

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

March 24—Joshua 5-8
March 25—Joshua 9-11
March 26—Joshua 12-15
March 27—Joshua 16-18
March 28—Joshua 19-21
March 29—Joshua 22-24
March 30—Judges 1-2
March 31—Judges 3-5

Birthdays

David Henkle—3/24
Pat Mitchell—3/24
Michelle Gamez—3/25
Ron Huver—3/25
Alexa Torstenson—3/25
Makaeli Begaye—3/26
Leslie Maldonado—3/26
Jonathan Martin—3/26
Maida Ruiz—3/26
Abigail Rath—3/27
Savian Solomon—3/27
David Flesher—3/28
Quinton Britt—3/30
Karissa Whitlatch—3/31

For Our Guests . . .

Welcome to First Baptist Church! We are so glad you have joined us this morning.

Guests . . . If you would like to receive information or a brochure on FBC and any of its ministries, please stop by the Connections Center.

Also, please share any prayer or praises in the space provided on one of the orange Communication Cards located in the pew racks. Let us know how we can help you!

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 Anthony or one of the other FBC Pastors?

Free sermons by Pastor Anthony 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 (03/17)
Budget Plan	\$ 23,920	\$ 263,120
Giving (Donations)	\$ 13,804	\$ 203,489
	\$ 10,116 (Shortage)	\$ -59,631 (Shortage)
GF Expenses	\$ 43,895	\$ 234,477
Faith Promise	Last Week	YTD (03/17)
Budget Plan	\$ 888	\$ 9,768
Giving (Donations)	\$ 502	\$ 12,039
	\$ -386 (Shortage)	\$ 2,271 (Overage)
FP Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 7,992

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

	Last Week	Since Jan 2019
Legacy Designated	\$ 215	\$ 593,037

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.
Earmark your donations "Legacy"

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 contact the Church Office by calling 480-839-0926 to schedule a time to meet.



LOVE GOD PEOPLE

Accepting, loving and challenging people with God's truth

March 24, 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

Choir: Christ the Lord is Risen
Welcome and Announcements
Only King Forever
This is Our God
How Great is Your Love
Message:
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
Gospel of Matthew:
"God Can Use You"
Matthew 1:1-17
Right Hand of Fellowship

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

Praise
Welcome and Announcements
Holy Forever
1,000 Names
Message:
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
Gospel of Matthew:
"God Can Use You"
Matthew 1:1-17
Right Hand of Fellowship



*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 February 2024.

Financial Need

Annual Budget	\$ 139,447.00
Giving-to-Date	\$ 29,020.00
Under Budget	\$ 110,427.00

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 February 2024.

Financial Need

Annual Budget	\$ 150,000.00
Giving-to-Date	\$ 11,036.00
Under Budget	\$ 138,964.00

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, March 24

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
6:00 pm-Easter Celebration Concert

Monday, March 25

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

Tuesday, March 26

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

Wednesday, March 27

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, March 28

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

Friday, March 29

7:00 pm Good Friday Service

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>

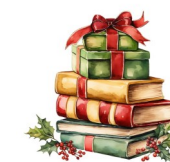
Library News

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 Sor-row" 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)

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
\$263,120

YTD Money Received
\$203,489

UNDER Budget
\$59,631

2024 General Fund Giving



	Budget	Received
■ Series 1	\$263,120.00	\$203,489.00

Sunday Lunch in the MAC



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

3-24 Italian Sausage hoagie with peppers and mozzarella, chips, pasta Salad, salad bar and dessert

3-31 **Easter Brunch:** 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

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

Jesus enters Jerusalem
(Matthew 21:7-11, John 12:12-15)

Memory Verse: Matthew 21:9
"Hosanna in the highest."

1st through 6th Grade

The Last Supper
(Matthew 26:1-56, Luke 22:1-53)

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



CHURCH VOTE RESULTS. Thank you.

