

Offering a seat at God's table for an adventurous life with Christ. AUGUST 22, 2024



SERMON SERIES: KINGDOM LIVING 24/7

REMEMBERING CHARLES MUDGE Sunday, September 1 12 noon In the Sanctuary

We will have a Celebration of Life for Charles Mudge on Sunday, September 1, at 12 noon in the Sanctuary. Please plan to join us for Worship and then for a service honoring our former staff member.



Thanks to all the helping hands last Saturday, as the C Building got cleaned out.



FBCScottsdale is participating in National Back to Church Sunday!

This means that, on September 15, our church will specifically be set up for people who have never been to church before and don't know what to do, or those who haven't been back in a long time. This is your chance to invite friends and coworkers who used to go to church and are curious about going back but need an invitation.

Please be praying with us about who to invite to church on September 15.

NEW ADULT GROW GROUP CLASSES BEGIN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 THROUGH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 9:15a – 10:15a From Darla Holmes, Director of Grow Groups

All of our class offerings are thought provoking, and you will be enlightened by sharing the experience with others who wish to build relationships around God's Word and those of outstanding scholars. Join one of our groups for the fall and continue your journey learning more about your incredible Christian experience.

GRIEFSHARE In the Office Meeting Room Cost for the book is \$20

Marcy Andre will begin a new session on GriefShare, a support group to help you move through the grief process.

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. Find your way through the overwhelming loneliness of grief.



If you are experiencing a loss that is still in your heart, or a current loss, this class will help you. You will be surrounded by a community that will build trust and develop a relationship to help you get through these unprecedented times. FBCScottsdale feels led to support those in our community experiencing grief, and we would be part of that support system.



THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW In E-1 (between the Chapel & Winfield's)

Brad Mannix will be leading the Desert Disciples class, a traditional Sunday School environment of prayer and the teachings of Jesus, and where relationships are built.

Matthew wanted to show how Jesus is the continuation and fulfillment of the whole biblical story of God and Israel, so he emphasizes that:

- Jesus is the Messiah from the line of David
- Jesus is a new, authoritative teacher like Moses
- Jesus is God with us, or in Hebrew, Immanuel

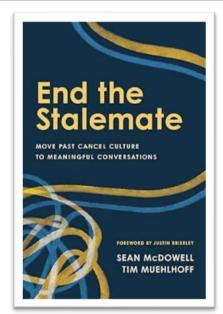
The key themes are God's blessing to Israel and the nations, God's closeness to his people, and hope for and life within the messianic Kingdom of God.

Join anytime as there is always a seat at the table.

END THE STALEMATE In the Gallery Cost for the book is \$15

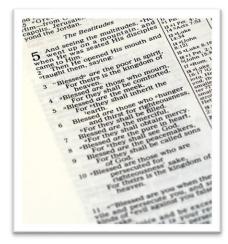
Michelle Cornelius is leading this discussion. Differences of opinion have always been part of life. But what was different in the past is that these disagreements wouldn't sever ties between family and friends. Today, we live in an argumentative culture that has led to nearly a third of people reporting they have stopped talking to a friend or family member due to a disagreement and nearly two-thirds of people saying they stay quiet about their beliefs due to the fear of offending others.

The authors believe Christians are called to be God's ambassadors, which necessarily entails the need to listen to those around us—especially people with diverse and different perspectives. In *End the Stalemate,* you will learn how to revive the art of meaningful conversations by walking through:



- How to create connection and emotional awareness that opens the door for a fair exchange of ideas and effective communication;
- How to engage in perspective-taking, as illustrated in Scripture in a number of stories;
- How to speak the truth in love, from a biblical understanding;
- How to structure a conversation with those who hold diverse, and/or seemingly threatening, views; and
- How to honor the words and perspective of those with whom we disagree.

Yes, we live in a cancel culture. But that doesn't mean that we as Christians need to conform to our world. Instead, we *can* be a beacon of sanity that promotes meaningful conversations around what matters most in this life—and the next.



BOOK OF EPHESIANS In Fellowship Hall

Craig Hazeltine will be diving into the Book of Ephesians.

In Ephesians, Paul shows the significance of God's workings in both the corporate and individual Christian life. For example, the corporate body of Christ has received the spiritual blessings of redemption in Christ, has been rescued from wrath in Christ according to the decree of God, and must pursue the peace Christ provides between Jewish and Gentile believers. Yet it is the individual believer who receives the Spirit by a faith-response to the gospel, who is saved in a manner that no one person can boast about saving oneself, and who must put on the new self, putting off

the old self of thievery, unrighteous anger, and malice.

