

Financial Update 2025

GENERAL GIVING	Last Week	YTD (12/14)
Budget Plan	\$ 20,433	\$ 1,021,650
Giving (Donations)	\$ 12,133	\$ 938,672
	(Short) \$ 8,300	(Short) \$ 82,978
GF EXPENSES	\$ 17,802	\$ 995,263
MISSIONARY FAITH PROMISE		
Budget Plan	\$ 1,053	\$ 52,650
Giving (Donations)	\$ 1095	\$ 32,930
	(Over) \$ 42	(Short) \$ 19,720
FP EXPENSES	\$ 151	\$ 48,172
CIRA 2025: Budget: \$172,369	Church Plant: Budget: \$	150,000
Giving: \$ 132,722	Giving: \$	61,447

Year End Financial Update and Goal

\$143,142 of our \$230,000 goal has been given.

Keep praying as we look to close the gap of \$86,858.

This Week @ FBC

Monday, 12/22: 6:15 am—Men's Monday AM Bible Study, rm 104

Wednesday, 12/24: Church office closed

4:00pm—Family Candle Light Service

6:00pm—Family Candle Light Service

Thursday, 12/25: Merry Christmas! Church office closed.

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" OR Scan here



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December 21, 2025

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

Come Let Us Adore: "The Wise Men Adored Him"

Matthew 2:1-12

December 21, 2025

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

The Wise Men Adored Jesus by:

1. Believing the _____
2. _____ to meet the King
3. _____ - walked out their preparation
4. _____ - humbly/boldy
- _____ - bowed down and offered gifts

Their Entire Trip Was Motivated By:

What are you doing to prepare? How well are you journeying?
Are you receiving help humbly?

Is Your Life Motivated By: **I Want To Worship The King?**

Featured Events:

- **Sunday Lunch:** **12/21** No Lunch **12/28** 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: 12/30**
- **Young Family Group:** Every other Wednesday. Contact Pastor Anthony (awhitlatch@fbc-tempe.org) **5:30 pm, rm 107/108**
Next Meeting: 1/14
- **Seniors Ministry:** LUNCH **Wednesday, January 14**, at 11am. Sign up in the lobby.
- **Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, January 10 at 8am.
- **Women's Bible Spring Bible Studies:** Tuesday mornings, begins 1/27, 9:30-11:30am. Thursday evenings, begins 1/29, 6:30-8pm. **"Intentional, Living Out the Eight Principles of Disciple Making"** \$11

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 2025 and in accordance with IRS rules:

1. All checks need to be dated no later than December 31, 2025,
2. If hand carried to FBC, your gifts need to be in the church's possession on or before noon on Wednesday, December 31, 2025.
3. If sent through the mail, your gifts need to be postmarked no later than December 31, 2025
4. If you use online giving, your gifts must be dated no later than December 31, 2025.



Be a part of the 2026 FBC Passion Play! We are looking for singers, actors (no speaking required), costume designers, set builders, and back stage helpers! This multi-generational production showcases Christ's journey to the cross. We will perform on Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026 and rehearsals will begin in January. If you would like to be involved, see Julie Huver or sign up at the table in the lobby. Ages 4-104 (under 8 need parents with them)



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 4:30 pm we need 1 more greeter

From 5:30 to 6:30 pm All slots have been filled

From 3:30 to 5:30 pm we need 4 helpers/servers

From 5:30 to 7:30 pm we need 2 helpers/servers

From 7:30 to 10:00 pm we need 3 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 4:30 pm (greeter) we need 1 more
- ☒ ~~From 5:30 to 6:30 pm (greeter)~~ - All slots have been filled
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Signature _____

Email Address _____

Cell Phone _____

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

Shepherds visit baby Jesus

(Luke 2:8-20)

Memory Verse: John 3:16

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

1st through 6th Grade

Impromptu Christmas Play

(Luke 2:1-20)

Memory Verse: Matthew 1:21 "She will have a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

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.

CHRISTMAS AT FBC-TEMPE

ADVENT SUNDAYS

12/14: THE SHEPHERDS ADORED HIM

12/21: THE WISE MEN ADORED HIM

12/14: 6PM

"THE GREATEST GIFT"

FBC CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

12/24: CANDLE LIGHT SERVICES

AT 4 & 6 PM

FAMILY SERVICE WITH A

SPECIAL MEAL

FOLLOWING EACH SERVICE

12/28: ONE FAMILY SERVICE

AT 10:00AM



CHRISTMAS EVE MENU

Garlic and Herb Roasted Potatoes, Baked Green Beans, Onions and Tomato Medley, Italian Style Meatballs / Korean Style Meatballs

New York Strip Roast with Au Jus

Italian Sausage Pasta Toss with Sun Dried Tomatoes, Spinach and Pesto Alfredo, Lemon Herb Chicken

Assorted Desserts and Pastries

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