

**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 23-John 7-8  
October 24-John 9:1-10:21  
October 25-John 10:22-42, Luke 10-11  
October 26-Luke 12-13  
October 27-Luke 14-15  
October 28-Luke 16:1-17:10  
October 29-John 11  
October 30-Luke 17:11-18:14

**Birthdays**


Leticia Beltran (10/25)  
Marla Paulison (10/25)  
Clayton Schilling (10/25)  
James Strouse (10/26)  
Fe Vieweg (10/26)  
Charlotte Odle (10/28)  
Shari Ramirez (10/28)  
Nina Sidabras 10/28)  
Jerry Finch (10/30)

**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 (10/16)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,355	\$ 1,190,325
Giving (Donations)	\$ 11,940	\$ 986,642
	\$ -16,415 (Shortage)	\$ -203,683 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 36,703	\$ 974,057
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (10/16)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 43,889
Giving (Donations)	\$ 333	\$ 39,423
	\$ -712	\$ -4,466 (Shortage)
FP Expenses	\$ 00	\$ 50,832


**Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction**

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 150	\$ 450,258

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

**How Do I Get Connected?**

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





**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TEMPE**

**WE LOVE GOD PEOPLE**

Accepting, loving and challenging people with God's truth

**October 23, 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

O Worship the King  
Are You Washed in the Blood  
Welcome and Announcements  
Because He Lives  
Prayer  
Message-Al Fadi  
“Idolatry and Sexual Sin”

### 9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

Only King Forever  
Welcome and Announcements  
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)  
Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)  
Choir  
Prayer  
Message-Al Fadi  
“Idolatry and Sexual Sin”

### 11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

From the Day  
Welcome and Announcements  
There Is One Gospel  
His Mercy Is More  
Praise to the Lord  
Prayer  
Message-Al Fadi  
“Idolatry and Sexual Sin”

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

Welcome  
Worship Song #1  
Worship Song #2  
Worship Song #3  
Prayer  
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe  
“Idolatry and Sexual Sin”

### 6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Welcome  
What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
Rock of Ages  
Come Thou Fount  
Message-Pastor Peter Molina  
“The Gospel Is Power”

## 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	\$ 106,335.00
Under Budget	\$ 20,435.00

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	\$ 36,605.00
Under Budget	\$ 113,395.00

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 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 23

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 24

6:30 am-Men’s Monday Morning Bible Study  
8:00 am-Walk-to-Bethlehem Set-Up  
6:30 pm-Financial Peace University  
7:00 pm-Parents of Addicted Loved Ones  
7:00 pm-Medicare Meeting

### Tuesday, October 25

8:00 am-Walk-to-Bethlehem Set-Up  
9:00 am-Women’s Fall Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
7:00 pm-Young Adults Home Group

### Wednesday, October 26

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

### Thursday, October 27

6:00 pm-Women’s Thursday Evening Bible Study  
5:00 pm-Teen Music Hangout  
6:00 pm-Teen Youth Group

## 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

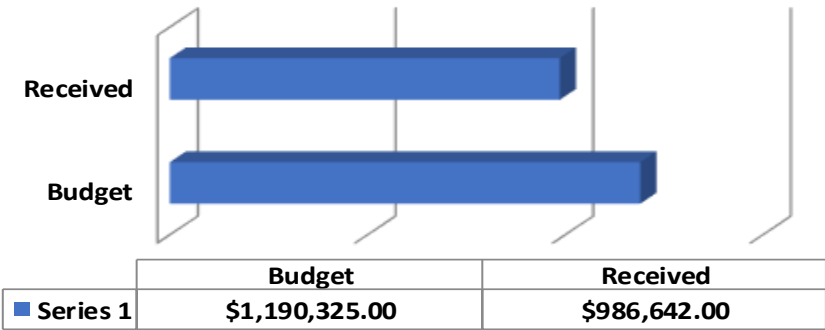
We appreciate your faithful giving to FBC and its ministries.

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>\$1,190,325.00</b>
<b>YTD Money Received</b>
<b>\$986,642.00</b>
<b>UNDER Budget</b>
<b>\$-203,683.00</b>

## 2022 General Fund Giving



## Holiday Concert & Pie Social

Join us on Sunday evening, November 20, at 6:00 pm in the Worship Center for a musical concert presented by Pastor Scott Summers.

Following our Holiday Concert join us in the MAC for our Annual Holiday Pie Social. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship, friendship and great pies!

