

### 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 31-Isaiah 59-63  
August 1-Isaiah 64-66  
August 2-II Kings 20-21  
August 3-II Chronicles 32-33  
August 4-Nahum 1-3  
August 5-II Chronicles 34-35  
II Kings 22-23  
August 6-Zephaniah 1-3  
August 7-Jeremiah 1-3

### Birthdays

Angelina Barbarisi (7/31)  
Raelynn Tilghman (7/31)  
Stan Osland (8/1)  
Ethen Ysaguirre (8/1)  
Erica Casanova (8/2)  
Jeff Wieland (8/2)  
Drew Fones (8/4)  
Barb Strouse (8/4)  
Marty Rosscup (8/5)  
Marsha Keeney (8/6)  
Tawnya Lazar (8/7)  
Peter Verberg (8/7)  
Kellie Ward (8/7)

### 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 (7/24)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,355	\$ 850,065
Giving (Donations)	\$ 19,939	\$ 750,810
	\$ -8,416 (Shortage)	\$ -99,255 (Shortage)
<b>GF Expenses</b>	\$ 43,991	\$ 628,688
<b>Faith Promise</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>YTD (7/24)</b>
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 31,349
Giving (Donations)	\$ 650	\$ 30,715
	\$ -395 (Shortage)	\$ -634 (Shortage)
<b>FP Expenses</b>	\$ 2,751	\$ 42,971

### Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 390	\$ 434,942

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  TEMPE

WE  
LOVE  
GOD  
PEOPLE

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

July 31, 2022

4525 S. McClintock Drive  
Tempe, AZ 85282  
480-839-0926  
[fbc-tempe.org](http://fbc-tempe.org)  
Dr. Roger Ball, Senior Pastor

# Welcome to Worship

## 8:00 am-Traditional Worship

I Love to Tell the Story  
Welcome and Announcements  
I Am Thine, O Lord  
I Need Thee Every Hour  
Prayer  
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
“Our Shame and Forgiveness”

## 9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

Great Things  
Welcome and Announcements  
Battle Belongs  
Same God  
Prayer  
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
“Our Shame and Forgiveness”

## 11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

The Gospel  
Welcome and Announcements  
Different  
King of Kings  
Come Behold the Wondrous  
Prayer  
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
“Our Shame and Forgiveness”

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

Welcome  
Worship Song #1  
Worship Song #2  
Worship Song #3  
Prayer  
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe  
“Our Shame and Forgiveness”

## 6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Welcome  
All Because of Jesus  
Whom Shall I Fear  
Glory to God Forever  
Prayer  
Message-PIT Tom Croke  
“Doers of the Word, Part #1—  
Pure Speech is Self Controlled”

# 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	\$ 75,025.00
Under Budget	\$ 51,745.00

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	\$ 27,909.00
Under Budget	\$ 122,091.00

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 31

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, August 1

6:00 am-Men’s Bible Study  
7:00 pm-Parents of Addicted Loved Ones

## Tuesday, August 2

9:30 am-Women’s Ministry Tuesday Morning Bible Study

## Wednesday, August 3

6:30 pm-Worship Team Rehearsal  
6:45 pm Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal

## Thursday, August 4

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

## Saturday, August 6

7:00 am-Men’s Golf Outing

# Consider These

*“If a thief helps a poor man out of the spoils of his thieving, we must not call that charity.”  
(Dante Alighieri, Italian Poet)*

*“When it comes to giving until it hurts, most people have a very low threshold of pain.”*

# Reflect

It is appropriate to ask people how you can help them . . .

- ✓ Nehemiah 2:2-8 “Why are you so sad? You are not sick, are you? You look like a man with deep troubles.” Then I was badly frightened, but I replied, “Long live the king! Why shouldn’t I be sad? For the city where my ancestors are buried is in ruins, and the gates have been burned down.” The king asked, “Well, how can I help you?” With a prayer to the God of heaven, I replied, “If it please Your Majesty and if you are pleased with me, your servant, send me to Judah to rebuild the city where my ancestors are buried . . . And the king granted these requests, because the gracious hand of God was on me.
- ✓ Mark 10:51-52 “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

# 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.

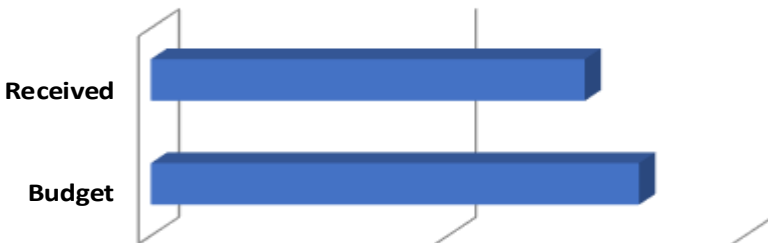
We need \$28,355.00 each week to meet our budget.

