

### 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 9-Matthew 12:1-21,  
Mark 3, Luke 6  
October 10-Matthew 5-7  
October 11-Matthew 8:1-13, Luke 7  
October 12-Matthew 11  
October 13-Matthew 12:22-50  
Luke 11  
October 14-Matthew 13, Luke 8  
October 15-Matthew 8:14-34  
Mark 4-5  
October 16-Matthew 9-10

### Birthdays

Eunice Huh (10/9)  
Myah Swanson (10/9)  
Saylor Huver (10/10)  
Emma Malmin (10/10)  
Doug Flesher (10/13)  
Ted Gutierrez (10/13)  
Steve Reed (10/13)  
Amanda Brodeur (10/15)

### For Our Guests . . .

**Welcome** to First Baptist Church! We are so glad you have joined us this morning.

**Guests** . . If you would like to receive information or a brochure on FBC and any of its ministries, please stop by the Connections Center.

**Also, please share any prayer or praises** in the space provided on one of the orange Communication Cards located in the pew racks. Let us know how we can help you!



*By giving to Faith Promise you help our missionaries spread the Gospel of Jesus around the world!*

**Visit our Website for more information on all our ministries:**  
<http://fbc-tempe.org>

**For a complete listing of our Pastoral Staff and contact information, please visit our website at [fbc-tempe.org](http://fbc-tempe.org).**  
**You may also contact the Church Office at 480-839-0926.**

### Free Sermons

Want to listen to one of the sermons by Pastor Roger or one of the other FBC Pastors?

Free sermons by Pastor Roger and the other FBC Pastors are available to you on the FBC webpage at [www.fbc-tempe.org](http://www.fbc-tempe.org).

### Volunteer House Cleaners Needed at FBC

We are looking for a few good men and women who could help with some important tasks on our campus. We need help with:

- ✓ Vacuuming
- ✓ Cleaning windows,
- ✓ Landscape projects,
- ✓ Clean tables and chairs,
- ✓ Dusting for cob webs and
- ✓ Organizing several storage rooms.



If you would give a few hours to help with one or more of these projects, contact the Church Office at 480-839-0926.

### Financial Update 2022

General Giving	Last Week	YTD (10/2)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,355	\$ 1,133,615
Giving (Donations)	\$ 17,757	\$ 957,012
	\$ 10,598 (Shortage)	\$ -176,603 (Shortage)
<b>GF Expenses</b>	\$ 35,567	\$ 917,305
<b>Faith Promise</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>YTD (10/2)</b>
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 41,799
Giving (Donations)	\$ 675	\$ 38,045
	\$ -370 (Shortage)	\$ -3,754 (Shortage)
<b>FP Expenses</b>	\$ 300	\$ 50,832

### Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 9,772	\$ 449,218

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.



FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF TEMPE

WE LOVE GOD  
AND PEOPLE

Accepting, loving and challenging people with God's truth

October 9, 2022

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

## Welcome to Worship

### 8:00 am-Traditional Worship

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name  
Welcome and Announcements  
Come, Thou Almighty King  
All Hail King Jesus  
Prayer  
Message-Missionary Ben Joseph  
“Everyday Witnessing”

### 9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

Your Grace is Enough  
Welcome and Announcements  
1,000 Names  
Hymn of Heaven  
Prayer  
Choir  
Message-Missionary Ben Joseph  
“Everyday Witnessing”

### 11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

Mediator  
Welcome and Announcements  
There is One Gospel  
Only a Holy God  
A Mighty Fortress is Our God  
Prayer  
Message-Missionary Ben Joseph  
“Everyday Witnessing”

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

Welcome  
Worship Song #1  
Worship Song #2  
Worship Song #3  
Prayer  
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe  
“Everyday Witnessing”

### 6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Welcome  
Message-Missionary Ben Joseph  
“Everyday Witnessing”

## 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	\$ 102,270.00
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](mailto:alfadi@CIRAIInternational.com). Make out all checks to FBC earmarked “CIRA.”

## Church Plant 2022 Update

The FBC Church Plant (10 minutes from FBC-Tempe) in Guadalupe (a ministry of FBC) is pleased to provide you a financial update for the period of January-February 2022.

#### Financial Need

Annual Budget	\$ 150,000.00
Giving-to-Date	\$ 35,999.00
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](mailto:pmolina@fbc-tempe.org). Make out all checks to FBC earmarked “Church Plant.”

