

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

January 28—Genesis 46-47
January 29—Genesis 48-50
January 30—Exodus 1-3
January 31—Exodus 4-6
February 1—Exodus 7-9
February 2—Exodus 10-12
February 3—Exodus 13-15
February 4—Exodus 16-18

Birthdays

Jeremiah Davis—1/28
Miriam Molina—1/28
David Tribiana—1/28
Ethan Begay—1/30
Carlos Luna—1/30
Nancy Rawls—1/30
Dorian Williams—1/30
Kent Reimer—1/31
Troy Malmin—2/1
Esmi Viccina—2/1
Peggy Burch—2/2
Gene Irons—2/2
Nico White—2/2
Todd Horton—2/3
Stuart Lange—2/3
Monty Molina—2/3

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!

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 2024

General Giving	Last Week	YTD (01/21)
Budget Plan	\$ 23,920	\$ 71,759
Giving (Donations)	\$ 9,484	\$ 36,271
	\$ 14,436 (Shortage)	\$ 35,488 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 6,651	\$ 39,394
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (01/21)
Budget Plan	\$ 888	\$ 2,664
Giving (Donations)	\$ 312	\$ 1,216
	\$ 576 (Shortage)	\$ 1,448 (Shortage)
FP Expenses	\$ 2,345	\$ 2,345

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 315	\$ 589,838

Please continue to give to help reduce our long-term Legacy debt of approximately \$365,563
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.



LOVE GOD PEOPLE

Accepting, loving and challenging people with God's truth

January 28, 2024

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

Welcome to Worship

9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

Lion and the Lamb
Welcome and Announcements
This is Our God
How Great is Our God
Prayer
Message:
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
“Build the Kingdom in Us”

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

Look What God Has Done
Welcome and Announcements
May the Peoples Praise You
Joy to Be
Christ Our Hope in Life & Death
Prayer
Message:
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
“Build the Kingdom in Us”



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

Scan here to enter FBC's
electronic giving page.



CIRA 2024 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 2024.

Financial Need

Annual Budget	\$ 139,447.00
Giving-to-Date	\$ 10,755.00
Under Budget	\$ 128,692.00

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 2024 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 2024.

Financial Need

Annual Budget	\$ 150,000.00
Giving-to-Date	\$ 893.00
Under Budget	\$ 149,107.00

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 pnmolina@asu.edu.
Make out all checks to FBC earmarked “Church Plant.”

This Week at FBC

Sunday, January 28

8:00 am-Adult Bible Class
9:30 am-Contemporary Worship
9:30 am-Kid City Children's Classes
9:30 am-JH & HS Service
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

Monday, January 29

7:00 pm-Parents of Addicted Loved Ones

Tuesday, January 30

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

Wednesday, January 31

5:00 pm—Young Families Group
5:30 pm-Karate
6:30 pm-Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm-Orchestra Rehearsal
7:45 pm-Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal
8:00 pm-Worship Team and Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, February 1

5:00 pm Youth Music Hangout
6:00 pm Youth Group
6:30 pm GriefShare
6:30 pm-Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study

Saturday, February 3

8:00 am Worship Ministries Easter Musical Retreat

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>

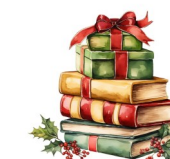
Library News

New DVD's in the Library:

- ✓ “Faith Under Fire”
- ✓ “The Hill”

New Books in the Library:

- ✓ “The Battle for the Beginning” by John MacArthur
- ✓ “Dancing Through Sorrow” by Ben Joseph
- ✓ “The Search for Significance” by Robert McGee



Consider These

Consistent giving facilitates consistent ministry.

Abundant grace brings abundant blessing and spurs abundant ministry.

The work of God is to be done by the people of God giving according to the will of God.

Reflect

Happiness comes when we stop wailing about the troubles we have, and offer thanks for all the troubles we don't have.

Patience strengthens the spirit, sweetens the temper, stifles anger, subdues pride, and bridles the tongue.

Romans 8:6-8 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,⁷ because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able *to do so*,⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

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)

Truth Seekers-Room 106
(Couples and Singles All Ages)

Women's Bible Study-Room 118

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)

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

Telling Yourself the Truth-Room 118

Reading and Applying the Bible
(open to all ages) Room 106

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 \$23,920.00 each week to meet our budget.

