

### 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 29-Genesis 48-50  
January 30-Exodus 1-3  
January 31-Exodus 4-6  
February 1-Exodus 7-9  
February 2-exodus 10-12  
February 3-Exodus 13-15  
February 4-Exodus 16-18  
February 5-Exodus 19-21

### Birthdays

Nancy Rawls (1/30)  
Kent Reimer (1/31)  
Troy Malmin (2/1)  
Nico White (2/2)  
Todd Horton (2/3)  
Stuart Lange (2/3)  
Monty Molina (2/3)  
Jeff Warf (2/3)  
Alyssa Coleman (2/5)

### For Our Guests . . .

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

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

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



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

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

**For a complete listing of our Pastoral Staff and contact information, please visit our website at [fbc-tempe.org](http://fbc-tempe.org).**  
**You may also contact the Church Office at 480-839-0926.**

### Free Sermons

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

Free sermons by Pastor Roger and the other FBC Pastors are available to you on the FBC webpage at [www.fbc-tempe.org](http://www.fbc-tempe.org).

### Volunteer House Cleaners Needed at FBC

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

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



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

### Financial Update 2023

General Giving	Last Week	YTD (1/22)
Budget Plan	\$ 27,766	\$ 111,064
Giving (Donations)	\$ 12,749	\$ 45,894
	\$ -15,017 (Shortage)	\$ -65,170 (Shortage)
<b>GF Expenses</b>	\$ 12,810	\$ 68,098
<b>Faith Promise</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>YTD (1/22)</b>
Budget Plan	\$ 1,078	\$ 4,312
Giving (Donations)	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,952
	\$ 522 (Overage)	\$ -1,360 (Shortage)
<b>FP Expenses</b>	\$ 00	\$ 00

### Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 275	\$ 484,929

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

### How Do I Get Connected?

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



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CHURCH  TEMPE

WE  
LOVE  
GOD  
PEOPLE

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

**January 29, 2023**

4525 S. McClintock Drive  
Tempe, AZ 85282  
480-839-0926  
[fbc-tempe.org](http://fbc-tempe.org)  
Dr. Roger Ball, Senior Pastor

# Welcome to Worship

## 8:00 am-Traditional Worship

O Worship the King  
Welcome and Announcements  
There Is Power in the Blood  
Majesty  
Prayer  
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
“Restoration of the Dead-In Jesus”

## 9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

Choir  
God Is For Us  
Welcome and Announcements  
Our God  
Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me  
Prayer  
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
“Restoration of the Dead-In Jesus”

## 11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

Rejoice  
Welcome and Announcements  
The Gospel  
Before the Throne of God Above  
His Mercy Is More  
Prayer  
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
“Restoration of the Dead-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 Dead-In Jesus”

# 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	\$ 9,440.00
OVER Budget	\$ 130,007.00

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

# Church Plant 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	\$ 824.00
Under Budget	\$ 149,176.00

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

# This Week at FBC

## Sunday, January 29

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

## Monday, January 30

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

## Tuesday, January 31

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

## Wednesday, February 1

5:30 pm-Young Families Group

## Thursday, February 2

9:00 am-Tot Town  
6:30 pm-Women’s Ministry Thursday Evening Bible Study

## Saturday, February 4

5:00am-Church Hike  
8:00 am-Men’s Ministry Indoor Soccer Event

# 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

New 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)

**Christ-Like Marriage-Room 118**  
(Couples All Ages)

# Online Donation

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

# Help FBC Meet Its Budget

We appreciate your faithful giving to FBC and its ministries.

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

We need \$27,766.00 each week to meet our budget.

