

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

August 28-Ezekiel 5-8
August 29-Ezekiel 9-12
August 30-Ezekiel 13-15
August 31-Ezekiel 16-17
September 1-Ezekiel 18-19
September 2-Ezekiel 20-21
September 3-Ezekiel 22-23
September 4-Ezekiel 24-27

Birthdays


Don Halver (8/28)
Ruth Jonas (8/28)
Jim Robenalt (8/28)
Cavene Robinson (8/28)
Thelma Cook (8/30)
Susan Miller (8/30)
Vicki Dunlap (9/2)
Teri Pretlow (9/3)
Wayne Shedenhelm (9/3)

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 (8/21)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,355	\$ 963,485
Giving (Donations)	\$ 13,840	\$ 846,008
	\$ -14,515 (Shortage)	\$ -117,477 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 42,826	\$ 767,048
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (8/21)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 35,529
Giving (Donations)	\$ 185	\$ 34,359
	\$ -860 (Shortage)	\$ -1,170 (Shortage)
FP Expenses	\$ 300	\$ 43,571

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction		
	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 566	\$ 437,047

Please continue to give to help reduce our long-term Legacy debt of approximately \$749,653.00
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

LOVE GOD PEOPLE

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

August 28, 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

Sweet Hour of Prayer
Welcome and Announcements
When We All Get to Heaven
A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Prayer
Message-Pastor Matthew Downs
“Security Is In God Alone”

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Welcome and Announcements
Always
Same God
Prayer
Choir
Message-Pastor Matthew Downs
“Security is in God Alone”

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

The Gospel
Welcome and Announcements
Better Is One Day
King of Kings
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Prayer
Message-Pastor Matthew Downs
“Security is in God Alone”

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

Welcome
Worship Song #1
Worship Song #2
Worship Song #3
Prayer
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe
“Security is in God Alone”

6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Battle Belongs
Your Great Name
You Deserve It All
Prayer
Message-PIT Tom Croke
“Doers of the Word, Part #4,
Resis the Devil”

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	\$ 83,067.00
Under Budget	\$ 43,703.00

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	\$ 30,030.00
Under Budget	\$ 119,970.00

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, August 28

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 29

6:00 am-Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday, August 31

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

Thursday, September 1

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

Consider These

*“Wealth shines in giving rather than in hoarding;
for the miser is hateful, whereas the generous man is applauded.”
(Boethius, Roman Statesman and Philosopher and Christian Martyr)*

*“Examples are few of men ruined by giving.”
(Christian Bovee)*

Reflect

The giver and the front-line worker are equal partners in God’s word . . .

- ✓ I Samuel 30:24 *The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike.*
- ✓ III John 1:5-8 *You are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you. They have told the church about your love. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God . . . We ought therefore to show hospitality to such men so that we may work together for the truth.*
- ✓ I Corinthians 3:7-9 *Neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God’s fellow workers.*

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 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.

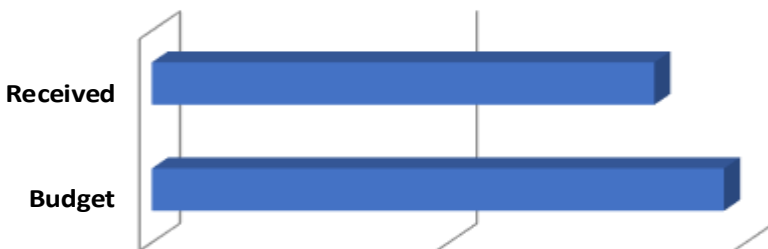
We need \$28,355.00 each week to meet our budget.

YTD Money Needed
\$963,485.00

YTD Money Received
\$846,008.00

UNDER Budget
\$-117,477.00

2022 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
Series 1	\$963,485.00	\$846,008.00

Upcoming Men's Events

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 September 11 –

contact Jim Strouse at 480-410-5245 or

Pastor Anthony with any questions or to register



Sunday Lunch in the MAC

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

August 28 – Pizza Party! Assorted Pizzas, Caesar Salad, Garlic Toast, Salad Bar and Dessert



(Birth through

6th Grade)

Preschool and

Kindergarten

Bible Story: Jesus Finds a Quiet Spot to Pray

Bible Point: I Can Talk to God

Elementary

9:30 am Bible Story: Studying God's Word

11:00 am Bible Story: Israel Receives a Land

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 the Health of our Kid City teachers . . .

To walk in holiness and may their steps be ordered by you.



Awana Clubs

Sunday Evenings from 5:45 to 7:15 pm

3-years-old – 6th Grade

September 11 – Club Kick-Off

September 18 – Club Night

September 25 – Club Night



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.

