

**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 27-I Thessalonians 1-5  
II Thessalonians 1-3  
November 28-Acts 18:19-19:41  
November 29-I Corinthians 1-4  
November 30-I Corinthians 5-8  
December 1-I Corinthians 9-11  
December 2-I Corinthians 12-14  
December 3-I Corinthians 15-16  
December 4-II Corinthians 1-4

**Birthdays**


John Becker (11/27)  
Mark Nelson (11/27)  
Yadi Dorsett (11/28)  
Carol Becker(11/29)

**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 (11/20)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,355	\$ 1,332,100
Giving (Donations)	\$ 14,863	\$ 1,064,961
	\$ -13,492 (Shortage)	\$ -267,139 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 34,966	\$ 1,080,712
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (11/20)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 48,069
Giving (Donations)	\$ 665	\$ 41,880
	\$ -380	\$ -6,189 (Shortage)
FP Expenses	\$ 00	\$ 56,800


**Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction**

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 100	\$ 451,663

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.





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LOVE GOD  
LOVE PEOPLE

Accepting, loving and chal-  
lenging people with God's  
truth

November 27, 2022

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[fbc-tempe.org](http://fbc-tempe.org)  
Dr. Roger Ball, Senior Pastor

# Welcome to Worship

## 8:00 am-Traditional Worship

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise  
This is the Day  
Welcome and Announcements  
Praise To The Lord The Almighty  
O Come All Ye Faithful

Prayer

Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

“Second Way to Poison Christmas -  
Hope in the Finest Things”

## 9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

This is Amazing Grace  
Welcome and Announcements  
That’s the Power  
Good Good Father  
Prayer

Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

“Second Way to Poison Christmas -  
Hope in the Finest Things”

## 11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

Angels We Have Heard on High  
Welcome and Announcements  
O Holy Night  
For Unto Us a Child is Born/  
Open the Eyes of My Heart  
Hark the Herald Angels Sing  
Prayer

Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

“Second Way to Poison Christmas -  
Hope in the Finest Things”

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

Welcome

Worship Song #1

Worship Song #2

Worship Song #3

Prayer

Message-PIT Nathan Pipe

“Second Way to Poison Christmas -  
Hope in the Finest Things”

## 6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Welcome

O Come All Ye Faithful

I Will Rise

Prayer

Message-Pastor Peter Molina

“A Law Unto Ourselves”

# 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	\$ 114,448.00
Under Budget	\$ 12,322.00

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	\$ 42,298.00
Under Budget	\$ 107,702.00

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 27

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  
6:00 pm-Evening Worship  
6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

## Monday, November 28

6:30 am-Men’s Monday Morning Bible Study  
6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem  
7:00 pm-Parents of Addicted Loved Ones

## Tuesday, November 29

6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

## Wednesday, November 30

6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem  
6:30 pm-Worship Team Rehearsal  
6:45 pm-Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal

## Thursday, December 1

9:00 am-Tot Town  
5:00 pm-Teen Music Hangout  
6:00 pm– Walk to Bethlehem  
6:00 pm-Teen Youth Group

## Friday, December 2

6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

## Saturday, December 3

6:30 pm-Church Hike  
6:00 pm– Walk to Bethlehem

# Consider These

*“If there be any truer measure of a man than by what he does,  
it must be by what he gives.”  
(Robert South, English Clergyman)*

*“Giving is true loving.”  
(Charles Haddon Spurgeon, English Baptist Preacher)*

*“Even if I give the whole of my worth to Him,  
He will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave.”  
(Charles Haddon Spurgeon, English Baptist Preacher)*

# Reflect

Your giving in this life will have an impact on your experiences in eternity . . .

- ✓ Luke 12:33-34 (Jesus said) “provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
- ✓ Luke 16:9 Use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

# 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.

**YTD Money Needed**  
**\$1,332,100.00**

**YTD Money Received**  
**\$1,064,961.00**

**UNDER Budget**  
**\$-267,139.00**

## 2022 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
Series 1	\$1,332,100.00	\$1,064,961.00



## 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 27** – Thanksgiving Weekend – No Lunch



**ANGEL TREE**  
A Program of Prison Fellowship

## Angel Tree

This is your opportunity to help a needy child by buying a gift on behalf of an incarcerated parent. These children need us! Please return all Angel Tree Gifts on Sunday, December 4. Please do not wrap your gift. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.