Ephesians invites us to consider what God has made us to be, do, and have in Christ for a display of the gospel to the world. It is worth reviewing frequently so that we do not read the press reports of our own successes and strength, but rather read the revelation of the accomplishment of Christ on the cross for his bride.

For more information about any of these programs, please contact Darla Holmes, Director of Grow Groups at: dholmes@fbcscottsdale.org.

 Interested in leading a future grow group or enhancing your current one? Then this class is for you!

> LEADING A GROW GROUP I Led by: Michelle Cornelius When: Sunday, September 8, 2024 ♀ Where: The Gallery ♀ 9:15 - 10:15a



Grow Groups exist to help us dig deeper into God's Word and follow Jesus. They also connect us to each other as a church body. If you currently lead a Grow Group (or have in the past), or if you're considering it – you're invited to a workshop that will give you some facilitation tips and tricks.

Meeting Adult Learner Needs

- Understand how adults learn and the conditions and strategies to accomplish that.
- Gain insights into creating a learning environment that respects their needs and values their contributions.

Facilitation Strategies

- Get some question stems that spark thinking.
- Learn some ways to facilitate small groups so everyone shares.

CULTIVATE HYBRID EDUCATION ON OUR CAMPUS! By Darla Holmes

If you happen to be on our FBCScottsdale campus on a Tuesday or Wednesday, you will see new faces, hear the voices of happy children, and just feel ministry taking place. There is a new program on campus called Cultivate. Their mission is to cultivate a child's cognition, character, and creativity through a hybrid model that partners with homeschooling families. They are committed to offering a safe and welcoming community where children are heard and can contribute, and where their God-given potential blossoms. Cultivate's desire is to support families who choose a homeschool education. Parents partner with the program where children are offered support in reading, phonics, writing, Spanish, art, music, and math.

Last week, about 30 families came together for donuts and to prepare for the school year. We pray for God's mercy and timing as we build lasting relationships where God can flourish in these young families. I am so excited to walk alongside and pray this is a way to support and grow our church community. Some of our very own families are included in this new endeavor.

Please pray that God will use the foundation of Cultivate right here at FBCScottsdale to His glory.















MENTORKIDS AND OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN! From Peter Frost FBCS Community Garden Coordinator

During our 2023/2024 school year, the MentorKids Leadership were considering other educational opportunities for the kids. MentorKids volunteers Peter and Janey Frost were approached by Paiute Promise Neighborhood Manager Ellerie Leptich to see if the garden could become an additional educational program.

Everyone said Yes!

After meeting with Senior MentorKids leadership on the scope, intentions of the garden program, and its roll out, it was revealed that if we did this right, **there was a possibility of pursuing grant money** through a charitable arm of Whole Foods called "Whole Kids". Specific qualifications for the grant were built into the MentorKids program and the grant application was submitted.

Planting, cultivation, identification, irrigation, fertilizing, weeding, harvesting, sharing, and beautification goals were all realized with varying degrees of enthusiasm, as you can imagine with more than a dozen 5th-8th graders.

Last week, we were informed that out of 1,200 grant applications, the FBCScottsdale MentorKids program will be awarded a \$3,000 grant!

Those of you who get a warm fuzzy when hearing this...your help is needed.

- Those who are current gardeners, your help will be called on, we'll need to organize.
- Peter will reach out to you. Your thoughts and ideas are needed on increasing capacity and harmonizing what we plant to better serve our Community.
- This year, the Paiute Promise Neighborhood and MentorKids Manager Mitchell Oller, whom you may remember meeting during Sunday service on July 28th, will no doubt assist with our continuous improvement goals to ensure garden harvests improve and flow to those in need is successful.
- And finally, we're considering expanding the program to include the younger MentorKids, to create a bit of competition between the classes.

This program is reaching and benefiting multiple groups, we're gaining momentum. Your time contribution, along with your positive energy, can help YOUR church programs sustain good community contribution.



This is what life is all about, Live, Learn, Share, Pass it on!



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 do so in the following ways:

- In person using a Giving Envelope in back of pew
- Use the QR code on back of Giving Envelopes
- Online at: <u>https://fbcs.churchcenter.com/giving</u>
- You may also mail checks to:

FBCScottsdale 7025 E Osborn Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85251

It's hot outside! Your tithes keep the heat out and produce the cool air.

Tithes and Offerings received thus far in August: \$21,340 Monthly Offering Need: \$54,000

UPCOMING EVENTS

FBCSCOTTSDALE'S FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE DRAFT Tuesday, September 3 7p

In Winfield's



For those who registered for this league with Pastor Jim (you know who you are!), your team draft is coming up.

