

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

October 2-Matthew 1, Luke 2:1-38
October 3-Matthew 2, Luke 2:39-52
October 4-Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3
October 5-Matthew 4, Luke 4-5, John 1:15-51
October 6-John 2-4
October 7-Mark 2
October 8-John 5
October 9-Matthew 12:1-21, Mark 3, Luke 6

Birthdays

Steve Wieland (10/2)
Emily Frisbie (10/3)
Scott Morrissey (10/3)
Sam Sayegh (10/6)
Andrew Burkhart (10/8)
Eunice Huh (10/9)
Myah Swanson (10/9)

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 (9/25)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,355	\$ 1,105,260
Giving (Donations)	\$ 24,243	\$ 939,255
	\$ -4,112 (Shortage)	\$ -166,005 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 9,325	\$ 881,738
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (9/25)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 40,754
Giving (Donations)	\$ 438	\$ 37,370
	\$ -607 (Shortage)	\$ -3,384 (Shortage)
FP Expenses	\$ 2,751	\$ 50,532

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 480	\$ 439.446

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 Diana. If you would like to attend our next Welcome Lunch please contact the Church Office by calling 480-839-0926.



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WE
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PEOPLE

Accepting, loving and challenging people with God's truth

October 2, 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

Blessed Assurance
Welcome and Announcements
Come Thou Fount
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Prayer
Message-Al Fadi
“Sins to Avoid”

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

House of the Lord
Welcome and Announcements
God of Revival
Living Hope
Prayer
Message-Al Fadi
“Sins to Avoid”

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

It Is Finished
Welcome and Announcements
There is One Gospel
Anchor of Hope
All I Have is Christ
Prayer
Message-Al Fadi
“Sins to Avoid”

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

Welcome
Worship Song #1
Worship Song #2
Worship Song #3
Prayer
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe
“Sins to Avoid”

6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Welcome
We Praise You
Good Good Father
Communion
Prayer
Message-PIT Tom Croke
“Doers of the Word, Part #9,
No Promises, Just Honesty”

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	\$ 100,072.00
Under Budget	\$ 26,698.00

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	\$ 34,530.00
Under Budget	\$ 115,470.00

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, October 2

8:00 am-Traditional Worship
8:00 am-Adult Bible Class
9:30 am-Contemporary Worship
9:30 am-Kid City Children’s Classes
9:30 am-Teen Bible Class
9:30 am-Adult Bible Classes
11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship
11:00 am-Acoustic Praise and Worship
11:00 am-Kid City Children’s Classes
11:00 am-Adult Bible Classes
12:00 pm-Lunch in the MAC
12:15 pm-Men’s Ministry Leadership Meeting
5:45 pm-Awana Club
5:45 pm-Financial Peace University
6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Monday, October 3

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

Tuesday, October 4

9:00 am-Women’s Fall Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday, October 5

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

Thursday, October 6

9:00 am-Tot Town
7:00 pm-Finance Committee Meeting

Saturday, October 8

6:00 am-All Church Hike

Consider These

*“No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.”
(Calvin Coolidge, 30th US President)*

*“Give naught, get same. Give much, get same.”
(Malcolm Forbes, American Publisher.)*

Reflect

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

- ✓ John 10:10 (Jesus said) *“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”*
- ✓ *III John 2-3 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospered.*
- ✓ *Matthew 6:33 (God) will give you all your need from day to day if you live in him and make the kingdom of God your primary concern.*

First things belong to God:

The first day of the week belongs to God.
The first hour of the day belongs to God.
The first portion of your income belongs to God.
When you make God first, He can help you!
(James MacDonald)

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

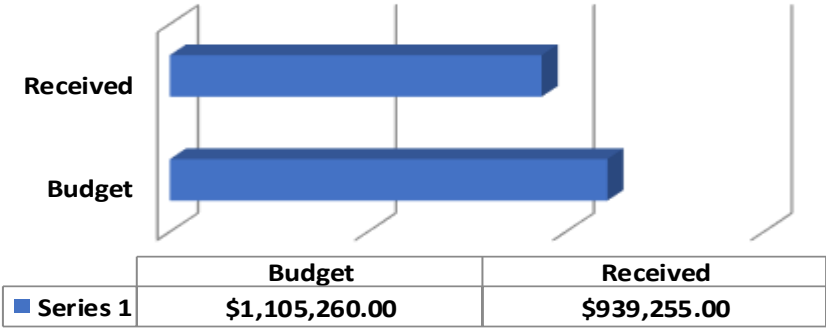
We appreciate your faithful giving to FBC and its ministries.