Please sign-up on the Holiday Pie Social Table in the lobby indicating that you would be willing to bring a pie and what type of pie you would be bringing. Pies can be brought on Sunday morning or on Sunday evening.



When in doubt, tell the truth.



(Birth through

6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### **Preschool and Kindergarten**

**Bible Story:** Esther Is Bold Before the King

**Bible Point:** Bible Superheroes

### **Elementary**

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

**11:00 am Bible Story:** God's Word Is Complete

### **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 for our Kid City teachers . . .***

As they serve, lead and instruct in this building.



### **Awana Clubs**

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

**October 23** – Club Night

**October 30** – Trunk or Treat



## “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 for more information.

## Men's Breakfast

**Saturday, November 12, 2022 -**

**7:50 to 10:00 am**

**“Veterans Day Celebration:  
How to Share Your Testimony”**



Two veterans will share their testimonies of belief in Jesus and how it changed their lives. We will also work through together four questions that will help us craft our own testimonies to share with others.

### **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 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](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)



## Church Action Meeting

The results of the Church Action Meeting last Sunday, October 16, 2022, is that the Proposed 2022 General Fund Budget and the Proposed 2022 Faith Promise Giving had a 100 percent approval. Praise God and thank you for your support.

**God doesn't call us to be successful.  
He calls us to be faithful.**



## 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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Wisdom is the right use of knowledge.



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!

As a man grows older and wiser,  
he talks less and says more.





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

**Sunday AM, October 23** – Sexual Sin Offends God

**Sunday AM, October 30** – Only Jesus' Righteousness Saves

## NEW Young Adults Home Group

**Date and Time** – Every Other Tuesday, 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

**Date** – Every Other Wednesday

**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

Women

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.**



## Let's Help Families in Need this Upcoming Holiday Season

There are families in our church who face many "monthly painful challenges." Hardship has become a way of life for these families. But all of these families serve God with a smile among us. They work hard.

They purpose to pay their bills on time. Lazy, no. No scams here. But no savings. Some families are younger. Some are older. Red, yellow, black and white and they all need some help during the holidays. Some families struggle every month to make medical payments on major medical expenses. Some families work part-time as they constantly look for full-time employment. From big families to families of one. Some face the loss of their rental home and some contemplate being homeless. Some live paycheck to paycheck on part-time wages. Some walk or ride the bus. Some families have one car. Some have no insurance.

We would like to help 20 low income families in our church with some extra money at Thanksgiving or at Christmas. If you know of a family who is facing some special needs, please contact Pastor and give him your recommendation.

Starting now and until Christmas, please give a check marked "Thanks Jesus." Pray and give. The last opportunity to give to this is at our three Christmas Eve Services on Saturday, December 24, at 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 pm.



**Invite  
Someone  
To Worship**

**Family, Friends, Neighbors, Co-  
Workers**

**To truly worship God  
is to carry the spirit of worship  
into every facet of our lives.**



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names and Birth Dates \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a:

\_\_\_\_ Visitor

\_\_\_\_ Regular Attender

\_\_\_\_ Member



# **Thank you FBC Deaconesses for Your Ministry to FBC**



**Hanane Al Fadi**



**Cynthia Enfinger**



**Cavene Robinson**



**Fay Bachman**



**Doresia Salgado**



**Sherri Lucki**



**Nancy Brooks**



**Marybeth Warrick**



**Paula Kielmeyer**



**Christine Hammond**



**LeeAnna Frisbie**



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**These elected church leaders help in the following areas:**

welcoming new babies, baptism, communion, funeral dinners, Christmas Love Baskets, greeting card ministry, hospital and sick visits, and more!

## 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](http://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](http://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.”



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should be as regular  
as our heartbeat.



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## **Sunday Mornings Messages**

### **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)

### **November 20 – “Trust in a Nation” (Ezekiel 26:1-21)**

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

## **Sunday Evening Messages**

### **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**

### **November 6 – “Foundational Truths – God Does Not Force Obedience” (Romans 1:24-32) Pastor Peter Molina**

# **“Idolatry and Sexual Sin”**

October 23, 2022

Al Fadi

Ezekiel 23:1 – The word of the Lord came to me again, saying,

Ezekiel 23:2 – “Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother;

Ezekiel 23:3 – and they played the harlot in Egypt. They played the harlot in their youth; there their breasts were pressed and there their virgin bosom was handled.

Ezekiel 23:4 – “Their names were Oholah and elder and Oholibah her sister. And they became Mine, and they bore sons and daughters. And as for their names, Samaria is Oholah and Jerusalem is Oholibah.

