

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

December 4-II Corinthians 1-4
December 5-II Corinthians 5-9
December 6-II Corinthians 10-13
December 7-Acts 20:1-3, Romans 1-3
December 8-Romans 4-7
December 9-Romans 8-10
December 10-Romans 11-13
December 11-Romans 14-16

Birthdays


Brian Julian (12/8)
Mary Paschal (12/9)
Lorraine Weimer (12/9)
Sue Jones (12/10)
Sophia Tilghman (12/10)

For Our Guests . . .

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

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

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

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

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

For a complete listing of our Pastoral Staff and contact information, please visit our website at fbc-tempe.org.

You may also contact the Church Office at 480-839-0926.

Free Sermons

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

Free sermons by Pastor Roger and the other FBC Pastors are available to you on the FBC webpage at www.fbc-tempe.org.

Volunteer House Cleaners Needed at FBC

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

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

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



Financial Update 2022		
General Giving	Last Week	YTD (11/27)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,355	\$ 1,360,455
Giving (Donations)	\$ 18,165	\$ 1,083,126
	\$ -10,190 (Shortage)	\$ -277,329 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 10,298	\$ 1,091,010
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (11/27)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 49,114
Giving (Donations)	\$ 475	\$ 42,355
	\$ -570 (Shortage)	\$ -6,759 (Shortage)
FP Expenses	\$ 00	\$ 56,800

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 450	\$ 452,113

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

How Do I Get Connected?

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





FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of TEMPE

LOVE GOD PEOPLE

Accepting, loving and challenging people with God's truth

December 4, 2022

4525 S. McClintock Drive
Tempe, AZ 85282
480-839-0926
fbc-tempe.org
Dr. Roger Ball, Senior Pastor

Welcome to Worship

8:00 am-Traditional Worship

Angels We Have Heard on High
Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Welcome and Announcements
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
What Child is This
Prayer
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
"Third Way to Poison Christmas -
Seek Worldly Wisdom and
Knowledge"

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

Choir
Angels We Have Heard on High
Welcome and Announcements
The Stand
Overcome
Prayer
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
"Third Way to Poison Christmas -
Seek Worldly Wisdom and
Knowledge"

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

The First Noel
Welcome and Announcements
For Unto Us a Child is Born/
The Eyes of My Heart
O Come O Come Emmanuel
All Glory Be to Christ
Prayer
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
"Third Way to Poison Christmas -
Seek Worldly Wisdom and
Knowledge"

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

Welcome
Worship Song #1
Worship Song #2
Worship Song #3
Prayer
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe
"Third Way to Poison Christmas -
Seek Worldly Wisdom and
Knowledge"

6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Message-Pastor Matthew Downs
"Hypocrisy-Worse Than Gentiles"

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	\$ 118,583.00
Under Budget	\$ 8,187.00

On behalf of Al Fadi, Hanane and the CIRA ministry thank you for your kindness and your continued support. Your contributions enable them to serve HIM to advance the Gospel to Muslims here and throughout the world. For more information contact Al Fadi at alfadi@CIRAIInternational.com.
Make out all checks to FBC earmarked "CIRA."

Church Plant 2022 Update

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

Financial Need

Annual Budget	\$ 150,000.00
Giving-to-Date	\$ 42,806.00
Under Budget	\$ 107,194.00

The FBC Church Plant in Guadalupe along with Peter and Trisha Molina, would like to say thank you for your support and contributions which enable them to serve HIM and share the Gospel with the people of Guadalupe. For more information regarding the Church Plant, you can contact Peter Molina at pmolina@fbc-tempe.org.
Make out all checks to FBC earmarked "Church Plant."