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
\$1,105,260.00
YTD Money Received
\$939,255.00
UNDER Budget
\$-166,005.00

2022 General Fund Giving



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.



(Birth through

6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story: Jehoshaphat Defeats a Great Army

Bible Point: I Can Follow God

Elementary

9:30 am Bible Story: Evidence Review

11:00 am Bible Story: God Creates the Universe

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 love bridges the gap between young and old.



Awana Clubs

Sunday Evenings from 5:45 to 7:15 pm

3-years-old – 6th Grade

October 2 – No Awana (Fall Break)

October 9 - No Awana (Fall Break)

October 16 – Club Night

“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, 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.



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 along 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



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



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!**



Women's Brunch

Date and Time – Saturday, November 5,
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Tickets - \$10.00 (Limited Seating)

For more information and to reserve your spot
stop by the Women's Ministry Table

Speaker – Laurie Davies

Theme – “Come Let Us Adore Him”

Join us for a special morning of fellowship
and learn how we can keep the holiday focus on adoring Him!



We increase our ability, stability, and responsibility when we increase
our sense
of accountability to God.



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

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



Help Send a Kid to Church Camp



Investing in a Child's Future is a Sure Bet!

Would you be willing to give \$20.00, \$50.00, or \$100.00
to help a 4th – 6th grader attend Winter Camp?

Camp provides spiritual growth opportunities,
builds community and is crazy fun!

Please contact Sharmon Steil at 480-839-0926
or at fbcchildren@fbc-tempe.org for more information!



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

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 gives strength to the weak,
faith to the fainthearted,
and courage to the fearful.

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.**



Sunday Lunch in the MAC

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

October 2 – Sausage Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad, Vegetables, Salad Bar and Dessert

October 9 – Taco Bar with Rice and Beans, Chips and Salsa, Salad Bar and Dessert

October 16 – Lemon Baked Chicken with Seasoned Rice, Vegetables, Salad Bar and Dessert

October 23 – Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad Bar and Dessert

October 30 – Pasta Toss with Fresh Tomato Sauce, Garlic Green Beans, Toast, Salad Bar and Dessert



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



It takes more courage to repent
than to keep on sinning.



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

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.”



**Plan to show your
compassion at our next**

**Compassion Outreach
Day**

Honoring God & Others!

Saturday, October 22, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

- **Breakfast in the Park**
- **Free Car Wash**
- **McClintock Street Clean-Up**
- **Operation Christmas Child** (Pick up a Shoe Box and a Packing Items List, have fun shopping with your family or your child and return box to FBC by Sunday, October 23)
- **Project Cure**
- **Homeless Outreach Care Bags** (Check out the list of the table, purchase items and bring them to FBC – for ALL items think small or travel size)



***Sign-Up at the Compassion Outreach Day table in the foyer
for the project that you would like to take part in.***

***“This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples
when they see the love you have for each other.” John 13:3***

**Seven Keys in Learning
to Live a Generous Open-Handed Life**

- **SUBMIT** yourself and all you have to the Lord.
- **STUDY** the Scriptures on finances and generosity.
- **SEE** what God has provided in your life.
- **SET ASIDE** resources to give.
- **SPONTANEOUSLY** give as the Lord leads you.
- **SIMPLIFY** your life to be even more generous.



- Our Information is Incomplete Without YOU!

It is time to update the information in our FBC Data Base and we want to include you. Please fill out the information below and drop it in the offering plate.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Birthdate _____

Children's Names and Birth Dates _____

Wedding Anniversary _____

Are you a:

_____ Visitor

_____ Regular Attender

_____ Member

Early October God Stories



1. While you have the opportunity the Bible says, "Honor one another." Someone just told me, "My Dad died on my birthday." He said to me, "Thank you for your prayers for my father. He passed away on Thursday, September 22, which was also my birthday. I figured it was God's way of ensuring I honor him when I think about the day I was born." The Bible says to give honor to our parents. This son is honoring his day and will remember his dad on his birthday.

