

### 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

November 20-Acts 11-12  
November 21-Acts 13-14  
November 22-James 1-5  
November 23-Acts 15-16  
November 24-Galatians 1-3  
November 25-Galatians 4-6  
November 26-Acts 17:1-18:18  
November 27-I Thessalonians 1-5  
II Thessalonians 1-3

### Birthdays

Madison Ferry (11/22)  
Veronica Guerrero (11/23)  
Curtis Wenzel (11/24)  
Deborah Roberts (11/26)  
John Becker (11/27)  
Mark Nelson (11/27)

### 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 (11/13)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,355	\$ 1,303,745
Giving (Donations)	\$ 11,770	\$ 1,050,098
	\$ -16,585 (Shortage)	\$ -253,647 (Shortage)
<b>GF Expenses</b>	\$ 7,537	\$ 1,045,746
<b>Faith Promise</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>YTD (11/13)</b>
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 48,069
Giving (Donations)	\$ 665	\$ 41,880
	\$ -380	\$ -6,189 (Shortage)
<b>FP Expenses</b>	\$ 3,217	\$ 56,800

### Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 150	\$ 451,562

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

### How Do I Get Connected?

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



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WE  
LOVE  
GOD  
PEOPLE

Accepting, loving and challenging people with God's truth

**November 20, 2022**

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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

Victory in Jesus  
Welcome and Announcements  
There is Power in the Blood  
Majesty  
Prayer  
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
“First Way to Poison Christmas -  
Trust in a Nation”

## 9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

All Because of Jesus  
Welcome and Announcements  
This I Believe  
Good Good Father  
Prayer  
Choir  
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
“First Way to Poison Christmas -  
Trust in a Nation”

## 11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

Only Jesus Christ  
Welcome and Announcements  
His Mercy Is More  
Behold the Lamb  
Prayer  
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
“First Way to Poison Christmas -  
Trust in a Nation”

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

Welcome  
Worship Song #1  
Worship Song #2  
Worship Song #3  
Prayer  
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe  
“First Way to Poison Christmas -  
Trust in a Nation”

## 6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Welcome  
Holiday Concert with  
Pastor Scott Summers

# 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	\$ 114,168.00
Under Budget	\$ 12,602.00

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	\$ 41,995.00
Under Budget	\$ 108,005.00

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, November 20

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  
10:30 am-Financial Peace University  
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  
6:00 pm-Evening Worship  
6:45 pm-Holiday Pie Social  
  
**Monday, November 21**  
6:30 am-Men’s Monday Morning Bible Study  
7:00 pm-Parents of Addicted Loved Ones

## Tuesday, November 22

7:00 pm-Young Adults Home Group

## Wednesday, November 23

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

## Thursday, November 24

**Happy Thanksgiving**  
6:00 pm– Walk to Bethlehem

## Friday, November 25

**FBC Office is Closed**  
6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

## Saturday, November 26

6:00 pm– Walk to Bethlehem

# 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)

**Marriage Enrichment-Room 118**  
(Couples of 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

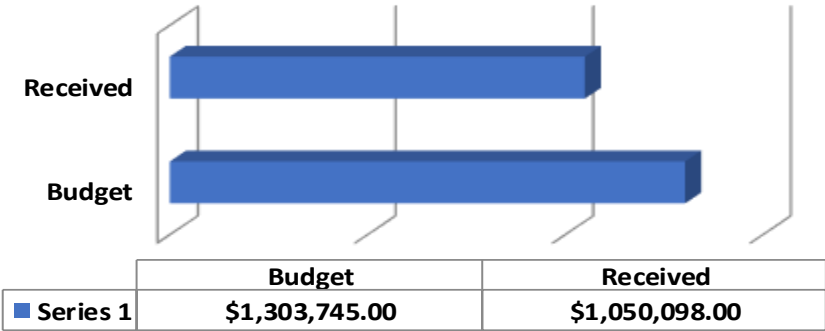
We appreciate your faithful giving to FBC and its ministries.

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>\$1,303,745.00</b>
<b>YTD Money Received</b>
<b>\$1,050,098.00</b>
<b>UNDER Budget</b>
<b>\$-253,647.00</b>

2022 General Fund Giving



Holiday Concert & Pie Social

Join us TONIGHT, 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!



