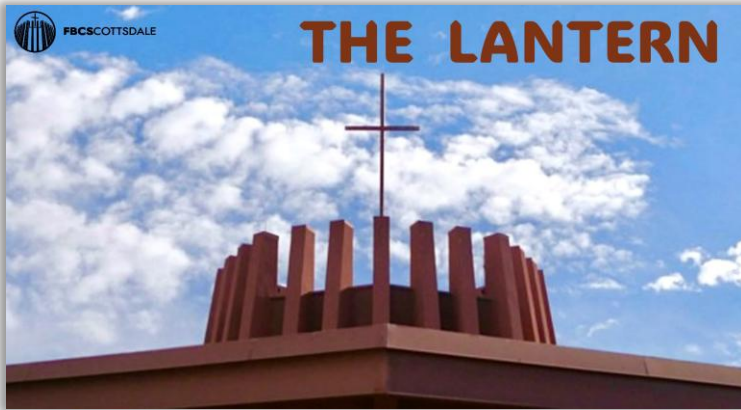




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**Offering a seat at God's table
for an adventurous life with Christ.**

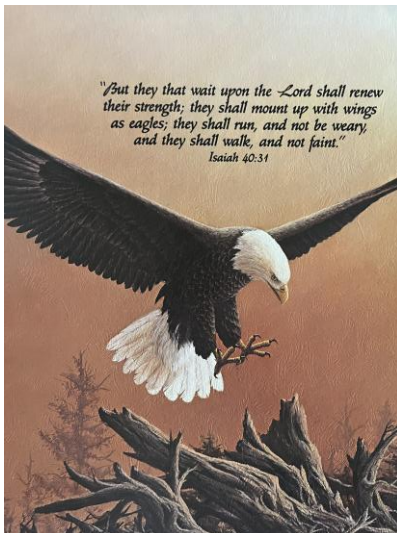
Jesus Christ: the same yesterday, today, and forever.

From Your Pastor's Heart

Weekly insights from Pastor Gary Hope
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WHEW! Last week we spent a few days away from you in Sedona for our annual family vacation, which had been planned for months. We chased our wee little ones while enjoying some of God's greatest artwork, and even saw, get this... dark clouds that dropped wet stuff on us! Well, then we got to drive home Monday evening through a dust storm, severe wildfire smoke around New River, and torrential rain before finally arriving safely to a soaked, wind-swept yard.



Friends, we all need a break from time to time. Isaiah spoke to Judah while under threat from Assyria: "He said to them, 'This is the place of rest; let the weary rest'; and, 'This is the place of refreshment,' but they would not listen." The Hebrew words behind it are *menuhah* (rest) and *margea* (a place to be refreshed), and Isaiah says it's God Himself offering it. Our rest is found in our relationship with God.

Isaiah then went deeper: *Don't you know anything? Haven't you been listening? God doesn't come and go. God lasts. He's Creator of all you can see or imagine. He doesn't get tired out, doesn't pause to catch his breath. And he knows everything, inside and out. He energizes those who get tired, gives fresh strength to dropouts. For even young people tire and drop out, young folk in their prime stumble and fall. But those who wait upon God get fresh strength. They spread their wings and soar like eagles, they run and don't get tired, they walk and don't lag behind.*

Isaiah 40:28-31 (MSG)

If you can get away, enjoy yourselves. Chill! If you're staying put, join us at FBCS for a dose of *margea*, spiritual refreshment and rest in the dog days of summer.

**SERMON FOR
SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026**

**TITLE:
Seconds, anyone?**

**SCRIPTURE:
John 6:1-21**



YOUTH CAMP RECAPS!

Junior High Camp in Prescott

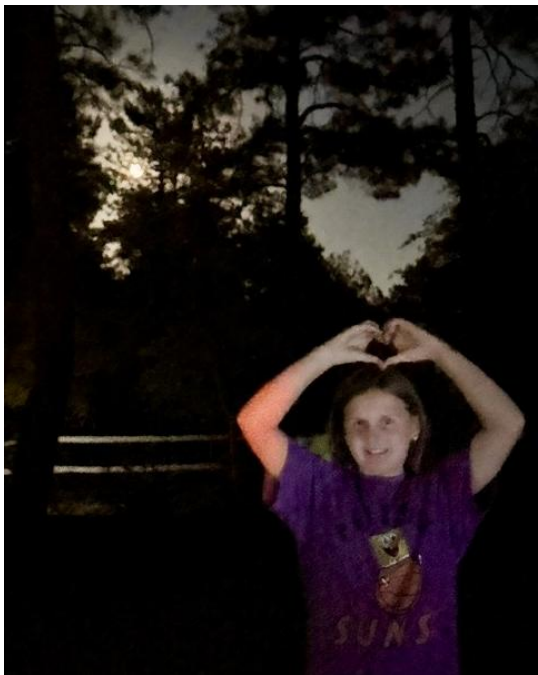
Our Jr. High Summer Camp took place June 28–30, and while a last-minute change in plans due to the fires in Sedona meant relocating to Prescott, God clearly had everything under control. Seventeen students joined us for an unforgettable weekend of growing in faith, building friendships, and enjoying God's creation.

