesus. Looking forward to seeing Carrie in Heaven.”

Beth Moore said, “Which do we tend to enjoy most: God given victory or our foe’s defeat? Our attitude can be the litmus test. Does victory humble us and bring us to our knees in thanksgiving to God, or does victory make us proud and arrogant toward those less victorious?”

The stranger called the Church Office on June 16, 2022, a grateful man named Cary, a chipper 78-year-old. Thank you for continuing to do VBS he said. He then told Julie the story about how, when he was a kid, he and his sister would attend VBS at FBCT (When it was on University Street) every summer. They didn’t go to church any other time. He later accepted Jesus as his savior as a young adult but he has always credited the beginning of his salvation journey to FBCT and its VBS program. He also told the story of a lady, Mrs. V, who lived on Maple St and attended FBCT. Every day during the summer months at noon, she would open up her garage and invite all the neighborhood kids in. She would feed them snacks and tell them Bible stories using a flannel board. Many of the kids in the neighborhood were poor and wouldn’t have had lunch otherwise. Food for the body and the soul. He said that he and his sister were reminiscing about going to VBS and he just had to call and say thank you.

One of our police officers said, “I always look forward to Sunday mornings because of this church.” Our police officers often tell us the best part of their job is working at FBCT on Sundays because everyone offers appreciation, smiles, kindness and respect. Christians follow Jesus daily making peace with all by treating every person with dignity not hate and violence.

Need more faith? More joy? More purpose in your life? Join our growing group of 25 Christians, officially registered, to walk where Jesus walked in Israel from March 2-12, 2023. Find the Israel table near the church library or contact Pastor Roger for more information at rball@fbc-tempe.org

On Sunday, June 19, Dottie Griffin turned 90 years old. Happy Birthday Dottie Griffin! Yesterday Dottie said, “Betty Shaver some 70 years ago at FBCT displayed much faith, sacrifice and joy as a missionary. This has encouraged me all these years to pray and follow Jesus.” Praise God for Dottie Griffin and Betty Shaver who now lives in Heaven. Be a joyful sacrificial Christian like Dottie and her mentor Betty.

Over 110 children received facts about Jesus at VBS on June 27-28-29. The parents and kids came in and left with big smiles and strong words of

appreciation. Much thanks to our huge team of teen and adult volunteers who assisted our VBS Director, Sharmon Steil. One child walked through the lobby holding her new small gifted Bible and with smiles said to everyone "This is my Bible."

Pay it forward because Jesus paid the price for your sins. In the middle of June in a text message he said someone gave us a partial scholarship that made it possible for my wife and I to go to Israel in March 2022. That trip has been life changing for us. Please use this donation to make it possible for another couple to go on your next trip to Israel in 2023. (We love people because God first loved us.)

God is not ignoring you. God has only strong good plans for you. Worship and trust God better every day. A friend reminded me of Habakkuk 3, "Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail, and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength." Grow your faith by celebrating every day God's goodness and strength despite your circumstances.

Early in the morning June 27, we stood in front of the church office. He talked. He emotionally asked why was there so much brokenness and suffering in his family's life? I listened. The more I listened the more he talked and the more he cried tears of honest bitterness. He came right out and said, "I am so tired of being bitter." I asked permission to speak. He said, Yes." I said, "Who can offer the best revenge, you or God?" He said, "God." I said, "Why not ask God to pour out His justice on the people you are bitter toward?" He smiled and said, "That sounds really good."



Worship Ministry News . . .



JOIN THE CHOIR

We are gearing up from an amazing Fall Season, and we'd love to have **YOU** join us! No experience in music or choirs is necessary - just a heart willing to lead others in worship! So come on out and give it a try! ***Our next rehearsal is Wednesday, August 3, at 6:30 PM.*** For more information or to sign up, please email (or see) Pastor Rob Swanson at robswanson.fbc@gmail.com. We can't wait for you to join us!



FBC ORCHESTRA

Are you an instrumentalist that would like to use your skills to lead others towards Jesus? Then we'd love to talk to you! We are looking for additional band members (guitar - electric or acoustic, bass, drums, keys, piano, etc.) We are also looking for orchestral players (trumpets, trombones, French horns, clarinets, flutes, saxophone, violin, viola, cello, etc.) ***Even if you haven't played in years, it's never too late to use your gifts!*** For more information, please email (or see) Pastor Rob Swanson at robswanson.fbc@gmail.com.

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Courage is being the only one
who knows you are afraid.

Save the Date



Join us here at FBC on Sunday, August 14, with our **“BIG Back 2 Church Bash!”**

- Worship Services at 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am
- From 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm there will be . . .
 - ✓ Barbecue Lunch in the Gym,
 - ✓ Bounce Houses,
 - ✓ Big Bubble Machine and
 - ✓ Bahama Bucks Shaved Ice.
- Then join us at 6:00 pm in the Worship Center for a
- **“BIG Time Gospel Concert”** with the Matney Brothers. Following the concert everyone is invited to an Ice Cream Social!

