

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

January 8-Job 17-20
January 9-Job 21-23
January 10-Job 24-28
January 11-Job 29-31
January 12-Job 32-34
January 13-Job 35-37
January 14-Job 38-39
January 15-Job 40-42

Birthdays

Steve Evers (1/9)
Tom Nguyen (1/10)
Verne Schilling (1/11)
Joyce Weston (1/11)
Don Harbin (1/12)
Randi Huver (1/12)
Hollyann Huver-Lange (1/15)
Meredith Lomeli (1/15)
James Sidabras (1/15)
Caleb Swanson (1/15)

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 (12/31)
Budget Plan	\$ 28,355	\$ 1,474,460
Giving (Donations)	\$ 30,646	\$ 1,211,437
	\$ 2,291 (Overage)	\$ -263,023 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 29,894	\$ 1,213,856
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (12/31)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,045	\$ 53,294
Giving (Donations)	\$ 7,690	\$ 53,307
	\$ 6,645 (Overage)	\$ 13 (Overage)
FP Expenses	\$ 1,327	\$ 64,682

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 50	\$ 483,792

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

How Do I Get Connected?

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



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Accepting, loving and challenging people with God's truth

January 8, 2023

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

Standing on the Promises
Welcome and Announcements
Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee
Holy Holy Holy
Prayer
Message-Pastor Matthew Downs
“Wisdom and Knowledge Cannot Save”

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

Awesome is the Lord Most High
Welcome and Announcements
This I Believe
Good Good Father
Prayer
Message-Pastor Matthew Downs
“Wisdom and Knowledge Cannot Save”

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

Rejoice
Welcome and Announcements
Grace Alone
Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me
There is One Gospel
Prayer
Message-Pastor Matthew Downs
“Wisdom and Knowledge Cannot Save”

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

Worship Song #1
Welcome and Announcements
Worship Song #2
Worship Song #3
Prayer
Message-PIT Nathan Pipe
“Wisdom and Knowledge Cannot Save”

6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Welcome
God Is For Us
Hymn of Heaven
Prayer
Message-Pastor Matthew Downs
“Faithful-Always Faithful”

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	\$ 141,201.00
OVER Budget	\$ 14,431.00

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	\$ 51,204.00
Under Budget	\$ 98,796.00

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, January 8

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 Class

Monday, January 9

6:30 am-Men’s Bible Study
7:00 pm-Deacon Meeting
7:00 pm-Parents of Addicted Loved Ones

Tuesday, January 10

9:00 am-Women’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Thursday, January 12

5:00 pm-Teen Music Hangout
6:00 pm-Teen Youth Group

Saturday, January 14

7:50 am-Men’s Breakfast

Consider These

*“The return we reap from generous actions is not always evident.”
(Francesco Guicciardini, Italian Historian and Statesman)*

*“You only get to keep what you give away.”
(Sheldon Kopp, Author)*

*“He who gives while he lives, gets to know where it goes.”
(Percy Ross, American Philanthropist)*

Reflect

A main focus for your giving should be your local church and ministry staff . . .

✓ II Chronicles 31:9-13 *Hezekiah asked the priests about the heaps; the chief priest, answered, “Since the people began to bring their contributions to the temple of the Lord, we have had enough to eat and plenty to spare, because the Lord has blessed his people and this great amount is left over.” They faithfully brought in the contributions, tithes and dedicated gifts.*

**No church ever has a money problem,
only a faithfulness problem.
(Brian Kluth)**

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

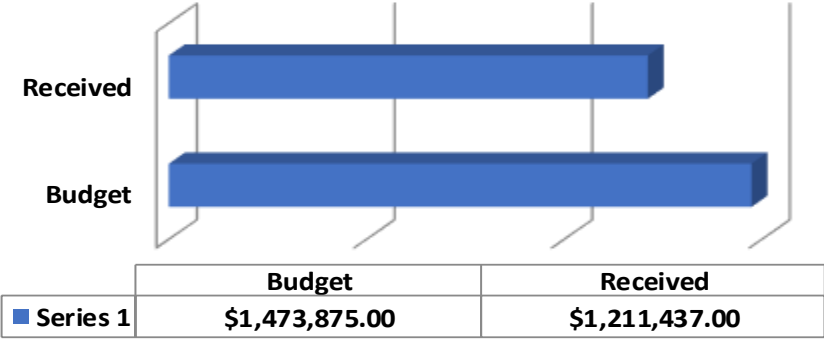
We appreciate your faithful giving to FBC and its ministries.

