

## Financial Update 2025

GENERAL GIVING	Last Week	YTD (11/09)
Budget Plan	\$ 20,433	\$ 919,485
Giving (Donations)	\$ 25,874	\$ 841,121
	<b>(Over) \$ 5,441</b>	<b>(Short) \$ 78,364</b>
<b>GF EXPENSES</b>	\$ 15,810	\$ 913,549
<b>MISSIONARY FAITH PROMISE</b>		
Budget Plan	\$ 1,053	\$ 47,385
Giving (Donations)	\$ 645	\$ 27,500
	<b>(Short) \$ 408</b>	<b>(Short) \$ 19,885</b>
<b>FP EXPENSES</b>	\$ 0	\$ 43,767
<b>CIRA 2025:</b> Budget: \$172,369	<b>Church Plant:</b> Budget: \$ 150,000	
Giving: \$ 119,504	Giving: \$ 56,192	

## This Week @ FBC

- Monday, 11/17:** 6:15 am—Men's Monday AM Bible Study, rm 104
- Tuesday, 11/18:** 7:30 pm—Young Adults, rm 217
- Wednesday, 11/19:** 11:00 am—Mommy & Me Playdate, Kid City  
 11:00 am—Senior Lunch, rm 107/108  
 5:30 pm — Young Families, rm 107/108  
 5:30 pm— Youth Music/Band Practice, rm 207  
 6:30 pm—Youth Group, rm 207  
 6:30 pm—FBC Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, 11/20:** 6:00 pm—Worship Team Vocal Rehearsal  
 6:45 pm—Worship Band Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm—GriefShare, rm 104
- Friday, 11/21:** 9:00 am—All Church Clean Up Day  
 6:00 pm—Women's Craft Night, rm 221



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TEMPE

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**Dr. John Heston, Senior Pastor**

LOVE  
PEOPLE  
DEEDS

**November 16, 2025**

Visit our Website for more  
info on all our ministries:  
[fbc-tempe.org](http://fbc-tempe.org)

**Sunday Morning Worship Services**  
9:30 am  
11:00 am

## 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 on FBC and any of its ministries, please stop by the Connections Center located in the main Lobby.

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

## Sermon Guide

### Overcoming Resistance to Jesus: Matthew 12:43-45

#### "The Warning of Jesus"

November 16, 2025

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

Parables: The important part of the teaching is not the \_\_\_\_\_ but the \_\_\_\_\_

How has God given you opportunities to believe in your life?

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God is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

All people have a \_\_\_\_\_

What lie have you believed that has kept you from following Jesus?

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## Featured Events:

- **Sunday Lunch:** **11/16** Baked Potato Bar **11/23** No Lunch
- **Young Adult Group: Young Adults 18-30, singles or couples,** meets every other Tuesday evening at **7:30 pm, rm 217.** Contact Mike McCall for info: mayhmccall@gmail.com **Next meeting: 11/18**
- **Young Family Group: Every other Wednesday.** Contact Pastor Anthony (awhitlatch@fbc-tempe.org) **5:30 pm, rm 107/108**  
**Next Meeting: 11/19**
- **FBC Mid-Week Youth: (7th-12th grade), Wednesdays**  
**5:30 pm**
- **Seniors Ministry: LUNCH Wednesday, November 19,**  
Bring \$5 and enjoy a good **LUNCH** and great fellowship!  
**11 am, rm 107/108.** Sign up in the lobby.
- **Foundations of our Faith: Sunday nights, 5–6:30 pm,**  
**rm 107/108.** Led by Rick Brennan. On-going thru the Spring.
- **Rooted Class: Sunday mornings 9:30 am in room 118.**  
Led by Elijah Hernandez and Michael Parker.
- **CLASS CHANGE:** Beginning Sunday, **November 9,**  
the **Neurodivergent class** will meet every **2nd & 4th Sunday** at  
**9:30am in rm 104 INSTEAD** of Tuesday evenings.
- **Women's Christmas Craft Night: Friday, November 21,**  
**6-8pm in rm 221.** You're welcome to wear Christmas PJ's.  
2 craft options, **Christmas ornament \$5 / Christmas centerpiece \$15**  
or do both! Sign up at the Women's Table.
- **Women's Christmas BFF and Caroling:** Join us for a special Christmas BFF (Breakfast Friends Forever) on **Saturday, December 20. 8:30-10:30 am.** We will have breakfast and then go caroling in the FBC neighborhood and pass out invitations to our Christmas Eve services. More info at the Women's table.