Show up, draft your team, and prepare for this annual bloodbath! (Not really. We're very civilized in this league.)



THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RETURNS "Experiencing the Holy Spirit" By Dr. Larry Keefauver Thursday, September 5 9:30 – noon In Fellowship Hall (C1)

Have you experienced the life-changing power of truly walking in the presence of the Holy Spirit? While most Christians have an awareness of the third person of the Trinity, they have little experience of this personhood or power. In this unique and captivating workbook, Dr. Larry Keefauver shows readers how to welcome the Holy Spirit's presence into their lives and grow in intimate relationship with Him through hearing and obeying His voice; praying and walking in the Spirit; operating in His power, gifts, signs, and wonders; and receiving His anointing. He weaves

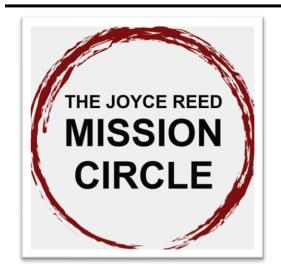
his masterful teaching style with stories of those who have realized the radical power of the Holy Spirit.



Once a quarter, we host a Welcome Class for people who have recently visited FBCScottsdale. This offers a great opportunity to deepen our faith relationships while gaining new insight into God's work with this congregation.

If you are new to FBCScottsdale or are interested in learning more about our church and faith, we invite you to our Welcome Class.





JOYCE REED MISSION CIRCLE RETURNS Monday, September 9 9:30a In Fellowship Hall

It is the goal of this Women's group to minister not only to global servants (aka missionaries), David and Joyce, but also to other global servants. Each meeting includes a devotion, updates on the four missionaries the Circle helps to support, and work on various service-oriented projects!

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Dianne Brouwer at: 602-614-5703.

OLIVE GARDEN CONSTRUCTION UPDATE This meeting was rescheduled:

Thursday, September 12 4:30p In C-2 (Fireside Room)

The builders on the Olive Garden site will share their plans for construction.

All are welcome to hear about our new neighbors.



FBCSCOTTSDALE HAS DAILY DEVOTIONS ON ITS FACEBOOK PAGE. GET IN THE HABIT OF SPENDING TIME WITH JESUS DAILY !

MINISTRY UPDATES



CHANENI HOUSE AUGUST 22 UPDATE

God has certainly blessed us richly at Chaneni House. Daily he sends us those who need help, giving us an opportunity to serve. At the same time, he moves the hearts of his people, so that we have donations to match the need.

Sometimes we may feel a challenge. During the last two weeks we have helped 202 folks, and 77 of those needed bags of groceries. We will be thankful for all donations — whether clothing, household items, or especially help with groceries.

Another area often overlooked is that of toys. Play is such an important part of child development. We never have enough toys for the children of our clients. Please remember that donated toys do not have to be new. Our Chaneni elves have unbelievable skills in making the old look new.

Thank you so much, as you make this ministry possible!

As we read in Galatians 6:10

So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who belong to the family of faith."



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES – In the Children's Building

9-10:15a and 10:15-11:45a

Join us Sunday morning as Infant-5th Grade classes meet to cover a variety of lessons from the Bible through stories, verses, crafts, games, science, and more!

The curriculum theme for August for Preschool is Super Duper Picture Party, and for Elementary is Get Reel.

We also have a Memory Verse each month, and we incorporate sign language to help the students learn it. The verse for the month of August is: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever." Psalm 107:1 (NLT)

YOUTH MINISTRY – In the Youth Room – 9:00-10:15a

Youth Ministry offers students in 6th-12th grade Bible studies, great conversations, strong relationship growth, service opportunities, and adventurous fun!

In August we complete our study of John and begin a close look at Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." **1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)**

ADULT GROW GROUP CLASSES 9:15a-10:15a

BIBLICAL COMMUNITY: With Insights from Dietrich Bonhoeffer – In the Gallery

SITTING AT THE FEET OF RABBI JESUS: How the Jewishness of Jesus Can Transform Your Faith – by Author Ann Spangler – In C2 (Fireside Room)

> GRIEFSHARE: A support group to help you move through the grief process – In the Office Meeting Room

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: Directly from the Bible – The Desert Disciples Class – In E1

For more information about any of these programs, please contact Darla Holmes, Director of Grow Groups, at: <u>dholmes@fbcscottsdale.org</u>



PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A FAMILY-STYLE DINNER THIS YEAR.

Class times have been adjusted.

