

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 28-Psalm 111-118
May 29-I Kings 1-2, Psalm 37, 71, 94
May 30-Psalm 119:1-88
May 31-II Chronicles 1, I Kings 3-4, Psalm 72
June 1-Psalm 119:89-176
June 2-Song of Solomon 1-8
June 3-Proverbs 1-3
June 4-Proverbs 4-6

Birthdays

Randy Shilling (5/28)
Joy Smith (5/28)
Maynard Doolittle (5/30)
Karen Mason (5/30)
Cristina Zesati (5/30)
Laura Brinn (5/31)
Raze Chester (5/31)
Doug Peake (6/1)
Andrew Burkhart (6/2)
Jennifer Horton (6/2)
Tricia Gutierrez (6/3)

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 (5/21)
Budget Plan	\$ 27,766	\$ 583,086
Giving (Donations)	\$ 11,834	\$ 462,156
	\$ -15,932 (Shortage)	\$ -120,930 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 39,922	\$ 455,332
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (5/21)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,078	\$ 22,638
Giving (Donations)	\$ 522	\$ 16,350
	\$ -556 (Shortage)	\$ -6,288 (Shortage)
FP Expenses	\$ 00	\$ 15,112

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 5,200	\$ 520,354

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 Diana. If you would like to attend our next Welcome Lunch please contact the Church Office by calling 480-839-0926.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TEMPE

LOVE GOD PEOPLE

Accepting, loving and challenging people with God's truth

May 28, 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
There is Power in the Blood
Majesty
Prayer
Message-Al Fadi
"Knowing the Will of God"

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

All Because of Jesus
Welcome and Announcements
This I Believe
Good Good Father
Prayer
Message-Al Fadi
"Knowing the Will of God"

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

Doxology
We Give Thanks
Welcome and Announcements
Rejoice
Cannons
His Mercy Is More
Prayer
Message-Al Fadi
"Knowing the Will of God"

6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Welcome
This Is Our God
Holy Forever
Message-Pastor Peter Molina
"Hope-Prayer"

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	\$ 48,160.00
Under Budget	\$ 91,287.00

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	\$ 17,314.00
Under Budget	\$ 132,686.00

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, May 28

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-Kid City Children's Classes
11:00 am-Adult Bible Classes
12:00 pm-Lunch in the MAC
6:00 pm-Evening Worship Service

Monday, May 29

FBC Office Is Closed

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

Saturday, June 3

6:00 am-Church Hike
8:30 am-Indoor Soccer

Consider These

*"If there be any truer measure of a man than by what he does, it must be by what he gives."
(Robert South, English Clergyman)*

*"Giving is true loving."
(Charles Haddon Spurgeon, English Baptist Preacher)*

*"Even if I give the whole of my worth to Him, He will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave."
(Charles Haddon Spurgeon, English Baptist Preacher)*

Reflect

Reflect . . .

What are the tangible financial, material, and other provisions God has blessed you with? What is your plan to systematically share these provisions?

Prayer . . .

Heavenly Father, help us to see and systematically set aside resources to give from the blessings you have given us. 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 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!

- ✓ "The Chosen"
- ✓ "River of Mercy" by B.J. Hoff
- ✓ "Hijacked Emotions" by Randy Carlson
- ✓ "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

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)

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

\$583,086.00

YTD Money Received

\$462,156.00

UNDER Budget

-\$120,930.00

2023 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
■ Series 1	\$583,086.00	\$462,156.00



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

June 4 – Meatball Subs, Marinara Sauce, Mozzarella, Salad, Chips and Salsa and Dessert

June 11 – Spanish Chicken and Rice with Roasted Peppers and Onions, Seasoned Pinto Beans, Mexican Corn, Salad Bar and Dessert

June 18 – Sausage Pasta Bake with Caesar Salad, Vegetables, Garlic Toast, Salad Bar and Dessert

June 25 – Sub Sandwich Deli Bar with Condiments, Chips, Salad Bar and Dessert



(Birth through

6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story: Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man

Bible Point: Picture Purpose

Elementary

9:30 am Bible Story: David Disobeys God

11:00 am Bible Story: David Disobeys God

Extraordinary Blessings / Special Needs

Bible Story:

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

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

Kid City Prayer Request for the Week:

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

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

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
easy. fast. effective.



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!

Forgiven by God

Secrets lurk inside most of us like buried treasure, even though their value is dubious. Some people assume their secrets are safe, since they remain convinced that God does not exist. Others are too busy covering their sins to consider the consequences. However, we handle our secrets, two truths remain: nothing hides from God, and no one escapes the woe of secret sins. Trust God with your confessions and repentance. The God who sees and knows your secret sins also sees and knows your broken heart. And He forgives.