**YTD Money Needed**  
**\$822,295.00**

**YTD Money Received**  
**\$730,871.00**

**UNDER Budget**  
**\$-91,424.00**

### 2022 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
Series 1	\$822,295.00	\$730,871.00

## 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:*** David the Shepherd

***Bible Point:*** I Can Talk to God

**Elementary**

***9:30 am Bible Story:*** Eternity

***11:00 am Bible Story:*** Rahab Helps the Spies

**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 forgiveness, faith and wisdom are shared so that others might grow.

God will never allow anything  
to come to you that you and  
He cannot handle.



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



## 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).

## "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.

# 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.



## 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>



Women's  
create

Ministries helps  
opportunities for

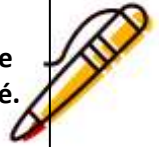
women to grow in their relationship with Jesus, to make healthy and safe connections with other women of faith, and to use their God given talents to benefit the church body and the community.

### **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 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



## 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

**Do unto others  
as though you were the others.**





## 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)



## Pastor Roger Would Like to Invite You to Tour one of our Former Church Buildings

One of our former FBC Worship Centers  
was built at the corner of University

Drive and Myrtle Avenue, the current location of the ASU Tower Center  
Buildings.

ASU is currently in the master planning phase for the Tempe campus and  
that corner is significant as an academic introduction to ASU. Plans are to  
demolish the Tower Center Building to facilitate other university  
development for adjacent areas in the near term and for a significant  
academic structure for that site in the future.

You are invited to visit this old church on Wednesday, August 10, before it  
is demolished. Be at the southeast corner of University Drive and Myrtle  
Avenue at 9:34 am for a guided tour of the old church conducted by an ASU  
official. To find a parking spot come really early. Also, because of the heat  
bring an umbrella.

God will never allow anything to come to you  
that you and He cannot handle.



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

**Sunday, July 31** – Control your free speech.

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

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

**Sunday, August 28** – Leave the judging to Jesus.

**Sunday, September 4** – Choose God’s will not your will.

**Sunday, September 11** – Money Management Matters to God



## 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.**



# 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.



## 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 31** – Taco Bar with Seasoned Beef, Chipotle Chicken, Rice and Beans, Lisa's FBC Salsa, Condiments, Salad Bar and Dessert

**August 7** – Sub Sandwich Bar with your Choice of Meats, Veggies, condiments, Chips, Salad Bar and Dessert



## New Sunday Ladies Bible Class

**Starting Date and Time** – Sunday, August 14, 9:30 am

**Location** – FBC Room 104

**Topic** – Understanding the Bible

**Taught by** – Mindelle Will, Women's Ministry Director

**Description** – Come and learn how each story in the Bible fits together to reveal God's Master Plan



## Faith and Family Night

Join the Arizona Diamondbacks and hundreds of churches from across Arizona at Chase Field as they host **"Faith and Family Night"** on Friday, August 19, against the St. Louis Cardinals beginning at 6:40 PM.

The Diamondbacks are thrilled to host this special night of unity and fellowship, featuring postgame Diamondbacks player testimonials and an exhilarating concert from Grammy award winning band Switchfoot!

There are limited tickets available at a cost of \$20.00 per person. Contact Jim Strouse at 480-410-5245 to purchase your ticket.

## Men's Sunday Bible Class

**Start Date and Time** – Sunday, August 21, 9:30 am

**Location** – FBC Room 105

**Topic** – Authentic Manhood – A Man and His Work

**Taught by** – Jeff Warwick

**Description** – Helping men understand the role of work in their lives as God intended.



## NEW Young Adults Home Group

**Start Date and Time** – Every Other Tuesday, beginning September 27, at 7:00 pm

**Location** – Home of Robert and Larae Hill in Chandler

**Led by** – Robert Hill and Mike McCall

**Contact** Robert Hill at 480-205-9743 or Mike McCall at 480-395-6768 with any questions you might have

**Singles and couples are welcome!**



## 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!***



# New Stories: God and Me – Late July, 2022



1. Imagine this for Jesus. In the middle of 100 plus degree super-hot July in Mesa, pack up your few belongs, load up your four young children and travel 67 hours around the world on several planes through many airports to reach Papua New Guinea to share Jesus. Missionaries Ryan, Shelby and kids say "Thank you" from Papua New Guinea to many of you who prayed for them and or gave money and donations to help them return to church plant among the Manam people. Your prayers and monthly financial support are deeply needed and appreciated. But it is enough Jesus died for me.