It isn't what you have in your pocket  
that makes you thankful,  
but what you have in your heart.



(Birth through

6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### **Preschool and Kindergarten**

**Bible Story:** Believers Share with Each Other

**Bible Point:** I Can Share

### **Elementary**

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

**11:00 am Bible Story:** The Trinity

### **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 students . . .***

That they would follow your plan for their lives and use their talents, abilities and spiritual gifts.



### **Awana Clubs**

Sunday Evenings from 5:45 to 7:15 pm

3-years-old – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**November 20** – Club Night

**November 27** – Thanksgiving Break  
(No Awana)

**December 4** – 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 for more information.

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## **Men's Breakfast**

**Saturday, January 14, 2023**

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

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



### **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!**

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## **All Church Hike**

**Date and Time** – Saturday, December 3, 6:30 am – 2:00 pm

**Location** – Peralta to Fremont Saddle – Superstition Mountain  
(Moderately Hard – 4.5 Miles – 1,338 Feet Elevation)

**Bring:** water, snacks, sunscreen and layers

Wake up early for an awesome hike up Peralta Trail  
to see Weavers Needle.

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



## 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.



## Sunday Lunch in the MAC

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

**November 20** – Teriyaki Chicken with Fried Rice, Veggies, Salad Bar and Dessert

**November 27** – Thanksgiving Weekend – No Lunch



## Angel Tree

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**ANGEL TREE**

*A Program of Prison Fellowship*

This is your opportunity to help a needy child by buying a gift on behalf of an incarcerated parent. These children need us! On Sunday, November 20, there will be a tree in the FBC Lobby with paper angels attached that contain information about a child.

All you need to do is take an angel and buy a gift (approximately \$25.00) and bring it to us in a gift bag with the paper angel attached no later than Sunday, December 4. Please do not wrap your gift. Each child will have two angels in their name. One is for a clothing item and the other a fun gift.

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause. We need 8 additional volunteers this year, so if you would like to step up and help, please call Bruce Baird at 480-274-5467.



## 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 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!

Kind actions begin with kind thoughts.



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.

**Sign-up at the Women's Ministry Table to receive an email reminder on all activities and events.**



## Help FBC With Your Year-End Donations

***Help FBC reduce the deficit, pay our bills and reach our budget goal. You can give through online giving, through your local bank or by writing a check and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday. Your year-end giving is greatly appreciated.***

To be able to declare your end-of-year gifts for 2022, and in accordance with IRS rules:

1. All checks need to be dated no later than December 31, 2022,
2. If hand carried to FBC, your gifts need to be in the church's possession on or before 4:00 pm on Saturday, December 31, 2022,
3. If sent through the mail, your gifts need to be postmarked no later than December 31, 2022 and
4. If you use online giving your gifts must be dated no later than December 31, 2022.

**Even though we cannot have all we want,  
we ought to be thankful  
we do not get what we deserve.**



## Walk to Bethlehem Needs Hosts and Hostesses

Would you be willing to be a  
Host/Hostess for Walk to Bethlehem?

*Hosts and Hostesses are needed 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 still like to be included in this special Christmas Ministry, stop by the Christmas Table in the Foyer and sign-up to help or call Pam Rosendale in the Church Office at 480-839-0926.



## Walk to Bethlehem Needs YOU

***DISMANTLE*** on Monday and Tuesday,  
January 9 and 10, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm  
and store it away for another season.



**LOTS** of volunteers with helpful hands are needed. Bring a battery charged drill if you have one and a pair of gloves. Lunch will be provided. Please stop by the table in Skylight Hall or RSVP to Pastor Roger at [rb618@cox.net](mailto:rb618@cox.net) if you are available to help.



**Can We Count on YOU!!**

**Yes, I plan to help to dismantle Walk to Bethlehem on Monday and Tuesday, January 9 and 10, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tear off and place in Offering Plate.**



## 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.



## Gingerbread House Event

*Date and Time –*

***Sunday, December 11, at 12:10 pm***

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

Goody gumdrops, lollipop and candy galore – you will love what we have in store! All families are invited to decorate gingerbread houses in the MAC. This Christmas event is designed to be a relaxing afternoon for your family and the best part . . . your house won't get messy either. **Please reserve your family spot and sign-up to donate two bags of Christmas candy on the church website: [www.fbc-tempe.org](http://www.fbc-tempe.org), Children's Ministry.**

Any questions or comments, please contact Sharmon Steil at 480-839-0926 or at [fbcchildren@fbc-tempe.org](mailto:fbcchildren@fbc-tempe.org).