Last Sunday you, the church at FBCT voted on Sunday, March 17, 2024 and approved the following nominees for various church leadership positions/offices. Each nominee on the ballot received at least a 90 percent “Yes Vote” approval. Each nominee will begin their service as an officer of FBCT on April 1, 2024.

- We welcome Rassamy Keoduangta as Financial Secretary and Don Halver as Church Treasurer.
- We welcome Paulina Harner and Joy Getz as Deaconesses.
- We welcome Robert Hill, Paul Turck, Todd White and Troy Malmin as Deacons.

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

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!



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"



April 7 – May 5, 2024

**New Sermon Series Coming
Soon!**



MENTAL HEALTH

Hear from Pastor Anthony as well as guest professionals in the mental health field each week.

April 7: Sin or Not – Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

April 14: Spiritual Abuse - with Mindelle Will Romans 6:1-14, 23

April 21: Social Conflict – with Alicia Padilla Luke 17:3, Eph 4:29, Rom12:17

April 28: Relational Trauma – w/Karissa Whitlatch John 8:31-32, Heb.6:18

May 5: Self-Regulation – with Loretta White 2Tim 1:7, Gal 5:22-23



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

Men's Golf Tournament

Date and Time - Saturday, May 11, 2024, 7:00 am

Place – Springfield Golf Resort

Cost - \$65.00 per person



Includes: Two-Man Best Ball,

1 Round of Golf, Cart and Lunch

To Register – Scan the QR code or sign up at the Men's table

All Church Hike **Date and Time** – Saturday, April 6. 6am – 3pm

Location – Horton Creek Half Trail - Payson

(Moderately easy 4 mile hike) **Bring:** Water, snacks, layers and flashlight

Lovely hike along the creek with many waterfalls.

Direction to carpool meet up: Carpool from FBC

For more information, contact Adam Bachman at

480-363-5570 or at ajbachman7@hotmail.com



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.

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**



Health tips: Forgiveness

from Mayo Clinic Press

Dear Reader,

Unlike all the other organs of the body, our minds have no natural system for getting rid of waste. Hurt piles up as open files and black holes. Gratitude for what is right, compassion for suffering, accepting imperfections and focusing on life's higher meaning can all soften life's hurts. But there's one cure that can dissolve all hurt for good: forgiveness.

Forgiveness is a voluntary choice. It means that you choose to give up anger and resentment despite knowing and accepting that the misconduct happened. Forgiveness is choosing the higher path and leading a more thoughtful life driven by your principles.

Meaning in forgiveness

Anger, holding a grudge and hostility can all lead to anxiety, depression, irritability, disturbed sleep, high blood pressure, irregular heart rhythm and a higher risk of heart attack.

Forgiveness, on the other hand, has many benefits. By forgiving, you enjoy improved health, save energy, have better relationships and set an example for others, particularly children.



Science Agrees with the Bible

Here are just some of the benefits of forgiveness.

Forgiveness can enhance physical health. It can improve blood pressure, lower heart rate and improve immunity.

Forgiveness can improve mental and emotional health by promoting better sleep and lowering anxiety, depression and stress levels.

Forgiveness can improve relationships.

Forgiveness can help save your energy.

Forgiveness can help you focus better.

Forgiveness can help you feel good about yourself.

Forgiveness can make you happier.

Applying Forgiveness

Forgiveness doesn't come naturally to the human mind. Forgiveness isn't easy. Forgiveness is as intentional as exercising. Because planning revenge activates the brain's pleasure centers, you'll have to make a considerable effort to forgive. To forgive, you must:

Find the person forgivable

Become a more effective forgiver

Find meaning in forgiveness

Forgiveness is the ultimate test of your ability to embody higher principles. The hurt of unforgiveness originates from failure in gratitude, compassion, acceptance and higher meaning. The more effectively you can practice the other four principles, the easier it will be for you to forgive.



Science Agrees with the Bible

FBC TEMPE SENIOR PASTOR CANDIDATE



After much prayer and consideration, the FBC Tempe Deacon Board unanimously recommends Pastor John Heston to the congregation as a candidate for the FBC Tempe Senior Pastor Position.

