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

May 21-II Samuel 22-23, Psalm 57
May 22-Psalm 95, 97-99
May 23-I Chronicles 21-22
II Samuel 24
May 24-Psalm 30, 108-110
May 25-I Chronicles 23-25
May 26-Psalm 138-139, 143-145
May 27-I Chronicles 26-29
Psalm 127
May 28-Psalm 111-118

Birthdays

Andy Anderson (5/22)

Julie Eggleston (5/22)

Addison Steil (5/22)

Nhim Nguyen (5/25)

Noah Burgess (5/26)

Lynette Humes (5/26)

Chase Reynolds (5/27)

Randy Shilling (5/28)

Joy Smith (5/28)

Epi Padilla (5/23) Colby Horton (5/24)

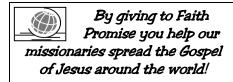
Joy Getz (5/22)

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!



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		YT	YTD (5/14)	
Budget Plan	\$	27,766	\$	555,320	
Giving (Donations)	\$	86,709	\$	450,333	
	\$	58,943	\$	-104,987	
	(0	Overage)	(S	Shortage)	
GF Expenses	\$	3,448	\$	415,410	
Faith Promise	Las	st Week	ΥT	D (5/14)	
Budget Plan	\$	1,078	\$	21,560	
Giving (Donations)	\$	1,295	\$	15,828	
8 (1 1)	\$	217	\$	-5,732	
	(C	Overage)	(Shortage)	
FP Expenses	\$	00	\$	15,112	

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 1,143	\$ 515,154

Please continue to give to help reduce our long-term Legacy debt of approximately \$658,606.24 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 Dianna. If you would like to attend our next Welcome

Lunch please contact the Church Office by calling 480-839-0926.





SGOD PEOPLE

Accepting, loving and challenging people with God's truth

May 21, 2023

4525 S. McClintock Drive Tempe, AZ 85282 480-839-0926 fbc-tempe.org Dr. Roger Ball, Senior Pastor

Welcome to Worship

8:00 am-Traditional Worship

Standing on the Promises Welcome and Announcements Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee Holy Holy Holy Prayer Message-Al Fadi "Faith, Love, Hope, Truth, Fruit"

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

Choir Welcome and Announcements **Great Things** Who You Say I Am Raise a Hallelujah Prayer Message-Al Fadi "Faith, Love, Hope, Truth, Fruit"

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

Doxology **Grace Alone** Welcome and Announcements Only Jesus Christ Lord I Need You He Will Hold Me Fast Prayer Message-Al Fadi "Faith, Love, Hope, Truth, Fruit"

6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Welcome Always This Is Our God Message-Pastor Peter Molina "Hope-New Creation"

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 \$ 47,825.00 \$ 91,622.00 **Under Budget**

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@CIRAInternational.com. Make out all checks to FBC earmarked "CIRA."

Church Plant 2023

of January-February 2022.

Annual Budget

Giving-to-Date

Under Budget

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

Financial Need

The FBC Church Plant in Guadalupe

along with Peter and Trisha Molina,

would like to say thank you for your

support and contributions which ena-

ble 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."

\$ 150,000.00

\$ 17,356.00

\$ 132,644.00

Update

9:30 am-Kid City Children's Classes

11:00 am-Adult Bible Classes

12:00 pm-Lunch in the MAC

1:00 pm-SunSplash Event

6:00 pm-Evening Worship Service

7:00 pm-Parents of Addicted Loved Ones

Tuesday, May 23

7:00 pm-Young Singles Group

This Week at FBC

Sunday, May 21

8:00 am-Traditional Worship

8:00 am-Adult Bible Class

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

9:30 am-Teen Bible Class

9:30 am-Adult Bible Classes

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

11:00 am-Kid City Children's Classes

Monday, May 22

6:30 am-Men's Bible Study

Consider These

"Think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege." (John D. Rockefeller, Jr., American Industrialist and Philanthropist)

Wednesday, May 24

Saturday, May 27

8:30 am-Indoor Soccer

5:30 pm-Young Families Group

"Generosity is to materialism what kryptonite is to Superman." (Lloyd Shadrach, Pastor and Author)

"Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left." (Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Roman Catholic Bishop)

Reflect

Reflect . . .

The Apostle Paul says we are to live for God each day. Albert Einstein says we are to live for others. How do you think these two things work together, like the wings of a bird in flight?

