

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

October 22-Matthew 18
October 23-John 7-8
October 24- John 9:1—10:21
October 25- John 10:22-42,
Luke 10-11
October 26- Luke 12-13
October 27- Luke 14-15
October 28- Luke 16:1—17:10
October 29- John 11

Birthdays

Paula Kielmeyer (10/22)
Jim Farrington (10/22)
Mary Laycock (10/22)
Mary Cartner (10/22)
Lilyann Jung (10/22)
Marla Paulison (10/25)
Clayton Schilling (10/25)
Jo Munguia (10/25)
Leticia Beltran (10/25)
Fe Vieweg (10/26)
Gilberto Aguirre (10/28)
Shari Ramirez (10/28)
Nina Sidabras (10/28)
Jerry Finch (10/30)
Lee Weimer (20/30)
Sharon Chambers (10/31)
Jan Reimer (10/31)

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 (10/15)
Budget Plan	\$ 27,776	\$ 1,166,571
Giving (Donations)	\$ 10,891	\$ 955,938
	\$ -16,885 (Shortage)	\$ -210,633 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 37,585	\$ 936,899
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (10/15)
Budget Plan	\$ 1,089	\$ 45,739
Giving (Donations)	\$ 322	\$ 28,934
	\$ -767 (Shortage)	\$ -16,805 (Shortage)
FP Expenses	\$ 00	\$ 33,504

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 686	\$ 541,175

Please continue to give to help reduce our long-term Legacy debt of approximately \$429,589.00
On February 6, 2018, our debt was \$1,829,853.40.

How Do I Get Connected?

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



**FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF TEMPE**

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October 22, 2023

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

Welcome to Worship

Compassion Outreach Sunday One Family morning Service at 10am

10:00 am-Contemporary Worship
Choir—Psalm 100
Welcome and Announcements
God So Loved
His Mercy is More
Prayer
Message— Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
“One Life Purpose”
Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me
The Gospel

6:00 pm-Evening Worship
Welcome
Christ Be Magnified
Only a Holy God
Prayer
Message-PIT Tom Croke
“Glorify God’s Name”

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	\$ 108,571.00
Under Budget	\$ 30,876.00

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	\$ 40,403.00
Under Budget	\$ 109,597.00

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, October 22

10:00 am-Compassion Outreach Service Contemporary
10:00 am-Nursery/ Classes Only
12:00 pm-Lunch in the MAC
6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Monday, October 23

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

Tuesday, October 24

9:30 am-Tuesday Women’s Ministries Bible Study

Wednesday, October 25

5:30 pm— Young Families Group
6:00 pm—Church Plant Bible Study
6:30 pm-Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm-Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30 pm—11am Worship Team Rehearsal
7:45 pm-Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal

8:00 pm-9:30amWorship Team and Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, October 26

6:30 pm-Women’s Thursday Evening Bible Study

Saturday, October 28

5:00 pm—Youth Dodgeball

Consider These

“Seek joy in what you give not in what you get.”

“Charity begins at home and generally dies from lack of outdoor exercise.”

“Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others.” - Barbara Bush

Reflect

God is the owner of everything!

Ephesians 1:3 —“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.”

Matthew 7:11 —“If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!”

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 DVD’s in the Library:

- ✓ “The Chosen Season 3”
- ✓ “Ben Hur”
- ✓ “Journey Toward Creation”
- ✓ “Is Genesis History?”
- ✓ “Jesus Revolution”

New Books in the Library:

- ✓ 10 Mystery Books
by Robin Patchen

**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)

Marriage Class-Room 118
(Engaged, newly wed, or Married forever, open to all.)

GriefShare-Room 104
Young Adult Class-Room 217
(Open to ages 18-25)

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.

Every Donation Helps

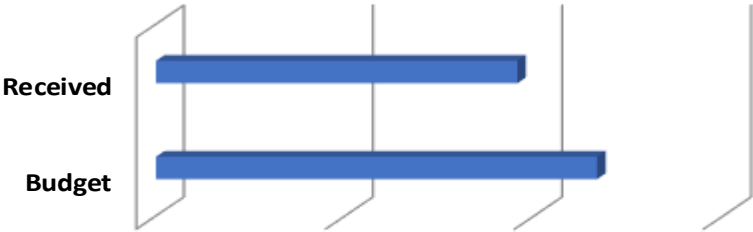
God values and blesses your faithful giving. Read Proverbs 3:5-10.

God is doing many good things at our church. Thanks for your offerings to God.

