

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 15-Job 40-42
January 16-Genesis 12-15
January 17-Genesis 16-18
January 18-Genesis 19-21
January 19-Genesis 22-24
January 20-Genesis 25-26
January 21-Genesis 27-29
January 22-Genesis 30-31

Birthdays


Hollyann Huver-Lange (1/15)
Meredith Lomeli (1/15)
James Sidabras (1/15)
Caleb Swanson (1/15)
LeeAnna Frisbie (1/18)
Malou Tribiana (1/19)
David Woodley (1/19)
Isabelle Brynsaas (1/20)
Scott Evans (1/21)

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 2023		
General Giving	Last Week	YTD (1/8)
Budget Plan	\$ 27,766	\$ 55,532
Giving (Donations)	\$ 20,419	\$ 20,419
	\$ -7,347 (Overage)	\$ -35,113 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (1/8)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,078	\$ 2,156
Giving (Donations)	\$ 939	\$ 939
	\$ -139 (Overage)	\$ -1,217 (Overage)
FP Expenses	\$ 00	\$ 00

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 712	\$ 484,504

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 of TEMPE

LOVE GOD PEOPLE

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

January 15, 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

Crown Him With Many Crowns
Welcome and Announcements
Come, Thou Almighty King
All Hail King Jesus
Prayer
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
“Restoration of the Land-In Jesus”

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

How Great Thou Art
Welcome and Announcements
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
Prayer
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
“Restoration of the Land-In Jesus”

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

Rejoice
Welcome and Announcements
Look What God Has Done
Crown Him With Many Crowns
He Will Hold Me Fast
Prayer
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
“Restoration of the Land-In Jesus”

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
“Restoration of the Land-In Jesus”

6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Welcome
God Is For Us
Same God
Prayer
Message-Pastor Matthew Downs
“Faithful-The Ends Justify the Means”

CIRA 2023 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	\$ 139,447.00
Giving-to-Date	\$ 1,575.00
OVER Budget	\$ 137,872.00

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 2023 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	\$ 413.00
Under Budget	\$ 149,587.00

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 15

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 noon-Lunch in the MAC
6:00 pm-Evening Worship Service

Monday, January 16

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

Tuesday, January 17

9:30 am-Women’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study
7:00 pm-Young Singles Group

Wednesday, January 18

5:30 pm-Young Families Group

Thursday, January 19

9:00 am-Tot Town
5:00 pm-Teen Music Hangout
6:00 pm-Teen Youth Group
6:30 pm-Women’s Ministry Thursday Evening Bible Study

Saturday, January 21

4:00 pm-Junior High and High School Teen Bowling

Consider These

*“I judge all things only by the price they shall gain in eternity.”
(John Wesley, English Evangelist and Founder of Methodism)*

*“I never would have been able to tithe the first million dollars I ever made if I had not tithed my first salary, which was \$1.50 per week.”
(John D. Rockefeller, Sr., American Industrialist and Philanthropist)*

*“No church ever has a money problem, only a faithfulness problem.”
(Brian Kluth, Pastor and Generosity Speaker and Author)*

Reflect

God will show you other giving opportunities worthy of your support . . .

- ✓ James 1:27 *The Christian who is pure and without fault, from God the Father’s point of view, is the one who takes care of orphans and widows, and who remains true to the Lord.*
- ✓ Job 29:12-13 *I rescued the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless who had none to assist him. The man who was dying blessed me; I made the widow’s heart sing.*
- ✓ Matthew 10:42 *And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.*

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

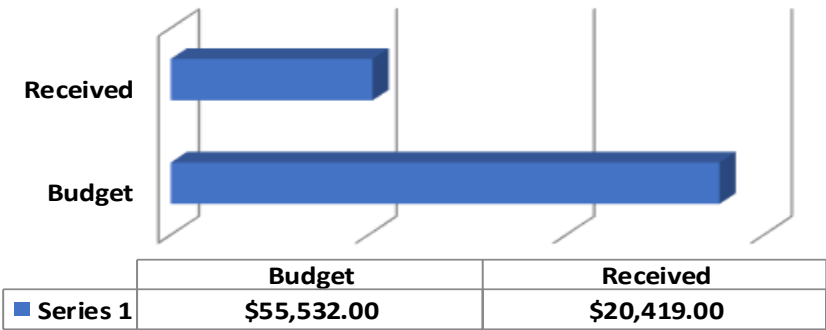
We appreciate your faithful giving to FBC and its ministries.

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
\$55,532.00
YTD Money Received
\$20,419.00
UNDER Budget
\$-35,113.00

2023 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 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



Study the Bible to be wise,
believe it to be safe, and
practice it to be holy!



(Birth through

6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story: Jonathan and David

Bible Point: I Can Share

Elementary

9:30 am Bible Story: The Bible is Our Guide

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 our Kid City teachers . . .

To walk in holiness and may their steps be ordered by You.



Awana Clubs

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

January 15 – No Club
January 22 – Awana Club

“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, March 11, 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 - 9:30 – 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!