# CHRISTMAS AT FBC-TEMPE

## ADVENT SUNDAYS

11/30: THE LONGING TO ADORE

12/7: THE ANGELS ADORED HIM

12/14: THE SHEPHERDS ADORED HIM

12/21: THE WISE MEN ADORED HIM

## 12/7: GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILDING EVENT

Reservation Required, scan here



12/14: "THE GREATEST GIFT"

FBC CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

12/24: CANDLE LIGHT SERVICES

12/28: ONE FAMILY SERVICE

AT 10:00AM

COME  
Adore  
HIM

12/24: CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICES

AT 4 & 6 PM

FAMILY SERVICE A WITH SPECIAL MEAL

FOLLOWING EACH SERVICE

First Baptist Church Tempe

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Join us for a  
night of  
Worship!  
Sunday,  
November 30  
6:30-8:00 pm  
Upstairs in room  
207

### GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING PARTY

Sunday, December 7 @ 12:10 pm

Goody gumdrops, lollipop and candy galore - you'll love what we have in store!

Reserve your family's spot and sign up to donate three bags of Christmas candy! **Registration is required** for this free event and helps us ensure there is enough lunch, decorating supplies, and space for everyone.

**REGISTER HERE**



### New Serving Opportunities

- **Church Work Day:** Friday, November 21, 9 am—12 pm. Come and join students from Valley Christian High School as they serve God by helping us clean and organize around the church.
- **Christmas Decorating Day:** Sunday, November 23 following the 11 am service. Join our decorating team as they begin setting up the Christmas décor at FBC. Meet in the church lobby.

**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 click "Donate" OR Scan here**



# KID CITY

(Birth through 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Sunday's 9:30 & 11:00am

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

**Preschool through Kindergarten**

The widow shares bread with Elijah

(1 Kings 17:7-16)

**Memory Verse:** Romans 12:13

"Share with God's people who are in need."

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

The Worldwide Flood

(Genesis 7:17-21, 9:11, 9:16)

**Memory Verse:** Genesis 6:22 "Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him."

Our goal is to partner with parents in teaching children to see and experience the world through the lenses of our beliefs.

Our desire is for them to have a biblical worldview instead of a secular worldview. Our worldview influences everything in our lives. We want our children to know that God's Word is the foundation for our lives and is the standard we use to judge every thought and action. Our Bible is perfect and true. If we use it as our foundation, it will guide us and change our lives.



# Baptism Sunday

Celebrate these stories of transformation!

## **Jaeden Leedahl**

I am very blessed that I was brought up into a Christian home. I got the privilege to spend most of my life surrounded by Christ-loving people. When I was five years old my dad told me the story of the life of Christ and I accepted him as my savior. Later, at twelve years old I decided to take my faith seriously and actively follow Christ. I began to see and understand the fallenness of this world and myself. I knew that I needed Jesus to get to God. God loved me so much that he sent his son to this wicked place to live a perfect life and die an innocent death and rise from the dead three days later, defeating death. I've accepted the gift of salvation and have eternal life through Christ and I'm able to enter the kingdom of heaven to be with God. As a member of God's kingdom, my soul can rest knowing I am safe with Christ and my body can work knowing its purpose is to bring glory to God. The world is much easier to understand in light of God's Word. His word is truth and will stand forever.

## **Jenna Mae Cabelka**

My life felt like there was something missing. Like something your waiting for that never came, until I chose Christ my freshman year of high school. Before I fully came to Christ, I would get all my joy and laughter from worldly things that had no true meaning. I have always been raised in a Christian home, but never fully started caring about God until I was 15. Choosing God in my life completely changed my opinions and views. I no longer follow opinions from my flesh and heart but I choose from what the Bible says is right. I love learning all about God and his word and he has fully changed my life.

## **Jace Leedah**

I do not remember much of what life was like before I put my faith in Christ because I was too young. But before I fully put my trust in him I feared a lot of things and didn't know if I had the strength to control it. I couldn't live at peace and felt like I was alone in facing my sin even though I knew Christ had fully paid for it. I didn't quite understand what that really meant for my life. When I was 5 years old I put my faith in Christ as my Lord and Savior, knowing that he was the only way to get to heaven. But at 13 I fully put my trust in him for everything. Instead of just my life after death I gave him my whole life and fully dedicated myself to him. I grew up in a Christian household, going to church, reading the Bible and praying to him, so I always knew there was a God and that in him I would go to heaven. But I doubted so much until I was 13 and rededicated my life to him fully trusting him. I've wanted to get baptized for a while now. But ever since 2023 (when I was 13) I realized what it truly meant and wanted it even more. The main reason I didn't before was because of the transition between PNG and the US and then I didn't set it as a priority even though I knew that I needed to do it.

## **Levi Leedah**

I don't remember what life was like before I put my faith in Christ. I've always been a believer since I can remember. My parents did a really good job keeping my upbringing Christ centered. Everything around me was explained and done through a Christian worldview when I was little. I put my faith in Christ because I knew, ever since I was a little kid, that I am a sinner and Christ is my Savior. I was taught that I have fallen short of the glory of God and can only be saved through the Blood of Jesus Christ. Not by my own doing but through Christ. The Lord has always been my Rock and my Foundation. Any time I've had an issue or something good happens I turn to Christ because I was raised to do that. I've seen how much the journey with Christ has made my life so amazing. I've seen how if I chose the wrong decision instead of doing what God wants me to do, things could go much worse. God is the only way.