

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

November 5—Luke 20-21, Matthew 23
November 6—Mark 13
November 7—Matthew 24
November 8—Matthew 25
November 9 - Mark 14, Matthew 26
November 10—John 13, Luke 22
November 11—John 14-17
November 12—Mark 15, Matthew 27

Birthdays

David Newton—11/5
Carol Asher—11/6
Evelyn West—11/6
Marissa Acheson—11/7
Anna Godel—11/7
Theresa Holder—11/8
Russell Kovac—11/8
Laynie Fuller—11/9
Roda Padilla—11/9
LeeAnn Williams—11/9
Chad Curry—11/10
Lemuel Padilla—11/10
Kim Weston—11/10
Paulina Harner—11/11

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 (10/29) |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Budget Plan | \$ 27,776 | \$ 1,222,122 |
| Giving (Donations) | \$ 16,899 | \$ 985,003 |
| | \$ -10,877 (Shortage) | \$ -237,119 (Shortage) |
| GF Expenses | \$ 24,284 | \$ 977,168 |
| Faith Promise | Last Week | YTD (10/29) |
| Budget Plan | \$ 1,089 | \$ 47,917 |
| Giving (Donations) | \$ 881 | \$ 30,239 |
| | \$ -208 (Shortage) | \$ -17,678 (Shortage) |
| FP Expenses | \$ 995 | \$ 36,270 |

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

| | Last Week | Since Jan 2019 |
|-------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Legacy Designated | \$ 520 | \$ 542,215 |

Please continue to give to help reduce our long-term Legacy debt of approximately \$417,640.00
On February 6, 2018, our debt was \$1,829,853.40.

How Do I Get Connected?

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



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CHURCH  TEMPE

WE
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November 5, 2023

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

Welcome to Worship

8:00 am-Traditional Worship

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Welcome and Announcements
Communion
When the Roll is Called Up Yonder
Because He Lives
Prayer
Message-Al Fadi
“Devotion to Prayer”
Baptism

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

You've Already Won
Welcome and Announcements
Communion
Only A Holy God
Christ Be Magnified
Prayer
Message-Al Fadi
“Devotion to Prayer”
Baptism

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

In Awe
Welcome and Announcements
Communion
Christ Our Hope In Life And Death
Build My Life
I Am Not My Own
Prayer
Message-Al Fadi
“Devotion to Prayer”
Baptism

6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Welcome
Your Grace is Enough
That's the Power
Prayer
Message-PIT Tom Croke
“Honor Your Father and Mother”

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 | \$ 113,675.00 |
| Under Budget | \$ 25,772.00 |

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 | \$ 43,402.00 |
| Under Budget | \$ 106,598.00 |

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, November 5

8:00 am-Traditional Worship
8:00 am-Adult Bible Class
9:30 am-Contemporary Family Worship
9:30 am-Adult Bible Classes
11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Family Worship
11:00 am-Adult Bible Classes
12:00 pm-Lunch in the MAC
6:00 pm-Evening Worship

Monday, November 6

7:00 pm-Parents of Addicted Loved Ones

Tuesday, November 7

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

Wednesday, November 8

5:00 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, November 9

5:00pm Youth Music Hangout
6:00pm Youth Group

Saturday, November 11

9:00 am—Men's Breakfast at Kiwanis Park

Consider These

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

“The Dead Sea is the dead sea because it continually receives and never gives.

“You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.” - John Bunyan

Reflect

God can do great things through one person that is devoted to Him.

2 Chronicles 16:9 —“The eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth, looking for people whose hearts are perfect toward him, so that he can show his great power in helping them.”

Judges 7:7 —“The LORD said to Gideon, “With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the (120,000) Midianites into your hands.”

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
\$1,222,122

YTD Money Received
\$985,003

UNDER Budget
\$-237,119

2023 General Fund Giving



| | Budget | Received |
|----------|----------------|--------------|
| Series 1 | \$1,222,122.00 | \$985,003.00 |



Sunday Lunch in the MAC

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

11-5 Herb Roasted Chicken, Seasoned Rice, Vegetables, Salad Bar and Dessert

11-12 Baked Potato Bar with Chili, Sour Cream Chive Cornbread, Toppings, Salad Bar and Dessert

11-19 Taco Bar with FBC Salsa, Assorted Toppings, Chips, Rice and Beans, Salad Bar and Dessert

11-26 NO LUNCH



(Birth through 6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story: Bible Superheroes

Bible Point: Gideon fights a big army

Elementary

9:30 am Bible Story: Family Worship

11:00 am Bible Story: Family Worship

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.