WOMEN'S YOGA

5:00-6:00p in the Dance Room

This is a donation-based class. Sue Renner teaches all ages and abilities. Bring your yoga mat, towel and water to join the group and take care of YOU! All women are welcome to drop in.

YOUTH BAND 5:30-6:15p in the Youth Building

Youth musicians will practice together as they learn new music and prepare for performing during Sunday morning worship with Ryan Evans and Jackson Orland.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR 6:00-6:30p in the Choir Room

Choir is available for all children 1st-5th grade. Our teachers are talented and have a heart for Children and a background in music to make this experience one to remember. Afterwards, students can join our Midweek Children's Ministries from 6:30-8:00p in the Children's Room.

CHILDREN'S MIDWEEK 6:30-8:00p in the Children's Rooms

Children's Ministries will take a walk through the Bible, sharing the truths, miracles, and excitement the Bible teaches us through story, verses, crafts, games, and science.

YOUTH MIDWEEK – Junior High and High School Classes 6:30-8:00p in the Youth Building

The Youth will be exploring what the Bible says about emotions. This year we are splitting Junior High and High School students for the lesson. We will still worship and play games together, but then our wonderful leaders will divide between the two groups and teach slightly different lessons.

ADULT CLASS – THE CHOSEN SEASON 4 6:30-7:55p in the Gallery

This semester we will be showing The Chosen, Season 4, for the Adult Class. Each class will offer discussion and time together to build relationships. Carol Sullivan will lead the group as they journey through Season 4.

ADULT CLASS – CHRISTIAN PARENTING CONNECTION 6:30-7:55p in E101(behind Winfield's)

Come weekly to join a community of others parenting in 2024. Quinton and Kelli Yazzi will be leading this program where you can discuss and pray about the fun and the not so fun experiences raising children.

Come join your church family in one of our many areas of ministry here on campus on Wednesday nights. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them. Please contact me at: <u>dholmes@fbcscottsdale.org</u>

My prayer is that we see your family in our MIDWEEK offerings.

SUPPORT GROUPS OFFERED THROUGH FBCSCOTTSDALE

Here at FBCScottsdale, we believe it is important to support each other through good times and bad. We offer two support groups, **GriefShare** and **Caring Friends**, that allow people the opportunity to be supported through whatever life throws at them.

GriefShare is a 13-week class that will be offered on Sundays at 9:15a beginning September 17. This class is designed for those who have lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend. You will become part of a group where people find support, direction and help after a loved one's death. You will be encouraged by people who have been where you are, and you will learn how to manage grief's emotions and stresses.

The cost for the class is \$20, which covers the cost of the new workbook. GriefShare is open to all, and you are welcome to join the class at any time, as we journey through the grief process together.

Caring Friends is an on-going program that is open to any members who would like training to offer hope to those in need of comfort and support during a variety of trials in individuals' lives. This program offers practical knowledge and tools to minister to those who need Christian support and is one of the greatest acts of love a Christian can offer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THE SUNDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, OR THURSDAY CLASSES, OR A SUPPORT GROUP, PLEASE CONTACT DARLA AT:

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EVENT RECAP

MENTORKIDS ON CAMPUS!

Your tithes provided the opportunity for MentorKids to return to our campus as they use the playground, A buildings, and the facilities in the breezeway.

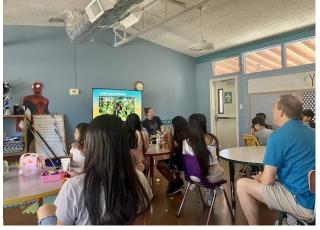
This is a HUGE ministry that FBCScottsdale, through your giving, supports!













THIS WEEK'S EXTRA EVENTS

Monday, August 26 5:30p – Finance Committee Meeting 6p – Elder Board Meeting

EVERY WEEK

Sunday

9:00-11:45a – Children's Ministries 9:00-10:15a – Youth Ministry 9:15-10:15a – Adult Grow Group Classes 10:30a – Worship

Monday

9a – Office Öpen 10a-noon – Chaneni House Open 7p – Young Adults Group

Tuesday

9a – Office Open 1p – GriefShare Support Group

Wednesday

9a – Office Open 10a-noon – Chaneni House Open **MIDWEEK** 5:00-6:00p – Women's Yoga 5:30-6:15p – Youth Band 6:00-6:30p – Children's Choir 6:30-8:00p - Children's Ministry 6:30-8:00p – Youth Classes for Jr. High and High School 6:30-7:55p – Adult Class – The Chosen Season 4 6:30-7:55p – Adult Class – Christian Parenting Connection

Thursday

9a – Office Open

Friday Office Closed 10a-noon – Chaneni House Open

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