2. Thank you, Lord, for the following people in the last couple weeks who signed up to serve Jesus in the choir or orchestra or the sound booth: Damon, Aly, Jessie, Karen, Lonnie, Kathleen, Sherise, Tom and Miranda. Plus, more people are considering. We need you in the choir. Join us. I need no other argument that Jesus died for me.

3. I followed my Dad in drinking alcohol and for 18 years I was a drunk. I hurt many people. I was so wrong. Now for the last 15 years I have been clean, sober and I stopped drinking completely, 100% no more, because the Lord changed my life. I now tell people follow Jesus and say no to drinking, alcohol and drugs.

4. Recently in church during the worship song at 11:00 am as we sang, "See the Lost He is Saving," I looked to my right about 30 yards and a young single man was standing alone and crying. Repeatedly he wiped tears from his eyes. Was God at work in his heart? Yes, I think so. The next song we sang was, "God Heard Humanity Cry." Can you see God at work?

5. Neir is a young Asian adult female, first time guest, who recently came to Sunday Night Worship. Before church started I introduced myself. After church I thanked her for attending and she said, "I am so glad I came tonight. I needed to hear the message on loving people with no biases and no prejudice. Thank you."

6. It started out as a normal Wednesday morning on July 6 as Mark rode his bicycle to a nearby Circle-K. On the return trip home Mark was clearly in a cross walk when a driver in a car hit Mark broadside flipping him on top of the hood of the car and sent him crashing into the windshield with his bike under the car. Mark received a broken hip. Broken ribs. Broken shoulder. Broken right ankle. A concussion. Pray for Mark as he recovers and by the grace of God is in stable condition. If you can help Mark with some cash for his many

bills please donate online or give a check to FBCT earmarked Mark or bicycle accident. We thank God Mark's life was preserved.

7. Lonnie came to worship most recently for the first time. I asked how did you find our church? Lonnie said, "God made me see this church as I drove by." I said, "God loves to speak to us through our eyes, ears, heart and mind and His Spirit works on our souls. Lonnie smiled big and said "Yes."

8. Are you learning to discern God's whispers over the enemy's shouts? One person humbly said, "This means that I have to watch who has my ear." We are warned against having "itching ears," which is just listening to what makes us feel good. I used to listen to mediums and psychics and got caught up in what might be my future and what path to take. But be careful who has your ear! With social media, fake news, false prophets, and peer pressure - too many people are speaking. You must train your ear to hear God through His Word and prayer and he will confirm and speak to you with peace and clarity when you ask. "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm." (Ephesians 6:12)

9. "Hi this is Tom calling and if you just want to text back that "Yes" you're praying that would be fine. We had an MRI with my wife and just found out there is a tumor on her brain. This is horrible. I'm trying not to overthink this but this doesn't look good so just please keep us in your prayers. I would rather stay ignorant as to what's going on because I really have no idea but we will be seeing a doctor soon. I just wanted to call and let you know." I returned the call to Tom and listened, listened, encouraged, pointed to Romans 8:28 and prayed. My heart feels Tom's pain and stress.

10. A couple of weeks ago Mom and I both got Covid at the same time. I was already feeling strangled and alone in my role as family caregiver. When we got sick all of the other caregivers that help mom around the clock had to be called off. I moved in with mom by myself for five days, five nights. 24/7. It was an extremely mentally and emotionally challenging time for me. I missed my home, my husband, my family and my "freedom." The only place I could turn was UP. I began reading Joyce Meyers book on "7 Things That Steal Your Joy". Also, the book "Trusting God" by Jerry Bridges. Both of these books citing many scripture verses about the Sovereignty of God.

