

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 16-Matthew 9-10
 October 17-Matthew 14, Mark 6
 Luke 9:1-17
 October 18-John 6
 October 19-Matthew 15, Mark 7
 October 20-Matthew 16, Mark 8,
 Luke 9:18-27
 October 21-Matthew 17, Mark 9,
 Luke 9:28-62
 October 22-Matthew 18
 October 23-John 7-8

Birthdays


Perry Hill (10/17)
 Susan Nicholson (10/17)
 Tiffany Tilghman (10/21)
 Jim Farrington (10/22)
 Paula Kielmeyer (10/22)

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 (10/9)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,355	\$ 1,161,970
Giving (Donations)	\$ 17,690	\$ 974,702
	\$ -10,665 (Shortage)	\$ -187,268 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 20,049	\$ 937,354
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (10/9)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 42,844
Giving (Donations)	\$ 1,045	\$ 39,090
	\$ 00	\$ -3,754 (Shortage)
FP Expenses	\$ 00	\$ 50,832


Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 890	\$ 450,108

Please continue to give to help reduce our long-term Legacy debt of approximately \$749,653.00
 On February 6, 2018, our debt was \$1,829,853.40.

How Do I Get Connected?

Do you want to meet and get to know the full-time Pastors, Children's Director, Women's Ministry Director and others? If so, you are invited to attend one of our "Welcome Lunches" as a guest of Pastor Roger and Di-anna. If you would like to attend our next Welcome Lunch please contact the Church Office by calling 480-839-0926.





FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TEMPE

WE LOVE GOD PEOPLE

Accepting, loving and challenging people with God's truth

October 16, 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

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder
Welcome and Announcements
My Life is In You
Praise to the Lord the Almighty
Prayer
Start Right Here
Message-Al Fadi
“Let Us Stand in the Gap”

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

Choir
We Praise You
Welcome and Announcements
Your Great Name
Prayer
Start Right Here
Message-Al Fadi
“Let Us Stand in the Gap”

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

The Gospel
Welcome and Announcements
Look What God Has Done
He Will Hold Me Fast
Prayer
Start Right Here
Message-Al Fadi
“Let Us Stand in the Gap”

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

Welcome
Worship Song #1
Worship Song #2
Worship Song #3
Prayer
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe
“Let Us Stand in the Gap”

6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Welcome
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Rock of Ages
Come Thou Fount
Message-Pastor Peter Molina
“Jesus Son of God”

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	\$ 103,610.00
Under Budget	\$ 23,160.00

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	\$ 36,207.00
Under Budget	\$ 113,793.00

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 16

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
5:45 pm-Financial Peace University
6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Monday, October 17

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

Tuesday, October 18

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

Wednesday, October 19

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

Thursday, October 20

9:00 am– Tot Town
6:00 pm-Women’s Thursday Evening Bible Study
5:00 pm-Teen Music Hangout
6:00 pm-Teen Youth Group

Saturday, October 22

Compassion Outreach Day

Consider These

*“Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost.”
(Ignatius of Loyola, Jesuit Founder)*

*“The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord.”
(James L Kraft, Kraft-Phoenix Cheese Corp. Chairman)*

Reflect

Any wealth gained by the wrong means has serious consequences . . .

- ✓ Job 20:17-24 *(The wicked man) shall not enjoy the goods he stole . . . His labors shall not be rewarded; wealth will give him no joy. For he has oppressed the poor and foreclosed their homes; he will never recover. Though he was always greedy, now he has nothing; of all the things he dreamed of-none remain. Because he stole at every opportunity, his prosperity shall not continue. He shall run into trouble at the peak of his powers; all the wicked shall destroy him . . . God will rain down wrath upon him. He will be chased and struck down.*
- ✓ Proverbs 11:1-5 *The Lord hates cheating and delights in honesty. Proud men end in shame . . . The evil man is destroyed by his dishonesty. Riches won’t help you on Judgment Day . . . The wicked shall fall beneath their load of sins.*

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 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

\$1,161,970.00

YTD Money Received

\$974,702.00

UNDER Budget

\$-187,268.00

2022 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
Series 1	\$1,161,970.00	\$974,702.00



**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
- Project Cure
- Homeless Outreach Care Bags



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



(Birth through

6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story: Balaam's Donkey

Bible Point: Bible Superheroes

Elementary

9:30 am Bible Story: Evidence Review

11:00 am Bible Story: God Preserves His Word

Extraordinary Blessings / Special Needs

Bible Story: Fruit of the Spirit Pumpkin Patch Parable

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 laughter and warm smiles bear witness to the welcoming loving God that we all know.