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

YTD Money Needed
\$1,166,571
YTD Money Received
\$955,938
UNDER Budget
\$-210,633

2023 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
■ Series 1	\$1,166,571.00	\$955,938.00

Sunday Lunch in the MAC



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

October 22 – Compassion Lunch: Italian Chicken Cutlets w/ Fresh Tomato Sauce, Rosemary Roasted Potatoes, Vegetables, Rolls, and Dessert

October 29 – Herb Roasted Pork Loin, Wild Rice Medley, Vegetables, Salad Bar and Dessert

Hebrews 13:15-16 - ¹⁵Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. ¹⁶And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

(Birth through 6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story: Bible Superheroes

Bible Point: Balaam's donkey

Elementary

9:30 am Bible Story: Special Family Service at 10am

11:00 am Bible Story: Special Family Service at 10am

Extraordinary Blessings / Special Needs

Bible Story:

The first Sunday of each month during the 9:30 and 11:00 am services, our 1st – 6th graders will worship with their families. These worship services are purposefully designed to introduce our 1st – 6th graders to worship with their families. An age appropriate Sermon Guide will be provided to help your son or daughter navigate and follow along with Pastor Anthony's sermon.

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.



“Trunk or Treat”

Sunday, October 29

5:45pm – 7:00pm

Join us for fun, games and prizes!

RSVP @ fbc-tempe.org/children



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.

JOIN the FBC Choir and Orchestra for this year's
CHRISTMAS CONCERT on Sunday December 10 at 6pm!

This is an excellent opportunity to be a part of a wonderful Christmas celebration with short term time commitment!

We need ADULTS and KIDS (K-6)!

ADULTS: We have rehearsal CD's (or downloads) to use at home and we rehearse on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm.

KIDS: Kids will rehearse on Sundays from 12-12:30pm.

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

**Sign up at the table in the lobby
or talk to Pastor Rob!**





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

Help and encouragement following the death
of a loved one

GriefShare Weekly Seminars –

Sunday, October 10, through December 17

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!



Women's Ministry Events

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study Connections

Bible Study – "Ephesians-Spiritual Inheritance in Christ"

Date, Time, Location – August 22 – November 14, 9:30 am, Rooms 107-108
Study Book - \$13.00

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study

Bible Study – "Philippians-A Clash of Kingdoms"

Apostle Paul Proclaims Jesus as Lord

Date, Time and Location – August 31 – October 26, 6:30 pm, Room 104
Study Book - \$8.00

WOMEN'S RETREAT CHOIR LEADING IN WORSHIP

Ladies, please join us on **October 29** as we lead in the
9:30am Worship Service with some old familiar songs.



Come and join us as we bring the sacrifice of praise into His house!
Meet in the Upper Room (go up elevator) at 8:00 am for refreshments and
practice. For more information, call/text Kris Williamson at 760-681-8991.



"Let's Be Thankful Together"

Fall Potluck

Tuesday, November 14

10:45am - 12:30pm, Room 107-108

Sign up to bring a potluck item at the Women's
Ministry table. **All Women are welcome!**

Christmas Tea Party

Tuesday, December 12

9:30am – Noon, Room 107-108

Join us in celebrating Advent!

Signup to bring a holiday potluck item at the
Women's Ministry table.

Must RSVP by December 10. All Women are welcome!



**For more information and to sign-up for any of these events, stop by the
Women's Ministry Table!**



Let's Help Families in Need this Upcoming Holiday Season

There are families in our church who face many “monthly painful challenges.” Hardship has become a way of life for these families. But all of these families serve God with a smile among us. They work hard.

They purpose to pay their bills on time. Lazy, no. No scams here. But no savings. Some families are younger. Some are older. Red, yellow, black and white and they all need some help during the holidays. Some families struggle every month to make medical payments on major medical expenses. Some families work part-time as they constantly look for full-time employment. From big families to families of one. Some face the loss of their rental home and some contemplate being homeless. Some live paycheck to paycheck on part-time wages. Some walk or ride the bus. Some families have one car. Some have no insurance.

We would like to help 20 low income families in our church with some extra money at Thanksgiving or at Christmas. If you know of a family who is facing some special needs, please contact Pastor and give him your recommendation.

Starting now and until Christmas, please give a check marked “Helping at Thanksgiving”. Pray and give. The last opportunity to give to this is at our three Christmas Eve Services on Saturday, December 24, at 4:00, 6:00 pm.