Ezekiel 23:5 – “Oholah played the harlot while she was Mine; and she lusted after her lovers, after the Assyrians, her neighbors,

Ezekiel 23:6 – who were clothed in purple, governors and officials, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding on horses.

Ezekiel 23:7 – “She bestowed her harlotries on them, all of whom were the choicest men of Assyria; and with all whom she lusted after, with all their idols she defiled herself.

Ezekiel 23:8 – “She did not forsake her harlotries from the time in Egypt; for in her youth men had lain with her, and they handled her virgin bosom and poured out their lust on her.

Ezekiel 23:9 – “Therefore, I gave her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, after whom she lusted.

Ezekiel 23:10 – “They uncovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters, but they slew her with the sword. Thus she became a byword among women, and they executed judgments on her.

Ezekiel 23:11 – “Now her sister Oholibah saw this, yet she was more corrupt in her lust than she, and her harlotries were more than the harlotries of her sister.

Ezekiel 23:12 – “She lusted after the Assyrians, governors and officials, the ones near, magnificently dressed, horsemen riding on horses, all of them desirable young men.

Ezekiel 23:13 – “I saw that she had defiled herself; they both took the same way.

Ezekiel 23:14 – “So she increased her harlotries. And she saw men portrayed on the wall, images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermilion,

Ezekiel 23:15 – girded with belts on their loins, with flowing turbans on their heads, all of them looking like officers, like the Babylonians in Chaldea, the land of their birth.

Ezekiel 23:16 – “When she saw them she lusted after them and sent messengers to them in Chaldea.

Ezekiel 23:17 – “The Babylonians came to her to the bed of love and defiled her with their harlotry. And when she had been defiled by them, she became disgusted with them.

Ezekiel 23:18 – “She uncovered her harlotries and uncovered her nakedness; then I became disgusted with her, and I had become disgusted with her sister.

Ezekiel 23:19 – “Yet she multiplied her harlotries, remembering the days of her youth, when she played the harlot in the land of Egypt.

Ezekiel 23:20 – “She lusted after their paramours, whose flesh is like the flesh of donkeys and whose issue is like the issue of horses.

Ezekiel 23:21 – “Thus you longed for the lewdness of your youth, when the Egyptians handled your bosom because of the breasts of your youth.

Ezekiel 23:22 – “Therefore, O Oholibah, thus says the Lord God, ‘Behold I will arouse your lovers against you, from whom you were alienated, and I will bring them against you from every side;

Ezekiel 23:23 – the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pikod and Shoa and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them; desirable young men, governors and officials all of them, officers and men of renown, all of them riding on horses.

Ezekiel 23:24 – ‘They will come against you with weapons, chariots and wagons, and with a company of peoples. They will set

themselves against you on every side with buckler and shield and helmet; and I will commit the judgment to them, and they will judge you according to their customs.

Ezekiel 23:25 – ‘I will set My jealousy against you, and they may deal with you in wrath. They will remove your nose and your ears; and your survivors will fall by the sword. They will take your sons and your daughters; and your survivors will be consumed by the fire.

Ezekiel 23:26 – ‘They will also strip you of your clothes and take away your beautiful jewels.

Ezekiel 23:27 – ‘Thus I will make your lewdness and your harlotry brought from the land of Egypt to cease from you, so that you will not lift up your eyes to them or remember Egypt anymore.

Ezekiel 23:28 – “For thus says the Lord God, ‘Behold, I will give you into the hand of those whom you hate, into the hand of those from whom you were alienated.

Ezekiel 23:29 – ‘They will deal with you in hatred, take all your property, and leave you naked and bare. And the nakedness of your harlotries will be uncovered, both your lewdness and your harlotries.

Ezekiel 23:30 – ‘These things will be done to you because you have played the harlot with the nations, because you have defiled yourself with their idols.

Ezekiel 23:31 – ‘You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore I will give her cup into your hand.’

Ezekiel 23:32 – ‘Thus says the Lord God, ‘You will drink your sister’s cup, Which is deep and wide. You will be laughed at and held in derision; It contains much.

Ezekiel 23:33 – ‘You will be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, The cup of horror and desolation, The cup of your sister Samaria.

Ezekiel 23:34 – ‘You will drink it and drain it. Then you will gnaw its fragments And tear your breasts; for I have spoken,’ declares the Lord God,

**The remainder of the verses  
can be found on pages 605-606 in the  
New American Standard Bible  
in the book pocket in the seat in front of you.**