I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart;
I will tell of all Your marvelous works.
I will be glad and rejoice in You;
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.
(Psalm 9:1-2)



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



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

To register text or call Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2395

5v5 Winner Stays On (depending on numbers)

There will be NO goal keepers

Open to anyone High School age or older

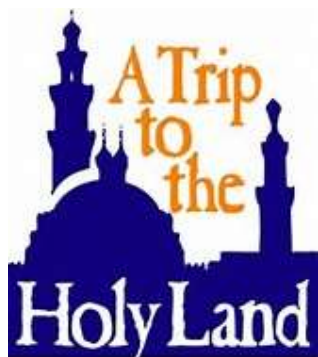
(age exceptions made on a case by case basis –
contact Pastor Anthony with any questions)

House Rules:

Must wear flats/running shoes (indoor sport court)

NO CLEATS AND NO TURF SHOES





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.**

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 to 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. The year 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 God's 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

can 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 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)

February 12 – “God Protects His People” (Ezekiel 38:1-39:29)

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

Sunday Evening Messages

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

Pastor Matthew Downs

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“Restoration of the Land – In Jesus”

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Ezekiel 35 and one-half of Ezekiel 36 is the story of our

_____ and God's _____

Humanity is in exile in two ways:

1. _____

2. _____

Bob, Kevin & Stuart are _____ from _____

Bob - _____ and Kevin - _____

and Stuart - _____

Ezekiel 35:1 – *Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me saying, (2) “Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir, and prophesy against it (3) and say to it, “Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am against you, Mount Seir, And I will stretch out My hand against you And make you a desolation and a waste. (4) “I will lay waste your cities And you will become a desolation. Then you will know that I am the Lord. (5) “Because you have had everlasting enmity and have delivered the sons of Israel to the power of the sword at the time of their calamity, at the time of the punishment of the end, (6) therefore as I live,” declares the Lord God, “I will give you over to bloodshed, and bloodshed will pursue you; since you have not hated bloodshed, therefore bloodshed will pursue you. (7) “I will make Mount Seir a waste and a desolation and I will cut off from it the one who passes through and returns. (8) “I will fill its mountains with its slain; on your hills and in your valleys and in all your ravines those slain by the sword will fall. (9) “I will make you an everlasting desolation and your cities will not be inhabited. Then you will know that I am the Lord. (10) “Because you have said, ‘These two nations and these two lands will be mine, and we will possess them,’ although the Lord was there, (11) therefore as I live,” declares the Lord God, “I will deal with you according to your anger and according to your envy which you showed because of your hatred against them; so I will make Myself known among them when I judge you. (12) “Then you will know that I, the Lord, have heard all your revilings which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel saying, ‘They are laid desolate; they are given to us for food.’ (13) “And you have spoken arrogantly against Me and have multiplied your words against Me; I have heard it.” (14) ‘Thus says the Lord God, “As all the earth rejoices, I will make you a desolation. (15) “As you rejoiced over the inheritance of the house of*

Israel because it was desolate, so I will do to you. You will be a desolation, O Mount Seir, and all Edom, all of it. Then they will know that I am the Lord.”

Ezekiel 36:1 – “And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel and say, ‘O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord. (2) ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Because the enemy has spoken against you, “Aha!” and, ‘The everlasting heights have become our possession,’ (3) therefore prophesy and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “For good reason they have made you desolate and crushed you from every side, that you would become a possession of the rest of the nations and you have been taken up in the talk and the whispering of the people.”’” (4) ‘Therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God. Thus says the Lord God to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the forsaken cities which have become a prey and a derision to the rest of the nations which are round about, (5) therefore, thus says the Lord God, “Surely in the fire of My jealousy I have spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom who appropriated My land for themselves as a possession with wholehearted joy and with scorn of soul, to drive it out for a prey.” (6) ‘Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel and say to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, “Thus says the Lord God, ‘Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My wrath because you have endured the insults of the nations.’ (7) “Therefore thus says the Lord God, ‘I have sworn the nations which are around you will themselves endure their insults. (8) ‘But you, O mountains of Israel, you will put forth your branches and bear your fruit for My people Israel; for they will soon come. (9) ‘For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you will be cultivated and sown. (10) ‘I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities will be inhabited and the waste places will be rebuilt. (11) ‘I will multiply on you man and beast; and they will increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited as you were formerly and will treat you better than at the first. Thus you will know that I am the Lord. (12) ‘Yes, I will cause men-My people Israel-to walk on you and possess you, so that you will become their inheritance and never again bereave them of children.’ (13) “Thus says the Lord God, ‘Because they say to you, “You are a devourer of men and have bereaved your nation of children,” (14) therefore you will no longer devour men and no longer bereave your nation of children,’ declares the Lord God. (15) “I will not let you hear insults from the nations anymore, nor will you bear disgrace from the peoples any longer, nor will you cause your nation to stumble any longer,” declares the Lord God.”

Getting a couple things straight

1. _____ belongs to God

2. God makes the _____ for how we are to _____ and _____ what He has given to us

Israel's History Points to Our Rebellion and God's Redemption

God is Working Our Deliverance from _____

Exile and _____ Exile through Jesus Christ

II Peter 3:8 – But do not let this one thing escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. (9) The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. (10) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. (11) Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, (12) looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! (13) But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. (14) Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless. (15) and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, (16) as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. (17) You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, (18) but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen

Five Ways I Should Live today, If I believe in Jesus Christ

1. _____ and _____
2. _____ - on the return of Jesus
3. _____ to be found by him in peace, spotless and blameless
4. _____ - to not be deceived
5. _____ in grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