11. I want to start by mentioning that fear has ruled my life. One bad thought and I was completely hindered. It seemed SO hard for me to gain control over my mind. I was a highly competitive gymnast and this kind of mindset was crippling and extremely difficult to overcome. It bled into every area of my life. I think I was seeking some sort of foundation and truth to anchor and train my

mind in. Here are some of my favorite truths: God's Word does not change. God is a good father. He wants me close. He likes hearing from me and enjoys me. He gives good gifts. He provides for me and will not leave me. He directs my path. He works all things for my good. He is more concerned with my character than my comfort.

12. After two years of complete absence from church, because of Covid, God clearly told me I needed to return to on-campus, in person worship. I had a problem. In the last two years I became independent of God. I was not depending on God but on self. With tears he said, "I am learning to trust God again and love the family of God."

13. With big tears and much anxiety, the teen said, "Mom I saw this religious video on social media and the teacher said the Bible says, 'Soon bad angels under the Euphrates river, when it dries up, will come out of the ground to kill many people and nobody is talking about it. Is that true?'" I told this parent, "Revelation 9:13 -21 says in the future, NOT now, yes this will occur. But no one knows when this will occur. John who wrote the Book of Revelation expected this to occur in his life time, 2000 years ago. For many generations people expected it to happen in their life time. Yes, it will happen in the future. No one knows when." Never tell people what only God knows and controls. Jesus said, "No one knows the timing of the future except God."

14. Pray for me he said, "I just demolished my car, I totaled it. I'm not doing well, several injuries and lots of pain. I became dizzy, while driving my car, from prescription medicine and messed up my turn. Pray for me." I said, "I am praying, so glad you are still alive. You have a long road to recovery. How can I help?" He said, "Just pray". (A few basic lessons: Read the side effects on all prescription medication. Triple check your driving skills even under normal conditions. God says, ask for help. Let others protect you. Protect one another.)

15. "Which job does God want me to take?" he asked. "The one that pays the most money but requires a major relocation for our family to the East Coast? Or the job which pays a little less, no relocating and we remain near our family and relatives which we love dearly?" I replied, "The better paying job gives you more money but you will be far away from family with major expenses to visit your family. I don't know what God wants for you but trading a little extra money for a far-away move away from family requires a major evaluation and much prayer. Be careful, money will not buy happiness. If all the factors are basically equal, a few more dollars will not replace a long-distance relationship with family and relative.

16. A neighbor took his family to a lake which ended in disaster. Pray. While enjoying a ride on a pontoon boat, his daughter and friend fell off the boat and were hit by the propeller. Numerous cuts down to the bone and much blood loss. They are now in the hospital with many surgeries, both are expected to live. The family is emotionally distraught. Pray for healing. God is using me to help them.

17. Are you discouraged by the suffering and confusion of life? Raise your eyes and soften your heart to God. Never forget this amazing promise to God's people true believers from Joel 2:25. God says, "Then I will compensate you for the years, That the swarming locust has eaten, The creeping locust, the stripping locust, and the gnawing locust" — Locust is symbolic for pain and suffering. This means your future, as a Believer in Jesus, is filled with good, compensation and blessings from God even though disappointment and misery surround you. Bet the farm on God. Trust the promises of God at all times.

18. One church leader writes, "I pray I can have the opportunity to be of service to God. I am learning it is much better to listen more, ask permission to ask questions and to summarize what you hear. This has greatly improved my understanding of many situations. God is growing me and using me to help rebuild a broken marriage of 42 years. Praise God as He is showing me how to better love difficult people and teaching me to be more thankful for everything in my life.

19. Life is filled with painful "related" challenges. On the same day my friend quit his job, strangely enough, the bank called his employer to confirm his employment on a recent loan on a new truck. But since he was unemployed the bank repossessed his truck and all the work tools in it. The bank has no mercy. Pray for much needed discernment for my friend to see the "law of cause and effect." Every careless action we take will often have reactions with painful implications. This ripple effect is by design. Everything in life is designed to be a growth opportunity to help us act and think more like Jesus.

20. One person said to me, "I started thinking how the social media culture glorifies wealth and laziness. But the Bible says we need to work hard and not be lazy." I replied, "If we do not honor God and work hard we will self-destruct. There are lots of examples in the Bible. If we fear man more than God than we make people bigger than God. The Bible calls all of this idolatry. Love God with everything. Live and work all for God. No self-glory. Everything is a gift from God." The idolatry you run to today will be your misery tomorrow.



