

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 18-I Timothy 1-6
 December 19-Titus 1-3
 December 20-I Peter 1-5
 December 21-Hebrews 1-6
 December 22-Hebrews 7-10
 December 23-Hebrews 11-13
 December 24-II Timothy 1-4
 December 25-Jude 1, II Peter 1-3

Birthdays


Ted Cary (12/18)
 Lisa Barbarisi (12/20)
 Tasha Ryan (12/20)
 James Coleman (12/21)
 Rob Swanson (12/21)
 Bruce Baird (12/23)
 Cynthia Enfinger (12/24)
 Jamie Flesher (12/24)
 Rebecca Blum (12/25)
 Sidney Tribiana (12/25)

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 (12/11)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,355	\$ 1,417,165
Giving (Donations)	\$ 44,923	\$ 1,143,668
	\$ 16,568 (Overage)	\$ -273,497 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 13,906	\$ 1,144,374
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (12/11)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 51,204
Giving (Donations)	\$ 455	\$ 43,637
	\$ -590 (Shortage)	\$ -7,567 (Shortage)
FP Expenses	\$ 00	\$ 60,428


Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 325	\$ 483,042

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

How Do I Get Connected?

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





FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TEMPE

WE LOVE GOD PEOPLE

Accepting, loving and challenging people with God's truth

December 18, 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

Go Tell It On the Mountain
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Welcome and Announcements
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Silent Night

Prayer

Message-Dr. Roger Ball

“Fifth Way to Poison Christmas -
Power Mongering”

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)
Welcome and Announcements
Hark the Herald/Heaven Came Down
O Come All He Faithful
Message-Dr. Roger Ball
“Fifth Way to Poison Christmas -
Power Mongering”

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

Angels We Have Heard on High
Welcome and Announcements
Away In a Manger
O Come O Come Emmanuel
All Glory Be to Christ
Prayer
Message-Dr. Roger Ball
“Fifth Way to Poison Christmas -
Power Mongering”

1:00 am-Acoustic Praise and Worship (Upper Room)

Welcome
Worship Song #1
Worship Song #2
Worship Song #3
Prayer
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe
“Fifth Way to Poison Christmas -
Power Mongering”

6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Welcome
Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)
O Come All Ye Faithful
Prayer
Message-Pastor Matthew Downs
“Hypocrisy-Merely Outward”

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	\$ 126,027.00
Under Budget	\$ 743.00

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	\$ 45,675.00
Under Budget	\$ 104,325.00

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 18

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

Monday, December 19

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

Tuesday, December 20

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

Wednesday, December 21

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 22

6:00 pm– Walk to Bethlehem

Friday, December 23

6:00 pm-Walk to Bethlehem

Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm-Christmas Eve Service
6:00 pm– Walk to Bethlehem
6:00 pm-Christmas Eve Service
8:00 pm-Christmas Eve Service

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

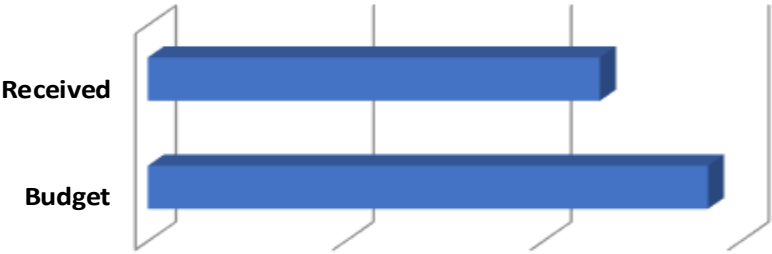
We appreciate your faithful giving to FBC and its ministries.

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
\$1,417,165.00
YTD Money Received
\$1,143,668.00
UNDER Budget
\$-273,497.00

2022 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
■ Series 1	\$1,417,165.00	\$1,143,668.00



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

December 25 – No Lunch



How would a person ever know
whether his or her faith was weak or strong unless it has been tried
and tested.



(Birth through

6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story: The Prodigal Son

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 forgiveness, faith and wisdom are shared so that others might grow.

Awana Clubs

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



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.

Would You Invest in Young Families?

We need two or three individuals to watch children for the Young Families Small Group every other Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at FBC beginning in January.

☐ YES, I would like to invest in our Young Families

☐ I can help one time each month OR

☐ I can help two times each month



Name

Email Address

Tear off and place in the offering plate or
contact Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2395 for more information.



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 7:30 to 9:30 pm we need four more individuals**
- **From 8:15 to 10:00 pm we need six 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 _____



The Christian who is
pulling the oars
does not have time to
rock the boat!



A Christmas Tradition

Candle Four Equals Angels (Fourth Week of Advent) Luke 2:8-18 and John 10:14-15

Throughout human history angels have been God's messengers from heaven. They are spirit beings, usually invisible but taking on human form when they deliver messages from God or minister to people. They are also capable of appearing in such a way that the response to human beings is terror. Even so, they exist to do the will of God and consistently reject any worship or praise directed toward themselves, always insisting that worship is for God alone.