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
\$1,473,875.00
YTD Money Received
\$1,211,437.00
UNDER Budget
\$-262,438.00

2022 General Fund Giving



Sunday Lunch in the MAC

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

January 8 – Beef Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Vegetables, Salad Bar and Dessert

January 15 – Chicken Chow Mein, Stir Fry Veggies, Egg Rolls, Salad Bar and Dessert

January 22 – Taco Bar, Rice and Beans, Chips and Salsa, Salad Bar and Dessert

January 29 – Traditional Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetables, Salad Bar and Dessert





(Birth through

6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story: Jesus and the Woman at the Well

Bible Point: I Can Share

Elementary

9:30 am Bible Story: The Bible is Powerful and Active

11:00 am Bible Story:

Extraordinary Blessings / Special Needs

Bible Story:

Our goal is to partner with parents in teaching children to see and experience the world through the lenses of our beliefs.

Our desire is for them to have a biblical worldview instead of a secular worldview. Our worldview influences everything in our lives. We want our children to know that God's Word is the foundation for our lives and is the standard we use to judge every thought and action. Our Bible is perfect and true. If we use it as our foundation, it will guide us and change our lives.

Kid City Prayer Request for the Week:

Pray for the health of our Kid City teachers . . .

Strong in body, mind and spirit-to move in faith,
patience and be faith-filled.



Awana Clubs

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

January 8 – Club Night

January 15 – 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 includes 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, February 4, 5:00 am-6:00 pm

Location – Hotshots Memorial Trail-Yarnell
(Moderately Hard – 5-7 Miles – 1,240 Feet Elevation)

Bring: water, snacks, sunscreen and layers

Let's pay our respect to the firefighters that paid the ultimate price protecting our natural forest and town.

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!

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.



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.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Dates – January 10 – April 25 (No Spring Break)

Time - 9:00 – 11:30 am in Room 118

We are excited to welcome back Sue Jones. She will be teaching on the ***Fruit of the Spirit ~ Cultivating Christlike Character***. You can purchase the book on Amazon for \$7.99 or find it at your favorite Christian bookstore.

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Dates – January 19 – March 2

Time – 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Room 104

The Gospel on the Ground ~ Join us for another study by Kristi McLelland.

You can purchase the study book on Amazon for \$24.99
which includes video access

Mindelle Will will lead in homework discussion time,
and we will learn from Kristi via her DVD series.

Feel free to bring your beverage and dinner
during this fun time with friends!



‘For I know the plans that I have for you,’
declares the Lord,
‘plans for welfare and not for calamity
to give you a future and a hope.
(Jeremiah 29:11)



GriefShare Support Group In-Person or Online

Help and encouragement
following the death of a loved one

Loss of a Spouse (via Zoom)

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



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 the
foyer area or RSVP to

Pastor Roger at rb618@cox.net
if you are available to help.

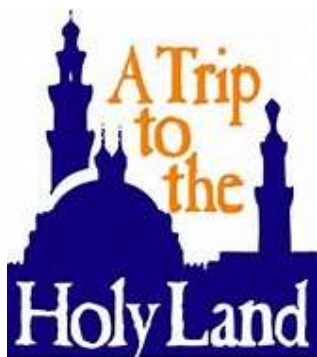
Can We Count on YOU!!

**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 _____

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



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

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

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.**



Christlike Marriage Class . . .

Date and Time - Starting Sunday, February 5
(for nine weeks) at 9:30 am

Location – Room 118

Led by Don and Traci Harbin

What is the real purpose for marriage as a Christian?

What is Biblical “love?”

If you are looking to experience more JOY in marriage, this class is for you.

This class is open to anyone who wants to invest in their marriage
(newly married or 40+ years married).

Men’s Ministry . . .

Indoor Pick-Up Soccer

Date and Time – Saturday, February 4, 8:30 am to 10:00 am
(Doors open at 8:00 am for warm-up)

Location – FBC Gymnasium

You must text or call Pastor Anthony
at 480-766-2395 to register!