YTD Money Needed
\$111,064.00
YTD Money Received
\$45,894.00
UNDER Budget
\$-65,170.00

## 2023 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
■ Series 1	\$111,064.00	\$45,894.00



## Sunday Lunch in the MAC

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

**January 29** – No Lunch

**February 5** – Traditional Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetables, Rolls and Butter, Salad Bar and Dessert

**February 12** – No Lunch

**February 19** – Ham Mac and Cheese with Buttered Breadcrumbs, Vegetables, Salad Bar and Dessert

**February 26** – Pasta Alfredo and Meatballs, Vegetables, Garlic Toast, Salad Bar and Dessert



(Birth through

6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### **Preschool and Kindergarten**

***Bible Story:*** Job's Friends

***Bible Point:*** I Can Be a Friend

### **Elementary**

***9:30 am Bible Story:*** Jesus Is Fully God

***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 students . . .***

that they would follow Your plan for their lives and use their talents, abilities and spiritual gifts.



### **Awana Clubs**

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

January 29 – No Club  
February 5 – 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, 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](mailto:ajbachman7@hotmail.com)





## Online Giving

***Have you ever considered using online donations to make your contributions to FBC?***

### Online Giving . . .

- Helps you plan your offerings as a percentage of your income (I Corinthians 16:2).
- Is easy, convenient and secure.
- Supports the ministry program at FBC, just like your plate offerings do.

Would you like to give online? Go to the FBC webpage at [www.fbc-tempe.org](http://www.fbc-tempe.org) and click on "Donations" and follow the directions. If you need assistance contact Pam Rosendale at 480-839-0926.



## Serving Helpers and Cooking Helpers Needed

- ***Serving Help is needed in Skylight Café*** on Sundays at 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am – Contact Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2394 or at the Church Office at 480-839-0926
- ***Serving Help is needed at Lunch in the MAC*** on Sundays at 12:00 pm – Contact Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2394 or at the Church Office at 480-839-0926
- ***A Cooking Assistance is needed on Sundays for Lunch Preparation*** – Contact Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2394 or at the Church Office at 480-839-0926
- ***Individuals are needed to help Wash Dishes on Sundays following Lunch*** – Contact Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2394 or at the Church Office at 480-839-0926



## Invite Someone To Worship

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

# Tactics in Defending the Faith

By Gregory Koukl, Stand to Reason

**Starting Date** – Sunday, February 12, in The Hood Class

**FBC Location and Time** - Room 107/108, 11:00 am

This course will help you master the art of maneuvering in conversations, particularly ones with non-believers on topics related to faith. It will train you in basic, simple techniques that will equip you to:

- Initiate conversations easily.
- Stop challengers in their tracks and turn the tables.
- Graciously and effectively expose faulty thinking.
- Maneuver through mine fields.
- Present the truth clearly, cleverly, and persuasively.

These tactics are easy to learn. Anyone can benefit from this class.

Each session will include video instruction from Greg Koukl, practical examples, class discussion, and situational exercises. This is not a lecture. It will be a fun, interactive class that you are sure to enjoy.

For more information contact Greg Jones at [gregj757@gmail.com](mailto:gregj757@gmail.com), 480-205-8801

## 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!

**Women's Luncheon with Erica Wiggernhorn**

**Date** – Saturday, April 22

**Time** – 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Cost - \$15.00 each

(reserve a whole table for \$60.00 – 6 chairs)

Reservations can be made at the Women's Ministry Table  
starting the first week of February





## 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](http://www.Griefshare.org)



## Christlike Marriage Class . . .

**Date and Time** - Starting Sunday, February 5  
(for nine weeks) at 11:00 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

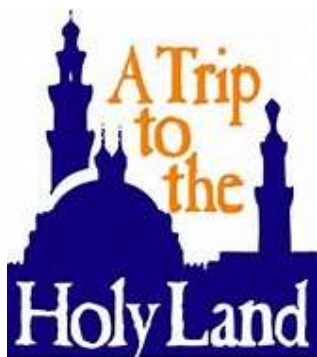
(age exceptions made on a case by case basis –  
contact Pastor Anthony with any questions)

### **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.**



## Join the FBC family as an official member!

**Welcome!** As a member you will be involved in approving the annual budget and voting on actions the Church Board brings to the congregation. To be a member, here's what you need to do:

- 1) *Write "membership" on an Orange Card and drop it in the offering plate or call the Church Office at 480-839-0926. You will then be contacted by one of our Pastors.*
- 2) *You need to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and share it with one of the pastors.*

After you have shared your testimony with a pastor, you will be presented to the congregation on a Sunday morning in the future. An official friend will help you become acquainted with FBC.



