



# Studies on Generosity

Jesus, when talking about generosity, had the disciples examine the offering of a widow.

Use the “OPA Bible Study Method.”

Read Mark 12:41–44

## The OPA Bible Study Method

### **Step 1:** Observations

- Compile all the facts found in the passage.

### **Step 2:** Principles

- Draw a few principles from the observations you have made. What is God trying to teach you in this passage?

### **Step 3:** Application

- How will you apply these principles to your life? Be specific. A good application will have a who, what, and when to it.

Paul taught generosity when he wrote to Timothy.

Use the “Five P Bible Study Method” to dive into the passage.

Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19

## **The Five P Bible Study Method**

**Step 1:** Purpose – ask yourself these questions:

- What do you think the author wrote this for?
- Why is it important enough to be in the Bible?

**Step 2:** Primary Verse

- Which verse seems to contain the most important thought in the passage?
- Which one stands out most to you?

**Step 3:** Promises

- Make a list of any promises you find. Sometimes you will need to infer a promise from a passage.

**Step 4:** Problems –

- Ask yourself if there is anything that you couldn't explain to a friend. Ask someone for the answer or look it up for yourself.

**Step 5:** Practical Application - be specific, realistic

- What action should you take?
- What do you need to work on so that what you have read is real in your life?

## Financial Update 2025

GENERAL GIVING	Last Week	YTD (09/28)
Budget Plan	\$ 20,433	\$ 796,887
Giving (Donations)	\$ 9,828	\$ 710,957
	<b>(Short) \$ 10,605</b>	<b>(Short) \$ 85,930</b>
GF EXPENSES	\$ 4,211	\$ 787,882
FAITH PROMISE		
Budget Plan	\$ 1,053	\$ 41,067
Giving (Donations)	\$ 190	\$ 23,410
	<b>(Short) \$ 863</b>	<b>(Short) \$ 17,657</b>
FP EXPENSES	\$ 2,206	\$ 39,437
CIRA 2025: Budget: \$172,369	Church Plant: Budget: \$ 150,000	
Giving: \$ 104,173	Giving: \$ 49,962	

## This Week @ FBC

**Monday, 10/6:** 6:15 am—Men's Monday AM Bible Study, rm 104  
7:00 pm—Parents of Addicted Loved Ones, rm 104

**Tuesday, 10/7:** 9:30 am—Woman's Bible Study, rm 107/108  
7:00 pm—Neurodivergent Bible Study, rm 104  
7:30 pm—Young Adults, rm 217

**Wednesday, 10/8:** 5:30 pm— Youth Music **FALL BREAK NO YOUTH**  
5:30 pm — Young Families, rm 107/108  
6:30 pm—Youth Group **FALL BREAK—NO YOUTH**  
6:30 pm—FBC Choir **FALL BREAK—NO CHOIR**

**Thursday, 10/9:** 6:00 pm—Worship Team **FALL BREAK—No Practice**  
6:30 pm—Women's Bible Study, rm 107/108  
6:45 pm—Worship Band **FALL BREAK—No Practice**  
7:00 pm—GriefShare, rm 104

**Saturday, 10/11:** 10:30 am—Jim Robenalt Memorial Service



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## October 5, 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

### Unshakeable Roots: Philippians 4:10-19

#### "How Does God View Money?"

October 5, 2025

Pastor John Heston

Giving should be done \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,

rather than being motivated by feelings of \_\_\_\_\_.

Joyful giving flows from a heart \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ .

#### Paul tells us three truths about Christian contentment.

1. Contentment is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Contentment is \_\_\_\_\_ of our circumstances.

3. Contentment comes from the \_\_\_\_\_.

Generosity is an act of \_\_\_\_\_ pleasing to God.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ benefits result from generous giving.

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**ONE FAMILY SERVICE**

**October 19 at 10am**

## Featured Events:

- **Sunday Lunch:** **10/05** Roasted Pork Loin **10/12** 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: 10/7**
- **Young Family Group:** **Every other Wednesday**. Contact Pastor Anthony (awhitlatch@fbc-tempe.org) **5:30 pm, rm 107/108**  
**Next Meeting: 10/8**
- **FBC Mid-Week Youth:** **(7th-12th grade)**, Fall Break—No Youth
- **Seniors Ministry:** LUNCH **Wednesday, October 15**, Bring \$5 and enjoy a good LUNCH and great fellowship! **11 am, rm 107/108.**
- **Women's Fall Bible Studies:** **Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 am and Thursday Evenings: 6:30—8 pm, rm 107/108.**
- **Foundations of our Faith:** **Sunday nights**, 5—6:30 pm, rm 104. Led by Rick Brennan. On-going thru the Spring.
- **NEW CLASS: Rooted Class. Sunday mornings**, for 7 weeks, **beginning October 5** at 9:30 am in room 118. Led by Elijah Hernandez and Michael Parker.
- **NEW CLASS: Spiritual Gifts Discovery Workshop. Wednesday. October 15 & 22** in rm 105 from 6:30—8 pm. Led by Aly Lemons, hosted by Pastor John.
- **WOMEN to WOMEN:** **Saturday, October 18, 10:30 am**, rm 107/108. Ladies come help us pack individual bags of feminine hygiene products for homeless women. See the Women's Table for more details.
- **BFF Women's Breakfast:** **Saturday, October 25**, 8:30 am in the café. Light breakfast, coffee, tea and girl time! No cost.
- **Membership Class:** Interested in knowing more about FBC or becoming a member? Join us for this **2 part class. Sunday, October 26, and November 2 at 9:30 am, rm 105.**