This Week at FBC

Sunday, December 4

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
12:15 pm-Men's Leadership Meeting
5:45 pm-Awana Club
5:45 pm-Financial Peace University
6:00 pm-Evening Worship
6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

Monday, December 5

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

Tuesday, December 6

6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem
7:00 pm-Young Adults Home Group

Wednesday, December 7

5:30 pm-Young Families Group
6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem
6:30 pm-Worship Team Rehearsal
6:45 pm-Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, December 8

5:00 pm-Teen Music Hangout
6:00 pm- Walk to Bethlehem
6:00 pm-Teen Youth Group
6:30 pm-Messenger Class Christmas Party
7:00 pm-Finance Committee Meeting

Friday, December 9

6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

Saturday, December 10

8:00 am-Deaconess Breakfast and Love Baskets
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.



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

Library News

Christmas Books and DVD's are out and on the shelves of the FBC Library!

Stop by and check it out!



FBC Bible Classes

8:00 am

Messenger Class-Room 107/108
(Couples and Singles, 50's-70's)

9:30 am

Nursery-

Birth through 23 Months Old
Children's Classes-Kid City
(2 Years through 6th Grade)

Ladies Class-Room 104
(Ladies Only)

Men's Class-Room 105
(Men Only)

Truth Seekers-Room 106
(Couples and Singles All Ages)

JHM (Junior High)-Room 207
(Junior High Ages 12-14)

HSM (High School)-Room 207
(High School Ages 14-18)

11:00 am

Nursery-

Birth through 23 Months Old
Children's Classes-Kid City
(2 Years through 6th Grade)

The Hood-Room 107/108
(Couples and Singles All Ages)

Journeys-Room 106
(Couples and Singles All Ages)

Online Donation

Why not consider signing up for electronic giving. FBC relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give once or on a recurring basis. To give electronically, visit www.fbc-tempe.org and locate the link to the electronic giving page.

Help FBC Meet Its Budget

We appreciate your faithful giving to FBC and its ministries.

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

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

YTD Money Needed
\$1,360,455.00

YTD Money Received
\$1,083,126.00

UNDER Budget
\$-277,329.00

2022 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
Series 1	\$1,360,455.00	\$1,083,126.00



Sunday Lunch in the MAC

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

December 4 – Chicken Alfredo, Vegetables, Garlic Bread,

Salad Bar and Dessert

December 11 – No Lunch

December 28 – Five Cheese Pasta Al Forno with Caesar Salad, Vegetables, Cheesy Bread, Salad Bar and Dessert



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

6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story: Mary is Given a Special Message

Bible Point: WOW

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 the Word is faithfully preached and proclaimed.



Awana Clubs

Sunday Evenings from 5:45 to 7:15 pm

3-years-old – 6th Grade

December 4 – Club Night

December 11 – Club Night

December 18 – Christmas Break

December 25 – Christmas Break

“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, January 14, 2023

7:50 to 10:00 am



You will get to:

- Meet – Know – Pray for Other Men
- Enjoy an Excellent Breakfast
- Join Other Men in Lifting Up Jesus
- Develop New and Lasting Friendships
- Worship
- Discover Special Events for Men

**Sign-up today at the Men's Ministry Table
in Skylight Hall – Don't miss it!**



All Church Hike

Date and Time – Saturday, January 7, 6:00 to 10:00 am

Location – Bursera Loop Trail – South Mountain
(Moderate – 4 Miles – 826 Feet Elevation)

Bring: water, snacks, layers and a flashlight

Take in the morning sunrise as we hike up the south side of South Mountain. After the hike we will enjoy a bagel near a lake filled with ducks, fish and turtles.

For more information, contact Adam Bachman at 480-363-5570 or at

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 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 4th – 6th grader attend Winter Camp?

Camp provides spiritual growth opportunities,
builds community and is crazy fun!

Please contact Sharmon Steil at 480-839-0926

or at fbcchildren@fbc-tempe.org for more information!



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 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

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, Children's Ministry.**

Any questions or comments, please contact Sharmon Steil at 480-839-0926 or at 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 one more individual**
- **From 7:30 to 9:30 pm we need eight more individuals**
- **From 8:15 to 10:00 pm we need seven 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.