“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.



**Planning for the future is hard
when you are still paying for the past!**

Listen – there is a better way!

At Financial Peace University you will learn how to beat debt and plan for the future.
Interested??

We are offering two different 9-week classes this fall:

- Sunday evenings at 5:45 pm, beginning on September 18 and
- Monday evenings at 6:30 pm, beginning on September 19.

The cost is \$50.00 per family, payable on the first night of class.

Sign-Up at the Men's Ministry Table or contact Aaron Will at aaron.will@edupoint.com and let him know to reserve your seat!

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 and click on "Donations" and follow the directions. If you need assistance contact Pam Rosendale at 480-839-0926.



GriefShare Support Group In-Person or Online

Help and encouragement
following the death of a loved one

GriefShare Weekly Seminars – Sundays, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Sunday, August 21, through Sunday, November 20

For registration information, contact Teresa Kovac

at 732-319-5533 or visit www.Griefshare.org



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.

Tuesday Mornings

- September 13 - November 15
- 9:00 to 11:30 am – Room 118
- "None Like Him"

Tuesday Evenings

- September 13 – November 15
- 6:30 to 8:00 pm – Zoom
- "God of Freedom"

Thursday Evenings

- September 8 – November 17
- 6:30 to 8:00 pm – Room 104
- "Jesus and Women"

**Additional Information
on these Bible Studies
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, August 28 – Pride Destroys Leaders

Sunday AM, September 4 – Want Answer From God?

Sunday, AM, September 11 – Want Mercy? Seek Jesus

Sunday AM, September 18 – Stop Hurting Those You Love

Sunday AM, September 25 – Justice For All

Sunday AM, October 2 – Stand With God Not Against Him

Sunday AM, October 9 – Make Disciples is a Command



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 Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2394 or at the Church Office at 480-839-0926
- **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



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

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

Sunday, September 18 – Wait without complaining

Sunday, September 25 – No need to vow – just be honest

Sunday, October 2 – Help your brother or sister stop sinning

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 mayhmccall@gmail.com

with any questions you might have

Singles and couples are welcome! No childcare provided.

NEW Young Families Group

Start Date – Every Other Wednesday, beginning September 28



Time – Eat dinner together from 5:30 to 6:30 pm (no childcare during this time) and from 6:30 to 7:30 pm Bible Study (childcare provided)

Location – FBC Room 118

Led By – Pastor Anthony and Pastor Matthew

This will be safe place for young families to connect, grow and learn to be more like Jesus. We will study parenting, marriage, communication, conflict management and much more.

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.



Love is sharing a part of yourself
with others.

WE WANT YOU



WOULD YOU PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER SERVING IN KID CITY?

No prior experience is needed!
Don't forget...the Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals. God will use anyone to build His Kingdom.

AGE GROUP:

Which age is your "cup of tea"?
Nursery/walkers, Preschool (4's-kindergarten), Grade school (1st-6th grade)
or Awana game time?

WHEN WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE:

Would you prefer serving during the 9:30 am service, 11:00 am service
or 5:45 pm (Awana)?

Every child is very important in God's Kingdom and we want every Sunday to be very purposeful at FBC – and you can make it happen. please pray about partnering up with Kid City!

Please feel free to contact me with any comments questions or turn this form into Kid City or the church office. Sharmon fbcchildren@fbc-tempe.org or 480-839-0926

Yes, I'm interested in serving in Kid City.

Name: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

What age group would you like to work with? _____

When would you like to serve? _____

It's

that time again . . .

Walk to Bethlehem

To honor and bear witness to the birth of Jesus Christ,



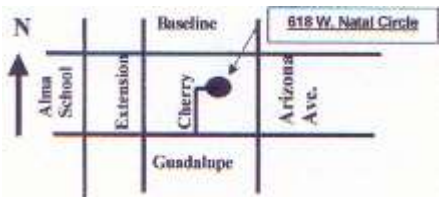
We need your HELP!!

To lift Jesus **REALLY HIGH** we will set-up Walk to Bethlehem on Monday and Tuesday, October 24-25, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

We need around 50 people to keep the work manageable, less of a burden and almost done in the two days. Can you bring a friend to help with discipleship - The Great Commission??

Bring gloves, hats and battery charged up drills and small hand tools.

Meet a bunch of Jesus followers in Pastor Roger and Dianna's backyard on Monday and Tuesday, October 25 and 26. Snacks for breaks, lunch and plenty of cold water will be provided.



Walk to Bethlehem

Needs

Hosts and Hostesses

Would you be willing to be a

Host/Hostess for Walk to Bethlehem?