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.



CANDY DONATIONS WANTED

**Bring your leftover Halloween Candy for
Gingerbread House Decorating.
Drop it off at Kid City Entrance Near the Cafe**



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
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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



All Church Hike

Date and Time – Saturday, December 2, 8:00am – 12:00pm

Location – Lost Ranch Ruin Train – South Mountain
(Moderate 2.5 mile hike)

Bring: Water, snacks, sunscreen, layers

This trail leads to the abandoned ruins of a ranch house.

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

Directions to trailhead: Chandler Blvd and 19th Ave.
Park along Chandler Blvd, then walk to the trailhead.



Women's Ministry Events

2024 Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study Connections *Bible Study*

Date, Time, Location – January 9 – April 9, 2024: 9:30 am, Rooms 107-108

Study Topic to be Determined

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study

Bible Study – "Life and Ministry of the Messiah" – Learning the Faith of Jesus

Date, Time and Location – January 11 – March 21, 2024

6:30 pm, Room 104, Study Book - \$13.00

Join us in this study to understand the world in which Jesus lived. We will journey back to the time of Jesus. Discover how the events of Jesus' day impacted His life, ministry and communication. DVD filmed on location in Israel.



"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.



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 \$417,640.00 as of October 29, 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"

FBCTempe Sermon Series 11/5 - 11/19

WALK Out Your FAITH

Colossians 3:7-18, 4:2-6

11/5: Devotion to Prayer

11/12: Speaking to Unbelievers

11/19: Do Your Part



JOIN US FOR OUR

FBC Choir and Orchestra Christmas Concert

Behold

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 5PM

FOLLOWED BY A CHRISTMAS COOKIE RECEPTION

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!



Christmas To Do List

Bruce Baird heads up our Angel Tree event each year and needs YOUR help to complete the to-do list!

✓ 10/16: Receive Participation forms

✓ 10/23: Send Caregiver letters

✓ 10/30: Call caregivers

✓ 11/1: Generate Spreadsheet

✓ 11/4: Fill out Angel tags

11/9: Set up Christmas Trees

11/12: Register donors

11/19: Register donors/Receive gifts

11/26: Register donors/Receive gifts

12/3: Receive gifts

12/9: Examine, organize and bag gifts

12/16: Deliver gifts



Early January 2024: Send letters to incarcerated parent and send report to AngelTree.

Will you pray?? **CAN YOU HELP??** Contact
Bruce at brucerobertbaird@gmail.com



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 40% below in donations to our Faith Promise missionaries. In light of that, we have reduced our support 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 | |

MEN'S BREAKFAST

at Kiwanis Park!

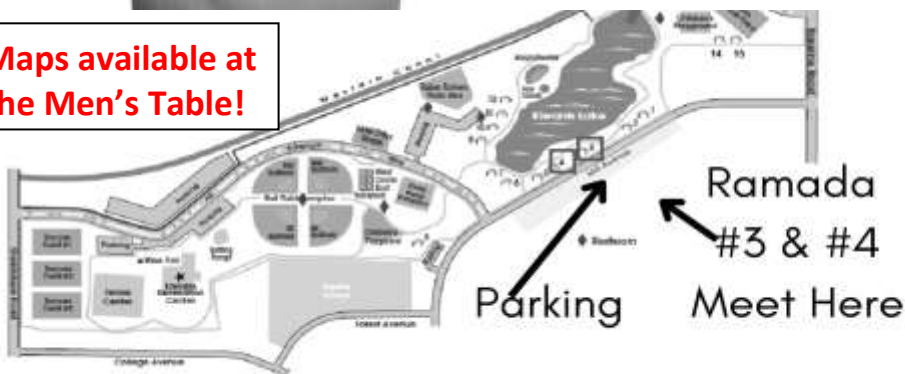


**Saturday
November 11
9am - 11am**

Speaker:
Pastor
Scott Summers



**Maps available at
the Men's Table!**



**SUN
19
NOV**

**AT
5:00
PM**

The FBCT Staff is looking forward to honoring all of our VOLUNTEERS during a fun evening of food, fun and fellowship. If you are a volunteer at FBC in any capacity and have not yet received your invitation, please call the church office at 480-839-0926

November 2023 God Stories

Hebrews 6:10, "God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered

and in still ministering to the saints."