Awana Clubs

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

October 16 – Club Night

October 23 – 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.

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!**

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 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



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, 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



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.



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

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!

Self-expression is good; self-control is better!



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.

Ministries helps

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!

A Christian is a living sermon,
whether or not he preaches a word.



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

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

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.



Marriage Enrichment Class

Date, Time and Location – Sunday Mornings –
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



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.**

God Stories Middle of October 2022

1. Why? Big push to remove and censor God. Why? Because when God is silenced you eliminate the facts described in the Bible. Right and wrong stated in the Bible becomes irrelevant and meaningless. You remove the Ten Commandments, the gospel of forgiveness by Jesus, heaven and hell. No more boundaries. No laws. No rules. No guidelines. No absolutes. No need for parents to oversee children. No more referees. No judges. No police. No prisoners. No prisons. What would driving your car be like? Would you go for a walk outside in the daytime? Imagine the chaos of a public-school classroom. No need for marriages, families and friends. Everyone becomes a lawless narcissistic god when you remove the God of the Bible from day to day life.



2. Despair. Pray for the young adult who has thoughts of despair. Life guarantees major disappointment and heartbreak to the young and old. Pray. Talk to God. Speak to a trusted friend now. Sooner or later everyone feels the shattering of their heart. Pray for a young adult going through the valley of great sadness. Pray for God's power of Psalm 23 to move this discouraged person from defeat and trauma to hope and victory. I thank God for the many people actively assisting this young adult in the name of Jesus.

3. Praise God. Two of our young missionary families in faraway places, supported by our church, both face many challenges and both are standing up, persevering, being humble and gracious for Jesus. Pray for our missionaries. Your prayers and financial donations to our missionaries is greatly needed. Ear mark your donations "Faith Promise." You can give online through the church web page at www.fbc-tempe.org or at church. Your donations keep our missionaries inspired.



4. Honest words. "Lord please strengthen my family in simple teachings of justification by faith alone, help us grow in sanctification. Rebuke sinful, negative, condemning, delusional, and sinful thoughts. Protect our thought life. Take all the thoughts of my family captive unto obedience to Christ. Give myself, my family, my extended family

and my Bible study group a spirit of wisdom and revelation in grace. Strengthen us in simple teachings as our foundation. Rebuke Satan and his attacks. Cast down false imaginations and everything that exalts itself above the Word of God. Help us hold the Word of God in purity.” Pray for this family through our FBCT web page: (You can send prayer requests to us at www.fbc-tempe.org)

5. Pie, worship, fellowship and service make for a sweet experience. Join us Sunday evening, November 20, at 6:00 pm for a God focused vocal concert by soloist Pastor Scott Summers in the Worship Center. Next enjoy pie, pie and more pie in the gym. Plan now to bake or buy and bring your favorite pie on Sunday morning, November 20, to the table marked pies in the hallway at church. Our church leaders will serve you a slice of pie, maybe more, with a smile. Help is needed in serving the pies and cleaning up. Contact Scott Blum to volunteer.



6. Join the movement. It is a lifestyle. “A long-term Jesus process,” says Missionary Ben Joseph. “Witnessing is not an event. It is long-term process which shows God’s love in a zillion way.” Thank you, Ben, for the meaningful messages on how to witness to our friends and relatives. Ben is now in his 39th year as one of our FBCT missionaries and we give praise for the many international students who have found Jesus as their Savior and Lord at ASU in the last 39 years through Ben’s ministry. The witnessing messages Ben recently shared in our church were practical, insightful and meaningful. For God so loved the world He gave His only son.

7. Help please. Thank you. You can offer a helping hand to many children, teens, parents and senior citizens inside and outside our church. We need to make up the shortfall of \$180,000 behind in donations to our church budget. Your donations and offerings to our church are needed. Any gifts and all sizes are appreciated.



8. Run from sin. Recently the failure of one Christian created a tidal wave of devastation and consequence which resulted in titanic on-going pain for many people close and far away. Innocent people displaced from a meaningful strong ministry. People and ministry tarnished and branded. Crippling disunity for Christians and families.

Conflict. Sick from no peace. Toxic relationships. Profound confusion. Long-term distrust. Jesus and his followers look worse than foolish by the world. Mutilated, bleeding and powerless ministry. Cover-up. Lies. Scapegoating. Public reproach. Family resentment. Deception. Full blown narcissistic. Rule by arrogance, no humility and no servanthood. Heartbreaking for all.