Church Action Meeting

The results of the Church Action Meeting last Sunday, October 15, 2023, is that the Proposed 2024 General Fund Budget and the Proposed 2024 Faith Promise Giving had a nearly unanimous approval.

We are praising God for providing this past year in such a way that we did not have to spend more than what we received in donations and we are praying that future donations will exceed our budget in order to continue to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

But the people who trust the Lord will become strong again. They will rise up as an eagle in the sky; they will run and not need rest; they will walk and not become tired. – Isaiah 40:31



“Re-Shaping the Home”

***October 22 – SPECIAL DAY – Compassion
Outreach Day, One Family Service at 10am –
“One Life Purpose”***

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

October 29 – “Slaves and Masters”

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch



June 2026 Debt/Bank Loan for Worship Center, Music Center and Kid City



Originally the Loan was \$1,829,853.44 in November 2016

The Loan is now \$429,589.00 as of September 30, 2023.

FBC Endowment, a support organization of First Baptist Church of Tempe, services the National Bank of Arizona loan out of \$13,500.00 monthly payment from the church. With an additional \$24,000.00 of contributions each year, that loan would be fully paid off in May 2026. (And by the end of that year, a secondary loan of \$110,000.00 would also be paid off.)

Payments of \$13,500 per month (\$162,000.00) can then be used to support other ministries of the church!

***Amazing! Help Pay down the debt.
Make your donation to FBC, earmarked “Legacy”***



**MEN! SAVE THE DATE
NEXT FBC MEN’S BREAKFAST
Saturday, November 11
9am – 11am at Kwanis Park!
More details coming soon!**



All Church Hike

Date and Time – Saturday, November 4, 2pm – 9pm

Location – Horse Trap Trail Sunset/Night hike – Payson
(Moderate 4 mile hike)

Bring: Water, snack, sack dinner, jacket, flashlight

Admire a hike along Willow Springs Lake, then a sack dinner while enjoying the sunset. Then a night hike with flashlights under the stars.

For more information, contact Adam Bachman at
480-363-5570 or at ajbachman7@hotmail.com



Follow Jesus in Believer's Baptism

Reasons to be baptized...

- **Baptism says**, "I am not ashamed to say I am a believer in Jesus Christ".
- **Baptism is** an advertisement for Jesus Christ.
- **Baptism is** doing what Jesus said, identifying yourself that you are a Christian.

The only pre-requisite for baptism is to be sure of your spiritual condition. Have you put your trust in Jesus alone for your eternal life?

Our next baptism will be on Sunday, November 5, in our Morning Worship Services.

If you are interested in being baptized on Sunday, November 5, tear off the form below and place it in the offering plate.

☐ I am interested in being baptized on Sunday, November 5.

Name _____

Contact Information _____

FBC Expenses, Donations and Budgets



1. ***Pray for the implementation of our approved 2024 Church Budget.*** We had an almost unanimous vote of approval for the 2024 budget, which means that we will be reducing the budget in 2024. This will include a reduction of ministry dollars, a reduction in staff salaries and adjusted job descriptions. Please pray as we begin this process.
2. ***Praise God*** - our donations so far this year are higher than our expenses by \$19,039.00. Our year-to-date General Fund donations are \$955,938.00 and our year-to-date expenses are \$936,899.00. Thank you!!!!!!
3. ***Every donation dollar is appreciated and protected.*** We receive many positive comments about the ministries of FBCT.
4. ***Every donation dollar goes to meet the basic needs of FBC*** not extravagant wants.
5. We never deficit spend - ***We keep our expenses in line with our donations.***
6. Our ***budgeted missionaries are being paid 100 percent*** of their budgeted amount. Our ***Faith Promise missionaries are being paid at 80 percent*** of our Faith Promise amount due to decreased donations.
7. ***Our 2023 donations are below the 2023 budget by 18.1 percent*** or \$210,633.00. Our year-to-date budget is \$1,166,571.00 and our year-to-date donations are \$955,938.00.
8. ***Pray for wisdom while preparing to implement the approved 2024 Budget and Faith Promise giving.*** We are not able to hire new staff members out of the budget unless donations increase. We will continue budgeting four full-time pastors, one full-time administrative staff member, a hand full of part-time staff members and welcome and celebrate a host of volunteers.
9. ***Pray as we continue to reduce the bank debt on our building through the Support Organization, FBC Endowment.*** It is possible to pay off the bank debt in June 2026 through budgeted funds and extra annual giving of \$24,000.00. Thank you for making extra donations for debt reduction to FBC Tempe Legacy.
10. ***Pray for donations to exceed our budget*** in order to continue advancing the gospel of Jesus Chris