Below is a small sample of those serving God at FBCT.

1. **Sunday, October 8 we welcomed 16 new members** to FBC (Tom & Sheriess Croke, Jacqueline Kottwitz, Scott Sheehan, Jennifer Harris, LeeAnne Williams, Abby & Charles Waterland, Emma Frisbie, Jerry Kyeremateng, Al Beahm, Clifford and Adina Garcia, Mark Hemingway, Deanna & Jon Murray, and James & Susan Roberts)! One of the new members said she has never joined a church before, but when she came to FBC Tempe she was surprised how many people greeted her. She felt so welcome that she wanted to come back. Praise God for the many members welcoming new people to FBC and praise God for 16 new members committing to mutually invest and be invested in at FBC.
2. **Smell the coffee and donuts!** Our SkyLight Cafe is run completely by volunteers. They do it all: pick up supplies, make the coffee, sell yummy things, cleanup and decorate. Paulina Harner, a volunteer, leads over twenty-five volunteers in this ministry. Please make sure you stop by and thank them for their service. You, too, can serve in the cafe. Talk to Paulina.
3. **FBC-Tempe is blessed by Gary Maack!** Gary, who in the past worked closely with Pam Rosendale on the FBC-Tempe financial records, stepped in at a moments notice to fill an unexpected need. Gary has spent many volunteer hours keeping our financial records updated and running smoothly. Thank you, Gary! Please give Gary a big thank you when you see him!

You, too, can invest your time and gifts at FBCT.

Call 480-839-0926 and volunteer.

4. **Stepping into leadership** is an exciting and challenging way to serve God. Paul Turck is the new Messenger Sunday Class President. This class is a very welcoming group of couples and singles. They have a heart of gold and it shows as they meet the physical and spiritual needs of not only their class members but also others. You might think this group was serious but they are not. They have a fun social calendar. Paul is aptly fitted for this position. He is a planner but most importantly, he is a lover of people. Please pray for Paul as he serves as President. Thanks!
5. **Volunteers come and volunteers go!** But it is sweet when someone rejoins your volunteer team. Richie Brown is home in Kid City. Richie is a trained teacher and his desire is that kids learn about Jesus and become a child of God. God has gifted Richie to relate to both kids and their parents. Richie is a valuable team member in Kid City! See Kid City Director Sharmon Steil if you would like to join Richie and the Kid City Team.
6. **Their “behind the scenes” service elevates your worship.** Our volunteer tech ministry headed by Adam Bachman provides audio and visual support for our weekly rehearsals and worship services. These gifted and dedicated volunteers make all the difference. They are our “unsung” heroes! They help create a distraction-free environment so that we can place all of our focus on what God has to say to each of us every weekend.
7. **The search for a new senior pastor begins!** Scott Blum is the lead of the team searching for FBCT’s new senior pastor. Others on the senior pastor search team are: Michael McCall, Ted Gutierrez, and Rafael Salgado. The Search Committee developed a job description for the new senior pastor and posted the opening on-line. This committee reviews all applications and resumes. They interview potential candidates. Please pray for them as they read resumes and evaluate candidates.