Prayer . . .

Heavenly Father, we dedicate all we are and all we have to you on this day as living sacrifices. Help us to show and share your love with others today. Amen

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

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

Library News

Brinn.

New Books and DVD's are out and on the shelves of the FBC Library!

- "River of Mercy" by B.J. Hoff
- "Hijacked Emotions" by Randy Carl-
- "Where Do We Go From Here" by **Dr. Randy Carlson**

Stop by and check them 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 118** (Ladies 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

Nurserv-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)

> The Cure-Room 106 (Men Only)

GriefShare-Room 104

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.

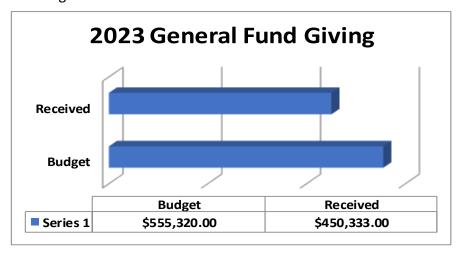
God is doing many good things at our church. Pray for the economy in America.

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

YTD Money Needed \$555,320.00 YTD Money Received

\$450,333.00

UNDER Budget \$-104,987.00





Sunday Lunch in the MAC

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

May 21 – Cheese Manicotti Basil Alfredo, Garlic Toast, Vegetables, Caesar Salad, Salad Bar and Dessert

May 28 – FBC Burger Bar with Variety of Toppings, Sides, Salad Bar and Dessert

Happiness will never come to those who fail to appreciate what they already have.



(Birth through

6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story: Creation **Bible Point:** Picture Purpose

Elementary

9:30 am Bible Story: God Gives Us the 10 Commandments **11:00 am Bible Story:** God Gives Us the 10 Commandments

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 . . .

As they serve, lead and instruct in this building.

Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible.

"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.



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.



All Church Hike

Date and Time – Saturday, June 3, 6:00 am to 3:00 pm Location – Tom Moody Loop (Picture Canyon) Flagstaff (Easily Moderate – 4.2 Miles – 360 Feet Elevation)

Bring: water, snacks, sunscreen, change of footwear

Beautiful trail hidden on the east side of Flagstaff. We will hike the trail through a meadow, with a creek that flows into a slot canyon creating awesome waterfall. After the hike, the group will enjoy lunch together in Flagstaff before heading back to the valley.

Meet at FBC-Tempe (US60 and McClintock)
For more information, contact Adam Bachman at 480-363-5570 or at ajbachman7@hotmail.com



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



GriefShare Support Group In-Person

Help and encouragement following the death of a loved one GriefShare Weekly Seminars -

Sunday, April 16 – July 9, 10:45 am, FBC Room 104 For registration information, contact Teresa Kovac at 732-319-5533 or visit www.Griefshare.org



HELP Needed in Skylight Café!

Skylight Café will be closed on the 5th Sunday of each month until we can find a team to run the Café for that Sunday.

,·-	-	I would like more information on working in Skylight Café!
		Name
		Cell Phone Number
		Email Address
		Please tear off and place in Offering Plate!



Date - TODAY May 21 *Time* – 1:00 to 5:00 pm Cost - \$20.00 per person Be watching for details!

Happiness is in the heart, not in the circumstances.





FBC is Looking for Volunteers for our Security Team . . .

Would you be willing to be the eyes and ears of FBC on our Security Team?

Help is needed on:

- Sunday Mornings,
- Sunday Evenings,
- Week Nights and Weekends at FBC

on serving as a part of the FBC Security Team.
Name
Days and Times Available
Email Address
Cell Phone Number
For information tear off this form

and drop in the offering plate!

I am interested in receiving information



Reserve Your Spot NOW and Experience the Holy Land in 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.