Angels have directly involved themselves in the affairs of humanity since the creation of Adam and Eve. Sometimes they have prevented courses of action, and many times they have encouraged, strengthened and helped people physically. It was an angel who came along side Jesus and strengthened Him as he agonized over His imminent suffering on Calvary.

In spite of their amazing abilities, there is one thing totally outside an angel's realm of experience: The working of God in a human heart, causing repentance and acceptance of Christ as Savior. In I Peter 1:12 we are told that angels "long to look into these things."

Has God announced to your heart the Good News of a Savior? If you have never placed your eternal destiny in the hands of this One who loves you, ask God now to forgive your sin and take control of your life. When a person becomes a child of God in this way, we are told that "there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."



Candy Cane



Look at a candy cane,
what do you see?

Stripes that are red like the blood shed for me!
White for my Savior, who's sinless and pure!

"J" is for Jesus, My Lord that's for sure!

Turn it around and a staff you will see,
Jesus, My Shepherd, is coming for me!



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 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.

There will be a reception in the Quad featuring the following:

Mixed Green Salad, Caesar Salad with Marinated Mushrooms
and Garlic Croutons with a Variety of Dressings

Italian Meatballs with Fresh Tomato Sauce Basil and Parmesan,
Pesto Alfredo, Grilled Vegetable Lasagna, Baked Rosemary Potatoes,
Chicken Marsala with Seared Green Beans, Sweet and Sour Meatballs
Brownies, Christmas Rice Krispies, Assorted Cookies and Pastries
Rolls and Butter, Coffee Station, Lemonade and Flavored Waters

Sunday, December 25

AM Sermon – "Cancel the Miraculous"



The Bible is most helpful when it is open!



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

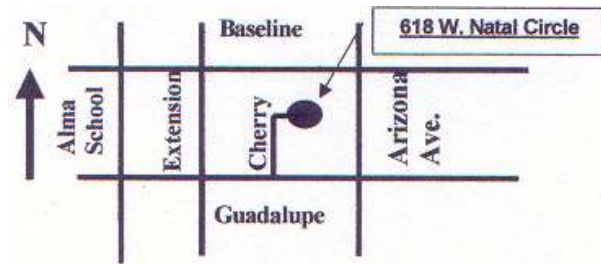
Celebrate the Wonder
of Christmas

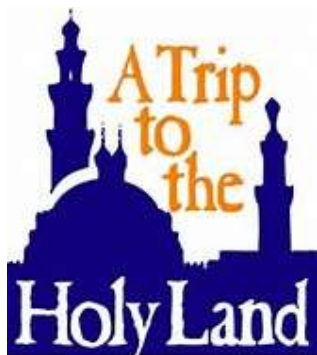
Walk to Bethlehem

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





Experience the Trip of a
Lifetime . . .

Pastor Roger and Dianna
would like to invite you to join them
for a ten-day trip of a lifetime to the Holy Land – March 6-16, 2024.

The Holy Land is a truly unique place and the scriptures will come
alive as you visit the places you have read about in God's Word. You
will

boat
be
River,
walk
of

***Upcoming
Trip to Israel
March 6-16, 2024***

visit the **Village of
Nazareth**, ride on a
on the **Sea of Galilee**,
baptized in the **Jordan**
visit the **Mt. of Olives**,
the streets of the **City
Jerusalem** plus visit the
Western Walling Wall.

There is no other place quite like the Holy Land in the entire
universe. It is the birthplace of the Savior of the world and the only
place where Jesus lived and ministered to people.

If this is something that you would like to do,
please fill out the form below and drop it in the offering plate.

☐ **Yes, I/We are interested in visiting the Holy Land
with Pastor Roger and Dianna**

Signed _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

**For more information tear off this form
and drop it in the offering plate.**



**Will you help FBC Raise
\$273,497.00
by December 31 to Make
General Fund Budget!**

**Your donation is important to help us raise
\$273,497.00 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.**

Praising God in December



Sounds
of the
Season

4. Pray for the presentation of our “first” Easter



10. This year Pastor Scott has stepped into leadership of a local youth pastor network to help support, encourage, and foster longevity in ministry amongst youth pastors

11. The youth Christmas Party was a success and brought several new students on campus.

12. Our church is planning on hosting a combined youth group event with several other local churches in the Spring of 2023.



13. Our Youth Room now has a new LED sign to help welcome new and current students. Take a trip upstairs and check it out.

14. The Fall Holiday Concert and Pie Social were a success. Lots of home-made pies were enjoyed served by our Deacons.

15. Our youth group has the honor of being one of the last groups to attend Prescott Pines Camp this winter before the camp is sold.



16. The Father-Child Campout this fall was a meaningful time for four fathers and their sons.

17. Several students have started volunteering in the Cafe Ministry

18. Several Junior High, High School, and College students continue to serve as leaders and helpers in both Kid City and Awana.

