

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

February 11—Exodus 36-38
February 12—Exodus 39-40
February 13—Leviticus 1-4
February 14—Leviticus 5-7
February 15—Leviticus 8-10
February 16—Leviticus 11-13
February 17—Leviticus 14-15
February 18—Leviticus 16-18

Birthdays

Bi Nguyen—2/11
Callista Wright—2/11
Rick Brennan—2/12
Jacqueline Frazier—2/12
Edward Lindstrom—2/12
Judith Tolliver—2/12
Ruth Jimenez—2/13
Christian Manymules—2/13
Virginia Miller—2/13
Lisa Schabaker—2/13
Iksung Lim—2/14
Peggy Wheatley—2/14
Zachary Branton—2/15
Shane Moss—2/16
Khloe Williams—2/16
Richard Renteria—2/17
David Shaver—2/17
Jose Guerrero—2/18

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 (02/04)
Budget Plan	\$ 23,920	\$ 110,600
Giving (Donations)	\$ 44,748	\$ 97,176
	\$ 20,828 (Overage)	\$ 22,424 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 3,032	\$ 64,392
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (02/04)
Budget Plan	\$ 888	\$ 4,440
Giving (Donations)	\$ 580	\$ 3,481
	\$ 308 (Shortage)	\$ 651 (Shortage)
FP Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 2,345

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 160	\$ 590,292

Please continue to give to help reduce our long-term Legacy debt of approximately \$353,393.00
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 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

February 11, 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

Praise the Lord
Welcome and Announcements
Missionary Interview
This I Believe
Good Good Father
Prayer
Choir: Great is Thy Faithfulness
Message:
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
"Special Season" Acts 1:8, 8:25-40
Missionary Interview

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

God So Loved
Welcome and Announcements
Missionary Interview
Whom Shall I Fear
Holy Forever
Prayer
Message:
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
"Special Season" Acts 1:8, 8:25-40



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	\$ 13,210.00
Under Budget	\$ 126,237.00

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	\$ 1,772.00
Under Budget	\$ 148,228.00

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, February 11

8:00 am-Adult Bible Class
9:30 am-Contemporary Worship
9:30 am-Kid City Children's Classes
9:30 am-JH & HS Classes
9:30 am-Adult Bible Classes
11:00 am-Contemporary Worship
11:00 am-Kid City Classes
11:00 am-Adult Bible Classes
12:00 pm-Lunch in the MAC

Monday, February 12

6:15 am—Men's Bible Study-Truth Project
7:00 pm-Parents of Addicted Loved Ones

Tuesday, February 13

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

Wednesday, February 14

5:30 pm Young Family 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 15

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 17

8:00 am Pick-up Basketball

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.

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>

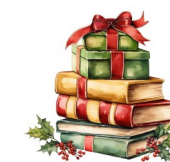
Library News

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



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
\$110,600

YTD Money Received
\$97,176

UNDER Budget
\$22,424

2023 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
■ Series 1	\$110,600.00	\$97,176.00

Sunday Lunch in the MAC



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

- 2-11 Deli Bar with variety condiments, chips, pasta salad, salad bar and dessert
- 2-18 bacon Mac and Cheese, buttered sweet corn, cheddar corn bread, salad bar and dessert
- 2-25 Hamburger Bar with toppings, cheeses, chips, 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

Zacchaeus in the tree
(Luke 19:1-10)

Memory Verse: 1 John 4:19

“We love because God loved us first.”

1st through 6th Grade

Missions Sunday

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.

**WACKY
WEDNESDAY**

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



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.



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!



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



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 \$353,393 as of January 28, 2024.

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
Monday Morning
Bible Study at
FBC**

Men, did you know that FBC has a Monday morning Men's Bible Study at FBC? They meet Monday mornings from 6:15 – 8:00 am in room 104.

On February 12 they will begin a new study: "The Truth Project".

The Truth Project consists of 13 1-hour video sessions that examine the popular views in our society and compares them against the truths of the Bible. Each session contains teaching from Dr. Del Tackett and other Biblical experts. There are also many educational video clips and interviews with various "authorities" and other people to provide a wide sampling of viewpoints in the world.

The course is an in-depth, comprehensive Christian worldview experience. It covers topics such as philosophy, ethics, God, man, science, history, government and social relationships. Satan has tried to deceive the world in each of these areas and we need to be vigilant to not be led astray from following God's will. Come and find out if you may have already bought into some of Satan's lies.

We will take time for discussion after each lesson. If you have any questions please contact Greg Jones, 480-205-8801, gdj757@gmail.com

Colossians 2:8 – "See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the traditions of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ."



EASTER HELP NEEDED!