## Your **HELP** is Needed on Christmas Eve

For our Christmas Eve Receptions in the Quad we need hosts, servers and individuals to help with clean-up. This is your opportunity to love people on Christmas Eve

before and after the 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Services.

- From 3:30 to 5:30 pm we need one more individual
- From 5:30 to 7:30 pm we need nine more individuals
- From 7:30 to 9:30 pm we need nine more individuals
- From 8:15 to 10:00 pm we need eight more individuals

If you can help make Christmas Eve special for those people attending our Candlelight Services, please tear off the form below and place it in the offering plate or stop by the Christmas Eve Table in Skylight Hall to sign-up to help at this special event.

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**YES, I would be willing to host and serve for the FBC Christmas Eve Reception**

- ☐ From 3:30 to 5:30 pm
- ☐ From 5:30 to 7:30 pm
- ☐ From 7:30 to 9:30 pm
- ☐ From 8:15 to 9:50 pm

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_



## **Celebrate Christmas at FBC**

### ***Walk to Bethlehem***

#### ***Bring a friend to Walk to Bethlehem***

at Pastor Roger and Dianna's Home  
at 618 W. Natal Circle, Mesa, AZ 85210,  
between 5:30 and 9:30 pm every night  
between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve.

### ***Sunday, December 4***

***AM Sermon - "Seek Worldly Wisdom and Knowledge"***

***PM Sermon – "Hypocrisy – Worse Than Gentiles"***

### ***Sunday, December 11***

***AM Sermon - "Chase Beauty and Violence"***

***Children's Ministry Gingerbread House Event  
at 12:10 noon in the MAC.***

***PM – Celebration of Christmas Concert***

### ***Sunday, December 18***

***AM Sermon - "Power Mongering"***

***PM Sermon – "Hypocrisy – Merely Outward"***

### ***Saturday, December 24***

***Christmas Eve Candlelighting Services  
"Reject the Truth"***

Enjoy a delightful evening as a family singing Christmas Carols  
and hearing the Christmas Story told in many different ways  
plus the lighting of the candles at 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 pm.

### ***Sunday, December 25***

***AM Sermon – "Cancel the Miraculous"***



## Seven Ways to Poison Christmas

Sunday Morning, November 20, -  
Sunday Morning, December 25

### ***#1 Trust in a Nation***

Ezekiel 26:1-21 (Pastor Anthony Whitlatch)  
Sunday, November 20 – 8, 9:30 and 11 am

### ***#2 Hope in the Finest Things***

Ezekiel 27:1-36 (Pastor Anthony Whitlatch)  
Sunday, November 27 – 8, 9:30 and 11 am

### ***#3 Seek Worldly Wisdom and Knowledge***

Ezekiel 28:1-10 (Dr. Roger Ball)  
Sunday, December 4 – 8, 9:30 and 11 am

### ***#4 Chase Beauty and Violence***

Ezekiel 28:11-26 (Dr. Roger Ball)  
Sunday, December 11 – 8, 9:30 and 11 am

### ***#5 Power Mongering***

Ezekiel 29:1-32:32 (Dr. Roger Ball)  
Sunday, December 18 – 8, 9:30 and 11 am

### ***#6 Reject the Truth***

Matthew 1:18-25 (Pastor Anthony Whitlatch)  
Saturday, December 24 – 4, 6, and 8 pm

### ***#7 Cancel the Miraculous***

Luke 2:1-21 (Pastor Anthony Whitlatch)  
Sunday, December 25, 11 am  
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

Celebrate the Wonder  
of Christmas

# Walk to Bethlehem

**Date** - Thursday, November 24,  
through Saturday, December 24

**Time** - Gates open at 5:30 pm

**Place** - At the home of  
Pastor Roger and Dianna Ball,  
618 W. Natal Circle, Mesa 85210





## Sign-Up Today for Israel . . .

Have you ever considered traveling to Israel and experiencing this unique place with Pastor Roger and Dianna Ball as your tour guides?