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 Bethlehem (Second Week of Advent) Micah 5:2 and John 6:35

The second candle represents faith and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. This candle reminds of the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem.

The old, beautiful city of Bethlehem is surrounded by barren, unproductive regions – the wilderness of the Sinai and the mountains of Moab. Bethlehem means, "the house of bread." God chose this insignificant village as the birthplace of His Son.

Bread has long been a staple food for the human race, Leavened and unleavened, it is mentioned many times in Scripture. When the Israelite slaves had to free Egypt, they ate unleavened bread that they could prepare quickly. During their wandering in the desert on the way to the Promised Land, God showered heavenly bread on their encampments: manna. During His final Passover Supper with the disciples, Jesus used bread as an illustration of Himself. He said that He was "the Bread of Life." What does this mean to us? Even as bread sustains physical life, Jesus can bring us life, strength and satisfaction when we have faith in Him.

Bethlehem – the house of bread; Jesus – the Bread of Life. Use this day to focus on the only One who can satisfy the hunger of your soul.



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) and 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



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

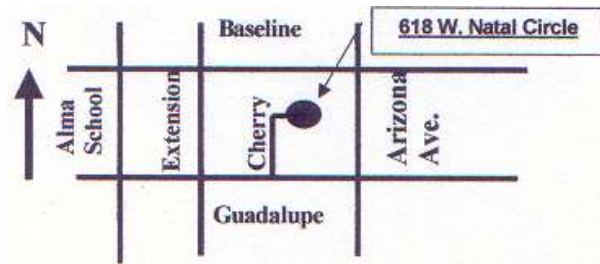
Celebrate the Wonder
of Christmas

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



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 register and join already planning to adventure.



sign-up and those who are take this

***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 Wailing 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
\$277,329.00
by December 31 to Make
General Fund Budget!**

**Your donation is important to help us raise
\$277,329.00 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.
- 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.**

**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.**

Sunday Mornings Messages

**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)

**January 1 – “Truth Will Prevail”
(Ezekiel 33:21-33)**

**Pastor Matthew Downs (9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)**

Sunday Evening Messages

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

December 11 – Christmas Choir Concert

**December 18 – “Hypocrisy – Merely Outward”
(Romans 2:24-29) Pastor Matthew Downs**

“Seek Worldly Wisdom and Knowledge”

December 4, 2022

Dr. Roger Ball

rb618@cox.net

Ezekiel 28:1 – The word of the Lord came again to me, saying,

Ezekiel 28:2 – “Son of man, say to the leader of Tyre, ‘Thus says the Lord God,

“Because your heart is lifted up
And you have said, ‘I am god,
I sit in the seat of gods
In the heart of the seas;’
Yet you are a man and not God,
Although you make your heart like the heart of God –

Ezekiel 28:3 – Behold, you are wiser than Daniel;
There is no secret that is a match for you.

Ezekiel 28:4 – “By your wisdom and understanding
You have acquired riches for yourself
And have acquired gold and silver for your treasures.

Ezekiel 28:5 – “By your great wisdom, by your trade
You have increased your riches
And your heart is lifted up because of your riches –

Ezekiel 28:6 – Therefore thus says the Lord God,
‘Because you have made your heart
Like the heart of God,

Ezekiel 28:7 – Therefore, behold, I will bring strangers upon you,
The most ruthless of the nations.
And they will draw their swords
Against the beauty of your wisdom
And defile your splendor.

Ezekiel 28:8 – ‘They will bring you down to the pit,
And you will die the death of those who are slain
In the heart of the seas.

Ezekiel 28:9 – ‘Will you still say, “I am a god,”
In the presence of your slayer,
Through you are a man and not God,
In the hands of those who wound you?’

Ezekiel 28:10 – ‘You will die the death of the uncircumcised
By the hand of strangers,
For I have spoken!’” declares the Lord God!’”