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

Michael Alling	Jerri Cornils	Catherine Sommer
Erin Alling	Krysti Coursey	David Sommer
Betty Alling	Michael Coursey	Lindsay Stevens
Hope Alling	Paul David	Anne Stirber
Faith Alling	Austin Erwin	Mike Stirber
Adam Bachman	Brian Fulmer	Jessie Stoel
Laura Bachman	Jennifer Harper	Tim Stoel
Kelly Bachman	Marianne Maiden	Tom Strickland
Bruce Baird	Christine Martin	Shannon Strickland
Dianna Ball	Auri Quintana	Mike Trump, Jr.
Roger Ball	Doresia Salgado	Trina Trump
Leticia Beltran	Rafael Salgado	Jose Ulloa
Jon Brecke	Nancy Shepherd	Irma Ulloa
Michelle Canady	Rosco Smith	Karissa Whitlatch
Randy Canady		

,	Yes, I/We are interested in visiting the Holy Land with Pastor Roger and Dianna
Signed	
Telephone	Number
Email Addr	ess
	For more information tear off this form



We are turning the summer upside down with Wacky Wednesday.
Join us for one
Wednesday
or come for all.

3 year old's - 5th graders

June 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

FREE | SPACE IS LIMITED

Registation & Info: fbc-tempe.org

Men's Ministry - Indoor Pick-Up Soccer

Date and Time – Saturday, May 27 and June 3, 8:30 am to 10:00 am (Doors open at 8:00 am for warm-up)

Location – FBC Gymnasium

Must register by texting Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2395

Open to men and women 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

Upcoming Men's Event . . .

Men's ONLY Camping -

Dates – Friday – Saturday, August 11-13

Location – Sharp Creek Campground (east of Payson)

Cost - \$45.00 per person

(includes meals and camp sight)

Registration deadline is Sunday, July 16.

Register at the Men's Ministry Table or text Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2395.

Giving to Others

Most of us grew up hearing the golden rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." God pushes His children beyond their person back yards to a "global" golden rule. Linked by satellites, computers, television and jet travel, we know of worlds beyond our small one. But with knowledge comes responsibility: Personal, national and global costs skyrocket when we knowingly do wrong or purposely withhold our help. To obey God's "global" golden rule is to love as God loves. Giving God's love never harms the giver or the recipient.

You make a world of difference as you obey God's "global" golden rule.

Jan Carlberg "The Hungry Heart"



"TELLING YOURSELF THE TRUTH"

Three benefits for taking this class:

- Identify the negative and replace it with the truth
- Make better choices for behavior and better outcomes for life
- Identify God's plan and purpose for your life

Eight Sunday Classes – How to Stop Negative Talk

- Jeremiah 29:1 Stop lying to yourself.
- Proverbs 23:7 Feelings. Thoughts. Attitudes. Beliefs. Behavior. Outcome.
- 3. **Proverbs 3:23** Defeating automatic negative thoughts.
- 4. **Proverbs 29:11** Fact faith feeling train. Guide your behavior by the outcome of positive decisions
- 5. **Romans 7:15-25** True self verses false self. Letting people see me or hiding.
- 6. **I Timothy 5:5** Your past and your relatives and the event of your life affect you today.
- 7. **Jude 1:16** The drama triangle victim role how to get off of it.

Please tear off and place in Offering Plate!

8. **Jeremiah 29:11** – Know yourself and understand God's plan for your life

	I would like more information on this upcoming class "Telling Yourself the Truth"
N	ame
Ce	ll Phone Number
Em	ail Address

Class will meet at 11:00 am on Sundays.

Start date has not been determined.



Our Information is Incomplete Without YOU!

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

Name			
Address			
City, State, Zip_			
Home Phone			
Cell Phone			
E-mail address_			
Birthdate			
Children's Nam	es and Birth Da	ates	
Are you a:			
	sitor	Regular Attender	Member

May 2023 God Stories



1. "Think and feel by faith the goodness and power of God not the fear of self and others." I said this to a young adult man with way too much stress and anxiety over many things he has no control over. I said, "When you submit to what God wants your fear, anxiety and stress melts away.

When you ignore God and become a control freak you make yourself an idol. Self-worship is easy to do, just think and feel as if God has no power. Tell yourself the lie, "You know what is best, God does not."