In addition to our budgeted giving to missionaries, our Faith Promise giving is trusting God to enable us to give more money to missionaries above and beyond our FBC Budget. Through Faith Promise we support more missionaries to get out the news of Jesus Christ to people worldwide. **We are trusting God to enable us to give in this way, however, our Faith Promise giving has consistently fallen 20% below in donations to our Faith Promise missionaries. In light of that, we have reduced our support by 20%. We may need to reduce by 40%.** Please be praying about how you can support our FP missionaries. Your donation can be made out to FBCT and earmark it FP Missionaries.

Faith Promise Missionaries

Ali Abboud (CIRA)	Mark Burritt (ITMI)
Steve & Darlene Evers (ITMI)	Jim & Carolyn Fasold (GEM)
Gideons	Bob and Elena Gonzalez (GEM)
Jeff HAuse (SAM)	Kevin & Lelani Humble (WVI)
Ben & Aleyamma Joseph (MD)	Luis Matute (WO)
Bernie & Mary Miller (GEM)	Nogales Baptist Seminary (MD)
Brent & Melanie Palmer (MAF)	Nathan & Meagan Pipe
Erika Potter (Christar)	Tom & Laura Requadt (WV)
Steve & Patty Robenalt (MD)	Salvation Army
Dwight & Gwynne Shaver (Wycliffe)	Southwest CBA
Church Plant (Peter Molina)	Ryan & Shelby Webb (WO)
Cathy Wilson (Chosen People)	World Venture (JAVA)
Tempe Community Action Association	

October/November 2023 God Stories

1. **Thirteen men from FBCT and their friends and family** went to Alaska in August. Not only did they fish but they built relationships. Josiah Bender writes, "Big thank you to my brother Levi for rendezvousing with us and teaching us the technique of flossing for Sockeye Salmon. I had such a blast with everyone... Thank you to Anthony for coordinating everything!! Thank you to all the men on the trip, you all made this trip so memorable and next level, love you all!".
2. **An opportunity for you to have fun!** Yes, you can have a little fun at Trunk or Treat! Join the fun on Sunday, October 29 at 5:45 p.m. Decorate your trunk and fill it with candy and prizes to give to our children! Be a little crazy - have them fish to get a prize; OR, use a Polaroid camera and props to create a photo booth. How about a cake walk? Ask Kid City Director Sharmon for ideas! She has games you can borrow. You don't have to decorate to have fun. Bring a basket of candy and walk around handing it out. Dress up in a costume. Trunk or Treat is a family friendly event so no scary trunks or costumes. Go to www.fbc-tempe.org to register your car. Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 29, 2023. Have your cars parked and ready to welcome the kids by 5:45 p.m.
3. **God blesses a young mom!** Recently, a very excited young Mom came to me. God had answered a specific prayer. Some time ago she was abused by a drunk man. He was arrested and found guilty. She was asked to give a victim's impact statement during his sentencing. Her husband accompanied her to court and it was difficult seeing her attacker. But God was with her. She went to the podium and through the tears she was able to make her statement. When asked if he wanted to make a statement, the attacker turned and apologized. Rejoice with this closed story. Praising God with her.
4. **Free Bible given to Army Mom.** A lady came to the church looking for a Bible. She is from Iowa and returning today. Her son, who lives here is being deployed in the Army to Syria tomorrow. She looked for a store that sold Bibles to buy one for her son. She couldn't find a store. She stopped by FBC and I gave her one. She was overjoyed. It is an emotional strain to watch your son go away to a war-torn country and she was obviously looking for various ways to support him. It was

a sweet feeling to be able to help. Interesting after note: Another lady came in a few days later and wanted to donate a brand new Bible - it was the same version as the one given to the mother.