Hosts and Hostesses are need for Walk to Bethlehem between the dates of Thursday, November 24, and Saturday, December 24, from 5:30 to 9:30 pm at the home of Pastor Roger and Dianna.

If you would like to be included in this special Christmas ministry, please stop by the Walk to Bethlehem Table in Skylight Hall and sign-up for one of these dates or call Pam Rosendale in the Church Office at 480-839-0926.



**Stop by the Christmas Table in the Foyer
and sign-up to help with these two very important projects.**

We Will Soon Welcome and Ask New Church Members to:

- Obey Jesus
- Meet New Friends
- Serve Jesus at FBC
- Study the Bible on Sundays
- Worship Regularly on Sundays
- Forgive Their Enemies
- Be Humble and Confess Their Sins
- Pray for Each Other
- Be Honest
- Be Ready to Help Others
- Write Membership on the Orange Card or Call the Church Office at 480-839-0926



To be a member of FBC you must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, been baptized by immersion and have shared your testimony with one of our pastors.

As a member of FBC you will have the opportunity to vote on approving the annual budget and any other actions the church board might bring to the congregation.

☐ **YES, I would like to become an Official Member of FBC**

Name

Cell Phone Number

Email Address

Please tear off and place in the Offering Plate!

Teacher and Leaders
NEEDED
for College-Age
Sunday Bible Class at 9:30 am



Do you have a heart for college-age students?

**Do you enjoy teaching Scripture
in a way that engages everyday life?**

**Do you have the capacity to stay in contact
with multiple people
and commit to praying for them regularly?**

WE NEED YOU!

**Email Pastor Scott at fbctempestudents@gmail.com
for an application
to be a college-age
Sunday class teacher or leader!**

New God Stories Mid-August 2022



1. God's people give and give and give. For the last 15 years, almost every year at no cost (for free) the asphalt path at Walk to Bethlehem has been professionally sealed, crack filled and repaired by Jason from All-Asphalt. Jason attended a different church in the far west side of Phoenix. When he heard the good work of WTB he offered his supplies and labor costs for free as his offering to God. Every year we offer to pay Jason but he says, "Happy to donate to the Lord's work." I encourage you to use Jason for any of your asphalt related needs, his number is 602-770-4531. Never forget, "Let the people rejoice. O Come to the Father through Jesus the Son. And give Him the glory, great things He has done."

2. One man shared after a Sunday morning sermon in July that he had a grandmother who used to pray often for the salvation of her children and her grandchildren. He eventually came to true faith in Jesus Christ later in life after his grandmother was already in heaven. He connected, for the first time, that God was faithful to answer his grandmother's prayer for his salvation even after she was gone from earth. Sometimes we don't get to see God answer our prayers, but we can be sure when we pray that God is faithful. Keep praying for your children and your grandchildren and keep trusting in the faithfulness of God. The song writer said, "Bring words of praise and offerings of thanksgiving. Lift up holy hands in honor of our King. For the Lord, He is good and His love endures".

3. One thinking man, who has many questions about faith in Jesus Christ, said one Sunday after the message, "I just wanted to say thank you. For the first time I think I finally understand idolatry." He has never quite understood idolatry beyond worship of a physical object. Idolatry is worshiping and serving anything besides God. It could be self or pleasure or power or sex or gluttony or complacency or anger. This man is one step closer to genuine faith in Jesus Christ.

4. One young adult in our church who is healing from trauma texted me saying, "Today I went on a walk by myself without my phone. I decided to stop and listen for God and I realized that I was completely alone, and it was silent, but I felt safe, and secure, and comfortable. This is a new thing for me." God is healing this young adult from years of being overwhelmed with loneliness because God is near to the brokenhearted (Psalm 34:18). She is learning to find safety and security and peace in Jesus Christ.

5. Looking back over his life, Don says, "I was raised in a church and always felt convictions in my transgressions, but I wasn't walking with the Lord nor considering Him my Savior. In my late twenties, I began my true walk with Him, evidenced by a lifestyle change, losing all my 'friends' who didn't take kindly to Bibles as birthday gifts nor my unwillingness to participate in secular behaviors. Through the following years I got married and when I was 37, I was baptized by immersion for a second time - this time to affirm my commitment in a way that actually meant something as a genuine believer.

6. "I was raised in the Catholic church but never understood what was being taught to me" shares Tracy. "That led to me going through life not knowing God and I did have thoughts of where will I go when I die; it bothered me. My brother and mom played a big part in sharing the Bible with me and of course I fought it. I had noticed that everything around me was crumbling and I was just not happy in my life. After several months I attended a different church with the family and enjoyed it. Our church had an altar call and I went forward to receive Christ. That moment changed my life. I was so excited about my salvation and the Lord that I went to work and shared the news with everyone. I did lose all my friends at work and they no longer wanted to be with me. It was very hard but worth it. At church I joined the bus ministry and was baptized (immersed). I became very involved in the pro-life movement and feeding the homeless in downtown Phoenix once a month. I am so blessed to have been chosen by God."

