

### 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 25—Numbers 5-6  
February 26—Numbers 7  
February 27—Numbers 8-10  
February 28—Numbers 11-13  
February 29—Psalm 90  
March 1— Numbers 14-15  
March 2—Numbers 16-17  
March 3—Numbers 18-20

### Birthdays

Deanna Murray—2/26  
Tommy Smith—2/27  
Juanita Gateere—2/28  
Julie Huver—2/28  
Christy Tribiana—2/28  
Christin Curtis—2/29  
John Gloekler—2/29  
Savannah Blakley—3/1  
Sophie Brooks—3/1

### 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](http://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](http://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 (02/18)
Budget Plan	\$ 23,920	\$ 167,440
Giving (Donations)	\$ 12,346	\$ 119,792
	\$ -11,574 (Shortage)	\$ -47,648 (Shortage)
<b>GF Expenses</b>	\$ 55,862	\$ 147,618
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (02/18)
Budget Plan	\$ 888	\$ 6,216
Giving (Donations)	\$ 1,500	\$ 7,021
	\$ 612 (Overage)	\$ 805 (Overage)
<b>FP Expenses</b>	\$ 0	\$ 2,901

### Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 135	\$ 591,602

Please continue to give to help reduce our long-term Legacy debt of approximately \$308,580.00  
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 Dianna. 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 25, 2024

4525 S. McClintock Drive  
Tempe, AZ 85282  
480-839-0926  
[fbc-tempe.org](http://fbc-tempe.org)  
Dr. Roger Ball, Managing Pastor

## Welcome to Worship

### 9:30 am-Contemporary Worship

This is Amazing Grace  
Welcome and Announcements  
How Great Thou Art  
No One Higher  
Message:  
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
"God Delights in Diversity"  
Revelation 7:9  
Missionary Video

### 11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

Praise the Lord  
Welcome and Announcements  
Missionary Interview  
Yet Not I but Thru Christ in Me  
Hymn of Heaven  
Message:  
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch  
"God Delights in Diversity"  
Revelation 7:9  
Baptism  
Missionary Video



*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	\$ 19,265.00
Under Budget	\$ 120,182.00

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](mailto: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	\$ 3,842.00
Under Budget	\$ 146,158.00

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](mailto:pnmolina@asu.edu). Make out all checks to FBC earmarked "Church Plant."

## This Week at FBC

### Sunday, February 25

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 26

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

### Tuesday, February 27

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

### Wednesday, February 28

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 29

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

## 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,<sup>7</sup> 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*,<sup>8</sup> 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](http://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  
\$167,440

YTD Money Received  
\$119,792

UNDER Budget  
\$47,648

## 2023 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
■ Series 1	\$167,440.00	\$119,792.00

## Sunday Lunch in the MAC



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

- 2-25 Hamburger Bar with toppings, cheeses, chips, salad bar and dessert
- 3-3 Chicken parmesan cutlets with marinara, penne pasta, veggies, Caesar salad, salad bar and dessert
- 3-10 Nachos bar with taco beef, pintos, toppings, FBC salsa, salad bar And dessert
- 3-17 Pasta toss with meatballs in marinara or pesto cream sauces, Veggies, garlic toast, salad bar and dessert

# KID CITY

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

**Today** your son/daughter will learn about:

## **Preschool through Kindergarten**

Jesus and the Little Children  
(Matthew 19:13-14, Mark 10:13-16)

**Memory Verse:** 1 John 4:19  
"We love because God loved us first."

## **1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Mission Sunday

### **1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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 \$308,580.00 as of February 18, 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"***

# Resurrection Sunday

## Celebrate Easter at FBC



**“Walk In Freedom”**

**Easter Sunday, March 31**

***9:30 am – Worship Service in the Worship Center***

***11:00 am – Worship Service in the Worship Center***

**Special Children’s Program at 9:30 and 11:00 am  
in Kid City for children grade 6 and younger.**

**Youth are encouraged to attend the 9:30 am  
Service in the Worship Center with Pastor Scott.**

***FREE BRUNCH in in the MAC***

***(Donations gladly accepted)***

***10:30am – 12:45pm***

Chicken Santé Fe with Black Bean & Roasted Corn Salsa

Rosemary and Dijon Crusted Pork Loin

Herb Rice Pilaf

Garlic Roasted Potatoes

Korean BBQ Meatballs and Italian Meatballs

Fresh Roasted Vegetables

Assorted Pastries

Coffee Station and Citrus Water



# 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 





# FREE PHOTOS ON EASTER!

Celebrate Resurrection Day with a professional photo!

Photographer David Foote will be in the Photo Booth in the café area on **Easter Sunday, March 31** at the following times:

**8:45-9:30 am**

**10:30-11 am**

**12:00 – 12:30 pm**

Make your way to the café and receive a free professional photo along with electronic photo files.