## This Week at FBC

### Sunday, October 9

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, October 10

6:30 am-Men’s Monday Morning Bible Study  
7:00 pm-Parents of Addicted Loved Ones  
7:00 pm-Deacon Meeting  
7:00 pm-Deaconess Meeting

### Tuesday, October 11

9:00 am-Women’s Fall Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
7:00 pm-Young Adults Home Group

### Wednesday, October 12

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

### Thursday, October 13

6:00 pm-Women’s Thursday Evening Bible Study

## Consider These

*“No one has ever become poor by giving.”  
(Anne Frank, Jewish Dutch Diarist During Nazi Occupation)*

*“No one is so generous as he who has nothing to give.”  
(French Proverb)*

## Reflect

**Realize that God will bring specific people into your life that you can truly help.**

- ✓ James 2:15-16 *Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, “Go I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?*
- ✓ Proverbs 14:31 *Whoever is kind to the needy honors God.*
- ✓ Luke 14:13-14 *When you give a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame, and the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.*

**You’ve heard of prayer warriors. What about giving warriors?  
God has entrusted us with so much.  
Perhaps He is raising up a great army of givers  
and He is calling us to enlist.  
(Randy Alcorn)**

## 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:

- ✓ **Forgiving Paris by Karen Kingsbury**

**Stop by and check it 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](http://www.fbc-tempe.org) and locate the link to the electronic giving page.

# Help FBC Meet Its Budget

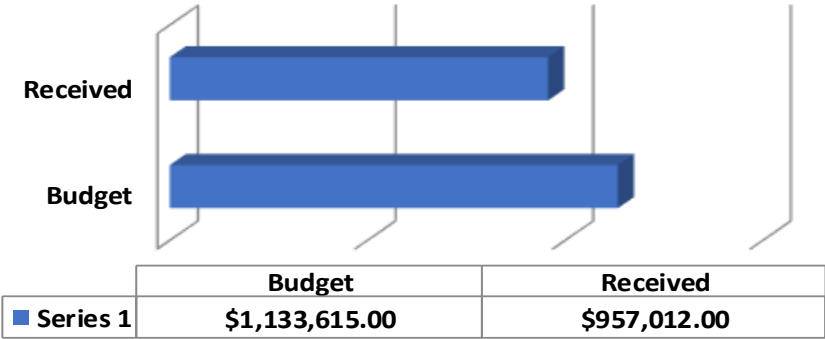
We appreciate your faithful giving to FBC and its ministries.

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

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

<b>YTD Money Needed</b>
<b>\$1,133,615.00</b>
<b>YTD Money Received</b>
<b>\$957,012.00</b>
<b>UNDER Budget</b>
<b>\$-176,603.00</b>

## 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

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

6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### **Preschool and Kindergarten**

**Bible Story:** Moses Talks to Pharaoh

**Bible Point:** Bible Superheroes

### **Elementary**

**9:30 am Bible Story:** Evidence Review

**11:00 am Bible Story:** God's Word Guides Us

### **Extraordinary Blessings / Special Needs**

#### **Bible Story:**

Our goal is to partner with parents in teaching children to see and experience the world through the lenses of our beliefs.

Our desire is for them to have a biblical worldview instead of a secular worldview. Our worldview influences everything in our lives. We want our children to know that God's Word is the foundation for our lives and is the standard we use to judge every thought and action. Our Bible is perfect and true. If we use it as our foundation, it will guide us and change our lives.

#### **Kid City Prayer Request for the Week:**

***Pray that Kid City would be a place . . .***

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



### **Awana Clubs**

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

**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](mailto: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](http://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, November 5, 1:00 to 9:00 pm

**Location** – Willow Springs Lake - Payson  
(Moderate – 5 Miles – 300 Feet Elevation)

**Bring:** water, snacks, a sack dinner, jacket and flashlight

Relax as you walk through the northern Arizona forest, then sit near the lake for a sack dinner as you watch the sunset.

Then we hike back to the car under the stars.

Meet at FBC-Tempe to carpool. For more information, contact Adam Bachman at 480-363-5570 or at [ajbachman7@hotmail.com](mailto:ajbachman7@hotmail.com)



## 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 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



## 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

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## 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 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:fbcchildren@fbc-tempe.org) for more information!

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Hot words never resulted  
in cool judgment!



## 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 cannot do everything we want to do,  
but we should do everything God wants us to do!





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

***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



## 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



## • 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

## 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](mailto: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.

## Giving to God

“Blessed are the meek,” Jesus explained. Blessed are the available. Blessed are the conduits, the tunnels, the tools. Deliriously joyful are the ones who believe that if God has used sticks, rocks and spit to do his will, then he can use us . . .

A small cathedral outside Bethlehem marks the supposed birthplace of Jesus. Behind a high altar in the church is a cave, a little cavern lit by silver lamps.

You can enter the main edifice and admire the ancient church. You can also enter the quiet cave where a tar embedded in the floor recognizes the birth of the King. There is one stipulation, however. You have to stoop. The door is so low you cannot go in standing up.

You can see the world standing tall, but to witness the Savior, you have to get on your knees.

The Applause of Heaven



Reaching Muslims  
Around the World with the Gospel of  
Jesus Christ.



**Do you want to be more effective at sharing Christ  
with your Muslim friends and neighbors?**

This online conference will feature four days of specialized teaching and presentations on sharing the Gospel with Muslim men and women, apologetics and prophecy by world known and inspiring speakers.