YTD Money Needed	\$71,759
YTD Money Received	\$36,271
UNDER Budget	\$35,488

2023 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
■ Series 1	\$71,759.00	\$36,271.00



Sunday Lunch in the MAC

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

- 1-28 Beef lasagna with garlic toast, Caesar salad, vegetables, salad bar and dessert

KID CITY

(Birth through 6th grade)
Spiritual Growth Opportunities
Sunday's 9:30 am & 11:00 am

Today your son/daughter will learn about:

Preschool through Kindergarten

The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)

Memory Verse: Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through Christ, because He gives me strength!"

1st through 6th Grade

God Protects Elijah (1 Kings 19, 21, 22)

1st through 6th Grade: Read It, Memorize It & Live It

Between services (10:30 am -11:00 am) students have the opportunity to memorize God's Word.



Kids age 3 thru 5th grade join us this summer for **Wacky Wednesday VBS!**

Every other Wednesday night from 6-8pm

June 5 & 19

July 3 & 17

FREE but you MUST REGISTER →



Or go to fbc-tempe.org and check out
Children's Ministries

From Pastor Roger...

Pray. Pray. Pray.



Invite your friends and relatives to worship with us every Sunday at 9:30 & 11am.

Due to low attendance at 8am worship, that service has been cancelled. **Pray.**

Due to low attendance at 6 PM worship, that service has been cancelled. **Pray.**

**Contact Pastor Roger if you have
any wisdom at rball@fbc-tempe.org**



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.

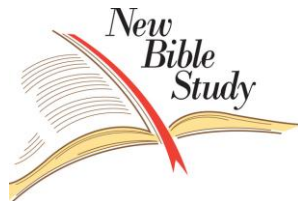
Would you like to give online? Go to the FBC webpage at www.fbc-tempe.org and click on "Donations" and follow the directions. If you need assistance contact Pam Rosendale at 480-839-0926.



NEW BIBLE CLASS

**Reading & Applying the Bible
Effectively**

11am, Room 106 Led by Austin Erwin





High School students are STEPPING out in FAITH!

1. **Anya Sorbo** is a Valley Christian High School student who is stepping out in faith to be a part of a short-term mission trip to Hawaii this Spring thru the school.

Can you support her in Kingdom Work around the world? God may be using this trip to create a long term missionary, an evangelist, a children's worker, or a women's leader in Anya and this will be a time of great discipleship for her. Will you help God work in her life? Scan the QR code for more information and/or to support.



Anya Sorbo
(Hawaii, cost \$2775)

2. God is working in many of our youth! Would you prayerfully consider supporting **Josiah Lemons**, a Junior at Valley Christian High School, as he steps out in faith and goes on a mission trip during Spring Break (March 2024) to Nikiski, Alaska? Will you help God work in his life? Total trip cost is \$2075. Use the QR code to go directly to the donation site thru Valley Christian High School.



Josiah Lemons
(Alaska, cost \$2075)

3. **THANK YOU** for the generous support you have given to 2 other high school students, Becca Blum and Emma Malmin. They are both fully funded for their short-term mission trips this spring!



Serving Helpers and Cooking Helpers

Needed

- **Serving Help is needed in Skylight Café** on Sundays at 9:00 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



**Reserve
Your Spot
NOW and**



Experience the Holy Land in 2025

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.

**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.**



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 \$365,563 as of December 31, 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's 2024 Alaskan Fishing Trip August 19-26

For more info, sign up at the
Men's Ministry Table or scan
to online register!



HELP Needed in Skylight Café!



Skylight Café is still in need of more volunteers! Come and be a part of this exceptional ministry!

I would like more information on working in Skylight Café!

Name _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Please tear off and place in Offering Plate!



Will you join us in praying over the search for a new Senior Pastor for FBC?

Our Pastoral Search Team has created the following suggestions as you pray during this time of searching.

1. **Prepare Your Heart:** Begin by finding a quiet and peaceful place to pray. Take a moment to calm your mind and focus your thoughts on the task at hand.
2. **Express Gratitude:** Start your prayer by expressing gratitude for your current senior pastor and for the church community as a whole. Acknowledge the importance of their role in guiding the congregation.
3. **Seek Guidance:** Pray for guidance in the selection process. Ask for wisdom and discernment for the church leadership, search committee, and anyone involved in the decision-making process. Pray that they may be led by the Holy Spirit to choose a pastor who aligns with the church's mission and values.
4. **Pray for the Candidates:** Lift up the potential candidates for the senior pastor position. Pray that God will provide clarity and direction to those who are considering this role. Ask that they may have a heart for service and a deep desire to lead and shepherd the congregation.
5. **Pray for Qualities:** Specifically, pray for the qualities and attributes you believe are important in a senior pastor, such as spiritual maturity, integrity, humility, effective communication, and a heart for pastoral care.
6. **Unity:** Pray for unity within the congregation during this process. Ask that any differences of opinion or division may be resolved in a spirit of love and unity.
7. **Timing:** Pray that God's timing will be perfect in this selection process, and that the right person will come forward at the right time.
8. **Commitment:** Pray for the new senior pastor's commitment to faithfully serve the church and its members, and that they may find joy and fulfillment in their role.
9. **Blessing:** Finally, ask for God's blessings upon the chosen pastor, that they may have a fruitful ministry and be a source of spiritual growth and inspiration for the congregation.
10. **Amen:** Conclude your prayer with a heartfelt "Amen", sealing your request in faith, knowing that God hears your prayers and will guide FBC in the selection of a senior pastor.