Everyone and your friends are invited to our amazing 10-day trip to Israel from March 2 to 12, 2026. Walk and look (and grow your faith) where Jesus and Abraham walked. Stand and pray in the places where Peter and Paul stood. Be inspired as you ride a boat and sing on the Sea of Galilee, and enjoy a fun swim in the Dead Sea. Walk the road where Jesus carried His cross. Plus much more. Your "full and final trip payment" is due no later than Nov 11, 2025. For more info, Contact Pastor Roger at [rb618@cox.net](mailto:rb618@cox.net) or call him at 602-402-5309.

**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**



**Sunday, October 26 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm**

Join us for a family-friendly night of costumes, candy, and creative trunks on **Sunday, October 26** from 5:45–7:00 pm!

Walk from trunk to trunk collecting candy, enjoying creative decorations, and connecting with our community.

Please have your **vehicle parked and ready by 5:45 PM** so we can begin on time! This is a free event and open to everyone.

Invite your friends, neighbors, and family!

Please keep all costumes/car decorations

family-friendly—nothing scary or gory. **Scan to register or**

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



## **CHURCH ACTION MEETING *Sunday, October 19*** ***following the service***

**Action** – To vote on the following Deacon Board and Finance Committee recommendations:

- 2026 FBC Proposed Budget
- 2026 FBC Proposed Faith Promise Giving

**On October 5, 2025 you will find a copy of the 2025 FBC Proposed Budget, the 2025 FBC Proposed Faith Promise Giving and current Finance Report in our Connection Center and also at the FBC Office.**

# 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**

Balaam's Donkey

(Numbers 22)

**Memory Verse:** Ephesians 6:10

"Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power."

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

Family Worship Service

**Memory Verse:** Exodus 20:11 "For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."

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.

# **Ministry Fair**

**Are you looking for a way to serve  
and get connected? We have made it easy!  
In the foyer, you will find eight ministry tables where  
you can explore opportunities to make a difference.**

## **Kid City**

Care for the youngest members of our church:

- Helping in our classes birth through 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Working in our Special Needs Class
- Helping greet our families as they come into Kid City

## **Youth Ministry**

Help shape the next generation! We need:

- Administrative support
- Wednesday night security
- Small group leaders

## **Hospitality**

Make people feel welcome through:

- Greeters and Golf Cart Drivers
- Donut and bagel pick-up and Skylight Cafe service
- Lunch setup, cooking, serving and cleanup

## **Facilities**

Keep God's house beautiful with:

- Housekeeping (general housekeeping, washing windows, etc.)
- Handyman help (fixing, repairing, waxing floors, changing bulbs)

## **Church Care Team**

Support our church family through:

- Homebound and hospital visits
- Prayer Team and missionary care
- Funeral assistance and meal train participation

## **Special Events**

Create memorable moments by:

- Setting up and tearing down rooms
- Decorating for events
- Hosting, providing security or helping coordinate weddings

## **Adult Discipleship**

Encourage spiritual growth through:

- Leading, teaching or hosting classes and small groups
- Helping with Men's Ministry meals and setup
- Supporting Senior Ministry with meal prep and cleanup

## **Music and Arts**

Use your gifts to glorify God through

- Singing in the choir, Worship Team or playing in the orchestra
- Running sound, lights or slides
- Acting, stage management, costumes and set design

## What Talents, Experience or Hobbies Do You Have That Could Bless Our Church?

- ☐ Graphic Designer
- ☐ Computer Tech
- ☐ Musician, Singer, Sound Tech
- ☐ Google Ads and SEO work
- ☐ Grant Writing
- ☐ Set Designer for Special Productions
- ☐ Seamstress
- ☐ Retail and Cafe Experience
- ☐ Building Security
- ☐ Facebook Marketplace Experience
- ☐ Window Washer
- ☐ Parking Lot Maintenance
- ☐ Photographer or Videographer
- ☐ Food Delivery
- ☐ Social Media Creator
- ☐ Routine Maintenance Helper- Replace Light Bulbs, Replace AC filters, Floor Waxing, Wall Cleaning, etc.
- ☐ Plumbing Knowledge and Experience
- ☐ Landscape and Irrigation Experience
- ☐ Cooking
- ☐ Construction
- ☐ Electrical Experience
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_



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