(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:** Having a Thankful Heart

### **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 God would be worshiped,  
praised and adored.



### **Awana Clubs**

Sunday Evenings from 5:45 to 7:15 pm

3-years-old – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

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

**December 4** – Club Night

**December 11** – 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.



## 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



## Invite Someone To Worship

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



## 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.



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.**

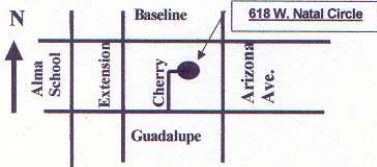


## Walk to Bethlehem Needs YOU

***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 5:30 to 7:30 pm we need four 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 5:30 to 7:30 pm**
- ☐ **From 7:30 to 9:30 pm**
- ☐ **From 8:15 to 9:50 pm**

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

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



**People may doubt what you say,  
but they will always believe what you do.**



## A Christmas Tradition

### Candle One Equals Prophecy (First Week of Advent)

#### Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 7:14

Prophecy is the foretelling of future events. God has used many people as His prophets to communicate His intentions and promises. God Himself gave the first prophecy of a Savior that is recorded in the Book of Genesis – the promised offspring of the woman who would crush the head of the serpent (Satan) was ultimately fulfilled in the person of Christ. This promise of a Savior was given thousands of years ago and was never forgotten by the One who gave it.

Daniel, Isaiah, Micah, Jeremiah, Hosea, Zachariah and other Old Testament prophets all spoke of the coming Messiah. In the New Testament, we see that John the Baptist was God's prophetic voice announcing the coming of "the One that takes away the sins of the world."

It is sometimes difficult to keep promises that we make. That is part of being human. But isn't it wonderful to know that we have a God who never forgets His promises and always follows through on fulfilment.

Reflect today on the commitments you have made to others that need your action this week.



## The Christmas Star

May the Light that shone from the Christmas Star  
On that night so long ago  
Fall on you this Christmas night  
and set your face aglow.

May it shine from your eyes. May it rest in your mind.  
May it burn in your Spirit bright.  
May the Peace it spoke to a weary world  
Bring joy to your heart tonight.



## **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  
\$267,139.00**

**by December 31 to Make  
General Fund Budget!**

**Your donation is important to help us  
raise**

**\$267,139.00 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.**

**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

**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  
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## Join the FBC family as an Official Member!

As a member of FBC you will live the Christian life in a community with fellow believers. You will grow and become spiritually mature in Christ.

To be a member, you need to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and share it with one of the pastors. After you have shared your testimony, you will be introduced to the congregation on a Sunday morning. An official friend will help you become acquainted with FBC.

If you interested in becoming an “Official Member” of FBC, please fill out and indicate that on one of the orange communication cards and drop it in the offering plate.

# 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





## **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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**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**

### **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)**

### **December 25 – “Cancel the Miraculous” (Luke 2:1-21)**

**Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (11:00 Worship Center)**

## **Sunday Evening Messages**

### **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**

### **December 11 – Christmas Choir Concert**



# **“Hope in the Finest Things”**

November 27, 2022  
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

Ezekiel 27:1 – Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me saying,

Ezekiel 27:2 – “And you, son of man, take up a lamentation over Tyre;

Ezekiel 27:3 – and say to Tyre, who dwells at the entrance to the sea, merchant of the peoples to many coastlands, ‘Thus says the Lord God,

“O Tyre, you have said, ‘I am perfect in beauty.’

Ezekiel 27:4 – “Your borders are in the heart of the seas; Your builders have perfected your beauty.

Ezekiel 27:5 – “They have made all your planks of fir trees from Senir; They have taken a cedar from Lebanon to make a mast for you.

Ezekiel 27:6 – “Of oaks from Bashan they have made your oars; With ivory they have inlaid your deck of boxwood from the coastlands of Cyprus.

Ezekiel 27:7 – “Your sail was of fine embroidered linen from Egypt So that it became your distinguishing mark; Your awning was blue and purple from the coastlands of Elishah.