“Build His Kingdom”

FBC 2024 Mission Conference

January 21- February 25

Pray For Our Missionaries

Date	Missionary	Country	8am	9:30am	11am
1/28	Bernie & Mary Miller	Germany	Rm 107/108	Worship Center & Rm 106	Rm 107/108
	Al & Hunane Fadi	International Missions	Rm 107/108	Youth Rm 207	Worship Center & Rm 107/108
2/04	Cathy & Bob Wilson	United States	Rm 107/108	Worship Center	Rm 107/108
	Ramon & Anna Rodriguez	Mexico	Rm 107-108	Worship Center	Rm 107/108
	Dwight & Gwynne Shaver	Peru	None	Video in Worship Service	Video in Worship Service

February 11 – Peter/Trisha Molina – United States,
Bob/Elena Gonzalez – Europe/Germany,
Steve/Darlene Evers – International Missions,
Mark Burritt – International Missions,
Brent/Melanie Palmer – International Missions

February 18 – Tom/Laura Requadt – West Africa,
Steve/Patty Robenalt – United States,
Ben/Aleyamma Joseph – United States

February 25 – David/Donna Shaver - Mexico,
Ryan/Roo Chester – International Missions



All Church Hike

Date and Time – Saturday, February 3. 7am – 1pm

Location – Boulder Canyon Trail – Superstition Mtn. **NEW HIKE**
(Moderate 5 mile hike)

Bring: Water, snacks, layers and sunscreen

After parking near the Dolly Steam Boat, we'll hike up to Boulder Canyon Viewpoint to take in the view of Canyon Lake, Four Peaks, Weavers Needle, etc.

Direction to carpool meet up: Ellsworth and Baseline, SE Corner behind the Circle K in the big parking lot.

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

NEW CLASS January 7 – February 26
Sundays at 11 am, room 118
Telling Yourself the TRUTH
“Overcoming the Negative Junk”
Led by Lee Henkleman



Men's Doubles
Cornhole Tournament
Friday, March 22
5:30 – 8:30pm



SPACE IS LIMITED! Register NOW!

(Register online or at the men's table for more info)

GriefShare Support Group

Help and encouragement following the death of a loved one

GriefShare Weekly Seminars – in person/online

NEW MEETING DAY! Thursdays, January 18 – April 11
6:30pm

ONE TIME Loss of a Spouse on-line, January 11, 2024



For registration information, contact Teresa Kovac at 732-319-5533 or visit www.Griefshare.org



Women's Ministry Events

2024 Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study Connections

Tuesday's, January 9 – April 9, 2024:
9:30 am, Rooms 107-108

2 Studies Offered

1. **BOOK of JAMES** – Discover God's truth of living by faith. Learn how to discover God's truth for yourself and how to apply it to your life. This study will break out to Room 118 at 9:45am. Study book \$10.00. Leaders: Patt Mitchell and Kris Williamson
2. **JOHN'S LETTERS** - Discover what qualities and beliefs are the most important aspects of the Christian faith. Learn what matters now and for eternity. Study book \$12.00.
Leaders: Sue Jones and Alyssa Lemons

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 - \$11.00

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 in Israel.