*(Easter Bonnet Not Required)*





# **“Build His Kingdom” FBC 2024 Mission Conference January 21– February 25**

## **Pray For Our Missionaries**

Date	Missionary	Country	8am	9:30am	11am
2/25	Hunter & Andrea Combs	International	None	Video only WC	Video only WC
	David & Donna Shaver	Mexico	Rm 107/108	Kid City	Worship Center Rm 107/108
	Ryan & Roo Chester	International	Rm 107/108	Rm 106	Kid City

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth. Acts 1:8

## **Interested in supporting our Missionaries?**



**Scan Here**



or use an offering envelope and ear mark it “Faith Promise”

[www.fbc-tempe.org/ministries](http://www.fbc-tempe.org/ministries)



# 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

For registration information, contact Teresa Kovac at 732-319-5533 or visit [www.Griefshare.org](http://www.Griefshare.org)

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## MEN'S BREAKFAST

March 9

7:50am



Men Praying for FBC Tempe

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## 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)**

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## 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](mailto:ajbachman7@hotmail.com)

# Women's Ministry Events

## Tuesday Bible Study Connections

Tuesday's, January 9 – April 9, 2024:

9:30 am, Rooms 107-108

### 2 Studies Offered

1. Book of James
2. John's Letters

## Thursday Evening Bible Study

**Bible Study** – “Life and Ministry of the Messiah” **January 11 – March 21**

6:30 pm, Room 104

### SAVE THE DATE!

Women to Women Connection “Discerning the Voice of God”

**Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18 and 25** – 4 messages by Charmaine Newton

6:30-8pm, in the Quad, no charge

### Summer Bible Studies

**Tuesdays May 7 – June 25**, 9:30-11:30am in the Quad

“Making God's Faithfulness the Bedrock of Your Faith” – Study Book,  
\$12

**Thursdays May 2 – June 20**, 6:30-8pm, Room 104

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” a study in the Parables, Study bk, \$11



## WOMEN'S RETREAT

**September 13-15, 2024**

**\$165 – 5 meals, 2 nights**

**Tonto Rim Christian Camp, Payson, AZ**

**“Life is Like a Box of Chocolates...taking the risk”**

**All Women are Welcome – Sign up at the Women's  
Ministry Table in the hallway across from the Café**

## FBCTEMPE SENIOR PASTOR CANDIDATE



The FBC Deacon board would like to present Pastor John Heston to the congregation as a candidate for the FBC Tempe Senior Pastor Position.

On Sunday 03/10/24 & 03/17/24 Pastor Heston will preach in the 9:30am and 11am services.

After the 11am service on both dates please join us for lunch and a Question-and-Answer session with Pastor Heston in the gym.

Pastor Heston is a seasoned Pastor with over 25 years of experience of increasing responsibility in church leadership. He is committed to shepherding individuals to Christ, engaging the community in local and global outreach, and has a strong focus on discipleship.

*Please see reverse side for additional information*

**Education:**

- 2021 Doctor of Ministry: Phoenix Seminary
- 2004 Master of Divinity: Phoenix Seminary
- 2001 BA in Business: Arizona State

**Pastor/Work Experience:**

**2015-Current:** Lead Pastor Valley View Bible Church

**2013-2014:** Adjunct Professor Arizona Christian University

**2003-2015:** Associate Pastor Grace Community Church over small group, curriculum development, leadership development, mission trips.

**2000-2003:** Children’s Director/ Student Ministries Canyon Ridge Bible Church

Scan for example of online sermons from Pastor John Heston



“All Things for Good”, Romans 8:28-30  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dllzIPYFgyg>



“Freedom”, Romans 8:1-4  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XrkQBcoph7E>



“A Church That Equips”, Ephesians 4:4-6  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVql\\_Pyy9o8&t](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVql_Pyy9o8&t)



Advent Sermon, Isaiah 40:27-31  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCimlkouvMM>



# 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.

**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!”

**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.

**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 HUse, 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.**



**Video and audio services and messages are being  
live streamed at 9:30 and 11:00 am Sundays at  
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**Pastor Roger's sermons and other FBC Pastors  
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## **Sunday Morning Messages**

**FBC 2024**

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

**February 25 – “God Delights in Diversity”**

(Revelation 7:9)

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

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

(Matthew 1:1-17)

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

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

(Matthew 1:1-17)

Pastor John Heston (9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)

**March 17 – The Gospel of Matthew: “Son of David”**

(Matthew 1:1-17)

Pastor John Heston (9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)

**March 24 – The Gospel of Matthew: “God Can Use You”**

(Matthew 1:1-17)

Pastor Peter Molina (9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)

**March 31 – Easter Sunday “Walk in Freedom”**

(Romans 6:1-14, 23)

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

# God Delights in Diversity

Revelation 7:9

February 25, 2024  
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**Revelation 7:9-10** - <sup>9</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands; <sup>10</sup> and they cry out with a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

**Revelation 5:9-10** - <sup>9</sup> And they \*sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

<sup>10</sup> “You have made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”



# Why Does God Delight in Diversity?

1. Diversity is \_\_\_\_\_

a. Psalms 139:13-16

<sup>13</sup> For You formed my inward parts;  
You wove me in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup> I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully  
made;

Wonderful are Your works,  
And my soul knows it very well.

<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from You,  
When I was made in secret,

*And* skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;

<sup>16</sup> Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;

And in Your book were all written

The days that were ordained *for me*,

When as yet there was not one of them.

2. Diversity \_\_\_\_\_ increases \_\_\_\_\_

a. 1 Corinthians 12:26

And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if *one*  
member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

3. Diversity \_\_\_\_\_

a. Psalms 96:1

Sing to the LORD a new song;  
Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

All People in Heaven Will Share One Thing in Common:

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Why is this important?

Relationships That Don't \_\_\_\_\_

Don't \_\_\_\_\_

- On the Contrary – Jesus So Delights in Diversity That A Relationship With Him Lasts For Eternity!

**God Delights in Diversity, So Should We**