- 2. Ericka, one of our missionaries was asked, "What top two things as a missionary should you never forget?" Ericka said, "I am joining God in what He wants to do. It is not about my plans, but His. It is a marathon, not a sprint. Just as God does not give up on us, we should not give up on people. We are called to love people in the hard places."
- 3. Never stop asking God for help says missionary Ryan Webb. "Today we went to the dentist in Papua New Guinea. They asked how we heard about them and why we came. Anyways, whoever knows me well knows I tend to talk for hours so I told them we are missionaries and we ended up coming to Lae because we couldn't afford going to Port Moresby. The dentist said our son Caleb needed some expensive work done but decided he wanted to pay the bill himself. God is so amazing isn't He! Why do I mention this? Simple, #1 to give God the glory and #2 because of YOUR prayers! Thanks to everyone who has been praying for us. God answers prayers."
- 4. Five reasons 2000 years later Easter remains a life changing legacy.
 1) Anyone who truly believes in Jesus's death, burial and resurrection is guaranteed transformation by the mercy of God. 2) Jesus is the only human who stays faithful to His word: He never betrays. 3) Jesus still answers prayers. 4) The values of Jesus, like forgiveness, makes human life inspirational. 5) Easter gives us hope beyond our brokenness.



5. God says, "It is more blessed to give than receive." One family in the church won a night of bowling at the youth auction but they decided to donate it back to a couple students from FBCT. WOW. The youth received a double

blessing from this family during the youth auction!

6. A woman came to GriefShare having lost her dad, and in a difficult relationship with her mother. Her mother was in long-term care, but felt she should have been supported at home, and the daughters were not able

to support this due to their own health challenges. She attended through all the sessions, and grew into such a positive presence we all missed her when she moved on, growing into her new normal. She did come back to celebrate reporting that she was doing well, her relationship with her mother better, as they were communicating more often and the mother was adjusting to her environment. She also shared she felt called to her mission being a prayer warrior at her church.

- 7. At our Good Friday Worship Service and Easter Morning Worship a great number of people (pre-Covid numbers) remembered the agony and commitment of Jesus to forgive us of our sins by His crucifixion, death and resurrection. Praise God.
- 8. My college age son hasn't been attending any church regularly. This is super hard...as a "Dad." He came to FBCT on Easter. ON HIS OWN he noticed the difference at FBC. He talked about how people recognized him, the meaningful worship, how kind the people were even though he doesn't attend FBCT regularly or any church regularly. He talked about how he felt welcomed and loved. ON HIS OWN he felt at home at FBCT and appreciated the love here. As a Dad this is a God story and is HUGE for me.
- 9. Pray for this person. "My mind is tormented. It is very badly tormented. I was once engaged with Wicca and Spirits and it has not been the same since. I confess what I have done and confess things I do now. I seek prayers for a sound mind and for deliverance."
- 10. A young man said, "I've been wrestling with God about a few things. I've been running from God the past couple weeks. I've only been able to see Him as a rebuking, angry Father. Been trying to work on that. The past couple months I have felt so beat up by so many people in my life. I have felt beat up by God too and His words. And I have been running afraid of continuing to be hurt by others around me." One of our Pastors said to this young man, "Life gets ugly, dark and depressing running away from God. You get only misery. Run fast to God. Read the Book because your life depends on telling yourself the truth. It is wrong to run away from God and you know it is wrong. Why self-destruct?"
- 11. First and foremost, God is absolutely merciful. We all deserve death but His forgiveness gives us life. Yes, God corrects appropriately but always with mercy.
- 12. Jesus did NOT want the agony of crucifixion, suffocation, death and the sins of the world on His shoulders. But Jesus said, "Father, your will not mine." Doing the Father's will was everything to Jesus. To follow Jesus, to

be a disciple of Jesus, means we deny ourselves and obey the commandments in the Bible given by God the Father and God the Son.

- 13. A young couple said, "We're stuck in a lot of areas in our life. Business is not going as well as we hoped. I'm considering taking a job or contract work so we have enough funds to go back to school. I wish things were going better but they just aren't. It is what it is." A pastor said, "God is working all the time for His good in your hearts and lives. Faith up. You two are mega blessed with or with-out your human disappointments. Keep being a blessing regardless of mankind. Courage up. See God at work every day. Enjoy your visible blessings and invisible blessings. Romans 8:28 is never a lie. Never exchange God's truth for a lie or else you will be discouraged listening to mankind. Wise? Helpful? Stop doubting yourselves. Walking with God is a zig zag and never a straight line. Follow His cross be inspired."
- 14. The idea started five years ago when David Shaver's younger brother, Dwight, and his wife, accompanied us on a trip into Mexico to see how the Christians in the Nomatsigengas area of Mexico. We found numerous churches, but no more New Testaments. We were encouraged that the Spirit was continuing to work among them. At the time, the people requested more scripture and more hymnals and song books. The old ones were wearing out and there were no more new ones available. The following year, we returned with another couple and held a Pastors' Conference. It was wonderful to see God's servants gathered together. We brought 100 New Testaments with us, but no song books. They repeated that they wanted song books. Well, David's older brother died in late 2020 of COVID and his widow donated money for more song books to be printed. They were printed locally in Peru and this helped a lot. In March of 2023, we again met up with Dwight and Gwynne and spent two weeks among the Nomatsigengas. We took 10 smart phone memory chips with all of the Nomatsigengas scripture videos on them as well as 10 Kulumi audio devices, so they could listen to the New Testament being read to them. These devices are helpful since most of them struggle to read their own language. We plan to return in August and want to take 50 of each with us then. Praising God for faithful donors and faithful missionaries.
- 15. Be encouraged and inspired by this father and mother with several children in our church who recently showed me their parenting plan which includes: "Thirteen main categories with application flexibility because each child is

