

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

February 5-Exodus 19-21
February 6-Exodus 22-24
February 7-Exodus 25-27
February 8-Exodus 28-29
February 9-Exodus 30-32
February 10-Exodus 33-35
February 11-exodus 36-38
February 12-Exodus 30-40

Birthdays

Alyssa Coleman (2/5)
Peggy Baird (2/10)

For Our Guests . . .

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

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

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



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

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

For a complete listing of our Pastoral Staff and contact information, please visit our website at fbc-tempe.org.
You may also contact the Church Office at 480-839-0926.

Free Sermons

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

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

Volunteer House Cleaners Needed at FBC

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

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



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

Financial Update 2023

General Giving	Last Week	YTD (1/29)
Budget Plan	\$ 27,766	\$ 138,830
Giving (Donations)	\$ 32,489	\$ 78,383
	\$ 4,723 (Overage)	\$ -60,447 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 39,396	\$ 107,494
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (1/29)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,078	\$ 5,390
Giving (Donations)	\$ 360	\$ 3,312
	\$ -718 (Shortage)	\$ -2,078 (Shortage)
FP Expenses	\$ 2,201	\$ 2,201

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 120	\$ 485,049

Please continue to give to help reduce our long-term Legacy debt of approximately \$708,671.85
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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February 5, 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

Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus
Welcome and Announcements
Grace Greater Than Our Sin
My Faith Has Found a Resting Place
Prayer
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
"Truth Will Prevail"

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

Your Grace Is Enough
Welcome and Announcements
No One Higher
Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me
Prayer
Choir
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
"Truth Will Prevail"

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

Look What God Has Done
Welcome and Announcements
Your Glory
Abide
It Is Well With My Soul
Prayer
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
"Truth Will Prevail"

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
"Truth Will Prevail"

6:00 pm-Worship Service

Welcome
Grace Alone
'Tis So Sweet
Holy Holy Holy
Prayer
Message-Pastor Matthew Downs
"Faithful-Father of All Nations"

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	\$ 11,695.00
OVER Budget	\$ 127,752.00

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	\$ 1,302.00
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. Make out all checks to FBC earmarked "Church Plant."

This Week at FBC

Sunday, February 5

8:00 am-Traditional Worship
8:00 am-Adult Bible Class
9:30 am-Contemporary Worship
9:30 am-Kid City Children's Classes
9:30 am-Teen Bible Class
9:30 am-Adult Bible Classes
11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship
11:00 am-Acoustic Praise and Worship
11:00 am-Kid City Children's Classes
11:00 am-Adult Bible Classes
12:00 pm-Lunch in the MAC
12:15 pm-Men's Ministry Leadership Team Meeting
5:45 pm-Awana Club
6:00 pm-Evening Worship Service

Monday, February 6

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

Tuesday, February 7

9:30 am-Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Thursday, February 9

5:00 pm-Teen Music Hangout
6:00 pm-Teen Youth Group
6:30 pm-Women's Ministry Thursday Evening Bible Study
7:00 pm-Finance Committee Meeting

Consider These

"When we give to God, we are just taking our hands off what already belongs to Him."

"Give to God what is right-not what is left."

"Some people give God a tenth-a tenth of what ought to give."

"You should give according to your income, lest God make your income according to your giving."

Reflect

Seven keys to learning to live a generous open-handed life . . .

- ✓ **SUBMIT** yourself and all you have to the Lord.
- ✓ **STUDY** the Scriptures on finances and generosity.
- ✓ **SEE** what God has provided in your life.
- ✓ **SET ASIDE** resources to give.
- ✓ **SYSTEMATICALLY** give.
- ✓ **SPONTANEOUSLY** give as the Lord leads you.
- ✓ **SIMPLIFY** your life to be even more generous.

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 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
\$138,830.00
YTD Money Received
\$78,383.00
UNDER Budget
\$-60,447.00

2023 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
■ Series 1	\$138,830.00	\$78,383.00



Sunday Lunch in the MAC

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

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

6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story: Peter In Jail

Bible Point: I Can Be a Friend

Elementary

9:30 am Bible Story: Jesus Is Fully Man

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 that Kid City would be a place . . .

where God would be worshiped, praised and adored.

Awana Clubs

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

February 5 – Club Night

February 12 – No 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, March 4, 4:00 – 8:00 pm

Location – Second Water Trail – Superstition Mountain
(Moderate – 5 Miles – 458 Feet Elevation)

Bring: water, snacks, layers and flashlight

This trail will lead to the desert valley behind Weavers Needle.

Enjoy the desert during the sunset.

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

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, 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

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).



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.



