

## Financial Update 2026

GENERAL GIVING	Last Week	YTD (03/22)
Budget Plan	\$ 18,898	\$ 226,776
Giving (Donations)	\$ 16,173	\$ 256,760
	<b>(Short) \$ 2,725</b>	<b>(Over) \$ 29,984</b>
<b>GF EXPENSES</b>	\$ 7,727	\$ 197,225
<b>MISSIONARY FAITH PROMISE</b>		
Budget Plan	\$ 938	\$ 11,256
Giving (Donations)	\$ 660	\$ 8,943
	<b>(Short) \$ 278</b>	<b>(Short) \$ 2,313</b>
<b>FP EXPENSES</b>	\$ 200	\$ 6,220

### February CIRA Update

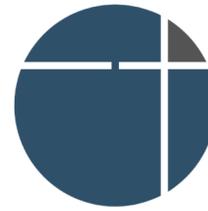
- Budget 2026 - \$486,000.00
- General Income - \$101,000.00
- Designated Income—\$75,000.00

### February Church Plant Update

- Budget - \$150,000.00
- General Income—\$8,695.16

## This Week @ FBC

- Monday, 03/30:** 6:15 am—Men's Monday AM Bible Study, rm 104
- Tuesday, 03/31:** 9:30 am—Women's Bible Study, rm 221
- Wednesday, 04/1:** 11:30 am—Mommy & Me Playdate, Kid City  
5:30 pm— Youth Music/Band Practice, rm 207  
6:30 pm—Youth Group, rm 207  
6:30 pm— Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- Thursday, 04/2:** 6:30 pm—Women's Bible Study, rm 221  
6:45 pm—Worship Team and Band Rehearsal
- Friday, 04/3:** 7 pm—Good Friday Service



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TEMPE

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**Dr. John Heston, Senior Pastor**

LOVE  
PEOPLE  
DEEDS

## March 29, 2026

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 - 2026 Passion Play

John 3:1-3,16

March 29, 2026

Pastor John Heston

**We all begin from the same point:** lost in \_\_\_\_\_.

**We all share the same opportunity:** to be \_\_\_\_\_  
and step into the \_\_\_\_\_.

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 →



## Featured Events:

- **Sunday Lunch:** **3/29** Pasta **4/5** Special Easter Meal
- **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](mailto:mayhmccall@gmail.com) **Next meeting: 4/7**
- **Young Family Group: Every other Wednesday.** Contact Pastor Anthony ([awhitlatch@fbc-tempe.org](mailto:awhitlatch@fbc-tempe.org)) **5:30 pm, rm 107/108**  
**Next Meeting: 4/8**
- **Seniors Ministry: LUNCH Wednesday, April 8,** at **11am. \$5**  
Sign up in the lobby.
- **Women's Spring Bible Studies:** **Tuesday morning, 9:30-11:30 am.** **Thursday evening 6:30-8:00 pm.** "Intentional, Living Out the Eight Principles of Disciple Making." \$11
- **NEW Bible Class: How to Interpret the Bible** led by Stephen Tunnicliff. Sundays at **11:00am** 10 week class **begins 4/19,** rm 107-108.
- **DISCOVER FBC: Interested in learning more about FBC?** Join us for a short tour of FBC and **discover** all we have to offer. **April 19**  
**Meet Pastor John in the lobby following each morning service.**
- **COMING SOON! Discover Your Spiritual Gifts Class:**  
**This 2 session class will meet on April 26 & May 3 in room 104.** This class is being offered in both the 9:30 and 11:00 hours. Led by Aly Lemons.
- **ONE SERVICE SUNDAY & CHURCH PICNIC: On Sunday, April 12** we will only have **1 morning service at 10am.** Join us for this family service and then meet at Hollis Park for our all church picnic! Bring your own lunch and chairs and come have some fun!  
**Hollis Park: 3421 S. Kenneth Pl, Tempe 85282**

# 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**

Jesus dies on the cross, and then rises from the dead!