Our theme, "From the Shallows to the Depths," challenged students to move beyond a surface-level faith by intentionally making time to grow closer to God and learning to block out the distractions that often pull them away from Him. Through Bible lessons, discussions, and quiet moments of reflection, students were encouraged to dive deeper into their relationship with Christ.

The weekend was also filled with plenty of fun and adventure! Students enjoyed fishing, swimming, kayaking, and a trip to the Prescott Zoo, creating memories that will last for years to come.

A special thank you goes to our incredible leaders, Jeff and Erin, whose love, encouragement, and servant hearts helped make this camp such a meaningful experience. We are grateful for everyone who prayed for our group and supported this ministry. Even with unexpected changes, God was faithful, and we left camp encouraged, refreshed, and excited to continue growing deeper in our walk with Him.





High School Camp — Christ in Youth (CIY) At Northern Arizona University

Our High School Summer Camp took place July 6–11 in Flagstaff, where we joined Christ in Youth (CIY) at Northern Arizona University. Sixteen students and four leaders spent the week worshipping together, studying God's Word, and growing deeper in their faith.

This year's theme, "Kingdom Workers," challenged students to recognize that God has uniquely gifted each of us to serve His Kingdom and love others well. Throughout the week, we walked through the book of Ephesians, learning what it means to live out our faith with purpose, humility, and courage.

In addition to the powerful teaching and worship sessions, students enjoyed a day of adventure at Flagstaff Xtreme. They encouraged one another as they faced the ropes courses and zip lines, demonstrating courage, teamwork, and genuine support for one another.

One of the greatest blessings of the week was seeing God work in the hearts of our students. Several students made the decision to rededicate their lives to Christ, and others began exploring what a calling to ministry could look like in their own lives. Moments like these remind us why camp is such an important part of our student ministry.

A special thank you goes to our amazing leaders—Ben, who served throughout the entire week, and Jeff and Ava, who joined us later in the week to invest in our students. Their caring hearts and faithful leadership helped make this an unforgettable experience.

We are grateful for everyone who prayed for our group and supported this ministry. We praise God for the ways He moved during the week and look forward to seeing how He continues to work through these students as they live as Kingdom workers in their homes, schools, and communities.





Giving of our tithes and offerings to God is part of worship and discipleship.

To do this in faith, and to support God's ministry at FBCScottsdale, you may use any of the following ways:

- In person using a Giving Envelope found in the back of the pews
- Through the Church Center app
- Use QR code on screen or on back of Giving Envelopes
- Online at: <https://fbcs.churchcenter.com/giving>
- You may also mail checks to:

FBCScottsdale
7025 E Osborn Rd
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Blessings!

Tithes and Offerings Budgeted for July: \$45,256
Received thus far in July: \$25,677 — 57% of Budget

Tithes and Offerings Budgeted for April-July: \$192,337
Received for April-July: \$148,371 — 77% of Budget

JULY 12 ATTENDANCE: 77



A special message for all the wonderful people
who support our ministry with donations
The picture is true! The racks are nearly empty!

WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP!

We are so grateful for your faithful support. However, this year is unique because the hot weather hit in March. The result is a shortage of summer clothes for the whole family with the summer ahead of us.

We desperately need SUMMER clothing of all sizes for EVERYONE – men, women, and children – and perhaps the most critical need is for men's summer clothes.



CAN YOU HELP?



⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.
If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;
⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;
⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement;
if it is giving, then give generously;
if it is to lead, do it diligently;
if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.
Romans 12:6-8

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Join us on Thursday, July 16
for a HOT night of BUNCO!**

There will be fun, fellowship and prizes! Ladies, this is a fun night, and we want to come together for a great night. Don't know how to play Bunco? It is quite easy to learn, and we will teach you as we play.

Beginner's luck is on your side, so join us.

Any questions, do not hesitate to talk with Darla at dholmes@fbcscottsdale.org



P.O.W.W.O.W.
Saturday, July 25
6:00a – 8:00a
DEPENDENT UPON AVAILABILITY OF PRODUCE!
Up to 70 lbs. of fresh produce for just \$15!!

Invite your friends!
Share with your neighbors!

SUNDAYS AT FBCSCOTTSDALE

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

9:00a-10:15a, and 10:15a-11:45a – In the Children's Building

YOUTH MINISTRY

9:30a – Youth Grow Group

10:30a – Attend Worship in the Sanctuary

ADULT GROW/ GROUP CLASS

The Four Loves

By C. S. Lewis

9:15a

In Winfield's

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30a

In the Sanctuary

WEEKLY AT FBCSCOTTSDALE

MONDAYS

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

On Summer Hiatus

WEDNESDAYS

WOMEN'S YOGA

5p-6p — In the Dance Room

THIS CLASS IS FOR ALL AGES!

PARABLES AND PSALMS

Worshipping God through the Arts!

Bring your creativity!

6:30p-8p — In Winfield's

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT

On Summer Hiatus

THURSDAYS

WOMEN WHO PRAY

On Summer Hiatus through Labor Day

GRIEFSHARE

Next series will begin in the fall

MEN'S MINISTRY BYO LUNCH – Every other Thursday (July 9 & 23)

Noon-1p — In Winfield's

SATURDAYS

BLUE ZONE GAME NIGHT – Second Saturday of each month

5:30p-7:30p — In Winfield's

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