It is not too early to sign-up and register and join those who are already planning to take this adventure.

### ***Upcoming Trip to Israel***

***March 6-16, 2024***



#### ***When you are in Israel you will:***

- Visit the ***Village of Nazareth*** and experience hands-on what life was like during the time of Jesus.
- You will board a replica wooden “Jesus Boat” for an amazing boat ride on the ***Sea of Galilee***.
- You will have the amazing opportunity to be baptized in the ***Jordan River***.
- You will visit the beautiful ***Mt. of Olives*** and see a breathtaking view of the ***Holy City***.
- While you are in the ***City of Jerusalem*** you will walk to the holiest site in the whole Jewish world, the ***Western Walling Wall***.
- You will travel and enjoy your time with an amazing group of people.
- And much, much more!

☐ I would like to receive more information on the Trip to Israel planned for March 6-16, 2024

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



**Will you help FBC Raise  
\$253,647.00  
by December 31 to Make  
General Fund Budget!**

**Your donation is important to help us raise  
\$237,062.00 by December 31 to meet our budget!  
Everyone's donation, large or small, is important!**

**Here are a few reasons for giving now:**

- FBC is in the process of launching a new church plant to advance John 3:16 into Guadalupe, Our Church Plant Pastor is Peter Molina. Please pray for Peter and his wife, Trisha.
- Several adults from our church are attending and growing as students for Jesus at Phoenix Seminary.
- Walk to Bethlehem each night is receiving hundreds of grateful visitors as they see and hear Luke 2:1-21, the birth story of Baby Jesus.
- Our missionaries around the world have not lost any financial support from our church 2022. Many churches have drastically reduced their support for missionaries due to the decrease in donations.
- Our children and our youth are faithfully taught Bible truth each week.
- Outreach and assistance continue each week to families, the homeless, singles and the elderly.
- Women's Ministry and Men's Ministry are advancing Jesus in many many ways.
- Your donations are an investment in the Kingdom of God. Together through our donations and gifts we worship, equip and share love and compassion with a changing world that desperately needs Jesus Christ and the values taught in the Bible.

**First Baptist  
is at a very important point in its life  
and this challenge is before each one of us.**

# November God Stories

1. Three Christian men came together to help tell the story of Jesus. A few days ago, Joel, Nick and Grant installed the sound system for 2022 Walk to Bethlehem. Why? Because they believe in and want to serve Jesus. It's the same reason other people help often on WTB: Sue, Peter, Bev, Gary, Mike, Debbie and Dianna. Ask God to bless these people along with 35 other Christians who helped on Monday and Tuesday, October 24 and 25, to set-up WTB. Plus, thank God for 200 more people who will serve as hosts each night of WTB from Thursday, November 24 to Saturday, December 24. Every day search for ways you can tell the story of Jesus.



2. You have a purpose. "While talking last Saturday to Lance, he shared with me his amazement over how his body keeps going. "I just keep wondering what my purpose in life is. Why does God still keep me going?" "Wow," Missionary Steve Robenalt said, "That that took me by surprise, wondering where that came from." After Lance finished speaking, I told him that I believed God did have a purpose for him and that it was knowing him personally. We talked a little more about continuing the conversation and then he left. There was definitely a new sense of openness there, something I haven't seen before. Perhaps the Spirit is now drawing his heart to the Son. I'm praying for God to allow a continued open door for gospel centered conversations with Lance. Pray for Lance. We thank God for Missionary Steve Robenalt.

3. One year ago, 40 people began asking God to make it possible to learn more about Jesus and the entire Bible for ten days in Israel. As of today, Lord willing, in a few months this group of 40 on Thursday, March 2, 2023, will walk the streets of Jerusalem, ride in a boat on the Sea of Galilee, walk in the "old village" of Nazareth, witness wedding vows in Cana, experience Bethlehem, the birth place of Jesus, celebrate baptism in the Jordan River and humbly expand faith and commitment to Jesus. Pray for this March 2023 group. You can go in March 2024 by contacting Pastor Roger for all the details.



