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

September 25-Ezra 7-10
September 26-Nehemiah 1-5
September 27-Nehemiah 6-7
September 28-Nehemiah 8-10
September 29-Nehemiah 11-13
Psalm 126
September 30-Malachi 1-4
October 1-Luke 1, John 1:1-14
October 2-Matthew 1, Luke 2:1-38

Birthdays

Beverly Marten (9/25)
Ray Vieweg (9/25)
Erin Sandoval (9/26)
Carolyn Imhoff (9/27)
Shawn Koe (9/27)
Sid Tribiana (9/27)
Austin Erwin (9/28)
Quinn Summers (9/28)
Cheryl Vinzant (9/28)
Jean Werner (9/28)
Bret Ryan (9/29)
Fay Bachman (9/30)
Mary Jones (9/30)
Steve Wieland (10/2)

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 (9/18)
Budget Plan	$ 28,355	$ 1,076,905
Giving (Donations)	$ 20,521	$ 915,012
	$ -7,834 (Shortage)	$ -161,893 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	$ 41,920	$ 872,413

Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (9/18)
Budget Plan	$ 1,045	$ 39,709
Giving (Donations)	$ 412	$ 36,932
	$ -633 (Shortage)	$ -2,777 (Shortage)
FP Expenses	$ 00	$ 47,781

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	$ 100	$ 438,966

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 Dianna. 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 challenging people with God's truth

September 25, 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
Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus
Welcome and Announcements
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
O How He Loves You and Me
Prayer
Message-Pastor Matthew Downs
"God is Faithful"

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship
Great Things
Welcome and Announcements
All Because of Jesus
Your Great Name
Prayer
Message-Pastor Matthew Downs
"God Is Faithful"

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship
Better Is One Day
Welcome and Announcements
Man of Sorrows
Only a Holy God
It Is Well With My Soul
Prayer
Message-Pastor Matthew Downs
"God Is Faithful"

11:00 am-Acoustic Praise and Worship (Upper Room)
Welcome
Worship Song #1
Worship Song #2
Worship Song #3
Prayer
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe
"God Is Faithful"

6:00 pm-Evening Worship
Welcome
Your Grace is Enough
I Will Rise
That's the Power
Prayer
Message-Pastor Peter Molina
"Doers of the Word, Part #8,
How to Wait for the Return of Jesus"

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	$ 97,242.00
Under Budget	$ 29,528.00

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@CIRAInternational.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	$ 34,072.00
Under Budget	$ 115,928.00

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, September 25
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
5:45 pm-Awana Club
5:45 pm-Financial Peace University
6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Monday, September 26
6:30 pm-Men's Monday Morning Bible Study
6:30 pm-Financial Peace University
7:00 pm-Parents of Addicted Loved Ones

Tuesday, September 27
9:00 am-Women's Fall Tuesday Morning Bible Study
7:00 pm-Young Adults Home Group

Wednesday, September 28
5:30 pm-Young Families Group
6:30 pm-Worship Team Rehearsal
6:45 pm Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, September 29
5:00 pm-Teen Music Hangout
6:00 pm-Teen Youth Group
6:00 pm-Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study

Consider These

"It is more difficult to give money away intelligently than it is to earn it in the first place."
(Andrew Carnegie, American Industrialist and Philanthropist)

"We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give."
(Winston Churchill, British Wartime Prime Minister and Statesman)

Reflect

Your pursuit of God and a generous life will give you a fuller and richer life . . .

- I Timothy 6:18-19 *Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.*
- Philippians 1:6-7 *You are generous because of your faith. And I am praying that you will really put your generosity to work, for in so doing you will come to an understanding of all the good things we can do for Christ. I myself have gained much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because your kindness has so often refreshed the hearts of God's people.*

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)

Ladies Class-Room 104
(Ladies Only)

Men's Class-Room 105
(Men Only)

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.

