

**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 17-Isaiah 18-22  
July 18-Isaiah 23-27  
July 19-II Kings 18:1-8,  
II Chronicles 29-31  
July 20-Psalm 48, Hosea 1-7  
July 21-Hosea 8-14  
July 22-Isaiah 28-30  
July 23-Isaiah 31-34  
July 24-Isaiah 35-36

**Birthdays**


Nolan Brinn (7/17)  
Joy Morse (7/17)  
Mike Henkelman (7/18)  
Mary McCaw (7/18)  
Eli Padilla (7/18)  
Alyssa Lemons (7/20)  
Irene Esparza (7/21)

**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 (7/10)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,355	\$ 793,940
Giving (Donations)	\$ 16,237	\$ 716,925
	\$ -12,118 (Shortage)	\$ -77,015 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 8,678	\$ 584,697
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (7/10)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 29,259
Giving (Donations)	\$ 395	\$ 29,216
	\$ -650 (Shortage)	\$ -43 (Shortage)
FP Expenses	\$ 00	\$ 40,210


**Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction**

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 785	\$ 433,912

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 of TEMPE

LOVE GOD PEOPLE

Accepting, loving and chal-  
lenging people with God's  
truth

July 17, 2022

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Dr. Roger Ball, Senior Pastor



# Welcome to Worship

## 8:00 am-Traditional Worship

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name  
Welcome and Announcements  
Come, Thou Almighty King  
All Hail King Jesus  
Prayer  
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
“Our Desperate Need for Grace”

## 9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

We Praise You  
Welcome and Announcements  
The Stand  
1,000 Names  
Prayer  
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
“Our Desperate Need for Grace”

## 11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

Amazing Grace  
Welcome and Announcements  
Look What God Has Done  
Behold Him  
Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me  
Prayer  
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
“Our Desperate Need for Grace”

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

Welcome  
Worship Song #1  
Worship Song #2  
Worship Song #3  
Prayer  
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe  
“Out Desperate Need for Grace”

## 6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Welcome  
House of the Lord  
Mighty to Save  
Oh Come to the Altar  
Prayer  
Message-Pastor Matthew Downs  
“How to NOT Judge the World”

# 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	\$ 67,890.00
Under Budget	\$ 58,880.00

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	\$ 27,428.00
Under Budget	\$ 122,572.00

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, July 17

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-Evening Worship

## Monday, July 18

6:00 am-Men’s Bible Study

## Tuesday, July 19

9:30 am-Women’s Ministry Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
1:00 pm-Teen Gaming Tuesday

## Wednesday, July 20

6:30 pm-Worship Team Rehearsal

## Thursday, July 21

9:00 am-Tot Town  
5:00 pm-Teen Film and Technology

## Saturday, July 23

9:00 pm-Teen Saturday @ Sozo Coffee

# Consider These

*“You should give according to your income, lest God make your income according to your giving.*

*“There are no pockets in a shroud and no U-hauls behind a hearse.*

*“Two things ruin a church-loose living and tight giving.”*

# Reflect

**God blesses your financially so that you can be a blessing to others . . .**

- ✓ Proverbs 10:16 *The good man’s earnings advance the cause of righteousness. The evil man squanders his on sin.*
- ✓ Psalm 67:7 *God will bless us. And peoples from remotest lands will worship him.*
- ✓ Proverbs 11:24-25 *It is possible to give away and become richer! It is also possible to hold on too tightly and lose everything. Yes, the liberal man shall be rich! By watering others, he waters himself.*
- ✓ Hebrews 6:10-11 *God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.*
- ✓ II Corinthians 9:8 *God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

# 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

### Nursery-

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

**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](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**  
**\$793,940.00**

**YTD Money Received**  
**\$716,925.00**

**UNDER Budget**  
**\$-77,015.00**

## 2022 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
Series 1	\$793,940.00	\$716,925.00

## 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

6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**Preschool and Kindergarten**

***Bible Story:*** God Is with Moses

***Bible Point:*** God is with David

**Elementary**

***9:30 am Bible Story:*** Jesus Christ

***11:00 am Bible Story:*** God Judges Rebellion

**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 the Word is faithfully preached and proclaimed.

God does not call us to be successful.  
He calls us to be faithful!



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).

God still speaks to those  
who take the time to listen.