Put this important date on your calendar and plan to be here!



**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

**July 10 – “Do Not Be Unfaithful”
(Ezekiel 15:1-8)**

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

**July 17 – “Our Desperate Need for Grace”
(Ezekiel 16:1-14)**

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

**July 24 – “Misusing the Gifts of God”
(Ezekiel 16:15-43)**

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

**July 31 – “Our Shame and Forgiveness”
(Ezekiel 16:44-63)**

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

Sunday Evening Messages

July 3 – No PM Service

**July 10 – “Partiality Is Against the Royal Law”
(James 2:1-9) PIT Stephen Tunncliff**

**July 17 – “How to NOT Judge the World”
(James 2:10-13) Pastor Matthew Downs**

“Comforted by Calamity”

July 3, 2022

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

Ezekiel 14:9 – “But if the prophet is prevailed upon to speak a word, it is I, the Lord, who have prevailed upon that prophet, and I will stretch out My hand against him and destroy him from among My people Israel.

- **Is This Divine Deceit?**

- Reference 1 Kings 22

- The Voice of _____ is not God
 - God is in control even of the _____ prophets

- Do not confuse _____ and _____

- God does not _____ false prophets to speak falsely and there is no false prophet outside of His _____

Ezekiel 14:10 – “They will bear the punishment of their iniquity; as the iniquity of the inquirer is, so the iniquity of the prophet will be,

Ezekiel 14:11 – in order that the house of Israel may no longer stray from Me and no longer defile themselves with all their transgressions. Thus they will be My people, and I shall be their God,” declares the Lord God.

- None of the Punishment of God is in _____
- None of the Workings of man/spirit are outside of His _____

Look for 4 Punishments from Leviticus 26 (bread the staff of bread [sword], famine, wild beast, plague)

Ezekiel 14:12 - Then the word of the Lord came to me saying,

Ezekiel 14:13 – “Son of man, if a country sins against Me by committing unfaithfulness, and I stretch out My hand against it, destroy its supply of bread, send famine against it and cut off from it both man and beast,

Ezekiel 14:14 – even though these three men, Noah, Daniel and Job were in its midst, by their own righteousness they could only deliver themselves,” declares the Lord God.

Ezekiel 14:15 – “If I were to cause wild beasts to pass through the land and they depopulated it, and it became desolate so that no one would pass through it because of the beasts,

Ezekiel 14:16 – though these three men were in its midst, as I live,” declares the Lord God, “they could not deliver either their sons or their daughters. They alone would be delivered, but the country would be desolate.

Ezekiel 14:17 – “Or if I should bring a sword on that country and say, ‘Let the sword pass through the country and cut off man and beast from it,’

Ezekiel 14:18 – even though these three men were in its midst, as I live,” declares the Lord God, “they could not deliver either their sons or their daughters, but they alone would be delivered.

Ezekiel 14:19 – “Or if I should send a plague against that country and pour out My wrath in blood on it to cut off man and beast from it,

Ezekiel 14:20 – even though Noah, Daniel and Job were in its midst, as I live,” declares the Lord God, “they could not deliver either their son or their daughter. They would deliver only themselves by their righteousness.”

Ezekiel 14:21 – For thus says the Lord God, “How much more when I send My four severe judgments against Jerusalem; sword, famine, wild beasts and plague to cut off man and beast from it!

False Prophets are saying #1 - The City will have _____ (13:10) because it looks “righteous” on the outside

- **Logic is flawed**

- The _____ can only deliver themselves (_____)

- **Foundation is flawed**

- There is no one _____ in Jerusalem (the righteous are in _____)

Plot twist...

Ezekiel 14:22 - "Yet, behold, survivors will be left in it who will be brought out, both sons and daughters. Behold, they are going to come forth to you and you will see their conduct and actions; then you will be comforted for the calamity which I have brought against Jerusalem for everything which I have brought upon it.

- *The last wave of exiles will prove the _____ of Ezekiel's message*

How will the remnant in exile be "comforted" by the final group of exiles coming to Babylon?

1. There is a true _____ of God in Babylon – Ezekiel
2. God has NOT _____ His people even in Babylon
3. The _____ of God is _____ Unwarranted

Ezekiel 14:23 - "Then they will comfort you when you see their conduct and actions, for you will know that I have not done in vain whatever I did to it," declares the Lord God.

- **The punishment of God is never _____**

We Must Become Aware of These Things Before Judgment Day

1. God is in _____ of all things and we can never _____ Him for our own _____
2. Those who trust in their own righteousness can only _____ themselves temporarily
3. The Punishment of God is never _____ or _____