



MARCH 20, 2025

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



**MARCH 23 SERMON TOPIC:
Abram**

**Sermon scripture:
Genesis 12:1-4a**

**OUT OF THE PULPIT
From Pastor Jim Coston**

Our time in the wilderness will soon come to an end, I hope. The Elders will discern a path and make a decision. The congregation will then decide whether or not to follow that path. Then we travel. While we have had an arduous journey, the benefits are not just at the end of the road; God has blessed us as we have traveled.

There is an analogy between ocean cruises and a church. On a cruise, you have crew and passengers. Passengers are temporary, there to be served, partakers not contributors. Crew do the work. You can think of church participants in the same way. There are passengers who attend for themselves, their enjoyment, their passage. And there are crew who do the work. Crew is not simply church staff of course but anyone who attends to serve—serve Jesus, serve other members, serve outsiders.

At this point in the life of FBCScottsdale, we have very few passengers. Everyone is aware of the need for all to do the work. The direction of the church is everyone's responsibility. The mission of the church is everyone's responsibility. The health of the church is everyone's responsibility. Not the responsibility of others or of staff or of Elders, but of everyone. We didn't have that mentality six months ago; I believe we have it now. For that, I give thanks. This is a mentality we will need to exact God's mission for FBCScottsdale.

RESULTS OF VOTE BY CONGREGATION

Sunday, March 16

The congregation voted to move the Annual Meeting from the end of March, per our Bylaws, to April 27, 2025, and to extend the terms of expiring Elders until the same date (Dean Duncan, Cheryl Martinet, and James Olsen).

Why the extension? The North Parking Lot is under contract and should close the week of April 27. This sale, or non-sale if the deal falls through, affects our Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget. The delay will provide clarity as the Elders bring new Elder nominees and a new budget for approval, one reflecting the eventuality of the North Parking Lot contract.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE OF FBCSCOTTSDALE

The Elders are prayerfully considering options for the long-term continuation of God's ministry at 70th Street and Osborn. One option comes from the 5-Year Revitalization Plan Team. The other comes from Christ Church of the Valley.

We will update you when there is more information to share.

Please keep the Elders and your church in prayer as we seek to follow Jesus wherever he leads.



INVITATION TO PRAY

WITH THE ELDERS AS WE SEEK GOD'S DIRECTION.
WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN US.

SUNDAYS: 9:15-10:15a
TUESDAYS: 9:00-10:00a
WEDNESDAYS: 5:00-6:00p
THURSDAYS: 11:15a-12:15p
All Sessions in C-2 (Fireside Room)

The Elders are providing opportunities for you to join in prayer between now and the end of April as we seek God's direction.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

1 Corinthians 1:10 NIV

FBCScottsdale Children's Ministries

ANGELS IN OUR MIDST

A BIG SHOUT OUT OF APPRECIATION

to those who helped bring the Children's Ministries building back together last week!

Thank you to Terry Benzing, Craig Hazeltine, John Stewart, Ryan Cornelius, Rhett Holmes, Dan Almblade, and Bob Holmes (who was able to get all 176 pieces of carpet donated) for your gifts and talents to put down the floor. It is beautiful and matches so well.

A special "thank You" to Jan Tannenbaum and Sally Stratton for coming in and making it look inviting, clean and ready for children, after the men finished.

**Because of our Village, we are back in business for our little ones!
We thank God for you all.**

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

**See what's happening at FBCScottsdale in one easy place.
Here's how to download the FBCScottsdale App.**

1. Go to your App Store on your device.
2. Search for and select "Church Center" (white background with an aqua church icon).
3. Follow instructions to search for "First Baptist Church of Scottsdale".
4. Tap on the FBCScottsdale icon.
5. Tap "Log In".
6. Sign in using your phone number or email address and you've got access to the app!