9. Special. A child who attended our church many years ago has become a successful published author. The title of her book is Reclaiming YOU. It focuses on moving from trauma to resilience. Many of you loved and mentored her in her teen years and as a young adult. Your acts of patience and truth-telling guided this child to help her become a trauma therapist. Congratulations to Sharon Ball in the launch of her new book.

10. Pray for my sister. "My sister who lives in Alabama has a spot on her lung and is waiting to have a CT scan. Hoping it is just scar tissue which the doctor believes it to be. Also, her son, who has struggled with type 1 diabetes since the age of two, is now having bad chest pains. He has been referred to a cardiologist. Hoping they find a simple cause and nothing serious. His diabetes has caused many health issues." Please pray.

11. Eric. Pray for the salvation of Eric, a friend and co-worker of one of our church leaders. Can we pray for salvation of someone you know, maybe a friend, co-worker or an enemy? Write their first name on your orange card on Sundays. Many of us will pray for God to work and bless. The Bible says pray fervently for the lost that all will come to know Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

12. Merry Christmas! Pastor Roger and Dianna need your help for a couple of nights in December to casually sit around the fire on their driveway at their home and smile, wave and say "Merry Christmas" as people enter and exit their back yard for Walk to Bethlehem. You can sign-up in the lobby near the Worship Center. Each year we have several thousand children, teens and adults see, hear and experience the birth story of Jesus our Savior and Lord.



13. Fentanyl kills. Jesus saves. Lethal narcotics like a hurricane are flooding into Arizona according to all creditable sources. A teenage girl recently died of an apparent overdose at a Los Angeles high school and authorities are investigating three other possible overdoses of teens in the area. Officials warn us that dealers are selling counterfeit pills laced with deadly fentanyl at neighborhood parks. Investigators believe some of the victims purchased what they thought were pills of Percocet, a prescription painkiller, at a park in a residential area of East Hollywood. “We need to get the word out that this stuff is poison,” one leader said. “It’s dangerous and it’s going to kill more people out here on the streets.” Avoid the drugs. Follow Jesus to find forgiveness, peace and purpose. Jesus saves. Fentanyl kills.

14. Special wedding bells. We first met her with her parents as a newborn in our church. Many of you encouraged and watched her grow up through her school years. Now as a young adult she is considering pre-marriage counseling with the goal of a wedding honoring to God. Pray for wisdom for this young adult. Pray for this engaged couple as they both seek to honor God and experience pre-marriage counseling. Pray to God to bless this young couple.



15. Act now to say “Thanks” to all police officers and especially our Sunday morning police officers who show much kindness and respect. Say “Thanks” to all first responders who serve tirelessly with excellence. Give appreciation to all military personnel for their sacrifice and devotion to defending and protecting America. Give “Thanks” to all public servants who rush to offer a helping hand to people in need. The kindness and service described above comes from the values of Jesus Christ recorded in the Bible. Praise God for freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom to say “Thank you.”



Prayer must mean something to us
if it is to mean anything to God.

**Video and audio services and messages are being
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Sunday Mornings Messages

**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)

**November 13 – “I Will Curse Those Who Curse You”
(Ezekiel 25:1-17)**

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

Sunday Evening Messages

**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**

**October 30 – “Foundational Truths –
Everyone Is Without Excuse”
(Romans 1:18-23) Pastor Peter Molina**

“Let Us Stand in the Gap”

October 16, 2022

Al Fadi

Ezekiel 22:23 – *And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,*

Ezekiel 22:24 – *“Son of man, say to her, ‘You are a land that is not cleanse or rained on in the day of indignation.’*

Ezekiel 22:25 – *“There is a conspiracy of her prophets in her midst like a roaring lion tearing the prey. They have devoured lives; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in the midst of her.*

Ezekiel 22:26 – *“Her priests have done violence to My law and have profaned My holy things; they have made no distinction between the holy and the profane, and they have not taught the difference between the unclean and the clean; and they hide their eyes from My sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.*

Ezekiel 22:27 – *“Her princes within her are like wolves tearing the prey, by shedding blood and destroying lives in order to get dishonest gain.*

Ezekiel 22:28 – *“Her prophets have smeared whitewash for them, seeing false visions and divining lies for them, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord God,’ when the Lord has not spoken.*

Ezekiel 22:29 – *‘The people of the land have practiced oppression and committed robbery, and they have wronged the poor and needy and have oppressed the sojourner without justice.*

Ezekiel 22:30 – *“I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one.*

Ezekiel 22:31 – *“Thus I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; their way I have brought upon their heads,” declares the Lord God.*