5v5 Winner Stays On (depending on numbers)

There will be NO goal keepers

Open to anyone High School age or older
(age exceptions made on a case by case basis –
contact Pastor Anthony with any questions)

House Rules:

Must wear flats/running shoes (indoor sport court)

NO CLEATS AND NO TURF SHOES

“Finally, brethren whatever is true,
whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is
lovely,
whatever is of good repute,
if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your
mind dwell on these things.
(Philippians 4:8)





Our Information is Incomplete Without YOU!

***It is time to update the information in our
FBC Data Base and we want to include you.
Please fill out the information below and drop
it in the offering plate.***

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Birthdate _____

Children's Names and Birth Dates _____

Wedding Anniversary _____



Are you a:

____ Visitor

____ Regular Attender

____ Member

Praising God in January 2023

1. A text was received from a woman in Mindelle Will's Sunday Bible Class on Understanding the Bible. She expressed how she had the confidence and ability to share with her children and family what she believed. She no longer felt intimidated but empowered to be able to study the Bible on her own. She now has the knowledge and skills to feed herself the Word.
2. A woman attended the Women's Holiday Brunch and was partnered with a woman she did not know. Both had attended the church for years but had never met. They are now prayer partners and share similar life challenges. They have introduced each other to new friends and have formed a small community of prayer warriors.
3. A woman brought a friend the Women's Fall Retreat who had lots of questions about God. Her friend found the answers she was seeking and is now attending church and Bible studies. 
4. There are many stories of women here at FBC making connections with each other and making a deeper commitment to study God's Word which results in major life changes for themselves, developing a family legacy, and a positive witness to friends at work.
5. A man named Michael stopped by the Church Office. He lives in New Mexico but was traveling to Lake Havasu. On December 24, 2020, he lost his wife, brother, and nephew in a boating accident. He had moved to New Mexico where his family had property. A couple of months ago, he had considered suicide; however, he reached out to his pastor and was able to get professional counseling. He is in the process of traveling back to Lake Havasu via bus to visit family and to hopefully resolve some of his grieving issues during the visit. Because of the generosity of the people of FBC, we were able to provide the means to a couple of meals as he continues his travels. Please continue to pray for Michael.
6. 2022 was riddled with many challenges. However, with those challenges came an equal number of opportunities to show Christ's love to others.
7. This year two colleagues individually suffered significant financial and emotional hardships. The first colleague found herself and family in significant debt due to her husband losing his job and only to replace it with a new position that was literally half the salary. This person broke in tears admitting how they continued to live as if 

they had the same income. This debt as well as credit card debt has put a great deal of stress on her family. What a great opportunity God provided to show His love in being there just to listen. The family has taken full ownership of the situation and is doing all they can to honestly dig their way out. I watched her bring lunches of no more than peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and discuss how hard it is to say “No” to others. Before Christmas God blessed me with a Target gift card that I was able to return the blessing and gift to the family. They were excited and thankful indicating that they were only able to purchase one small gift for each member of the family.

8. In a very similar fashion, another colleague's husband lost his job a couple months ago. This colleague just came off maternity leave giving birth to their second son. This has been devastating not just to their financial security but more in that she has watched her husband's confidence and career be forever altered. Her husband was an orphan in Poland who was adopted in his youth by a family in America. He worked harder than others to learn the language and joined the military to serve. He is a decorated US veteran who saw death and lost fellow soldiers in the battles he fought for America, then when he finished his service, he entered law enforcement only to see his career in law enforcement end as well. God allowed me to be there, listen and talk about how He (God) is there and will provide. Multiple times she was in tears in my office, also noting that it must be Gods will and there will be a blessing in the end, but it is dark for them now. I encouraged her to stay fixed on their faith and the importance of keeping their marriage strong. God led to provide a daily devotional for men for her husband, not knowing how he was taking that gift or if he would use it. Two weeks ago, she gave me a letter from her husband and told me she has no idea what it says. The husband wrote a thank you note on how much the devotional has meant to him. My colleague said, “Her husband has never done that before.” God blessed my wife and I through (FBC) with a gift card to a nice restaurant that I was able to pass on to her re-affirming the importance of marriage and encouraging her to do a date night. She was near tears in agreement and thankful saying they have been so busy surviving that it did not dawn on them that they just go out together and will absolutely use it.