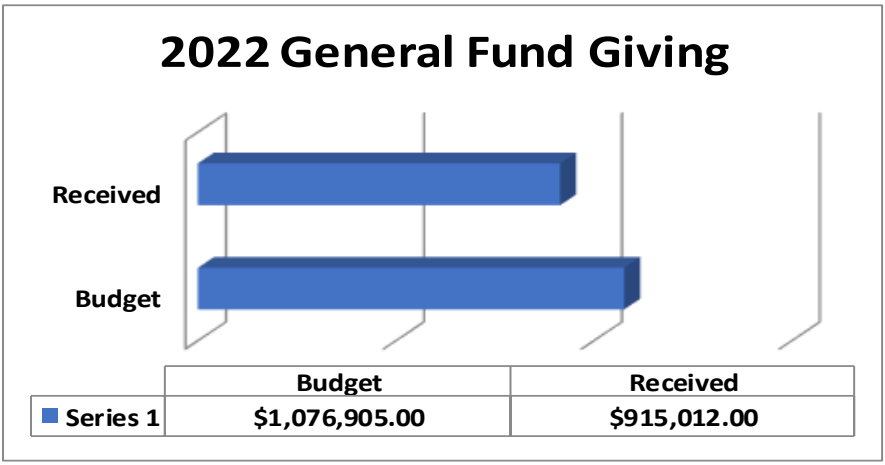
God is doing many good things at our church. Pray for the economy in America.

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

YTD Money Needed
$1,076,905.00

YTD Money Received
$915,012.00

UNDER Budget
$-161,893.00



Put this Date on Your Calendar for an FBC Church Action Meeting

Date – Sunday, October 16

Time – Following each of our four Morning Worship Services

Action – To vote on the following Deacon Board and Finance Committee recommendations:

- 2023 FBC Proposed Budget
- 2021 FBC Proposed Faith Promise Giving

On Sunday, October 2, you will find a copy of the 2023 FBC Proposed Budget, the 2023 FBC Proposed Faith Promise Giving and current Finance Report in our Connection Center and also at the FBC Office.

children's ministry

(Birth through 6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story: Noah Builds the Ark)
Bible Point: I Can Follow God

Elementary

9:30 am Bible Story: Witnessing
11:00 am Bible Story: The Seven C's of History

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.

Awana
Because Kids Matter to God

Awana Clubs

Sunday Evenings from 5:45 to 7:15 pm
3-years-old – 6th Grade

September 25 – Club Night
October 2 – No Awana (Fall Break)
October 9 - No Awana (Fall Break)

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.

FINANCIAL peace UNIVERSITY

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, in Room 118
- Monday evenings at 6:30 pm, beginning on September 19 in Room 105

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, November 12, 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, September 25 – Justice For All

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

Sunday AM, October 9 – Make Disciples is a Command

Sunday AM, October 16 – God Uses Us to Save Others

Sunday AM, October 23 – Sexual Sin Offends God

Sunday AM, October 30 – Only Jesus' Righteousness Saves

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, 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.

Contact Pastor Anthony at (480) 766-2395 for information or any questions you might have.

Prayer does not need proof, it needs practice!

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 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.

If you are too busy to pray, you are too busy!

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.

On Sunday, October 2,
We Will Welcome New Church Members and Ask Them 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 if you are interested in Membership

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 <u>fbctempestudents@gmail.com</u>
for an application
to be a college-age
Sunday class teacher or leader!

Bible Study Fellowship

Men's Group FBC
Monday Evenings at 6:45
Second Story of the FBC Educational Building

Starting Monday, September 12, 2022

This year's study:
People of the Promise; Kingdom Divided

We will unpack a fascinating period in Israel's history across 15 old testament books, from its split into two nations, through dozens of kings and prophets and ultimately to the heartbreaking exile into Babylon.

Sign up today in Skylight Hall or contact
Austin Erwin at 480-213-9627

Sunday Lunch in the MAC

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

September 25 – Sub Sandwich Deli Bar with Pasta Salad, Chips, Condiments, Salad Bar and Dessert

All Church Hike

Date and Time – Saturday, October 8, 6:00 am to 2:00 pm
Location – See Canyon (Payson)
(Moderate – 5 Miles – 500 Feet Elevation
Bring: water, snacks and sunscreen

Enjoy a beautiful fall hike long the beginning of Christopher Creek.

Meet at FBC-Tempe to carpool. For more information, contact Adam Bachman at 480-363-5570 or at ajbachman7@hotmail.com

The secret of prayer is prayer in secret!