Jan Carlberg
"The Hungry Heart"



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

**I am interested in receiving information
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!**



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

Erin Alling

Betty Alling

Hope Alling

Faith Alling

Adam Bachman

Laura Bachman

Kelly Bachman

Bruce Baird

Dianna Ball

Roger Ball

Leticia Beltran

Jon Brecke

Michelle Canady

Randy Canady

Jerri Cornils

Krysti Coursey

Michael Coursey

Paul David

Austin Erwin

Brian Fulmer

Jennifer Harper

Marianne Maiden

Christine Martin

Auri Quintana

Doresia Salgado

Rafael Salgado

Nancy Shepherd

Rosco Smith

Catherine Sommer

David Sommer

Lindsay Stevens

Anne Stirber

Mike Stirber

Jessie Stoel

Tim Stoel

Tom Strickland

Shannon Strickland

Mike Trump, Jr.

Trina Trump

Jose Ulloa

Irma Ulloa

Karissa Whitlatch

**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.**



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

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

FREE | SPACE IS LIMITED
Registration & Info: fbc-tempe.org



Men's Ministry - Indoor Pick-Up Soccer

Date and Time – Saturday, 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.



“Overcoming the Negative Junk” – Upcoming 8-Week Class



“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

1. **Jeremiah 29:1** – Stop lying to yourself.
2. **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. **1 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.
8. **Jeremiah 29:11** – Know yourself and understand God’s plan for your life

Please tear off and place in Offering Plate!

**I would like more information on this upcoming class
“Telling Yourself the Truth”**

Name _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Class will meet at 11:00 am on Sundays.

Start date has not been determined.

Women's Ministry Opportunities

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.

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study "Connections"

Bible Study – "Questions Jesus Asks"

Dates, Times and Location – June 13 – August 8
from 9:30 to 11:30 am - FBC, Rooms 107-108

Teacher – Patt Mitchell

Study Book - \$12.00 (Women's Ministry will purchase)

In this study, we will dig into some of the questions that Jesus asks. Jesus invites us to inquire, reflect and discuss the questions. Join us for Bible study, teaching, small group discussions, refreshments. Grow in friendships.

Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study

Bible Study – "The Promised Land"

Dates, Times and Location – June 15 – July 20
from 6:30 to 8:00 pm – FBC Room 104

Teacher – Linda Savage

Study Book - \$15.00 (Women's Ministry will purchase)

In this study we will discover how God guided His people to the Promised Land, the crossroads of the world to serve Him faithfully. Filmed on location in Israel, we will explore ancient, historical landmarks.

Study the Bible in historical context.

Come! Join us for discussion and Bible exploration, digging deeper into the Hebrew meanings of the Scriptures. Build relationships.

**Sign-up for these Bible Studies
at Women's Ministry Table!**



The person who sows seeds of kindness
enjoys a perpetual harvest.



We Welcome Kris Williamson as our new Women's Ministry Director

Meet and get to know Kris through the interview below:

#1. Kris, describe your vision for Women's Ministry at FBCT?

Kris says, "Create an environment for all women to know Jesus and His Word. Serve with the fragrance and joy of Jesus. Know and serve in spiritual gifts. Help each woman know they are God's masterpiece, designed for a unique purpose."

#2. Kris, why are women valuable and important to God?

Kris says, "Women are created in the image of God; uniquely designed by Him with His attributes to nurture, beautify, create and teach. Women have a purpose in God's plan of redemption."

#3. Kris, what are few ways women should use their skills and gifts to serve others?

Kris says, "Parenting, family, home, teaching, mentoring, discipleship, compassion outreach, missions, ministries, creativity, beauty in events, outreach music, drama and artistic design. Women can serve the body of Christ in other ministries lifting them up. Women equip and build up each other to do good works."

#4. Kris, what brings inspiration to you?

Kris says, "Women serving together-building relationships. Mountains and the towering ponderosa of Arizona's mountain country."

#5. Kris, describe some of your life experiences and skills which will help you as Director of Women's Ministry.

Kris says, "A few helpful life experiences are Vice President of Real Estate Operations and Land Use Planning which included restoration and rebuilding of properties, restoring people's lives, support the economic welfare of the people and preservation and conservation of Santa Catalina Island. Director of Women's Ministry a few years ago at FBCT and a church

in North San Diego County, directing multiple Bible studies, and ministries. Annual Christmas Outreach Luncheon with 500 women."

#6. Kris, what truths in the Bible significantly guide your life?