5. **“What a wonder** that here in my home in Missouri I can talk with Dwight who is now in a village in the middle of the jungle in Peru!,” writes missionary Gwynne Shaver. She continues, “But what an even greater wonder it is that we who are only mortal can speak with our Eternal Father who made the heavens and the earth. And He can hear us. And he *wants* to hear us! And we can hear *Him* through His Word. What an amazing gift He has given us: His Word in our language! Oh that the people groups in Peru would soon be able to hear His kind words to them in their language. Thank you for praying that the Lord would multiply our feeble efforts.”
6. **Twenty years of PROCLAIMING CHRIST** in a backyard. Every Christmas Pastor Roger and Dianna opened their home for Walk to Bethlehem, a yearly tradition for many families in the East Valley. The display told the story of Jesus’ birth, death and resurrection. First time guests were so touched by a display reflecting the true meaning of Christmas. Over 700,000 people experienced this display which was created by FBC-T members and neighbors on Natal Circle. Each year around 60 people setup the display; about 250 hosted around the fire pit; and about 40 people dismantled and stored the display. God blessed FBC-T and its outreach for 20 years. You were faithful in proclaiming the Gospel in this unique and creative manner. We regret that this tradition will not continue this Christmas.
7. **Teamwork is a key to successful ministry.** Our choir and orchestra had such an amazing weekend, August 26-27, 2023 with the combined choirs and orchestras of [First Baptist Church - Tempe](#) and First Southern Baptist Church of Scottsdale...and our new friends Daniel and Christy Semsen. Pastor Rob writes, “Last Sunday (August 20), I had the honor of leading the combined orchestras and choruses of First Baptist Tempe and First Southern Baptist of Scottsdale in a joint rehearsal in preparation for this concert (over 100 members). It was honestly the most fun musically I’ve had in years! What an honor to join together.” Our choir and orchestra spent three evenings praising God with another choir. To say they filled our tank would be an understatement. THANKFUL for churches that are faithfully supporting and nurturing vibrant choirs.

8. **"Thank you for praying for the situation here,"** write missionaries Tom and Laura Requadt. At the moment things are relatively calm but in West Africa things change as quickly as the wind. Tom continues, "I have the joy to let you know that indeed we did finish the final read of Romans ... and have started on 1 Corinthians." Continue to pray for the Tom and Laura as they finish their assignments and prepare for their scheduled departure on November 20.
9. **"Table Talk" helps participants apply concepts to their lives.** The "Telling Yourself the Truth" class teacher was encouraged as many want to take the class again. The topics were all noteworthy, but the session on The Drama Triangle was a particular favorite. Each class had PowerPoint presentations which greatly enhanced the topics addressed. The major "problem" was there was not enough time for each topic. Teacher Lee Henkelman writes, "It was a joy to lead the class in such a life enhancing study." The word of God was central to each class with appropriate Bible references. That was also a favorite part of the class. There were handouts for each topic. We look forward to doing the class again! Watch for it in January 2024!
10. **God walks and holds her hands as she climbs mountains!** FBC-T Administrative Assistant Pam Rosendale has climbed many steep mountains in the last seven weeks. Pam was diagnosed with squamous cell cancer. She had surgery for it on August 14. Then on August 21 she went into the hospital with blood clots. After blood thinners and a surgery part of a blood clot made it way to her right knee. After three more surgeries, the decision was made to remove her right leg above the knee. God was there climbing these mountains. October 3, after weeks of mountains Pam has a new one to climb - she returned home to a new and different life. Pam writes, "Adjusting your whole life is frightening and overwhelming. Good news there is a way! Lord, I am tired. Please give me courage to make the necessary changes." Please pray for Pam! Pray for strength and courage.
11. **Thy Word have I hidden in my heart** That is what our Kid City children are doing. Each week children of all ages (from 2-years-old to 6th grade) work on memorizing a Bible verse in Sunday School and between services. This is a joint effort with our Kid City teachers and parents. Parents and grade school kids work on the verses each week from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. And, teachers work with preschool children

during class to help them understand what they are memorizing. Father Stephen Tunnichliff writes, "It was so exciting to see my son learning Scripture at such a young age (3 yrs old). I firmly believe that parents need to teach our children the importance of Scripture and appreciate that FBC helps us to reinforce that." Isn't that amazing. Great job! Great team work! Please pray for our teachers and parents as they team up to teach God's Word to our children. Great job!

- 12. Three years later** and they are in Honduras. God fulfills a dream to teach a 3-hour conference to pastors on hermeneutics, the science of how to interpret the Scriptures. Missionaries Jim and Carolyn Fasold are excited to see how God uses them in Honduras. Pray for them as they serve God. And, pray that their home has sold so they can move closer to their son just south of Los Angeles.

Coming AGAIN in January! Telling Yourself the Truth Class January 7 – February 26

Lee Henkelman will once again lead this dynamic class that will **help you "overcome the negative junk" in your life.**

This class is open to anyone and will meet in room 118 on Sunday mornings at 11am.