19. This fall, our youth gave an offering of over \$250.00 to bless a missionary overseas.



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

**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 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)
Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)**

**January 8 – “Wisdom and Knowledge Cannot Save”
(Ezekiel 34:1-31)**

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

**January 15 – “Restoration of the Land – In Jesus”
(Ezekiel 35:1-36:15)**

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

Sunday Evening Messages

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

Pastor Matthew Downs

December 25 – No PM Service

January 1 – No PM Service

**January 8 – “Faithful – Always Faithful”
(Romans 3:1-4)**

Pastor Matthew Downs

“Abuse Power”

December 18, 2022

Dr. Roger Ball

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Seven Ways to Poison YOUR Christmas

#1 - Make _____ your GOD.

#2 - Chase the _____.

**#3 - Exalt _____ knowledge above the
_____.**

#4 - Chase _____ and _____.

#5 - Abusive _____.

**#6 – Saturday, December 24, at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and
8:00 pm**

#7. Sunday, December 25, at 11:00 am Christmas Day

Four Gold Nuggets on Recognizing and Responding to Bullies from Ezekiel 29 and 30 and 31 and 32

Gold Nugget #1 (Ezekiel 29): Two ways to Identify a Bully:

1) _____ 2) _____

Ezekiel 29:1 - In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on the twelfth of the month, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

Ezekiel 29:2 - “Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him and against all Egypt.

Ezekiel 29:3 - Speak and say, ‘This is what the Lord GOD says: “Behold, I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, The great monster that lies in the midst of his canals, That has said, ‘My Nile is mine, and I myself have made it.’

Gold Nugget #2 (Ezekiel 30): Seek _____.

Ezekiel 30:10 - *'This is what the Lord GOD says: "I will also make the hordes of Egypt cease By the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.*

Ezekiel 30:11 - *He and his people with him, The most ruthless of the nations, Will be brought in to destroy the land; And they will draw their swords against Egypt And fill the land with the slain.*

Ezekiel 30:12 - *Moreover, I will make the Nile canals dry And sell the land into the hands of evil men. And I will make the land desolate And all that is in it, By the hand of strangers; I the LORD have spoken."*

Ezekiel 30:22 - *Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says: 'Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and I will break his arms, both the strong and the broken; and I will make the sword fall from his hand.*

Ezekiel 30:23 - *And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them among the lands.*

Ezekiel 30:24 - *For I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and put My sword in his hand; and I will break the arms of Pharaoh, so that he will groan before him with the groans of a wounded man.*

Ezekiel 30:25 - *So I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, but the arms of Pharaoh will fail. Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I put My sword into the hand of the king of Babylon and he reaches out with it against the land of Egypt.*

Ezekiel 30:26 - *When I scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them among the lands, then they will know that I am the LORD."*

Gold Nugget #3 (Ezekiel 31): Watch and expect bullies to

_____. **Be strong for each bully will _____.**

Ezekiel 31:1 - *In the eleventh year, in the third month, on the first of the month, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,*

Ezekiel 31:2 - *"Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his hordes, 'Whom are you like in your greatness?*

Ezekiel 31:3 - *Behold, Assyria was a cedar in Lebanon With beautiful branches and forest shade, And very high, And its top was among the clouds.*

Egypt boasted in its _____.

Assyria was also a bully nation and stronger than _____.
Egypt wasn't as great as Assyria.

Ezekiel 31:10 - *‘Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says:
“Because it is tall in stature and has put its top among the clouds,
and its heart is haughty in its loftiness,*

*Ezekiel 31:11 - I will hand it over to a ruler of the nations; he will
thoroughly deal with it. In accordance with its wickedness I
have driven it out.*

*Ezekiel 31:12 - Foreign tyrants of the nations have cut it down and
left it; on the mountains and in all the valleys its branches have fallen,
and its branches have been broken in all the ravines of the land. And
all the peoples of the earth have gone down from its shade and left it.*

*Ezekiel 31:13 - All the birds of the sky will nest on its fallen trunk, and
all the animals of the field will rest on its fallen branches,*

Babylon destroyed Assyria.

Conclusion: if Babylon can conquer Assyria,
Babylon can conquer Egypt.” (Wiersbe)

**Gold Nugget #4 (Ezekiel 32): To destroy a bully God can use
_____. Remember: All bullies go to the _____.**

*Ezekiel 32:29 - “There also is Edom, its kings and all its princes,
who despite all their might are laid with those killed by the sword;
they will lie with the uncircumcised and with those who go down to
the pit.*

*Ezekiel 32:30 - “There also are the chiefs of the north, all of them,
and all the Sidonians, who in spite of the terror resulting from their
might, in shame went down with the slain. So they lay down
uncircumcised with those killed by the sword and bore their disgrace
with those who go down to the pit.*

*Ezekiel 32:31 - “These Pharaoh will see, and he will find consolation
regarding all his hordes killed by the sword, Pharaoh and all his
army,” declares the Lord GOD.*

*Ezekiel 32:32 - “Though I inflicted the terror of him on the land of the
living, yet he will be laid to rest among the uncircumcised along with
those killed by the sword, Pharaoh and all his hordes,” declares the
Lord GOD.*