Kris says, "Galatians 2:20 Christ lives in me and thru me- He can use me as He desires. God works all things together for the good Romans 8:28. Hebrews 12:1-2 to run the race with endurance that God marked out for me, fixing my eyes on Jesus."

#7. Kris, what has God taught you on the loss of your husband?

Kris says, "Life led me in unexpected directions in the loss of my husband. There were times when God would take me to places where I didn't want to go. I moved from one trauma to another through impossible bends in the road. 'Lord,' I would ask, 'What is on Your heart, will You help me to focus on You and follow Your guidance; help me to accept and receive that this is what You are choosing for me, designed for me.' God has a story to tell through me, a life that demonstrates what Christ can do in and through one whose heart is fixed on Jesus."

#8. Kris, is there anything helpful for women to know about you?

Kris says, "God is telling a beautiful story through each woman - that women will know they are God's treasured possession. My passion is that every woman be presented fully mature in Christ. It is exciting to see lives changed for Jesus. I love to dream and create for Women's Ministry. Let us pray and dream for God to do immeasurably more than we can imagine in Women's Ministry."

There are two Q & A Events to Meet and Greet with Kris

Tuesday, June 6, from 9:30 to 11:30 at the First Summer Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study "Connections"

- Meet in rooms 107 and 108 east side of the Quad
- Kris will preview summer Bible study and Tuesday Morning Team
- Refreshments
- Q & A with Kris
- Inspire each other to follow Jesus
- Grow in friendships
- Welcome new guests

Thursday, June 8, from 6:30 to 8:15 pm at the First Summer Thursday Night Ladies Bible Study

- Meet in rooms 107 and 108 east side of the Quad
- Kris will preview summer Bible study and Thursday Night Team
- Refreshments
- Q & A with Kris
- Inspire each other to follow Jesus
- Grow in friendships
- Welcome new guests

Pray, celebrate and support Kris, an excellent Servant Leader as our next Women's Ministry Director at FBCT.

Kris leads with obvious leadership wisdom, humility, Bible knowledge, creativity and a joy filled passion to see every woman as God's treasure and in love with Jesus.

Reach out to Kris to welcome her with your ideas and dreams for Women's Ministry.

You can contact Kris at 760-681-8991 and kriswilliamson1@live.com.

Thanks,
Pastor Roger



Refined by God

God is love. His love is love. His law is His love. His love is His law. It is a grossly distorted view of God Himself and of His love that finds the idea of His chastening us intolerable. Can we forget that He took our punishment on Himself before the foundation of the world? He was the Lamb slain. He loved us then. He loved us enough to pay the death penalty. Shall He love us less now? Those who come to God come to a Consuming Fire. We easily forget that, looking for an indulgent grandfather whose love, a mere sentiment, capitulates to our whims and overlooks our selfishness. God will not do that, for to do so would be to damn us. He is not willing that any be damned.

The consuming Fire must do His work – burning, purging, refining – for His object is our perfection. How could His love want less than that?

Elisabeth Elliot
“The Shaping of a Christian Family”

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).”



Jesus Cares for Us

The shepherd knows his sheep. He calls them by name.

When we see a crowd, we see exactly that, a crowd ... We see people, not persons, but people. A herd of humans. A flock of faces. That’s what we see.

But not so with the Shepherd. To him every face is different. Every face is a story. Every face is a child. Every child has a name ...

The shepherd knows his sheep. He knows each one by name. The Shepherd knows you. He knows your name. And he will never forget it.

“When God Whispers Your Name”

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Sunday Mornings Messages

**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”
(Psalm 103:1-14)**

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)

**July 2 – “Head of the Church”
(Colossians 1:18)**

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

Sunday Evening Messages

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

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

**June 11 – “Hope – In Suffering”
(Romans 8:28-30) PIT Nathan Pipe**

“Knowing the will of God”

May 28, 2023
Al Fadi

It is every kid’s dream to grow and grow fast. Often times we will see growth charts marked on the door posts or frames for that very purpose. One can only imagine the delight a child will feel when they discover that they have grown a few inches since the last measurement. How will we feel about our spiritual growth? Better yet, how will God feel about our growth and knowledge of His “will” for us, what pleases Him, and the fact that we are doing it?

1. Knowing the Will of God Requires Spiritual Growth

a. Colossians 1:9 - “And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding...”

2. Knowing the Will of God Requires Us to Walk in a Manner Worthy of the Lord

a. Colossians 1:10 - “So as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God”

3. Knowing the Will of God Requires Us to be Strengthened According to His Glorious Might

- a. Colossians 1:11 - “Being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy”

4. Knowing the Will of God Demands that We Give Thanks to Him for His Great Salvation

- a. Colossians 1:12 - “Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light”

APPLICATION

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