9. Over the last two years I have watched numerous paralegals and secretaries in my office leave due to unprecedented times working at a law enforcement agency. It is not easy to be constantly told in the news that your work in law enforcement is not appreciated and you for working for them are deemed evil, in fact society cried out to defund. This has led to unhealthy personnel shortages putting more weight on the faithful shoulders

of those remaining. God again blessed me with an unexpected \$100 bill (from a trivia contest). What a blessing it was for me to be able to pass that on to them. It was the first time I have been able to provide something for all of them that work with me.

10. St. Francis who lived in 1182 was well known for this poem. "Lord make me an instrument of your peace when there is hatred, let me so love, for it is in giving that we receive it is in parting that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

11. What a great tie into Proverbs 11:24 - "One person gives freely, yet gains more; another withholds what is right, only to become poor." King Solomon sadly only realized this at the end of his life how indicating how much time he wasted.

12. Ecclesiastes 1:12 – (CSB) I, the Teacher, have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. (13) I applied my mind to examine and explore through wisdom all that is done under heaven. God has given people this miserable task to keep them occupied. (14) I have seen all the things that are done under the sun and have found everything to be futile, a pursuit of the wind.

13. Ecclesiastes 2:25 - (CSB) because who can eat and who can enjoy life apart from him? (26) For to the person who is pleasing in his sight, he gives wisdom, knowledge, and joy;

14. Pastor Anthony and his wife, Karissa, were at a local restaurant a couple weeks ago on a Friday night when the staff had tragedy strike. One young cook had a seizure and died in the restaurant. They offered to stay with the staff, to pray for them and just offer presence. The staff welcomed them (multiple by personal confession who were "not religious") and they were able to offer emergency support. April, the Regional Store Director welcomed their presence and said, "How is it that a pastor and a professional counselor would be eating dinner in our restaurant when all this took place? This didn't happen by accident."

15. One young couple in our church is about to have a baby in January. Praise God for the blessing of children. Stop and remember that every child from conception is a gift from God. Every mother is a mother from the moment of conception. Every father is a father from the moment of conception.



16. One young couple, seeking pre-marital counseling from Pastor Anthony, is learning about God's true meaning for marriage and intimacy. They have beautiful love for each other and vulnerability that leads to authentic communication and honesty. They continue to learn how a man

humbly motivate a woman in a healthy way and how a woman can humbly motivate a man in a healthy way. They are preparing well for a lifelong marriage together. Pray God will bless their faithfulness to Him.

17. One family in our church is seeking pastoral guidance for help on how to respond to their daughter who told them she is in a relationship with a woman and planning to get married. Praise God they love their daughter. Praise God they are turning to the Scriptures for answers. Praise God they are turning to the church and fellow believers for help instead of isolating and feeling alone. Praise God they are understanding the Biblical instruction is for marriage between one man and one woman. God is with them and they are leaning heavily on God this season. God often uses pain and heartbreak to sanctify His children. Praise God He can bring good in spite of our sinfulness.

18. One woman in our church recently got to witness her 9-year old daughter accept Jesus as her Savior. Now her daughter is seeking baptism. God adds to His kingdom daily.

19. One homeless man came to FBC the day after Christmas because lots of stores were closed and many churches were also closed. We were able to provide him warm coffee, a plug to charge his phone, some food for breakfast, a couple gift cards for a couple more meals, and a homeless bag with basic essentials. He came with nothing but the clothes on his back and multiple people from FBC touched his life in a meaningful way because we were prepared for him that morning.

20. Many of our Christmas Shoe box gifts from our most recent Compassion Outreach event went to the country of Madagascar. Please keep praying for each child who received one of our boxes. Praise God He can build His kingdom through the shared Gospel and the gifts we give to each other.



21. Many in our church have chosen to send their kids to private Christian schools in the area to avoid some damaging immorality being displayed and taught in public schools today. These families are choosing to protect their children this way. Praise God for Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO) and the state of Arizona laws that allow people to make contributions to scholarship students for private school that become personal direct state tax credits towards state tax liability. This gives many church members a huge opportunity to designate their own tax dollars towards Christian education for other member's children. Many take advantage of this benefit and our children are blessed as a result.