7. One African American man shared that he has been recently been tempted to chase after the organization Black Lives Matter and protest violently out of anger because of his hurt and pain from mistreatment growing up as an African American in America. He shared one sermon helped him refocus on Jesus and remember Jesus is the answer, not violence and not any organization that promotes violence. "I am alive because I'm alive in Jesus. And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive. It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ," said the song writer.

JESUS
is the
ANSWER

8. Last week a middle-aged man said, "Pray for me. I'm asking everyone to pray for me. I am getting close to getting my dream job." Okay, Yes, I will pray. Two days later he said, "I just signed my employment papers and got my dream job. Wow! How cool is this." How often do you ask people to pray for you? Do it every day. You need all the prayers you can get. I told this man, "You are a blessed man. Don't take it for granted. Protect your

blessings with humility because God approved it before you received it. Every good gift comes from God. Every day sing, "Amazing grace. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow. The sun forbear to shine. But God, who called me here below. Will be forever mine, will be forever mine. You are forever mine."-

9. Young PHD David, single and mid 30's, found our church this past Spring online through Google. David visited a few other churches before settling in at FBC-T. I asked David why do you keep coming back to FBC-T. David said, "Because people actually talk to me when I come. Plus, I like the sermons. At the other churches no one talked to me." I welcomed David to our church and talked about quality assessment of microchips. Food for thought: Please never be afraid on Sundays to say "Hi" to new faces and introduce yourself. You just might be talking to David who recently earned a PHD in Nuclear Engineering. Love one another. Honor one another.

10. A friend said, "I went to Taco Bell and sat down to eat. To my left an elderly couple. To my right a young family with an angry, loud and abusive dad (or step-dad or friend) toward his 3-year-old girl who asked politely several times to go to the bathroom but each time he rebuked her harshly. Next, he grabbed her by her face, yelled, "Shut-up," and forced her down on the chair. Food came and the family began to eat but the bully man did not allow the 3-year-old to eat anything. He just yelled more and louder at her. At this point I stood up and told the father to stop yelling and let the girl eat. The man stood up. A tense face-off occurred. Another person called the police. The employees at the counter were watching. The police soon came, listened to all the eye witnesses and arrested the man for child abuse and neglect. Please never be a bully. Show respect. Protect each other. Stand up in a wise way for the weak and innocent. Always have witnesses.



11. "Pray for me, I am excited to serve the Lord," he said. "I have always felt that the Lord was setting me aside for something because He would never let me stray far from Him and at the same time gave me such a thirst for His knowledge that I feel ready to share it with others. I see the world around me and its tremendous lack of spiritual leaders. I love the fact that the Lord gave us everything we needed to not just seek after His truth, but understand not only its implications on our faith but at its core the basic fundamentals of interaction between our physical world and that of the spiritual." Let's pray for God to use this man who seeks to follow God.

12. One honest, humble, repentant woman shared after a sermon that talked about abortion that the message was very difficult to hear. She has had an abortion and knows she is forgiven by God, but the pain and the trauma still make hearing the truth about the sinfulness of abortion very difficult, even many years later. She said "Thank you for the truth, the truth must be preached, no matter how difficult." Praise God for this woman's commitment to the Bible as truth. Praise God for her strength to be honest and her humility to share her story. Praise God for her salvation. Remember the words, "The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me."

13. Ted said, "I have a patient who is experiencing homelessness. He has cancer and is having chemotherapy. His wife died of COVID back in November. Because his wife was the only income source he lost all income. I am asking if the church can help with \$143.28 for his medication for this month." Our church loves people. Our church gave \$150.00 to assist this family. Praise God. Thank you for your donations to FBC-T to make this happen. Celebrate with the words, "And on that day when my strength is failing. The end draws near and my time has come, still my soul will sing Your praise unending. Ten thousand years and then forevermore. Forevermore."



14. After attending our church for a couple years plus receiving Jesus as his Savior in our church this man said, "I have lived in six different states as an adult. In each state I used alcohol and drugs and in each state I have been arrested and convicted with felonies and was imprisoned. No more drugs. No more alcohol. No more breaking the law. No more jail time. Jesus has changed my life." Run to Jesus. Walk away from alcohol and drugs. If you are a man, join one of our small men's groups at church. Or if a woman, join a women's group. Follow Jesus for the only right change. Smile as you read these words, "My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns. Unending love. Amazing grace."