NEW WOMEN'S SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS COMING January 14th

LADIES, join us for an interactive study of Jesus' "I am" statements starting from the Gospel of John, giving background from the Old Testament, then a reflection on how Jesus' identity affects us today. Sunday mornings at 9:30 in room 118, led by Cavene Vanhorne Robinson



ALL RETREAT CAMPER MEETING

"Life is Like a Box of Chocolates... Taking the Risk"
Tuesday, February 20, 6:30-8:15, Room 118 – Sign up on teams for activities – Registration for retreat opens

WOMEN'S RETREAT

September 13-15, 2024

Tonto Rim Christian Camp, Payson, AZ

January 2024 God Stories

Philippians 1:6 GNT, *“And so I am sure that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it on until it is finished on the Day of Christ Jesus.”*

1. **Praise God** for the 18 (eighteen) passionate missionary families signed-up to be in our church between January 21 and February 15. Each Sunday for six back-to-back Sundays, we will host three - five different missionaries. These missionaries plan to share about their exciting ministries in our Sunday Bible Classes and in our Worship Services. **TOGETHER, we Build God’s Kingdom.**

2. **High School Students Set for Mission Field!** FBCT students Becca Blum, Josiah Lemons, Emma Malmin, and Anya Sorbo are headed on short-term mission’s trips in 2024. They join others from VCHS as part of their Spring Break. Becca has raised 100% of her needed funds. Praise God! Pray for these students. God may be preparing a career missionary, an evangelist, a children’s director, a women’s ministries director. This time of serving and discipleship will change their lives.

3. **How long does it take to build the foundation?** Ryan & Shelby Webb began their foundation in Papua New Guinea with language training 16 years ago. Soon thereafter they arrived on the island and began to build relationships with the Manam people. They lived life with them: experiencing births and deaths, volcanoes erupting, adverse weather conditions, and life in general. In 2022 Ryan began writing lessons on the major Bible stories from Genesis to Revelation. Finally, in June 2023, Ryan began teaching the Manam people from the lessons he wrote. Pray for the Webb family as they live life on an island and share Jesus with the Manam people.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
2Cor 9:7

4. ***Wild and wacky*** FBCT junior high directors Jeff and Beth HAuse became missionaries in Bolivia in 1991. God used Jeff and Beth as they faithfully proclaimed Jesus in many creative ways while raising 4 children. Beth joined the Lord in 2019 after a long battle with a chronic infection. Jeff continues to serve as a missionary in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. In May, the four-year anniversary of Beth's death, the Beth HAuse Counseling Room was dedicated. The Counseling Room benefits Proclama, a ministry that Beth participated in and which helps the Bolivian church in understanding and fulfilling its role in the Great Commission. The room is also used for counseling, mentoring, discipleship and meetings. Ask Jeff on January 21 why he and Beth might be considered ***wild and wacky***.

5. ***Celebrating 35 years*** of serving Christ with Greater European Missions is a sign of real commitment. They began their ministry in Latvia and ended it in Frankfort, Germany. Bernie was a mission coach, church planting researcher and strategist. Mary served in their church women's ministry by mentoring young mothers and supporting women who were dealing with emotional trauma. Mary experienced God's faithfulness over the years. They are adjusting as they retire from ministry. As they transition, they can see God working by providing a new vehicle, setting up new phones, updating contacts on accounts, and visiting doctors/dentists. Please, pray for Bernie and Mary as they are experiencing culture shock and grieve leaving friends and ministry partners in Europe. When you see them at FBCT on Sunday, January 28, ask them to share some examples of how God has used them over the years.

6. ***God Spreads His Love to His FBCT Children***. Families gathered in the FBCT gym on December 3 to eat lunch together and then to build gingerbread houses together. You could hear families talking and laughing together as children, moms and dads, and grandparents built their houses. There were some very creative houses. All 150 enjoyed the afternoon and felt Jesus' love. Sometimes, it is easy to be a missionary and share God's love.

7. **God Uses YOU** to reduce FBCT's \$1.8 million long-term debt that was encountered when building the worship center, music center, and Kid City. From November 2022 to November 2023 YOU contributed \$302,872 toward the reduction of this long-term debt. Now our long-term debt balance is \$377,727. Praise God!! To help reduce this debt earmark your donation "Legacy".

8. **So, your husband's a missionary!** Each missionary spouse is a missionary in their own right. Some teach with their husbands, others show hospitality to those served, others teach children and teens but all spouses serve with their husbands. Al Fadi's sweet wife has a servant's heart. She hosts many in their home for prayer, mission's conferences, and Bible studies. She serves as a deaconess. Pastor Al has an aggressive schedule traveling all over the world to speak at conferences and churches. While gone, Mrs. Fadi holds down the fort while raising their two children.

9. **Broken Family Relationships Are Devastating.** An FBCT grandmother has been estranged from her son's family for over 10 years. Heart-broken, she tried to restore the relationships. Recently, her 18-year-old granddaughter called her and asked to see her. The grandmother enjoyed a Sunday lunch and an afternoon of shopping with her two granddaughters. This grandmother's heart is overflowing with love and gratitude. Praise God for restored relationships and His love and mercy.