Two Part-Time Jobs Now Available at FBC

Job #1: One Part-Time House Cleaner

- 10-12 work hours per week determined by your availability and the needs of the church.
- Normal house cleaning assignments.
- Need to be trustworthy, reliable and teachable.
- Pass a background check
- Contact David Brinn at 480-839-0926
- Minimum wage

Job #2: One (second Part-Time) House Cleaner

- 10-12 work hours to be determined by your availability and the needs of the church.
- Normal house cleaning tasks.
- Contact David Brinn at 480-839-0926
- Need to be trustworthy, reliable and teachable
- Pass a background check
- Minimum wage

The Deacon Board enthusiastically announces that we are beginning a search for a new full-time

Outreach Pastor to Young Families and Young Singles

Search Team members are: Aaron Will, Paula Kielmeyer and Pastor Roger. Our goal is to hire a full time Outreach Pastor who loves young families and young singles. Is wise in the Bible and mature in Jesus. Extroverted. Strong people skills. Adaptable. Agrees with church doctrine. Single or married – preferred married. Teachable. Willing to think outside the box. Gracious. Passionate for meeting strangers. Strong follow-up skills. Pro-active. Team player. Verbal skills. Honest. Transparent. Leadership skills. Able to manage organizational data systems as needed for the job. A person who loves Jesus sacrificially. Loves young families and young singles sacrificially by meeting them, relating and leading them into various meaningful communities at FBCT.

If you know of someone who might be interested in this position, please contact one of the Search Team members or Pastor Roger.

Marriage Enrichment Class

Date, Time and Location – Sunday Mornings – Starting on Sunday, October 2, at 9:30 am, in Room 118

Taught by - Don and Tracy Harbin

Fall 2022 Series – "The Science Behind a Joyful and Lasting Marriage"

Studying the Seven Principles for Making Your Marriage Work and how to Recognize, Expose and Work Through the Four Major Indicators of Divorce using wisdom from science and the Bible.

What Tracy says about herself – "I want to create a very warm and inviting home, but even though things look nice, they can be disorganized behind the scenes. I have a very caring and loving heart that is easy to talk with, but when I am crossed I can become angry."

What Don says about himself – "I am extremely careful with the words I speak to others but when it comes to my wife, I do not always take that same care. I know the things my wife loves and finds joy in, but sometimes I can choose to rob her of that joy, which I am called to protect and treasure, because of my own reasons.

What they say about themselves – "We know the right things to say and the right ways to behave, but we often choose a more offensive and self-serving path which seems like not being aware of damaging results. (In many ways, a standing battle characterized between James 1:22 and Romans 7:15, 19)"

The Smile

I think of the years I've ignored this gift – robbed of a joy few will know.
To be with a person that glistens at my sight.
She greets not with a smile, but a glow.
What a wonderful woman God's blessed me with.
Always greets me with a smile.
Whether it's coming home from work or if absent but for a while.
When gone I can hardly wait to return, knowing what I have in store.
I look so forward to her greeting now, the thought sustains me, and more.
This greeting consists of very few words, which seems appropriate for such.
As no words can truly characterize the power and depths of its touch.
Now she has passed this spark on to our daughter.
I'm found powerless but to smile back!
And when greeted this way from both at once,
There's nothing in this world that I lack!

"Tracy you have a smile and a joy like no other. May I never rob you of this.
And thank you so much for passing this gift on to our daughter;
your legacy in this world has been established through her.
The monument of joy. Love always" …. Don 2004

I’m Not a Christian but I’m Coming to Your Church . . .

Okay, I’m not a Christian, but I have finally made the decision to come to your church this Sunday. Don’t expect much from me though. If something comes up, I might not, but right now, I am planning on it. I feel like I need to go, but I am not sure why. I want to tell you a few things about myself before you meet me. -by Thomas Weaver

1. **I am not going to understand religious language or phrases so be aware of that when we talk.** I don’t understand slain in the spirit, God is moving in me, covered in the blood, I need to die to self, you just need to be in the Word, what you need is a new life, etc. If we have conversation filled with religious talk, I am probably not going to understand half of the words . . . and maybe think you are a little crazy.
2. **When you ask me how I am doing, know that I don’t trust you**. I am probably going to lie and tell you I am fine. It is not that I don’t want to tell you; it is just that I come from some pain and am not sure if I trust you yet. How about you tell me your story first? If I like you and get the vibe that you are not trying to capture my soul or anything, I will tell you mine.
3. **I have got pretty rough language, and I can be bitter and angry about some things.** If I sense in you a mindset of superiority, I am out. If you are just waiting for your turn to talk instead of truly listening to me, I am not going to be interested. Don’t expect me to be exactly like you.
4. **Don’t make a big deal of introducing me to everyone you know.** I understand a couple of people, but please; don’t set up a welcoming line. I am just there to check it out; I need a bit of space.
5. **I am going to be looking for genuine interest in me.** I don’t want to feel like your personal salvation project or be a notch on your “I saved one” belt. If this Jesus is who you say He is, then I am looking forward to seeing Him in you. That is how it works, right?
6. **I am going to have questions.** I need truth, not your preferences or your religion, so can you just tell me what the Bible says?
7. **I need to feel welcome.** Is there a time limit or something on my visit before I am supposed to feel unwelcome? I mean, I have been to other churches, and there seemed to be a push for me to make up my mind or something. How long until I am unwelcome?