**First Weekend**

Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15, beginning at 12:00 pm EST

**Friday, October 14** – Track 1 – Apologetics to our Muslim Friends

**Saturday, October 15** – Track 2 – Ministry to Muslim Women

**Second Weekend**

Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22, beginning at 12:00 pm EST

**Friday, October 21** – Track 3 – Local Muslim Outreach and Discipleship:  
Immigrants and Students

**Saturday, October 22** – Track 4 – Prophecy in the Middle East

**Early Registration Discount**

Enter Promo Code EARLYBIRD for a 30% discount

Separate registration and payment required for each weekend.

**Tickets are \$30 per day or \$100 for all four days.**

If you want to attend the entire conference, you must register and pay for the First Weekend and the Second Weekend.

**Registration Deadline:** Last day for conference registration/ticket purchase (for any track) is Wednesday, October 12, at 11:59 PM Eastern Time.

**For more information about the  
Conference:** <https://cirainternational.com/conference/>

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.**





**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.



## Twelve Ways to Pray for Our Pastors

1. **Pray** specific Scriptures over them and their families.
2. **Pray** for their spiritual life to flourish.
3. **Pray** that they would be strong in the face of opposition.
4. **Pray** that they would flee temptation.
5. **Pray** that they will be spiritually “wise” and equipped for battle (Ephesians 6).
6. **Pray** that they will be sensitive to the leading and conviction of the Holy Spirit.
7. **Pray** that they have wisdom to balance ministry, family and other responsibilities.
8. **Pray** that they fix their eyes on the eternal reward and do not get discouraged.
9. **Pray** that they will humble themselves continually before God.
10. **Pray** for they and their wives would be unified, give one another support and understanding and that they would fight for their marriage on their knees and with their time.
11. **Pray** for they and their children that they would spend sufficient time together with them, validate and affirm them and that they would be present and available.
12. **Pray** that God would grant them breakthrough in their ministry and that they would see lives transformed.

**Pray for our pastors. Start today.**

**Take five minutes of each day to pray for our pastors.**

**It may be the greatest contribution you can make to our church.**

# 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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at [www.fbc-tempe.org](http://www.fbc-tempe.org).**

## **Sunday Mornings Messages**

### **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)

### **November 6 – “Removing False Security” (Ezekiel 24:15-27)**

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

## **Sunday Evening Messages**

### **October 9 – “Everyday Witnesses” Missionary Ben Joseph**

### **October 16 – “Foundational Truths – Jesus Son of God” (Romans 1:1-7) Pastor Peter Molina**

### **October 23 – “Foundational Truths – The Gospel is Power” (Romans 1:8-17) Pastor Peter Molina**

# **“Finishing the Task”**

October 9, 2022  
Missionary Ben Joseph

**There is a task to be finished – making disciples of all nations**

**This task is given to the church, for every believer in Christ**

**God’s pursuit of mankind**

**Missions is the command to be obeyed**

*Mathew 28:16 – Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. (17) When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. (18) Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. (19) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit (20) and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.*

*Acts 1:8 – But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.*

*Acts 17:26 – and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us.*

**Ultimately Missions is the heartbeat of God.**

**The Apostle Paul lived to finish the task of Missions**

1. Finishing the task of Missions requires a clear \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel

*Acts 20:21 - I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.*

2. Finishing the task will involve \_\_\_\_\_ and inconvenience

*Acts 20:22 - And now compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. (23) I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me.*

3. Finishing the task requires \_\_\_\_\_ and commitment

*Acts 20:24 - However I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord has given me. The task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.*

**The Christian life is compared to that of a race, every believer is involved in this and winning the race is winning people for Christ. (I Corinthians 9:18-27)**

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the race must be clear:

*I Corinthians 9:24 - Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one get the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.*

*I Corinthians 9:26 - Therefore, I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air.*

- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the race must be understood

*I Corinthians 9:22 - I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some*

Incarnational" lifestyle and evangelism

- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the race must be endured

*I Corinthians 9:27 - No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize*

## **Missions is our new spiritual DNA for every believer**

*II Corinthians 5:17 – Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come. (18) All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; (19) that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. (20) We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf; Be reconciled to God. (21) God made him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

*Ephesians 2:10 – For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

*1 Peter 2:9 – But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*

Dr. Joseph Aldrich says "Evangelism is the process through which people flow toward the foot of the cross. Along the way, there are many influences which God brings to bear. All work to bring that person to the point where 'God gives the increase.' Sometimes we reap what others have sown, other times we sow what others reap."

### **Questions to ponder:**

1. Am I convinced that I have a God-given responsibility to be engaged in Missions?
2. How many if any meaningful relationships do I have with a non-believer in hope of them coming to a saving knowledge of Christ?
3. Who would be in heaven to welcome me in?