10. **Third Generation Missionary** Andrea Combs serves with her husband Hunter in a very diverse culture. Their focus group is Muslims. Andrea and Hunter have three small children. The opportunities are vast, and the need is great. They believe that God is calling them to evangelize the lost, to equip leaders, and to teach and train believers. They feel a strong call from the Lord to focus their efforts on winning Muslims to Christ.

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."
2 Corinthians 5:10

11. *International Students Gather in the FBCT's Gym Each December.* Our gym was filled with over 200 international students for a Christmas celebration dinner on December 8 put on by Campus Ambassadors. Missionaries Ben and Aleyamma Joseph have been missionaries since 1983 on the ASU campus. They have the opportunity to minister among the more than 15,000 students who have come to the U.S. from over 140 different nations. Eight percent of these students are from the 10/40 window, the least evangelized parts of the world. Ben says, "America is fortunate to have the world come to her – a foreign mission field at her door step. There may be no better opportunity for world evangelization than that of reaching international students for Jesus Christ." Contact Ben to volunteer in this important ministry.

12. *Friends Drive the Extra Mile.* "Last month a friend and two other ladies set out on an adventure in her motorhome. The motorhome over heated in Nevada and they called a tow truck to tow them into Las Vegas. The mechanic couldn't take care of the repair right away. The friends became sick with Covid and drove a rental car back to AZ. She was alone, broken and scared. I called to check on her. She was in despair. I told her my husband, Stan, would call the mechanic and that he would drive the RV to AZ. This reassured her that **she was not alone**. A happy ending: Stan drove the RV back and she was beyond grateful. I told her you need to come to church with us and she has been doing just that." God is powerful and always shows up in those who have a servant's heart.

13. *Can You See the Smiles on Their Faces?* Not only did our FBCT family provide Shoeboxes for children in other countries but we provided 100 gifts to children who have one or both parents incarcerated. Bruce Baird began planning for this ministry in September and it took a few months from the time Bruce began planning to the time the last gift was delivered in middle December. When the gifts were delivered Bruce and his helpers were greeted by big smiles. Thank you for serving God.



**Video and audio services and messages are being
live streamed at 9:30 and 11:00 am 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 Morning Messages

FBC 2024

**Missions Conference January 21 – February 25
“Build His Kingdom”**

January 28 – “Build the Kingdom in Us”

(2 Corinthians 7:1)

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

February 4 – “My Own Backyard”

(Acts 1:8)

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

February 11 - “Special Season”

(Acts 1:8; 8:25-40)

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

February 18 – “A New Way of Life”

(1 Corinthians 9:19-27)

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February 25 – “God Delights in Diversity”

(Revelation 7:9)

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March 3 – The Gospel of Matthew: “Son of Abraham”

(Matthew 1:1-17)

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Build the Kingdom in Us

2 Corinthians 7:1-3

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2 Corinthians 7:1-3 - Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. make room for us in your hearts; we wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we took advantage of no one. I do not speak to condemn you, for I have said before that you are in our hearts to die together and to live together.

Every Temptation to Sin - if taken - Has Consequences For Your Testimony

Proverbs 16:3 - Commit your works to the LORD And your plans will be established.

Working Hard For God Often Produces Positive Results!

Genesis 2:18 - Then the Lord God said, "it is not good for the man to be alone, I will make him a helper suitable for him"
Psalm 115:9-11

God Will Speak To You Through Your Wife

Proverbs 16:9 - 9 The mind of man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.

The Value of Helplessness

2 Timothy 4:2 - 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

Acts 2:14-41

Don't Miss the Opportunity to Preach the Gospel

James 1:19 - Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak

The Value of Asking Questions

Philippians 4:6-7 - John 14:27 - Matthew 6:28-34 – 28

God Will Always Take Care Of Our Needs

Luke 21:1-4

Value of the Widow's Mite - Sacrifice is Measured in Ratio Not Amount!

Romans 12:2 - Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect

The Battle Against Sexual Addiction Starts in the Mind

Eph 4:14-15 - As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,

New Believers Must Be Protected

1 Corinthians 9:22b - I have become all things to all men, so that i may by all means save some

Becoming All Things To All People Means Doing It Like Them

Not Them Doing It Like You

Mark 1:35 - and rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed

Matthew 14 - after the death of John the Baptist

Matthew 14 - after the feeding of the 5000

Luke 6 - out to the mountains and prayed all night

John 6 - perceiving that the crowd would come and make him king he withdrew to the mountain by himself

Matthew 26 - Garden - alone to pray!

Spending Time Alone With God Helps us Follow God Better