**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

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

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

**January 22 – “Restoration of the Holiness of God – in Jesus”
(Ezekiel 36:16-38)**

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

**January 29 – “The Restoration of the Dead – In Jesus”
(Ezekiel 37:1-14)**

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

**February 5 – “Truth Will Prevail”
(Ezekiel 37:15-28)**

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

Sunday Evening Messages

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

**January 15 – “Faithful – The Ends Justify the Means”
(Romans 3:5-8) Pastor Matthew Downs**

**January 22 – “Faithful – Righteousness in the Flesh”
(Romans 3:9-26) Pastor Matthew Downs**

“Wisdom and Knowledge Cannot Save”

January 8, 2023
Pastor Matthew Downs

Ezekiel 34:1 – Then the word of the Lord came to me saying,

Ezekiel 34:2 – “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to those shepherds, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock?”’

Ezekiel 34:3 – “You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat sheep without feeding the flock.

Ezekiel 34:4 – “Those who are sickly you have not strengthened, the diseased you have not healed, the broken you have not bound up, the scattered you have not brought back, nor have you sought for the lost; but with force and with severity you have dominated them.

Ezekiel 34:5 – “They were scattered for lack of a shepherd, and they become food for every beast of the field and were scattered.

Ezekiel 34:6 – “My flock wandered through all the mountains and on every high hill; My flock was scattered over all the surface of the earth, and there was no one to search or seek for them.””

Ezekiel 34:7 – Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord:

Ezekiel 34:8 – “As I live,” declares the Lord God, “surely because My flock has become a prey, My flock has even become food for all the beasts of the field for lack of a shepherd, and My shepherds did not search for My flock, but rather the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock;

Ezekiel 34:9 – therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord:

Ezekiel 34:10 – ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will demand My sheep from them and make them cease from feeding sheep. So the shepherds will not feed themselves anymore, but I will deliver My flock from their mouth, so that they will not be food for them.””’

Ezekiel 34:11 – *For thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.*

Ezekiel 34:12 – *As a shepherd cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day.*

Ezekiel 34:13 – *“I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the streams, and in all the inhabited places of the land.*

Ezekiel 34:14 – *“I will feed them in a good pasture, and their grazing ground will be on the mountain heights of Israel. There they will lie down on good grazing ground and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.*

Ezekiel 34:15 – *“I will feed My flock and I will lead them to rest,” declares the Lord God.*

Ezekiel 34:16 – *“I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken and strengthen the sick; but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with judgment.*

Ezekiel 34:17 – *“As for you, My flock, thus says the Lord God, ‘Behold, I will judge between one sheep and another, between the rams and the male goats.*

Ezekiel 34:18 – *‘Is it too slight a thing for you that you should feed in the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pastures? Or that you should drink of the clear waters, that you must foul the rest with your feet?*

Ezekiel 34:19 – *‘As for My flock, they must eat what you tread down with your feet and drink what you foul with your feet!’”*

Ezekiel 34:20 – *therefore, thus says the Lord God to them, “Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.*

Ezekiel 34:21 – *“Because you push with side and with shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns until you have scattered them abroad,*

Ezekiel 34:22 – *therefore, I will deliver My flock, and they will not longer be a prey; and I will judge between one sheep and another.*

Ezekiel 34:23 – *“Then I will set over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he will feed the; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd.*

Ezekiel 34:24 – *“And I, the Lord, will be their God, and My servant David will be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.*

Ezekiel 34:25 – *“I will make a covenant of peace with them and eliminate harmful beasts from the land so that they may live securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.*

Ezekiel 34:26 – *“I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing. And I will cause showers to come down in their season; they will be showers of blessing.*

Ezekiel 34:27 – *“Also the tree of the field will yield its fruit and the earth will yield its increase, and they will be secure on their land. Then they will know that I am the Lord, when I have broken the bars of their yoke and have delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them.*

Ezekiel 34:28 – *“They will no longer be a prey to the nations, and the beasts of the earth will not devour them; but they will live securely, and no one will make them afraid.*

Ezekiel 34:29 – *“I will establish for them a renowned planting place, and they will not again be victims of famine in the land, and they will not endure the insults of the nations anymore.*

Ezekiel 34:30 – *“Then they will know that I, the Lord their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are My people,” declares the Lord God.*

Ezekiel 34:31 – *“As for you, My sheep, the sheep of My pasture, you are men, and I am your God,” declares the Lord God.*