different. 1. Spiritual Development 2. Emotional Intelligence 3. Healthy Lifestyle Habits 4. Character Building 5. Discipline and Boundaries 6. Relationships and Social Skills 7. Communication Skills 8. Formal Education 9. Basic Financial Education 10. Time Management 11. Conflict Resolution 12. Independence and Self-Reliance, and 13. Career Guidance." Pray for all parents and children to learn and wisely develop.

- 16. Some church members said, "We have had the opportunity to reach out to and love on the single dad and his daughter who are new to our neighborhood. Praying for opportunities to share and care. The little girl had never heard of Jesus." Pray for this little girl and this church family.
- 17. A new believer at our church was recently given wisdom from an older believer that he should begin journaling 1) where he sees God at work in His life 2) reflections on his time reading his new Bible and 3) record prayers to God. A couple days later, another believer from FBC had an idea for a gift for this new believer, so she purchased him a journal. These two ladies never talked with each other about this new believer or the gift, but God supernaturally placed on both of their hearts the same idea at the same time. The new believer got to witness how the Spirit of God moves the body of Christ towards unity and discipleship. He got to see God speaking clearly to him through these two faithful women. His response to seeing God at work was, "too many things happened and I stopped thinking it was coincidence ... I always thank God that he pushed me to call the church (FBC Tempe)."

Lifting Others Up

There's something deep within us that loves to be first, to win, to be "in." We elbow up through degrees, titles, possessions, rights, privileges, connections, seniority and the like. But once we reach our goals, then what? God does not separate us from those who are lower on the career ladder than we are. He tells us to pull them up with us. "Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the Lord your God" (Leviticus 19:34). In a few words God both levels and lifts us: "You were an alien, too," and "I am your Lord God."

Do you know someone who needs a lift today?

Jan Carlberg "The Hungry Heart"

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

May 28 – "Knowing the Will of God" (Colossians 1:9-12)

Al Fadi (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)

June 4 – "Free" (Colossians 1:13-14)

Al Fadi (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)

June 11 – "Perseverance" (Colossians 1:21-23)

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)

June 18 – "Successful Fathering" (Ephesians 6:4)

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)

June 25 – "Author, King and Firstborn" (Colossians 1:15-17)

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)

Sunday Evening Messages

May 21 – "Hope – New Creation" (Romans 8:18-25) Pastor Peter Molina

May 28 – "Hope – Prayer"
(Romans 8:26-27) Pastor Peter Molina

June 4 – "Hope – Glorification" (Romans 8:28-30) PIT Nathan Pipe

"Faith, Love, Hope, Truth, Fruit"

May 21, 2023 Al Fadi

1. Being Thankful for the Faith in Christ

a. Colossians 1"3 - "We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus"

2. Being Thankful for the Love of ALL the Saints

a. Colossians 1:3-4 - "We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints"

3. Being Thankful for the Heavenly Hope [The Gospel]

a. Colossians 1:5 - "because of the hope laid up for you in heaven."

4. Being Thankful for the Fruit of the Gos
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a.	Colossians 1:6 - "Which has come to you, as indeed in the
	whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also
	does among you, since the day you heard it and
	understood the grace of God in truth"

5. Being a Minister Of Christ, in Christ, from God, in The Spirit

- a. Colossians 1:1 "Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
- b. Colossians 1:2 To the saints and faithful brothers[a] in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father...He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf
- c. Colossians 1:8 and has made known to us your love in the Spirit."

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