Sunday, March 31

Resurrection Sunday

Easter Morning Worship Services
9:30am and 11:00am
Brunch served after each service

- Greeters needed for Easter morning before each worship service.
- Brunch Food Servers are needed
- Brunch Food Runners are needed
- Kitchen Cleanup Helpers needed

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I would be happy to help on Easter Sunday!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Cell: _____

I can help Greet people from 9:00-9:30am 10:30-11:00am

I can help serve food from 10:15-11:15am 11:45am-12:45pm

I can be a food runner from 10:15-11:15am 11:45am-12:45pm

I can help Clean up from 10:15-11:15am

11:45am-12:45pm

12:45-1:30pm



Tear off and place in offering plate **OR** scan and sign up on-line 



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
2/11	Peter & Trisha Molina	United States	None	Kid City	Rm 217
	Bob & Elena Gonzalez	Europe/ Germany	Rm 107/108	Worship Center	Kid City
	Steve & Darlene Evers	International Missions	Rm 107/108	Worship Center	Worship Center
	Mark Burritt	International Missions	Rm 107/108	Worship Center	Rm 107/108
	Brent & Melanie Palmer	International Missions	None	Rm 106	Rm 118
2/18	Tom & Laura Requadt	West Africa	Rm 107/108	Worship Center	Worship Center Rm 107/108
	Steve & Patty Robenalt	United States	Rm 107/108	Rm 106	Rm 107/108
	Ben & Aleyamma Joseph	United States	None	Worship Center	Worship Center

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

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

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)

All Church Hike



Date and Time – Saturday, March 2. 7am – 1pm
Location – Arnett Canyon - Superior **NEW HIKE**
(Moderately easy 5 mile hike)

Bring: Water, snacks, layers and flashlight

Enjoy a peaceful hike in Arnett Canyon behind Boyce Thompson Arboretum, crossing a small creek a few times.

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

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



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

11. Are you working full-time and willing to go? Follow these missionaries who transitioned from secular work to become career missionaries: Mark Burritt, Jeff HAuse, Al/Hanane Fadi David/Donna Shaver, Ryan/Roo Chester and others. Trust and see what a mighty God can do with your willing heart.

12. Even the young can say, “Here I am. Send me.” Laura Requadt grew up in a godly family. Early in her childhood she accepts Christ as her Savior. At age eleven, she decided she would go and tell children about Christ’s love for them. At Southwestern Bible College she met Tom and married. Together they pursued this dream of sharing Christ. Over the years Tom has worked on Bible translations and Laura has had successful children’s ministries. Children come to their courtyard to memorize Scripture and hear Bible lessons about God and His great love for us. Each receives homemade cookies for memorizing Scripture and a larger prize for memorizing whole sets of verses (usually over 100 verses). God rewarded a young girl and her desire to be sent.

13. God uses our past when He sends us! Cathy Wilson writes, “I was born in the Bronx - into a Gentile home – but nearly went home with a Jewish couple! God has taken my husband, Bob, and I on a missionary journey. We served as missionaries to the Navajo and Hopi Indians and to Mormons. Then – drama. As I portrayed Jewish characters in sketches, God gave me a love for His people. God took this Gentile out of very Jewish New York City and brought me to the Arizona desert to schmooze with the Jewish people. This is God’s work and His plan is perfect. Each day I thank Him for the dear Jewish people that He has placed in my life – for His glory! The journey continues – and it’s exciting!”

14. How can God use you to build His Kingdom? Are you struggling with finding your Kingdom Building place? Ask PIT Rafael Salgado to pray with you and ask God to show you where and how to serve. Rafael has a prayer ministry and would be happy to pray for you. Call the church office, 480-839-0926, to contact Rafael.

Here I am. Send me.

February 2024 God Stories

Build His Kingdom Missions Conference

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: Who should I send? Who will go for us? I said: Here I am. Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

1. **Called to run the race.** Wycliffe Bible Translators, Dwight and Gwynne Shaver are consulting with two Old Testament Projects in Peru. One is with the Nomatsiguenga people where Dwight’s parents (FBC members & missionaries Betty and Harold Shaver) finished the New Testament in 1981. The other is with the Lambayeque Quechua people where Dwight and Gwynne finished the New Testament in 2005. They now live and work in the U.S. and travel to Peru 2-3 times a year. Seek them out on February 4 to see how you can partner with them.

2. **I said, “Here I am God and He sent me to a Tempe Park.”** Several FBC family members have worked with Dinner on the Hill Homeless Ministry for over 25 years. In December God blessed them while they were blessing Tempe’s homeless. They fed about 125 folks. You abundantly provided blankets, socks, shoes and coats. Your donations were overwhelming. David Brinn writes, “My Pilot was full from front to back and to the ceiling full of the items. Others brought more and we were more overwhelmed. By the time we left serving our Christmas dinner, everything was given away. Many people were blessed with shoes, socks, warm blankets and coats. It was a very heartfelt night. God Blessed many folks that night. Amen.” You, too, can serve in this ministry.