**Men's Breakfast**  
**Saturday, September 10, 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](http://www.fbc-tempe.org) and click on "Donations" and follow the directions.  
If you need assistance contact Pam Rosendale at 480-839-0926.

**Promises About the Joy of Fellowship**

*And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,  
not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together,  
as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another,  
and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*  
(Hebrews 10:24-25)

*But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one  
another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*  
(I John 1:7)





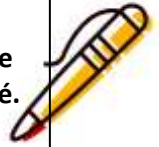
Women's Ministries helps create opportunities for women to grow in their relationship with Jesus, to make healthy and safe connections with other women of faith, and to use their God given talents to benefit the church body and the community.

### **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 17*** – Beauty in the Metaphor

***Sunday AM, July 24*** – Use Your Gifts for God – Not Yourself

***Sunday AM, July 31*** – God Moves, We Receive

***Sunday AM, August 7*** – True Jews Follow Jesus

***Sunday AM, August 14*** – You Must Choose God

***Sunday AM, August 21*** – Repent and Please God



## 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





## 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](mailto:ajbachman7@hotmail.com)



## “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

**July 17** – Orange Chicken, Lo Mein Noodles, Stir Fry Veggies, Rice, Salad Bar and Dessert

**July 24** - Chad's Meat Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Veggies, Caesar Salad, Salad Bar and Dessert





Join us on Sunday  
Evenings

as we are challenged to  
accept the

“Real Truth!”

**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.



## Follow Jesus in Believer's Baptism

**Our next believer's baptism  
is scheduled for Sunday, August 14.**

### Reasons to be baptized...

- **Baptism says**, “I am not ashamed to say I am a believer in Jesus Christ”.
- **Baptism is** an advertisement for Jesus Christ.
- **Baptism is** doing what Jesus said, identifying yourself that you are a Christian.

The only pre-requisite for baptism is to be sure of your spiritual condition.  
Have you put your trust in Jesus alone for your eternal life?

**YES**, I am interested in Baptism. Please call me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tear off and drop in the offering plate.**





## July Fresh NEW God stories. Will you help God?

#1 - 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.

#2 - 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."

#3 - 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.

#4 - 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.”

#5 - 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?”

#6 - 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.

#7 - 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.

#8 - 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](mailto:rball@fbc-tempe.org)

#9 - 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.



#10 - 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."

#11 - 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.)

#12 - 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.

#13 - 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."



## Your Vote Matters . . .

The elections here in Arizona are just around the corner. Are you registered to vote? Have you checked out the candidates and what they stand for so you are prepared to vote? Below is a link to the online Arizona Voter Guide published by the Center

for Arizona Policy to help you be prepared.

<https://www.azvoterguide.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/2022-Arizona-Voter-Guide-PE.pdf>





## **Missionaries Via Faith Promise Need YOUR Help**

### **10 Reasons YOU are Needed to Help God**

1. Inflation and near recession are decreasing donations and offerings to our missionaries.
2. With the cost of everything going up around the world this makes living and doing ministry more expensive.
3. This month, July 2023, if we don't receive \$4,000 earmarked Faith Promise we will reduce a percentage of support to our Faith Promise missionaries.
4. Almost yearly our church supports and sends out new home FBCT missionaries like Al and Hunan Fadi, Mark Burritt, Steve and Darlene Evers, Bob and Elena Gonzales, Jeff Hause, Ben and Aleyamma Joseph, Ericka Potter, Steve and Patty Robenalt, Dwight and Gwynne Shaver and Peter and Trish Molina.
5. Almost monthly missionaries visit our church with much good news and sacrifice.
6. Give to Faith Promise an extra donation every month because of Jesus.
7. Give to Faith Promise beyond what you give to the Church Budget.
8. Every month in Pastor Roger's Prayer Letter we offer new stories from our missionaries.
9. Every month our 24 Faith Promise missionaries need from us about \$4,000 in donations.
- 10. Missionaries Via Faith Promise Need YOUR Help.**



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:robswanson.fbc@gmail.com).



God has called us to play the game,  
not to keep the scores!