## God's Love . . .

God's love does not hinge on yours. The abundance of your love does not increase His. The lack of your love does not diminish His. Your goodness does not enhance His love, nor does your weakness dilute it.

God loves you simply because He has chosen to do so.

He loves you when you do not feel lovely.

He loves you when no one else loves you.

Others may abandon you, divorce you and ignore you, but God will love you. Always. No matter what.

A Love Worth Giving

This is what real love is:  
It is not our love for God; it is God's love  
for us in sending His Son  
to be the way to take away our sins.  
(John 4:10)



# Resurrection Sunday

## Celebrate Easter at FBC

**Easter Sunday, April 19**

***8:00 am – Worship Service in the Worship Center***

***9:30 am – Worship Service in the Worship Center***

***11:00 am – Upper Room Service in the Loft***

**11:00 am – Worship Service in the Worship Center**

**Special Children's Program at 9:30 and 11:00 am  
in Kid City for children grade 6 and younger.**

**Youth are encouraged to attend the 9:30 am  
Service in the Worship Center with Pastor Scott.**

### ***FREE Breakfast Buffet in the MAC from 7:00 to 10:30 am***

Scrambled Eggs with Cheese, Rosemary Roasted  
Potatoes, Bacon and Sausage Links, Cinnamon  
French Toast, Vanilla Sour Cream Pancakes,  
and Assorted Breakfast Pastries





### ***FREE Brunch/Lunch in the MAC from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm***

Cheese Tortellini with Sausage Bolognese,  
Florentine Omelet "Bake" with Spinach, Tomato,  
Fresh Mozzarella, Potato, Cheese and Egg,  
Rosemary Roasted Potatoes, Sweet and Sour Meatballs,  
Green Curry Meatballs with Cilantro and Scallions,  
Italian Chicken Cutlets with Fresh Tomato Sauce  
and Parmesan, Cookies, Brownies and Assorted Pastries

### ***Beverage Station Served All Day***

Coffee, Juice, Flavored Water

# 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 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



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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.



20. 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  
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## **Sunday Mornings Messages**

**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)**

**February 19 – “Understanding the End of Ezekiel”  
(Ezekiel 40:1-48:35)**

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

**February 26 – “Understanding the End of Ezekiel”  
(Ezekiel 40:1-48:35)**

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

## **Sunday Evening Messages**

**January 29 – No PM Service**

**February 5 – “Faithful – Father of All Nations”  
(Romans 4:9-17) Pastor Matthew Downs**

**February 12 – No PM Service**

**February 19 – “Faithful – Unwavering Faith”  
(Romans 4:18-25) Pastor Matthew Downs**

# **“Restoration of the Dead – In Jesus”**

January 29, 2023  
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

*Ezekiel 37:1 – The hand of the Lord was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones.*

*Ezekiel 37:2 – He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley; and lo, they were very dry.*

*Ezekiel 37:3 – He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, You know.”*

*Ezekiel 37:4 – Again He said to me, “Prophecy over these bones and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.’”*

*Ezekiel 37:5 – “Thus says the Lord God to these bones, ‘Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life.*

*Ezekiel 37:6 – ‘I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the Lord.’”*

Ezekiel 37:7 – *So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone.*

Ezekiel 37:8 – *And I looked, and behold sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them.*

Ezekiel 37:9 – *Then He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God, “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life,””*

Ezekiel 37:10 – *So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.*

Ezekiel 37:11 – *Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off.’*

Ezekiel 37:12 – *“Therefore prophesy and say to them, Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel.*

Ezekiel 37:13 – *“Then you will know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people.*

Ezekiel 37:14 – *“I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken and done it,” declares the Lord.”*