4. Open our eyes Lord. Missionary Ben Joseph recently said, "I know of a church in Texas who is looking to pray and financially help a new church plant. Can you ask Pastor Peter Molina to call them?" The next day Peter called one of the leaders, Raja, in this church. A positive phone meeting occurred. Pray for God to bless this connection. We also praise God because

Raja's father, 45 years ago, gave money and guided Ben Joseph to move from India to Phoenix to attend Southwestern Bible College where Ben found Jesus as his Savior and soon after became a full-time missionary. Open our eyes Lord to see you at work.

5. "Please pray for me," said Margaret. "I am not able to have a child. Please pray for my husband and I to be able to have our first baby together. I cannot have a baby because I only have one fallopian tube open and I do not ovulate on a regular basis."

6. No division. Just unity. Special. Recently on Sunday, October 15, our church congregation voted after each Morning Worship Service, by a unanimous "Yes" vote, to approve the FBC Church Budget for 2023. Unity around Jesus is sweet. Praise God. Your donations and offerings each Sunday are deeply appreciated and definitely helpful.



7. Families in our church face "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 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 to FBC 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.

8. Anger issues? Anger usually hurts everyone. Answer the following questions to help you see the sources of your anger. What happens inside of you the moments before you feel anger? What people are you thinking when the anger starts? What did they do? What do you feel about yourself when you sense anger? Describe your self-assessment related to security. Related to self-worth. Related to resentment and revenge.



Related to Jesus. Is this anger of yours honoring to Jesus? How will this anger of yours hurt you and others? After you find your answers confess all sinful anger. For all non-sin issues share your anger issues with a trusted friend. Seek accountability. Promise yourself and God to avoid using anger because it rarely helps anyone.

9. Disappointed? Frustrated? Discouraged? When life and the people around you are childish do this: Press on for Jesus. Keep your eyes and emotions focused on Jesus. Forgive as Jesus would. Keep listening well and pointing people to Jesus. Keep being inspired to be Jesus to them. Keep loving the people as Jesus would. Keep building a team who follow Jesus. Keep being a sacrificial leader of Jesus. Pray. Pray. All for Jesus.



10. “Unrealistic expectations,” he said. “Fear got hold of me,” he said. So, I responded to him, “God is truly at work in and around you. Trust God with joy to do His part. Celebrate. Smile constantly. Your job and my job are to inspire the young to follow Jesus and forgive and forget the past mistakes on the old. Always be an outstanding Barnabas. God will always be our miracle God and do the impossible in the darkest situations. Lead like Barnabas. Teach like Paul. Forgive like Peter. Have the faith of David. Be an amazing servant like Mary.”

11. Can you spot God at work? “A couple weeks ago I joined a group of FBC sisters at Prescott Pines for an excellent Women’s Retreat with 300 other women. As I was leaving for retreat I dropped a text to our high school friend, Jim Allen, to say Happy 80th Birthday and mentioned I was off to retreat and said my first time at Prescott Pines was 64 years ago for youth camp. Jim and Trish Allen, missionaries our church supported the whole 30+ years they served in Quito, Ecuador with Reach Beyond formally called HCJB World Radio are now retired,” says Joy Morse. Jim Allen replied to Joy by saying, “Enjoy Prescott Pines. LOTS of memories there. I think my mom was camp nurse there in the early 50’s and I went to a Men’s Retreat with my dad, probably 71 or 72 years ago. I dedicated my life to Christ for missionary service there in 1955. Then I directed Senior High School Camp for a couple summers in the late 60’s.” Life is truly connected by God.

12. Broken. Broken. Why not forgive? What about Jesus? I know two stubborn childish Christians who will not speak to each other because of small differences. We have two titanic choices when we fail each other. We can truly forgive so we can move toward each other like Jesus



commands us to do OR we can resent, sulk, step away and not forgive like the Devil wants us to do. Jesus offers mercy, self-sacrifice and forgiveness but Satan pushes arrogance, bitterness and slander. What kind of Christians will be in Heaven? The forgiven kind. Thank God that Jesus forgives us. Follow Jesus. Forgive your enemies. Avoid foolishness. Forgive your Christian brothers and sisters.