# 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
  - ✓ Snow Cones
- 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](http://www.fbc-tempe.org).**

## **Sunday Mornings Messages**

### **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)**

### **August 7 – “The Tree the Lord Planted” (Ezekiel 17:1-24)**

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

### **August 7 – “Taking Responsibility” (Ezekiel 18:1-20)**

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

## **Sunday Evening Messages**

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

**Pastor Matthew Downs**

### **July 24 – “Faith is Perfected by Works” (James 2:14-26)**

**Pastor Matthew Downs**

### **July 31 – “Doers of the Word, #1, Pure Speech is Self-Controlled” (James 2:14-26)**

**Pastor Matthew Downs**



# **“Our Desperate Need for Grace”**

July 17, 2022  
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

## **PARENTS BE ADVISED - CONTENT IS PG-13**

Ezekiel 16:1 – *Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying.*

Ezekiel 16:2 – *“Son of man, make known to Jerusalem her abominations*

- Ezekiel is tasked with \_\_\_\_\_ Jerusalem of their \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ with the surrounding nations  
– Abominations and Harlotries

Ezekiel 16:3 – *and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God to Jerusalem, “Your origin and your birth are from the land of the Canaanite, your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.*

- The Origin of Jerusalem is a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_

Ezekiel 16:4 – *“As for your birth, on the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water for cleansing; you were not rubbed with salt or even wrapped in cloths.*

Ezekiel 16:5 – *“No eye looked with pity on you to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you. Rather you were thrown out into the open field, for you were abhorred on the day you were born.*

- Jerusalem’s situation is hopeless on two levels:
  1. No one \_\_\_\_\_ for them
  2. They were abandoned (thrown out) - \_\_\_\_\_ (abhorred)

### **Elevation from Hopelessness to Royal Bride**

Two metaphors marked by, “I passed by you and saw you...”

Ezekiel 16:6 – *“When I passed by you and saw you squirming in your blood, I said to you while you were in your blood, ‘Live!’ Yes, I said to you while you were in your blood, ‘Live!’ (7) “I made you numerous like plants of the field. Then you grew up, became tall and reached the age for fine ornaments; your breasts were formed and your hair had grown. Yet you were naked and bare.*

- God \_\_\_\_\_ and declares \_\_\_\_\_



- God \_\_\_\_\_
- God \_\_\_\_\_ to purity

Ezekiel 16:8 – *“Then I passed by you and saw you, and behold, you were at the time for love; so I spread My skirt over you and covered your nakedness. I also swore to you and entered into a covenant with you so that you became Mine,” declares the Lord God. (9) “Then I bathed you with water, washed off your blood from you and anointed you with oil. (10) “I also clothed you with embroidered cloth and put sandals of porpoise skin on your feet; and I wrapped you with fine linen and covered you with silk. (11) I adorned you with ornaments, put bracelets on your hands and a necklace around your neck. (12) “I also put a ring in your nostril, earrings in your ears and a beautiful crown on your head. (13) “Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your dress was of fine linen, silk and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour, honey and oil; so you were exceedingly beautiful and advanced to royalty. (14) “Then your fame went forth among the nations on account of your beauty, for it was perfect because of My splendor which I bestowed on you,” declares the Lord God.*

- Nothing of her royal statues was \_\_\_\_\_
- It was all a \_\_\_\_\_ from the King - a reflection of \_\_\_\_\_ beauty

Compare this Metaphor to the Gospel...

1. We Come from a \_\_\_\_\_ land and a \_\_\_\_\_ people
  - a. Romans 5:12 – *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned –*
2. Our situation ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Ephesians 2:11 – *Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” which is performed in the flesh by human hands – (12) remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.*



3. God had compassion and grace on the world and sent

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a. Jesus came saying \_\_\_\_\_

John 10:10 – *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

b. Jesus made a much better \_\_\_\_\_ -

Hebrews 8:6 – *But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.*

c. Jesus life, death and resurrection provides spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ for our soul  
(\_\_\_\_\_ and Rest)

4. When we believe - God \_\_\_\_\_ us

a. Romans 8:15 – *For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” (16) The Spirit Himself testified with our spirit that we are children of God, (17) and if children, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.*

5. When we believe - We should begin to display the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

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a. Matthew 5:14 – *“You are the light of the world. A City set on a hill cannot be hidden; (15) nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. (16) “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*

**When People See Our Beauty**  
**We Should Point Them to Jesus Christ**