Thanks for hearing me out. I am pretty sure I am going to come this Sunday. But I might not.

Evangelism as a Way of Life . . .

Sunday, October 9, AM and PM Services
Teacher – Missionary Ben Joseph

FREE Notebook Available

- ✓ What is evangelism?
- ✓ What goes through your mind when you hear the word "evangelism?"
- ✓ Are you fearful and insecure with the idea of sharing your faith with others?
- ✓ Do you have a deep desire to be used by God but really do not know how to go about it?
- ✓ What is a gospel presentation and what are the important points we must include in our sharing?
- ✓ How do we communicate the gospel and cultivate opportunities?

Evangelism as a way of life will liberate you from the fear of evangelism and will equip you to share your faith with others the way God has designed your personality.

Join us for **Evangelism as a Way of Life Part #1,**
on Sunday, October 9, during our Morning Services
at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am
and then join us for **Evangelism as a Way of Life Part #2**
on Sunday Evening, October 9, at 6:00 pm,
where Missionary Ben Joseph will share
"Everyday Witnesses – Evangelism as a Way of Life."

September 2022 God Stories

1. Sweeten up your marriage at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings with Don and Tracy Harbin starting soon. Learn how to love better. Communicate clearer. Manage conflict. Honor God. Express yourself with grace. Forgive. Compromise with mutual respectful. Be watching the bulletin for more information.

2. He does several things to make our church look good. He started attending our church about one year ago and soon after every Wednesday he comes to church to collect the trash from almost every trash can on campus. Thanks Rodney for your faithful service.

3. Today we received this request from a wife who does not attend our church. “Please pray for the salvation of my husband Eric. May God soften his heart to have a deep love and personal relationship with Jesus. May he be delivered from any bitterness and darkness. Pray that he will give his life to Christ.”

4. A couple weeks ago a ten-year-old boy was at the beach, swimming in the ocean and drowned. Several people tried CPR but the boy did not respond. Pray for the family. Pray for the other children who were swimming with this boy.

5. Last Sunday was his first time in our church. He said, “I am looking for a church community but I have ‘lost my faith’ and I want to find it again. I was raised in a church, but didn't really understand spirituality. I would definitely be in hell if I died today. I work full-time but my family lives in California. Pray for me. Seeking acceptance from local police academy for a career in law enforcement.” I said, “Keep seeking God. Come to worship often. How can I help? Keep pursuing God, don’t stop.”

6. God is always working good in you. Agee? Disagree? God only leads you by His great good reasons for your benefit through every good and bad and ugly testing or challenge. Right? Our good God is working in you and everyone else. Right? Unjustified and ungodly anger is never from God. Right? The best vengeance, correction comes from God not you. Right?

Increased patience plus increased faith equals humble strong contentment in the ways and plans of God. Right? When we feel discouraged and frustrated we must ask if we need to trust God MORE. Right? When joy is low in us it is reasonable to say our faith in God is low. Right? When faith in God explodes, joy and patience also go up. Right? God only has great good plans for you even when you CANNOT see His plans. God is always working good in you. Agee? Disagree?

7. "Recently a portion of my backyard fence went down in a wind storm," said a church member. "My fence spans the backyards of two neighbors and the downed portion only effected one neighbor. I submitted a claim to the insurance company as did my neighbor and I received a settlement that was lower than expected to replace the fence. So, I submitted more information to the insurance company and got a settlement that more than doubled. I could now consider replacing the rest of the fence that did not come down with my other neighbor if they would agree to share the cost. The second neighbor agreed. So, after insurance we paid $755.00 (my deductible was $500) to replace 97' of an ugly old 5' 5" high cement panel fence with a brand new 6' high block fence."