2. When you face the "unexplainable" keep seeking God. Two sons in their mid-20s, ASU alumni living in Tempe, both died and their parents died at the same time in a car accident on Sunday, September 18, 2022 on I-17 near Flagstaff when a semi-truck lost it breaks and hit the car broadside. Pray for the devastated relatives from India. Pray for the two girlfriends. Pray for Nathan and Sarah Posey from FBCT who are close friends to everyone in this tragedy. When the "unexplainable" happens focus on the good memories not the pain and mystery of "Why did this happen?" When the "unexplainable" happens, seek God. Cry out to God. Run to God. Romans 8:28. Dwell on the good memories.

3. Find many ways to tell people you love them. Recently a "We love you card" was mailed to a senior saint in our church. They responded and said, "What a blessing I received today when I opened and read the card. It blessed my socks off. Little things mean a lot. I kept checking the address to make sure it was for me. I have read it at least four times. Psalm 46:10." To be blessed why not first be a blessing. Don't procrastinate, all around you are people who need encouragement, cheer, inspiration, some tender loving care and a little friendship. Be Jesus and tell people you love them.



4. "My family has five generations of pastors and missionaries who served God full-time" he said. "I think God might want me to become a missionary or pastor." I said to this young man, "We have a Pastor-in-Training program in our church to help you grow and discern what God wants. Please consider." He said, "Yes, I will." So, I am praying and I ask everyone at FBCT to pray for this young man who is seeking God's will for his life.

5. Thank you. Let's make it 20 years. In a few weeks, starting Thanksgiving night 2022 we hope to open Walk to Bethlehem for the 20th time. God supplies the story in Luke 2:1-21 (the birth story of Jesus), the workers to setup WTB on Monday and Tuesday, October 24 and 25 (you), the hosts to greet each night at WTB from Thursday, November 25 to Saturday, December 24 (you) and the workers to dismantle WTB on Monday and Tuesday, January 9 and 10 (YOU). Each year for the last 19 years on average 32,000 people Walk to Bethlehem, see and hear the prophecy, experience the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Much help is needed to build and run WTB every night for around 30 nights from 5:30 to around 9:00 or 10:00 pm. Anyone can help. Sign-up in the lobby at church. Thank you to everyone who helps. Thank you, Dianna, for allowing WTB to occur at your home.



6. Welcome to FBCT. Melissa is a nurse practitioner and this past March moved near our church to work in a nearby hospital. She moved from the East Coast to Chandler to be near her parents. She met Jesus as a child. As soon as she arrived in Chandler she began visiting churches to find a church home. After a few months at FBCT she will soon be an official member. Welcome Melissa.

7. Enjoy. Ben first came to our church around 45 years ago. On Sunday, October 9, in the morning and evening worship services Ben will teach and explain how to talk to anyone about Jesus. Come to Part #1 in the morning and Part #2 in the evening. For most of the last 45 years as one of our missionaries Ben helps and honors international students at ASU. Sharing Jesus with strangers is what Ben loves to do. Come to learn how you can talk to anyone about Jesus.

8. "I gave my life to Jesus." A typical college aged student who liked partying and girls said, "I only came to FBC-Tempe to spend time with my grandmother. One day, God "mistakenly" sent three members from FBC to my house thinking they were going to visit someone else, so I joined the choir. By my grandmother's secret request, one choir member mentored me and read the Scriptures with me. I thought I had to clean my life up first and then become a Christian, but my mentor urged me to believe in Jesus today because we can't make ourselves clean and tomorrow isn't promised." On that day, one year after coming to FBC, by the flag pole of the old church building, Robert Hill gave his life to Jesus.



9. It is beautiful to “serve” Jesus. “I just love to serve Jesus,” she said. We say, “Thank you Joy Getz for serving Jesus.” Anyone can serve Jesus behind the scenes where most people don’t see or on stage under the lights. We need you. The church needs you. Jesus wants you. The café at church needs you. Children’s Ministry needs help. The choir needs you. At church we have a couple paid part-time jobs cleaning the church. Can you do house cleaning? We need some help.

10. Have you met Glenn at church? Glenn is new to our church. Glenn smiles a lot, loves Jesus, enjoys talking, shows respect to people and loves to help with his IT technical skills. Glen is a problem solver. If you see a new face in a wheel chair at church please introduce yourself. It just might be Glenn. We welcome Glenn to our church family.

11. Fay said, “Yes” to helping her missionary friend who had to go to the hospital. In a text message Fay says, “I know it's late in Phoenix – 9:00 am here - on our way to church. Prayer request is for Joe – 80 years old, on our team and is very sick. May have to go to hospital for surgery. If so they ask if I would stay with him which of course I will. Pray for Joe to get better today and get home. Thanks.” Praying for Joe. Thanking God for Fay.