On Sunday, 04/14/24, a vote will be held after each worship service to determine if Pastor Heston will be the new Senior Pastor for FBC Tempe.

The congregation has had the opportunity to meet Pastor Heston and his family in the past weeks and learn more about his passion and abilities in shepherding the church.

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.

Thank you for your continued prayers regarding this decision.

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



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

March 2024 God Stories

Our Kid City Kids Follow Jesus! Our younger family members are learning to follow Jesus as they study the Bible and as they bring in offerings to give to our missionaries. During our Missions Conference our kids collected over \$750. Great job!

FBC's Faithful Sacrifice to Pay Down Bank Loan! Our family continues to reduce the bank loan that was used to build the Worship Center, Music Center, and Kid City. As of February 25, 2024, the loan balance was \$308,580. Praise God! The goal is to pay off the loan by June 2026. Pray and ask God what He would have you do to help retire this loan.

Maturity in the Word causes women to desire to be trained to serve. Women's Ministry is actively helping "any willing woman to reach her fullest potential to become radically Christ-like." Director Kris Williamson is actively training women to effectively lead Bible discussions and to use their gifts to show hospitality and serve other women. Watch for new discussion leaders in the future! Would you like to be trained? Talk to Kris to sign up.

God Continues to Bless the Ministry of CIRA. CIRA shares a praise. Two ladies in United Emirates accepted the Lord in the past couple weeks. One is Emirati and the other is Moroccan. Praise God that He continues to bless CIRA's ministry.

Trust God and Grow in Your Faith. Recently, a young woman was explaining that she saw a direct correlation between her walking with God and trusting Him when she faced trials and her spiritual growth. The more she trusted God to meet a challenge/trial, the easier it was for her to trust Him in more difficult challenges/trials. All fear of trials is disappearing. Faith is growing. Trust is exploding. Praise God! You, too, can experience this type of spiritual growth. Ask to speak to a pastor or a lay leader for help.

Serving Young Couples Invests in the Futures. Praise God for Don and Tracy Harbin and Audi Ortiz. They watch the kids of the

parents attending the young families' small group every other Wednesday night at FBCT. They care and love kids that are not their own. They are investing in a meaningful way in young families at our church. Thank You Don, Tracy, and Audi!!

Men's Ministry Is Helping Other Churches. Another church is wanting to be trained by our men in how to lead a Men's Alaska Fishing trip. We are multiplying men's ministry.

Four New Sunday Bible Classes Started in January. Men and women are being discipled as they learn about Jesus and study the Bible together. Deep friendships can develop as you study the Bible together. Adult Sunday Bible classes are available to anyone wanting to grow in Godly relationships, grow in the Word of God, and be challenged. Check out the bulletin for a list of current classes and their times and rooms.

Living in Christ Gives You Strength to Overcome Past. Erica writes, "I was severely abused growing up ... and had a severed relationship with my mother." Her Mother called Erica and said, "I can't die until I see you in person one more time." Erica went. During some heart-to-heart talks, Erica shared the Gospel with her mother. Not only was Erica's relationship restored with her mother but Erica led Mother in the Sinners Prayer. Her mother's last words to Erica were "I love you and will meet you in the rose garden." She passed away shortly after. God is good. He repaired a relationship and one of His children came home.

Men Are Taking the Next Step and developing godly relationships with other men. Men's Ministry is hosting its first annual Cornhole Tournament March 22nd in the Gym! Praise God for men gathering to fellowship with one another. Praise God for the outreach potential this event provides.

Live in Christ!



EASTER HELP NEEDED!

Sunday, March 31

Easter Morning Worship Services

9:30am and 11:00am

Brunch served after each service

Resurrection Sunday

- 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 

Resurrection Sunday

Celebrate Easter at FBC



3/24 – 6pm: Easter Concert in the Worship Center

3/29 – 7pm: Good Friday Service in the Worship Center

“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 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