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

8. **Committee to help welcome a new senior pastor.** David Brinn is the lead of the Transition Team. Other members are Aaron Will, Josiah Bender, Don Halver, and Jeff Warrick. They are busy preparing FBCT for a new senior pastor. When a new senior pastor is chosen they will help the new senior pastor integrate at FBCT and help him get to know the church family. Please pray for them as they plan for FBCT's new senior pastor.
9. **Making relationships with others is key to the Christian community. Our volunteer run Sunday lunch program encourages many to develop relationships.** Chef Ryan Barbarisi and his sidekicks James & Nina Sidabras and Chad Curry work with others to provide delicious lunches in our gym. Tom Verburg organizes volunteers to setup and tear down each week. We have over ten servers serving up the delicious meals. Be sure to thank those serving in this ministry. Or, better yet join this team of servants. Contact Pastor Anthony to volunteer.
10. **Orange bags? Orange bags encourage others!** If you enter FBC near the church office on any given Sunday at 7:45 a.m., you will see Richard Compton collecting and giving out orange bags. Richard has teamed up with the Phoenix Rescue Mission to provide relief for people in need. These orange bags are filled with the basics of life: nonperishable food, toilet paper, full size hygiene items, water, socks, etc. Richard has a servant's heart. Activate your servant's heart and fill an orange bag.
11. **They are often considered the heartbeat of our Worship Ministry ...** our Music Library Team (Laura Bachman, Barbara Keeney, Kathy Taylor and Paulina Harner) works tirelessly behind the scenes, copying, organizing, filing, and distributing music for our weekend worship teams, orchestra, bands, and choirs. This is an amazingly complex and time-consuming ministry, but they have simplified and distributed the tasks in such a way that they make it look easy. They are a fantastic team that serves each week, keeping our ministry running. We are truly thankful for every team member.

12. **Making Christmas memories for children:** FBC has two ministries creating Christmas memories for children. 1) Bruce Baird and a host of other volunteers work with Prison Fellowship in providing gifts for children whose parent(s) are incarcerated. Everyone at FBC is encouraged to get a tag from the Angel Tree and buy gifts. And, then volunteer to wrap, organize and deliver these gifts to the children. 2) Volunteers donate stuffed animals, candy, ornaments, etc. and then assemble Christmas bags for children who attend our Christmas Eve services. The theme for this year's bags is "When Love Came Down." Contact Pastor Roger to volunteer for either of these ministries.
13. **Serving With a Heart for God!** Someone recently wrote on Facebook, "I give thanks for our Kris Williamson! From the very first day that she was brought on as women's ministry director, she worked tirelessly for hours a day, every day, to ensure that we all had a retreat this year. She prayed over it, planned, requested, planned some more and prayed some more. She did this with no idea of what God had in store for us, but knowing, not just trusting, that He would do it. We are so blessed to have a woman with such love for Christ, knowledge of His word, and the ability to apply it so that we can grow in character, knowledge and relationships. Thank you Kris, for loving us."
14. **GOD Uses Pastor Al and CIRA.** Mujaahid writes, "I am from South Africa and was born a Muslim. Through the grace of God my wife and I have recently (and by that I mean only a few days ago) accepted Christianity after being touched by the Holy Spirit. I have done so after my wife showed me some of your videos on YouTube. We are still in the process watching your videos and they are really inspiring us. We have not gone to any churches yet and we are praying for our Lord Jesus to guide us on our journey. I am sure that you will be far too busy to reach out to us but I just wanted to thank you for words and videos, it has changed our lives! God bless."

You, too, can invest your time and gifts at FBCT.

Call 480-839-0926 and volunteer.

**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

**November 5 – “Devotion to Prayer”
(Colossians 4:2-4)**

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

**November 12 – “Speaking to Unbelievers”
(Colossians 4:5-6)**

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

**November 19 – “Do YOUR Part”
(Colossians 3:7-18)**

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

**November 26 – “Give Thanks”
(1 Thessalonians 5:18)**

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

**December 3 – “Name of God – Wonderful Counselor”
(Isaiah 9:6)**

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

Sunday Evening Messages

**November 5 – “Honor Your Father and Mother”
(Exodus 20:12) PIT Tom Croke**

**November 12 – “Value Life”
(Exodus 10:13) Pastor Peter Molina**

November 19 – Appreciating Volunteers

“Devotion to Prayer”

Colossians 4:2-4

November 5, 2023

Al Fadi

Are you satisfied with your prayer life? One survey of 860 church pastors alleges that only 16% are very satisfied with their personal prayer lives. 47% are somewhat satisfied, 30% somewhat dissatisfied and 7% very dissatisfied. In this passage, Paul is teaching the believers in Colossians certain principles on Christian Living, one of those principles is a life “Devoted to Prayer”! So can one be devoted to prayer, the following should prove helpful.

Sermon Outline

1. By Being Committed to Prayer.

- a. “...pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:16)

2. By Being Thankful when Praying.

- a. “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” – (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

3. By Praying for Others.

- a. “At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ” – (Colossians 4:3)

4. By Praying for the Sharing and Advancement of the Gospel.

- a. “Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.” – John 4:35

Application

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