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## **Sunday Mornings Messages**

### **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 14 – “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)**

### **August 21 – “God of Mercy” (Ezekiel 18:21-32)**

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

### **August 28 – “Security Is in God Alone” (Ezekiel 19:1-14)**

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

## **Sunday Evening Messages**

**July 31 – “Doers of the Word, #1,  
Pure Speech is Self-Controlled”  
(James 3:1-12) PIT Tom Croke**

**August 7 – “Doers of the Word, #2,  
Two Kinds of Wisdom”  
(James 3:13-18) PIT Tom Croke**

**August 14 – Gospel Music Concert**

# **“Our Shame and Forgiveness”**

July 31, 2022  
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

Ezekiel 16:44 – *“Behold, everyone who quotes proverbs will quote this proverb concerning you, saying, ‘Like mother, like daughter.’*

Ezekiel 16:45 – *“You are the daughter of your mother, who loathed her husband and children. You are also the sister of your sisters, who loathed their husbands and children. Your mother was a Hittite and your father an Amorite.*

Ezekiel 16:46 – *“Now your older sister is Samaria, who lives north of you with her daughters; and your younger sister, who lives south of you, is Sodom with her daughters.*

Ezekiel 16:47 – *“Yet you have not merely walked in their ways or done according to their abominations; but, as if that were too little, you acted more corruptly in all your conduct than they.*

Ezekiel 16:48 – *“As I live,” declares the Lord God, “Sodom, your sister and her daughters have not done as you and your daughters have done.*

Ezekiel 16:49 – *“Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom; She and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy.*

Ezekiel 16:50 – *“Thus they were haughty and committed abominations before Me. Therefore I removed them when I saw it.*

- **Jerusalem and her two sisters \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have inherited their mother’s nature -**  
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Ezekiel 16:51 – *“Furthermore, Samaria did not commit half of your sins, for you have multiplied your abominations more than they. Thus you have made your sisters appear righteous by all your abominations which you have committed.*

Ezekiel 16:52 – *“Also bear your disgrace in that you have made judgment favorable for your sisters. Because of your sins in which you acted more abominably than they, they are more in the right than you. Yes, be also ashamed and bear your disgrace, in that you made your sisters appear righteous.*

Ezekiel 16:53 – *“Nevertheless, I will restore their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and along with them your own captivity.*

Ezekiel 16:54 – *in order that you may bear your humiliation and feel ashamed for all that you have done when you become a consolation to them.*

Ezekiel 16:55 – *“Your sisters, Sodom with her daughters and Samaria with her daughters, will return to their former state, and you with your daughters will also return to your former state.*

Ezekiel 16:56 – *“As the name of your sister Sodom was not heard from your lips in your day of pride,*

Ezekiel 16:57 – *before your wickedness was uncovered, so now you have become the reproach of the daughters of Edom and of all who are around her, of the daughters of the Philistines – those surrounding you who despise you.*

Ezekiel 16:58 – *“You have borne the penalty of your lewdness and abominations,” the Lord declares.*

- **There will be no \_\_\_\_\_ before \_\_\_\_\_**

Ezekiel 16:59 – *For thus says the Lord God, “I will also do with you as you have done, you who have despised the oath by breaking the covenant.*

- **The explicit issue is Jerusalem has broken the \_\_\_\_\_**

Ezekiel 16:60 – *“Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you.*

Ezekiel 16:61 – *“Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your sisters, both your older and your younger; and I will give them to you as daughters, but not because of your covenant.*

Ezekiel 16:62 – *“Thus I will establish My covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the Lord,*

Ezekiel 16:63 – *so that you may remember and be ashamed and never open your mouth anymore because of your humiliation, when I have forgiven you for all that you have done,” the Lord God declares.*

## **JESUS CHRIST IS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT**

Galatians 3:7 – *Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.*

Galatians 3:8 – *The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU.”*

Galatians 3:9 – *So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.*

Galatians 3:10 – *For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM.”*

Galatians 3:11 – *Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, “THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”*

Galatians 3:12 – *However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary. “HE WHO PRACTICES THEM SHALL LIVE BY THEM.”*

Galatians 3:13 – *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us – for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE” –*

Galatians 3:14 – *in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

Galatians 3:28 – *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male or female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Galatians 3:29 – *And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to promise.*

Acts 1:7 – *He said to them, “It is not for you to know times and epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;*

*Acts 1:8 – but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”*