

Financial Update 2024

| GENERAL GIVING | Last Week | YTD (12/1) |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Budget Plan | \$ 23,920 | \$1,172,086 |
| Giving (Donations) | \$ 19,470 | \$ 857,557 |
| | (Short) \$ 4,450 | (Short) \$ 314,529 |
| GF EXPENSES | \$ 14,534 | \$1,039,467 |
| FAITH PROMISE | | |
| Budget Plan | \$ 888 | \$ 43,512 |
| Giving (Donations) | \$ 1,269 | \$ 66,691 |
| | (Over) \$ 381 | (Over) \$ 23,560 |
| FP EXPENSES | \$ 0 | \$ 44,990 |
| CIRA 2024: Budget: \$139,447 | Church Plant: Budget: \$ 150,000 | |
| Giving: \$ 131,894 | Giving: \$ 59,420 | |

This Week @ FBC

Monday, 12/16: 6:15 am—Men's Monday AM Bible Study, rm104

7:00 pm—Parents of Addicted Loved Ones, rm104

Tuesday, 12/17: 6:30 pm Deacons, Deaconesses and Staff

Christmas Party

Wednesday, 12/18: 5:30 pm— Young Families, rm 118

6:30 pm— Choir/Orchestra/Praise Team rehearsal

Thursday, 12/19: 6 pm—Broken, Home of Grace Counseling, rm204

6:30 pm—GriefShare, rm218

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 click "Donate"

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LOVE
PEOPLE
DEEDS

December 15, 2024

Visit our Website for more

info on all our ministries:

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

Waiting On God's Promises

Luke 1:5-45 December 15, 2024 Pastor John Heston

What are the similarities between Zechariah and Mary?

1. Both were considered _____.
2. Both received a _____.
3. Both were promised a birth that _____, a _____.
4. Both seem to respond with an equal _____.

The difference was the _____.

Doubt: I find it hard to believe this is true, God, so I expect you to _____ me with _____.

Inquisitive questioning: I don't understand the _____, God, so help me _____.

God _____ on every promise He makes.

Featured Events

- **Sun. Lunch:** **12/15** Pat's Chili & Cornbread **12/22** No Lunch
- **Seniors Ministry 65+:** Join us on **Wednesday, December 18** at **Organ Stop Pizza at 3:30pm**. Everybody will purchase their own pizza and we will socialize and listen to some great music!
- **Christmas Eve Services: 4pm and 6pm Candlelight Services Tuesday, December 24.** Followed by dinner in the Quad.
- **Young Adult Group: NOW MEETING at FBC** upstairs in room 217. Young Adults 18-30, singles or couples, meets every other Tuesday evening at **7:30pm**. Contact Mike McCall for info: mayhmccal@gmail.com **Next meeting: 1/14**
- **Young Family Group:** Meets every other Wednesday at FBC. Contact Pastor Anthony at awhitlatch@fbc-tempe.org **Next meeting: 12/18**

SAVE THE DATES for 2025

1/4/25: All Church Hike

1/11/25: Men's Breakfast

Help FBC With Your Year-End Donations

Help FBC reduce the deficit and pay our bills. You can give through online giving, through your local bank or by writing a check and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday. Your year-end giving is greatly appreciated.

To be able to declare your end-of-year gifts for 2024 and in accordance with IRS rules:

1. All checks need to be dated no later than December 31, 2024,
2. If hand carried to FBC, your gifts need to be in the church's possession on or before noon on Tuesday December 31, 2024.
3. If sent through the mail, your gifts need to be postmarked no later than December 31, 2024 and
4. If you use online giving, your gifts must be dated no later than December 31, 2024.

FBC Students on Mission

This year FBC has **6 high school students** who have stepped out in faith and committed to go on a mission trip, next year, with Valley Christian High school.

Can you support one or all six of these students to go do Kingdom Work around the world? God may be creating a long-term missionary, or an evangelist, or a children's worker, or a ministry leader in one or all of these students. This will be a time of great discipleship for them. **Will you help God work in their lives?** You can make a donation to FBC earmarked with a student's name or "student missions" and FBC will send all money to their school. Thank you for your support and prayers for these students!

Anya Sorbo - Honduras

Becca Blum - Cuba

Cameron Harrigan - Honduras

Emma Malmin - Greece

Josiah Lemons - Australia

Rachel Blum - Honduras

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- **COMING IN 2025:** Women's Tuesday/Thursday Bible Studies.
Tuesdays: January 14–April 8, 9:30-11:30am, rm118
"Relying on the Holy Spirit" In this study we will discover who the Holy Spirit is and how He works in our lives. Lead by Allison Scharr and co-leader Amy Thomas. Study book \$11
Thursdays: January 16–March 27, 6:30-8:00pm, rm104—
"Luke, Good News of Great Joy" Learn more about how Jesus' earthly ministry is good news for everyone, especially the downtrodden, hurting and the outsider. Lead by Amy Thomas and co-leader Allison Scharr. Study book \$11

INTERESTED IN A HOME GROUP??? We have a couple in our church looking to start a home group. If you're looking to connect with others beyond our Sunday morning services, we'd love to hear from you! Just give the church office a call, and we'll share more information.

GriefShare – Meets Thursdays from 6:30-8:30pm, rm218
New Group beginning January 16-April 10
Special Loss of a Spouse event on January 9, 6:30-8:30

KID CITY

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

Today your son/daughter will learn about:

Preschool through Kindergarten

Jesus is born in a manger
(Luke 2:1-7)

Memory Verse: John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only son."

1st through 6th Grade

Christ is born
(Luke 2:1-20; John 1:1-14)

1st through 6th Grade: Read It, Memorize It & Live It

Between services (10:30-11:00am) students have the opportunity to memorize God's Word.

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 ROAD TO CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 1

Sermon: "God Gives Strength When We Are Waiting"

Sunday, December 8

- Sermon: "We Can Have Hope When We Are Waiting"
- Gingerbread House Building at 12:10 in the gym, sign up req.
- Christmas Concert/Cookie Social: 6pm

Sunday, December 15

Sermon: "Waiting on God's Promises"

Sunday, December 22

Sermon: "God is at Work in
Our Waiting"

Tuesday, December 24

"Hope is Here: The Savior Has Come"

Christmas Eve Family
Candlelight Services

Food Reception following
each service.

4pm & 6pm





Your **HELP** is Needed

For our Christmas Eve Receptions in the Quad we need hosts, servers and individuals to help with clean-up. This is your opportunity to love people on Christmas Eve before and after the 4:00 and 6:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Services.

- **From 3:30 to 4:15 pm we need 2 greeters**
- ~~**From 5:30 to 6:15 pm we need 8 greeters**~~
- **From 3:30 to 5:30 pm we need 6 helpers/servers**
- **From 5:30 to 7:30 pm we need 6 helpers/servers**
- **From 7:30 to 10:00 pm we need 10 helpers/servers/clean-up**

If you can help make Christmas Eve special for those people attending our Candlelight Services, please tear off the form below and place it in the offering plate or stop by the Christmas Eve Table in the lobby to sign-up to help at this special event.

YES, I would be willing to host and serve for the FBC Christmas Eve Reception

- From 3:30 to 4:15 pm (greeter) we need 2 more**
- ~~**From 5:30 to 6:15 pm (greeter) we need 8 more**~~
- From 3:30 to 5:30 pm we need 6 more**
- From 5:30 to 7:30 pm we need 6 more**
- From 7:30-10:00pm we need 10 more**

Signature _____

Email Address _____

Cell Phone _____