13. A tornado ripped their house apart while they were inside but God protected the lives of Carminda and Daryl Tonemah. We want to welcome them back to our church after living in Oklahoma and New York for the last 15 years.



## GriefShare Support Group In-Person or Online

Help and encouragement  
following the death of a loved one

**TODAY, November 20, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm – Surviving the Holidays  
(in person and via Zoom)**

**Tuesday, December 13, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm –  
Surviving the Holidays (via Zoom)**

**Loss of a Spouse (via Zoom)**

Sunday, December 18, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Thursday, January 5, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Sunday, January 29, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

***GriefShare Weekly Seminars –***

Sunday, February 5, through May 7 (via Zoom or in person on request)

For registration information, contact Teresa Kovac  
at 732-319-5533 or visit [www.Griefshare.org](http://www.Griefshare.org)



In everything  
give thanks;  
for this is God's will  
for you  
in Christ Jesus.  
(I Thessalonians 5:18)



## **Express Appreciation to Mindelle Will**

Hello Friends!

I would like to express my appreciation to many of you for your faithful service and support of Women's Ministries! I have enjoyed serving with many of you for over twenty years in various roles of this ministry and most recently as the director. I've been blessed to be a part of your lives as we have done kingdom building together. God has used these past years to grow and prepare me for my next season of ministry.

I have mixed feelings as I inform you that I will be stepping down as the WM Director on May 1st, 2023, as I pursue my new calling to be a professional counselor. I will be starting my internship at Goodworks Bible Based Counseling in January.

I will be working closely with Pastor Roger as we transition my responsibilities during the Spring Semester. He will resume leadership over WM in May. He will be actively looking for a new director and seeking God's direction for WM. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions please connect with Roger.

I will continue overseeing the Tuesday morning and Thursday evening Bible Studies until the end of the Spring semester. The Women's Luncheon will be my last event that I will coordinate. Roger is looking for point leaders and teachers for the Summer and Fall studies and events. Please let him know if you can help.

For those in my Sunday morning Bible class, I will conclude our study on April 23rd.

It has been an honor to serve you in this leadership role and I am excited to see who God will call to lead Women's Ministries into a new season. Please join me in prayer for next year's transitions and changes. God has a good plan for us ~ See below for our Spring 2023 Schedule!

With Peace and Joyful Hope!

Mindelle

My daily prayer for you: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13



## 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.***

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Are you a:

\_\_\_\_ Visitor

\_\_\_\_ Regular Attender

\_\_\_\_ Member

**Video and audio services and messages are being  
live streamed at 9:30 and 11:00 am and 6:00 pm Sundays at  
<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchTempe>**



**Pastor Roger's sermons and other FBC Pastors  
can be heard for free on our website  
at [www.fbc-tempe.org](http://www.fbc-tempe.org).**

## **Sunday Mornings Messages**

**November 27 – “Hope in the Finest Things”  
(Ezekiel 27:1-36)**

**Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)  
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)**

**December 4 – “Seek Worldly Wisdom and Knowledge”  
(Ezekiel 28:1-10)**

**Dr. Roger Ball (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)  
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)**

**December 11 – “Chase Beauty and Violence”  
(Ezekiel 28:11-26)**

**Dr. Roger Ball (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)  
TBA (11:00 Upper Room)**

**December 18 – “Power Mongering”  
(Ezekiel 29:1-32:32)**

**Dr. Roger Ball (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)  
TBA (11:00 Upper Room)**

## **Sunday Evening Messages**

**November 20 – Holiday Concert and Pie Social**

**November 27 – “Hypocrisy – A Law Unto Ourselves”  
(Romans 2:12-16) Pastor Peter Molina**

**December 4 – “Hypocrisy – Worse Than Gentiles”  
(Romans 2:17-24) Pastor Matthew Downs**

# **“Trust in a Nation”**

November 20, 2022  
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

*Ezekiel 26:1 – Now in the eleventh year, on the first of the month, the word of the Lord came to me saying,*

*Ezekiel 26:2 – “Son of man, because Tyre has said concerning Jerusalem, ‘Aha, the gateway of the peoples is broken; it has opened to me. I shall be filled now that she is laid waste,’*

*Ezekiel 26:3 – therefore thus says the Lord God, ‘Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and I will bring up many nations against you, as the sea brings up its waves.*

