



Program

“Faithful is He who calls you ...”

(I Thessalonians 5:24)

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Welcome

“Battle Belongs”

Prayer

“Celebration of 40 Years of Ministry”

Communion

“Whom Shall I Fear”

A Time of Prayer and Dedication

***Everyone is invited to share in one of
Pastor Roger’s three favorite deserts.***

***In the foyer is Turtles (with nuts)
and Banana Pudding.***

***In Skylight Café you will be able to enjoy
Strawberry Shortcake.***

All children need to be accompanied by a parent.

Thank
you

Roger Ball

Roger grew up in Tucson where at the age of 12 he was saved at First Baptist Church and baptized at Emery Park Baptist Church.

Roger's education includes a Bachelor of Science received in 1973 and a Master's of Secondary Education in 1980 from the University of Arizona. During this time Roger worked as a Science Teacher, Wrestling Coach, Assistant Principal and Youth Pastor.

Following a sermon on April 26, 1981, by Missionary NT Dellinger, Roger entered the ministry. At Western Seminary in Portland, Roger received a Masters of Church Education in 1983 and a Masters of Theology in 1984. While there he served as Admissions Assistant and Executive Director of the Evangelical School of Practical Church Ministries.

On August 2, 1984, Roger, Dianna, Sharon and Sharmon moved to the Valley to accept the call as Director of Christian Education at FBC. And six years later on November 4, 1990, Roger accepted the call to become FBC's Senior Pastor.

In 1992 he received his Doctorate of Ministry from Western Seminary in Phoenix.

Roger also serves part-time on the staff and faculty at Phoenix Seminary. He teaches classes in the Masters and Doctoral programs. Local, national and international ministry for Roger has included other schools and boards like Mission to the Americas, Valley Christian High School, Southwestern College, Southwest CBA and SEMBEQ.

Roger is committed to helping any willing person reach their fullest potential to become Christ-like.

Dianna Ball

Dianna spent her growing up years in Kansas, New Mexico and Tucson. June 1969 is her “spiritual birthday.”

Roger and Dianna met during their sophomore year at Sunnyside High School in Tucson. Their lockers were right together and they also took a chemistry class together. In chemistry class he used to untie her apron, squirt her with the water bottles and drag her desk into the hall with her in it. Just before class was ready to begin, as the teacher walked in, she would be late for class because she had to drag her desk back into the room.

In August 1971, Roger and Dianna were married. When they were first married she had a large skillet and a popcorn popper to cook in and that was it. They lived in a trailer that did not have propane so she became very creative in cooking. For mashed potatoes she boiled the potatoes in the popcorn popper.

Next, they moved into an A-Frame home without hot water, electricity, cooling, heating, wall covering or floor covering. Roger was sure they could build a house for \$500 and he was sure he knew how. He did it without any experience but with good stick-to-itiveness and asking a million questions of many people.

They never lacked. They never had lots of money but God always provided. It was great.

While Roger was attending Western Seminary and they lived in Portland, Dianna was the Fulfillment Secretary for Multnomah Press and the Registrar’s Secretary at the Seminary.

On August 2, 1984, Roger, Dianna, Sharon and Sharmon moved to the Valley to begin ministry here at FBC.

Dianna received her Bachelor of Social Work in 1997 and her Masters of Social Work in 1999 from Arizona State University.

Currently Dianna serves on the FBC staff and oversees many of the Special Projects here at FBC



*thank
you!*

*Thank you
for being here today
as we honor
and celebrate with*

*Roger and
Dianna
Ball*

*on 40 years
of ministry
to First
Baptist Church*



*Sunday, August 4, 2024
9:30 and 11:00 am
First Baptist Church
Tempe, Arizona*