Ezekiel 27:8 – “The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were your rowers; Your wise men, O Tyre, were aboard; they were your pilots.

Ezekiel 27:9 – “The elders of Gebal and her wise men were with you repairing your seams; All the ships of the sea and their sailors were with you in order to deal in your merchandise.

Ezekiel 27:10 – “Persia and Lud and Put were in your army, your men of war. They hung shield and helmet in you; they set forth your splendor.

Ezekiel 27:11 – “The sons of Arvad and your army were on your walls, all around, and the Gammadim were in your towers. They

hung their shields on your walls all around; they perfected your beauty.

Ezekiel 27:12 – “Tarshish was your customer because of the abundance of all kinds of wealth; with silver, iron, tin and lead they paid for your wares.

Ezekiel 27:13 – “Javan, Tubal and Meshech, they were your traders; with the lives of men and vessels of bronze they paid for your merchandise.

Ezekiel 27:14 – “Those from Beth-togarmah gave horses and war horses and mules for your wares.

Ezekiel 27:15 – “The sons of Dedan were your traders. Many coastlands were your market; ivory tusks and ebony they brought as your payment.

Ezekiel 27:16 – “Aram was your customer because of the abundance of your goods; they paid for your wares with emeralds, purple, embroidered work, fine linen, coral and rubies.

Ezekiel 27:17 – “Judah and the land of Israel, they were your traders; with the wheat of Minnith, cakes, honey, oil and balm they paid for your merchandise.

Ezekiel 27:18 – “Damascus was your customer because of the abundance of your goods, because of the abundance of all kinds of wealth, because of the wine of Helbon and white wool.

Ezekiel 27:19 – “Vedan and Javan paid for your wares from Uzal; wrought iron, cassia and sweet cane were among your merchandise.

Ezekiel 27:20 – “Dedan traded with you in saddlecloths for riding.

Ezekiel 27:21 – “Arabia and all the princes of Kedar, they were your customers for lambs, rams and goats; for these they were your customers.

Ezekiel 27:22 – “The traders of Sheba and Raamah, they traded with you; they paid for your wares with the best of all kinds of spices, and with all kinds of precious stones and gold.

Ezekiel 27:23 – “Haran, Cannah, Eden, the traders of Sheba, Asshur and Chilmad traded with you.

Ezekiel 27:24 – “They traded with you in choice garments, in clothes of blue and embroidered work, and in carpets or many colors and tightly wound cords, which were among your merchandise,

Ezekiel 27:25 – “The ships of Tarshish were the carriers for your merchandise. And you were filled and were very glorious In the heart of the seas.

Ezekiel 27:26 – “Your rowers have brought you Into great waters; The east wind has broken you In the heart of the seas.

Ezekiel 27:27 – “Your wealth, your wares, your merchandise, Your sailors and your pilots, Your repairers of seams, your dealers in merchandise And all your men of war who are in you, With all your company that is in your midst, Will fall into the heart of the seas On the day of your overthrow.

Ezekiel 27:28 – “At the sound of the cry of your pilots The pasture lands will shake.

Ezekiel 27:29 – “All who handle the oar, The sailors and all the pilots of the sea Will come down from their ships; They will stand on the land,

Ezekiel 27:30 – And they will make their voice heard over you And will cry bitterly, They will cast dust on their heads, They will wallow in ashes.

Ezekiel 27:31 – Also they will make themselves bald for you And gird themselves with sackcloth; And they will weep for you in bitterness of soul With bitter mourning.

Ezekiel 27:32 – “Moreover, in their wailing they will take up a lamentation for you And lament over you: ‘Who is like Tyre, Like her who is silent in the midst of the sea?

Ezekiel 27:33 – ‘When your wares went out from the seas, You satisfied many peoples; With the abundance of your wealth and your merchandise You enriched the kings of earth.

Ezekiel 27:34 – ‘Now that you are broken by the seas In the depths of the waters, Your merchandise and all your company Have fallen in the midst of you.

Ezekiel 27:35 – ‘All the inhabitants of the coastlands Are appalled at you, And their kings are horribly afraid; They are troubled in countenance.

Ezekiel 27:36 – “The merchants among the peoples hiss at you; You have become terrified And you will cease to be forever,”””