Reserve Your Spot NOW and Experience the Holy Land

Join Pastor Roger and Dianna as they lead you on a ten-day trip of a lifetime to the Holy Land – **March 6-16, 2024.**

A trip to the Holy Land is a powerful journey that can ignite your Christian faith through seeing the places Jesus walked, worked miracles, died and rose from the dead. Here are just a few reasons why you should visit Jerusalem and the Holy Land:

- You will learn that the city where Christ sacrificed Himself on the cross is a real place.
- Visiting the Holy Land will give you a better sense of what is written in the Bible.
- To understand the disciples as fishers of men, you need to visit and take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.
- While on this trip you will connect with God and your faith in ways you can't at home.
- Did you know that the Dead Sea is the lowest place on Earth?
- While visiting the Western Wall you will have the opportunity to leave a prayer note tucked in the wall.

☐ **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.**

Resurrection Sunday

Celebrate Easter at FBC

Easter Sunday, April 9

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

Ezekiel

Upcoming AM Sermons

February 12 – “God Protects His People”

Ezekiel 38:1-39:29 Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

February 19 – “Understanding the End of Ezekiel”

Ezekiel 40:1-48:35 Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

February 26 – “The Temple and The Entrance of the Presence of God”

Ezekiel 40:1-43:12 Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

March 5 – “The Everlasting Worship of God”

Ezekiel 43:12-46:24 Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

March 12 – “Healing of the Land – God Keeps His Promises”

Ezekiel 47:1-48:29 Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

March 19 – “The Lord Is There”

Ezekiel 48:30-35 Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

Upcoming PM Sermons

February 19 – “Faithful – Unwavering Faith”

Romans 4:18-25 PIT Tom Croke

February 26 – “Rejoice – Peace Through Grace”

Romans 5:1-2 PIT Tom Croke

March 5 – “Rejoice – Suffering”

Romans 5:3-5 PIT Tom Croke

March 12 – “Rejoice – Reconciliation”

Romans 5:6-11 PIT Tom Croke

March 19 – “Rejoice – The Free Gift”

Romans 5:12-21 Pastor Peter Molina

Romans

Praising God in February 2023



1. Good friends of FBC have an estranged son that they have not heard from in quite a while. He was living out of state, but a couple of weeks ago he showed up at an AZ Motor Vehicle Department that just happened to have one of our FBC members working at. She was able to connect with him and relay back to his mom and dad that he is living back in AZ and physically ok. Praising God for providing them with reassurance!

2. He started coming to the 6:00 pm service during the summer. Looking to reconnect with God amidst debilitating depression coming from various other personal issues, he found what he was looking for - a willing ear to listen to his story. After telling his story to an FBC pastor that night, he started attending a morning service and Sunday school. As he became closer to God, he also felt even more attacks from the enemy. Through the various ministries of FBC as well as council from a Christian friend, he is now doing much better. The depression comes and goes but he now has a firm foundation in Jesus. For 2023, his goal is "to help people in the same way this church helped me."

3. He started attending the 6:00 pm service and was so thankful that FBC offered a night service that worked with his work schedule. When the school year came, he brought his son to attend Awana while he worshipped. During the fall God put it on his heart that he needed a career change - he felt he wasn't moving forward in life and becoming stagnant. It was scary. God was calling him to leave the only profession he had known and a place of employment that he had comfortably worked at for many years. What was even scarier was that God was calling him into a line of work that he knew nothing about and was blindly jumping into. With counsel from an FBC pastor, he decided to go in for an interview. In the interview he told the interviewer that he was a Christian and they said that they appreciated that. He got a call right away that they wanted him for the job. After leaving his old job and a week of training for the new job, he is enjoying himself immensely and thanks God for pushing him in this new, exciting direction.

4. Our FBC children collected \$600.00 to help send our Missionaries Ryan & Shelby Webb and family, back to Papua New Guinea, an island north of Australia.

5. Kid City has 48 dedicated leaders who are doing Kingdom work every Sunday.

6. This year my wife and I have been working with a single mom (young adult). She would come to church without a Bible. My wife gifted her one and since then she's been coming to church with that Bible and has read through Genesis. We have befriended her and our children have become close friends. We've also been of assistance in her struggles as a single mother. God has blessed us and her with friendship and we've been able to disciple her. FBC has also blessed her family - she told us she was able to provide for her children during Christmas.



7. This year the church plant has hosted and conducted a series of Bible studies and social gatherings (fellowship activities). Through these studies and gatherings, we have established multiple friendships and helped people in their walk with God. Even those who didn't know God are starting to seek Him. Two people were able to be baptized and others are diving deeper into the Bible. Throughout this experience of hosting and teaching the studies, my son has opened his heart and mind to the will and way of God and is wanting to do kids Bible studies. These Bible studies have become an impact on adults as well as children who attend, as both adults and children are wanting more Bible studies and or gatherings.

8. Back in August, a teenager, resident of the Town of Guadalupe, was gunned down. He was a student at Marcos de Niza High School. The friends and family of the teen had set-up a memorial near the site where the boy was killed. Trish and I felt the need to go to that memorial and offer prayer. Trish put material together, including Bibles to hand out. Myself and another went and spoke to a family and prayed over them. The family we spoke to knew the boy personally and were very grateful we were there. They were comforted in their moment of grief.