- God is \_\_\_\_\_ Tyre
- Covenant with Abraham

*Genesis 12:1 – Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you; (2) And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; (3) And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse, And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”*

- Great \_\_\_\_\_
- Great \_\_\_\_\_
- You will be a \_\_\_\_\_
- I will \_\_\_\_\_ those who bless you and curse those who \_\_\_\_\_ you

*Ezekiel 26:4 – ‘They will destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers; and I will scrape her debris from her and make her a bare rock.*

*Ezekiel 26:5 – ‘She will be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea, for I have spoken,’ declares the Lord God, ‘and she will become spoil for the nations.*

Ezekiel 26:6 – *‘Also her daughters who are on the mainland will be slain by the sword, and they will know that I am the Lord.’”*

- Ancient Tyre was not a \_\_\_\_\_ like today - it was a \_\_\_\_\_ and an \_\_\_\_\_

Ezekiel 26:7 – *For thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I will bring upon Tyre from the north Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, king of kings, with horses, chariots, cavalry and a great army.*

Ezekiel 26:8 – *“He will slay your daughters on the mainland with the sword; and he will make siege walls against you, cast up a ramp against you and raise up a large shield against you.*

Ezekiel 26:9 – *“The blow of his battering rams he will direct against your walls, and with his axes he will break down your towers.*

Ezekiel 26:10 – *“Because of the multitude of his horses, the dust raised by them will cover you; your walls will shake at the noise of cavalry and wagons and chariots when he enters your gates as men enter a city that is breached.*

Ezekiel 26:11 – *“With the hoofs of his horses he will trample all your streets. He will slay your people with the sword; and your strong pillars will come down to the ground.*

Ezekiel 26:12 – *“Also they will make a spoil of your riches and a prey of your merchandise, break down your walls and destroy your pleasant houses, and throw your stones and your timbers and your debris into the water.*

Ezekiel 26:13 – *“So I will silence the sound of your songs, and the sound of your harps will be heard no more.*

Ezekiel 26:14 – *“I will make you a bare rock; you will be a place for the spreading of nets. You will be built no more, for I the Lord have spoken,” declares the Lord God.*

- God will punish Tyre through \_\_\_\_\_

Ezekiel 26:15 – *Thus says the Lord God to Tyre, “Shall not the coastlands shake at the sound of your fall when the wounded groan, when the slaughter occurs in your midst?*

Ezekiel 26:16 – *“Then all the princes of the sea will go down from their thrones, remove their robes and strip off their embroidered*

garments. They will clothe themselves with trembling; they will sit on the ground, tremble every moment and be appalled at you.

Ezekiel 26:17 – *“They will take up a lamentation over you and say to you, ‘How you have perished, O inhabited one, From the seas, O renowned city, Which was mighty on the sea, She and her inhabitants, Who imposed her terror On all her inhabitants!’*

Ezekiel 26:18 – *‘Now the coastlands will tremble On the day of your fall; Yes, the coastlands which are by the sea Will be terrified at your passing.’”*

- The destruction of Tyre will provoke the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ to the surrounding nations

Ezekiel 26:19 – *For thus says the Lord God, “When I make you a desolate city, like the cities which are not inhabited, when I bring up the deep over you and the great waters cover you,*

Ezekiel 26:20 – *then I will bring you down with those who go down to the pit, to the people of old, and I will make you dwell in the lower parts of the earth, like the ancient waste places, with those who go down to the pit, so that you will not be inhabited; but I will set glory in the land of the living.*

Ezekiel 26:21 – *“I will bring terrors on you and you will be no more; though you will be sought you will never be found again,” declares the Lord God.*

- Where is the nation of Tyre today??

Cities and Nations Don't Save for Eternity  
Jesus Saves Unto Eternal Life!

I should be \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of my city, state, country

- Jeremiah 29:7 – *‘Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare.’*

but...

Trusting in a \_\_\_\_\_ for salvation poisons Christmas

A prayer for us - Lord, reorient our gaze away from the world which cannot save and towards Jesus Christ, in whom is eternal life. May we become grounded in belief and may our faith be proven by our steadfast loyalty to Jesus Christ in every season of our lives.