12. Chris in the last couple months started to attend our church. Chris recently enrolled his daughter Lili in Awana on Sunday nights. Chris attends worship at 6:00 pm. Pray for Lili and for Chris. Follow his example by bringing your child or grandchild or a child in your neighborhood to Awana on Sunday nights.



13. Coming to our church soon are four missionaries who love to talk about Jesus, Jim and Carolyn Fasold and Anna and Juan Antonio. You can meet them on Sunday, November 13, at 8:00 am in the Messenger Class. They will be attending our 9:30 am Worship Service. At 11:00 am they will be teaching in the Journey Class, taught by Pastor Mathew Downs. They plan to show a missionary video.

14. Wow. I wish everyone had his great attitude. He sees the cup full or half full, most people see the cup half empty. Aaron said, “God is at work in our money classes on Sunday nights. We have six students learning to better manage money and we have room for more. This class can be done as a self-pacer. Anyone can still join this class taught by Dave Ramsey.” Thanks Aaron, Josiah and Miranda for leading this class.

15. Thank you for serving Jesus. Every year about this time FBCT starts the search process to replace a few elected leaders who will be rotating off of their elected leadership opportunity. The Nominating Team is looking for new candidates and would like you to recommend possible replacements. If

you are interested or you would like to recommend someone, please contact Scott Blum through the Church Office at 480-839-0926.

**Video and audio services and messages are being
live streamed at 9:30 and 11:00 am and 6:00 pm Sundays at
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can be heard for free on our website
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Sunday Mornings Messages

October 9 – “Everyday Witnesses, Part #1”

**Missionary Ben Joseph (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)**

October 16 – “Let Us Stand in the Gap” (Ezekiel 22:23-31)

**Al Fadi (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)**

October 23 – “Idolatry and Sexual Sin” (Ezekiel 23:1-49)

**Al Fadi (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)**

October 30 – “No Security in Righteousness” (Ezekiel 24:1-14)

**Al Fadi (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)**

Sunday Evening Messages

October 2 – “Doers of the Word, #9, No Promises, Just Honesty” (James 5:12-18) PIT Tom Croke

October 9 – “Everyday Witnesses, Part #2” Missionary Ben Joseph

“Sins to Avoid”

October 2, 2022

Al Fadi

Ezekiel 22:1 – Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

Ezekiel 22:2 – “And you, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? Then cause her to know all her abominations.

Ezekiel 22:3 – “You shall say, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “A city shedding blood in her midst, so that her time will come, and that makes idols, contrary to her interest, for defilement!

Ezekiel 22:4 – “You have become guilty by the blood which you have shed, and defiled by your idols which you have made. Thus you have brought your day near and have come to your years; therefore I have made you a reproach to the nations and a mocking to all the lands.

Ezekiel 22:5 – “Those who are near and those who are far from you will mock you, you of ill repute, full of turmoil.

Ezekiel 22:6 – “Behold, the rulers of Israel, each according to his power, have been in you for the purpose of shedding blood.

Ezekiel 22:7 – “They have treated father and mother lightly within you. The alien they have oppressed in your midst; the fatherless and the widow they have wronged in you.

Ezekiel 22:8 – “You have despised My holy things and profaned My sabbaths.

Ezekiel 22:9 – “Slandorous men have been in you for the purpose of shedding blood, and in you they have eaten at the mountain shrines. In your midst they have committed acts of lewdness.

Ezekiel 22:10 – In you they have uncovered their fathers’ nakedness; in you they have humbled her who was unclean in her menstrual impurity.

Ezekiel 22:11 – “One has committed abomination with his neighbor’s wife and another has lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law. And another in you has humbled his sister, his father’s daughter.

Ezekiel 22:12 – “In you they have taken bribes to shed blood; you have taken interest and profits, and you have injured your neighbors for gain by oppression, and you have forgotten Me,” declares the Lord God.

Ezekiel 22:13 – “Behold, then, I smite My hand at your dishonest gain which you have acquired and at the bloodshed which is among you.

Ezekiel 22:14 – “Can your heart endure, or can your hands be strong in the days that I will deal with you? I, the Lord, have spoken and will act.

Ezekiel 22:15 – “I will scatter you among the nations and I will disperse you through the lands, and I will consume your uncleanness from you.

Ezekiel 22:16 – “You will profane yourself in the sight of the nations, and you will know that I am the Lord.””