9. Earlier this year the church plant hosted an outdoor Easter service. Through this event at Kiwanis Park we were able to share our testimonies at the end of the service with a homeless person who ended up receiving Christ. We also met two families who we invited to our Bible studies. They showed up, and one family has remained with us. It was also great to see the volunteers who attend the church plant Bible studies engage in acts of service and sharing Christ with strangers at the Easter service.

10. During 2022 it has been such a huge blessing to see people give to the church plant. It is heartwarming to hear testimonies from donors of why they feel called to donate. Their feelings line up to why my wife and I said "Yes" to church planting in the first place. It is amazing to see people from

all walks of life coming together to give for the expansion of the Kingdom. Every gift is a miracle that only God can orchestrate.

11. The youth were previously on a waitlist for Summer Camp in Glorieta, New Mexico, but were recently able to fully lock in spots due to a policy change that allowed for more students. This is one of the premier camps in the southwest, and a favorite of our students!

12. We received a ton of positive feedback on the Christmas Eve services. People enjoyed the special food, the wide range of music from traditional to contemporary, the unique and fun preaching, the worship center décor, and the gifts for children.



13. We had a large number of volunteers dedicate hours and hours to band rehearsals, food preparation and service, cleanup, candles, tech, and many more positions to make Christmas Eve a success. FBC and visitors were blessed tremendously by their service to Jesus.

14. Our youth group has been excited about the possibility of doing more short-term mission work, and have been requesting to go on a trip soon. There are three potential trips in the works, which may start to come to fruition in 2023.

15. Can you see God at work? One person writes, "It was interesting to note that when I did the self-assessments within *The Dark Side of Leadership* that I have a dominant characteristic of being Codependent. I suspect that is not uncommon being an adult child of a violent alcoholic (and I was the scapegoat of the family). It was interesting when I recently read the book *Adult Children of Alcoholics* to find just how accurately it defined the relationships that merge in that environment. It's also been interesting for me to identify how the personality traits that have resulted my being successful are, in many ways, also my weaknesses. Looking back, the Lord blessed me by exposing me to His redemptive grace through the Youth Ministry and fellowship at FBCT. That's why I stated that FBCT is my happy place last Sunday. But it's more than the memories of FBCT, and more about spending time praying and contemplating the things of the Spirit. I think the two go hand-in-hand and when I neglect the Spiritual side of my life, I drift towards my own dark side."

16. Reverence for God leads to peace. People need the Lord. One person said, "It is strange that California has the most rigid gun laws in the nation yet they have many mass shootings and killings and this happens and happens and happens. Gun policy experts said that a national culture that accepts routine violence, combined with an inability to enforce gun

**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

**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 – “The Temple and The Entrance of the
Presence of God” (Ezekiel 40:1-43:12)**

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

**March 5 – “The Everlasting Worship of God”
(Ezekiel 43:12-46:24)**

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

Sunday Evening Messages

**February 5 – “Faithful – Father of All Nations”
(Romans 4:9-17) PIT Tom Croke**

February 12 – No PM Service

**February 19 – “Faithful – Unwavering Faith”
(Romans 4:18-25) PIT Tom Croke**

**February 26 – “Rejoice – Peace Through Grace”
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“Truth Will Prevail”

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Ezekiel 37:15 – *The word of the Lord came again to me saying,*

Ezekiel 37:16 – *“And you, son of man, take for yourself one stick and write on it, ‘For Judah and for the sons of Israel, his companions;’ then take another stick and write on it, ‘For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel, his companions.’”*

Ezekiel 37:17 – *“Then join them for yourself one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand.”*

Ezekiel 37:18 – *“When the sons of your people speak to you saying, ‘Will you not declare to us what you mean by these?’”*

Ezekiel 37:19 – *say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will put them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand.”’”*

Ezekiel 37:20 – *“The sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.”*

Ezekiel 37:21 – *“Say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;”’*

Ezekiel 37:22 – *and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king will be king for all of them; and they will no longer be two nations and no longer be divided into two kingdoms.*

Ezekiel 37:23 – *“They will no longer defile themselves with their idols, or with their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. And they will be My people, and I will be their God.*

Ezekiel 37:24 – *“My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and observe them.*

Ezekiel 37:25 – *“They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons’ sons, forever; and David My servant will be their prince forever.*

Ezekiel 37:26 – *“I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever.*

Ezekiel 37:27 – *“My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.*

Ezekiel 37:28 – *“And the nations will know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever.””*

Ephesians 4:1 – Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

Ephesians 4:2 – with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love,

Ephesians 4:3 – being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:4 – There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

Ephesians 4:5 – one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Ephesians 4:6 – one God and father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:7 – But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.