3. **We are thankful that You sent us.** Brent and Melanie Palmer have been missionaries with Missionary Aviation Fellowship for many years and they are thankful for God’s presence in 2023. They write this prayer, “Dear God, thank You. Thank You for the smiles and laughs and songs and prayers all shared in 2023. And thank You for the promise of Your presence as we travel through 2024. Through deep waters and difficult rivers and oppressive heat, You promise You will be with us. May our actions prove Your promises this year. Amen.” They will be on Campus February 11. Ask them about their God sightings in 2023.

4. Help! God sent us but it can be overwhelming. Pray for us. FBC missionaries David and Donna Shaver write, "We've had several key challenges recently that have reminded us that we are not in this alone and we NEED your prayers." Recently, they were responsible to host 25 people in a **remote place in Peru** and without their own transportation. The Shavers provided all the food, lodging and supplies for the workshop. They purchased all the food and supplies in the local market town 25 kms away and used public transportation to get it on site. The Shavers felt a bit overwhelmed and knew they were in over their heads, but they expected God to do mighty things! Look for them on FBC's campus on February 25. Ask them how God supplied their needs.

5. I sent you. Now be flexible. FBC home-grown missionaries, Bob and Elena Gonzalez have found that younger generations are looking for mentors and discipleship as they do ministry. We have seen a pattern from this generation that they want to serve long term, but need to make gradual steps into this process. We have been asked to be hosts in the Kandern area when we return to Germany and GEM would like us to take on a leadership role in heading up the Ten2 program. Lots of new opportunities and challenges face us next year! Exciting things to come as God is working in many parts of Europe with national and refugee ministries. Gonzalez's are on campus February 11. Ask them how God has worked in them.

6. I said, "Here I am and God said buy a gift." FBC Church Plant Pastor Peter Molina writes, "I asked the Messenger Sunday Bible Class to buy Christmas gifts to give to students in our ministry. The Messengers generously gave nice gifts. The students were so thankful and excited to receive the gifts! A basketball brought out the child-like joy in a teenage boy and a teen girl who usually wears her brothers clothing opened a girly present from Claire's and it seemed like it was what she always wanted. Every gift seemed to serve a purpose, highlight the personality of each student and bring a spark of joy. Thank you!"

Here I am. Send me.

7. Send me to build God's Kingdom. God uses faithful, willing and purposeful people. Volunteers Gail Halver and Lee Henkelman are faithful, willing and purposeful as they operate FBC's Library. They have collected and organized hundreds of books, DVDs and videos. Every Sunday, you will find them in the library ready to help you find good reading material. They build God's Kingdom right here at FBC. Check out the Library, located across from the Worship Center. Check out a book and tell them thank you.

8. God, I am an introvert. Can You send me? You bet He can. God uses everyone to build His Kingdom. Sometimes missionary spouses step out of their comfort zones to "build the Kingdom of God." FBC's Darlene Evers has done just that. Her husband, Steve is Director of In Touch Mission International. Darlene frequently shows hospitality (sometimes for weeks at a time) to internationals (many who do not speak English) in their home. She worked in the ITMI office for 13 years. Now she is a volunteer. You, too, can volunteer at ITMI. Darlene is a Kingdom builder.

9. God, please use my smile to build Your Kingdom. A young family recently visited FBC and they were blown away by the positive welcome they received. They said they appreciated so many individuals who smiled and welcomed them.

10. Sometimes God's calling comes through adversity. That is how God called Steve and Patty Robenalt to launch Compassion in Action. While members at FBC, Patty's mother died from AIDS. During her fight with the disease, they met others living with HIV and discovered that many were searching for love and hope. It was at that time, they believed God was calling them to begin a new ministry that extended the love, hope and strength of Christ to people touched by HIV. This ministry shares the love of Christ through monthly food boxes, regular dinners, Bible teaching, weekly craft times, practical and emotional support, and networking with other AIDS organizations. You can partner with Steve and Patty. They are on campus February 18.

Here I am. Send me.



**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”**

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)

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

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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March 10 – The Gospel of Matthew: “Praise God for Women”

(Matthew 1:1-17)

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Special Season

Acts 8:25-40

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Acts 8:25 - So, when they had solemnly testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they started back to Jerusalem, and were preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

Acts 8:26 - But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, "Get up and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a desert *road*.)

Acts 8:27-28 - ²⁷ So he got up and went; and there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he had come to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah.

Acts 8:29-30 - ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go up and join this chariot.” ³⁰ Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

Acts 8:31-35 - ³¹ And he said, “Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this:

“HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER;
AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT,
SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH.

³³ “IN HUMILIATION HIS JUDGMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY;
WHO WILL RELATE HIS GENERATION?
FOR HIS LIFE IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH.”

³⁴ The eunuch answered Philip and said, “Please *tell me*, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.

Acts 8:36-38 - ³⁶ As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch *said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁷ [And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."] ³⁸ And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.

Acts 8:39-40 - ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he kept preaching the gospel to all the cities until he came to Caesarea.

Your Life is Short Term Missions

The New Heavens and the New Earth Are Your Long Term Home

Philippians 3:20 - For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

Hebrews 13:12-13 - ¹² Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. ¹³ So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.