(Matthew 27:45-28:8)

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 21:9

"Hosanna in the highest."

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

Family Service: Passion Play

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 28:6 "He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay."

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.

## The Hunt is on in March Bible TREASURE HUNT

We are looking for gently used Bibles and Study Bibles for us to give out here at church and to teens in Guadalupe. You may discover you have one of these Bibles sitting at home, or you may enjoy treasure hunting at a thrift store for one. Bring the Bibles in the month of March and put them in the treasure chest in the lobby.

**Easter Touch Ten Cards:** Get the word out about Easter celebrations at FBC! Grab a pack of 10 business card Easter invites and hand them out to your friends, family and neighbors! Cards are at the Welcome/Information stand in the lobby! Want something bigger? There are half page flyers there as well!

### Can You Help? McClintock St. Clean-up

**Saturday, April 11 at 7:30 am.** 10-12 people needed. Sign up in the lobby and/or contact Austin Erwin at [fbcevent.austin@yahoo.com](mailto:fbcevent.austin@yahoo.com)



**April 12**

**One Church Service**

**10am**

Followed by

**All Church Picnic**

**At Hollis Park**

### Need a new Bible for yourself?

MVMNT Christian Store is giving FBC a special **\$5 off** your in-store purchase of a new Bible. Just use the code, "First Baptist Tempe".

**MVMNT Christian Store**

730 N. Cooper Rd  
Gilbert, AZ 85233

9:30 & 11 am April 5, 2026

# OUT OF DARKNESS

*Easter at FBC*

Special Easter Meal Following Each Service

*Good Friday*

APRIL 3 | 7PM

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

Join us for lunch following the 11am service



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## Director's Notes for the Passion Play



### *2026 Passion Play*

Welcome, and thank you for joining us for this year's Passion Play.

This year's production is presented a bit differently. While much of the story is told through music and pantomime, you will notice **select moments of spoken dialogue** woven throughout the performance. These moments were intentionally chosen to highlight key encounters in Jesus' ministry that are difficult to fully express without words.

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## Miracles of Jesus (Presented in Pantomime)

The following miracles are portrayed without dialogue, allowing the story to be experienced visually and reflectively:

- **Healing of the Blind Man** *Mark 10:46–52*
  - **Healing of the Bleeding Woman** *Mark 5:25–34*
  - **Healing of the Lame Man** *Mark 2:1–12*
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## Encounters with Dialogue

These scenes include spoken elements to help clearly communicate their depth and meaning:

- **Nicodemus Comes to Jesus at Night** *John 3:1–21*
- **The Woman at the Well** *John 4:7–42*
- **The Roman Centurion** *Matthew 8:5–13*

*Note: These scenes are abbreviated. Portions are pantomimed, focusing on the most essential parts of each encounter.*

## The Journey to the Cross



In addition to these moments, this production includes:

- Selected scenes from **The Last Supper**
- Jesus praying in **The Garden of Gethsemane**
- **His arrest**
- **Pontius Pilate's final words to Jesus**
- The **crucifixion, burial, and resurrection**
- Jesus' personal, resurrected encounter with **Mary at the tomb**

Much of the story is uniquely told through the perspective of **Nicodemus**, offering a reflective lens on the life and sacrifice of Christ.

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## A Note to Our Audience

Not all events are presented in strict chronological order. Our goal is not simply to retell the story, but to help you experience it in a meaningful and impactful way.

If you are unfamiliar with the full account of Christ's Passion—or would like to explore it more deeply—we encourage you to read:

- **Matthew 21–28**
  - **Mark 11–16**
  - **Luke 19–24**
  - **John 12–21**
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## Our Prayer

Our hope is that this presentation will encourage you, deepen your understanding, and help you see more clearly **who Jesus is and what He has done**.

If you have any questions, we would be honored to connect with you. Contact the church office: 480-839-0926