8. I thank God and I deeply appreciate Christians like Wayne Shedenhelm, Joy Getz, Pam Rosendale, Spike Nicholson, Paul and Sharon Turck, John and Carol Becker and many others who often reach out to people who are struggling in one way or another, are isolated and restricted at home or are in a care center or hospital due to a wide range of health issues. These people send cards, pray, offer support, visit and make phone calls to encourage the weak, discouraged and challenged.

9. Early in August she shared she just turned 71 years old and recently retired. As a child she grew up in a mountain village in Korea, in Buddhism. She said, "I remember walking as a child on Christmas Eve and heard people in a church singing. I entered the church and they gave me a candy cane. For the first time I heard the story of the birth of Jesus and I began to believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior and I began to follow Jesus. With a glowing smile, Jesus has always taken good care of me since I was a child."

10. One hundred orphans in Uganda recently received $9,000.00 from FBCT to build classroom #7 at their school. They already have six classrooms finished but they needed to construct their seventh and final classroom to be able to have a primary school which has seven grades. Any funds left over after construction of this classroom will go for buying desks, bookshelves and textbooks for the students that would be using the classroom. Praise God for much mercy at FBCT.

11. One person writes, “I am asking you to pray for Stephanie. Stephanie used to work in strip clubs. She no longer works in these clubs, but she still entertains men, does drugs and takes part in unhealthy relationships.” Please pray for Stephanie, please intercede for Stephanie. Pray that God will place people in her life to bring the healing love of God’s heart. God bless you.

12. My son needs prayer. “My son is homeless. He does have a job but his apartment complex raised the rent to a point he cannot afford. He lives in Flagstaff and with the students returning to classes now, most of the housing has been taken.” Let’s pray for this son.

13. Don’t ask for help. “I was listening online to the sermon since I wasn't able to make it to church. I finally realized the true meaning of humility. Humbling myself when I needed help was something I have never done. I grew up learning to deal with my own problems and not to ask for help. I really hurt myself in the long-run by not doing so. It amazes me how, at my age, that I'm still learning valuable biblical truths.” Praise God. Practice daily humility.

14. Invaluable. Priceless. She loves and serves Jesus faithfully with excellent research skills. Her problem-solving analytical skills are outstanding. No one needs to give her reminders because she is most proactive. Most important she loves people. We praise God for Bev Martin who serves in many ways throughout the church.

15. Last night at 6:00 pm Sunday night church Harold said, “My brother, 78 years old, and every morning of his life went to the gym and ran marathons almost every year. Extremely healthy. But a couple days ago he died of pancreatic cancer.” I said, “I am so sorry.” Harold said, “No

one knows how many days we have left to live. You can NOT predict life. We do not have full control." I said, "Every day should be a smile. We should love, encourage and inspire others and don't wait to be loved and inspired.

16. Three positive college students came to church for the first-time last Sunday. Two Asian Christians and one spiritual seeking Hindu non-Christian. I said, "Hi" and introduced myself. They followed with their introductions and a few welcoming comments. The non-believer said he was a data scientist. I said, "Are you an IRS agent?" He laughed and said, "Yes." I asked him, "Are people mean toward you because you work for the IRS." He said, "Yes." I said, "Jesus had friends who were tax collectors. Jesus will not be mean to you. I will do my best not to be mean. Thank you for coming to church and learning about Jesus today."

17. Less than three months ago on their first visit to our church a couple attended the 8:00 am Worship Service. I said, "Hello" and welcomed them. They came back a few times to the 8:00 am and then I saw them in the 9:30 am Worship Service and a couple Sundays ago she sang in the choir. Yesterday she sang in the choir again and her husband played in the orchestra with that big violin called the base violin. Thank you to both of you for serving Jesus with the gifts God has given you.

18. A lady said to me, "What should I do with my pre-teen daughter about her gender. My family has bullied me most of my life. I do not want to bully my daughter. I don't want to tell her what gender she should be." I said to this mom, "Be your daughter's mother and guide her the way Jesus would guide her, gently and firmly guide her. When your daughter was born was she born a female or male?" She said, "Female." I said, "Did God make a mistake by making your daughter a female." The mother said, "God does not make mistakes." I said, "As her mother guide your daughter toward Jesus and the Bible. As her mother remind your daughter every day God made her beautiful as a female not a male and not transgender." The Mother said, Thank you very much. I will guide my daughter to honor her female gender as God made her."