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 in the back of the pews
- Use the QR code on screen or back of Giving Envelopes
- Online at: <https://fbcsc.churchcenter.com/giving>
- You may also mail checks to:
FBCScottsdale
7025 E Osborn Rd
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

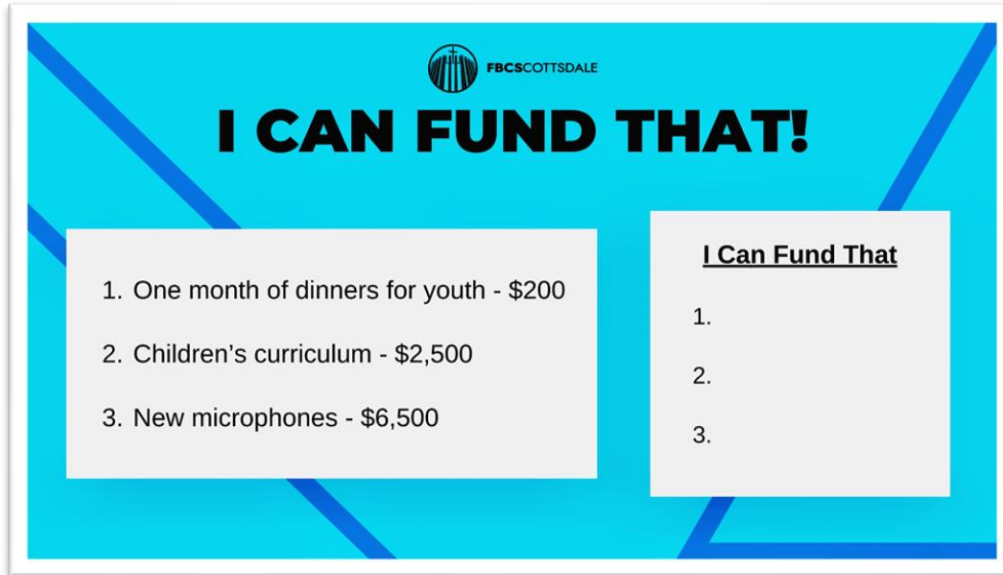
Tithes and Offerings received thus far in March: \$26,681

Tithes and Offerings Budgeted for March: \$57,220

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

It has been suggested to staff that there are people who would be willing to help pay for specific needs in our ministries, over and above their normal tithing, if we make those needs known.

With that in mind, we are going to put out 3 specific needs each month. Here are the needs for March.



If you are interested in funding **ALL OR PART OF** any of these needs, please email: office@fbcscottsdale.org.

Thank you so much for your giving hearts!



Last week we celebrated sixteen years of ministry at Chaneni and all the wonderful volunteers who give their time, energy, and love to help others.

Everyone enjoyed the beautiful décor and delicious food.

The program included a presentation of "16 things we love about Chaneni" by Hope Carr and Jan Tannenbaum, and a report on her "Hardship Post at Chaneni" by Marge Couch. Gary Tannenbaum sang his parody "You're 16, You're Chaneni, and You Are Kind."



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SPRING CLEANING

When	Every Sunday in March
Drop-Off	Sanctuary Lobby
Contact Us	dholmes@FBCScottsdale.org



Join FBCScottsdale Women's Ministry for our Spring Cleaning Donation Drive. Throughout the month of March we are accepting gently used items in the Lobby on Sunday mornings. Every item counts. Let's work together to help others and refresh our homes this season. Thank you for making a difference!

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL SUPPORT CHANENI HOUSE.

TYPES OF DONATIONS

- Clothing and Shoes (All Sizes)
- Baby Items & Diapers
- Toys & Stuffed Animals
- Sheets & Towels
- Household Appliances
- Pots & Pans
- Non-Perishable Food & Water

For more information, contact Darla Holmes at dholmes@FBCScottsdale.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS



P.O.W.W.O.W.
Saturday, March 22
8:00a

Up to 70 lbs. of fresh produce
for just \$15!!

Invite your friends! Share with your neighbors!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!
And volunteers get free produce!
Talk to Pastor Jim if you would like to volunteer!

WILL GRAHAM LOOK UP CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 22
6p

At Fountain Park
12925 N Saguaro Blvd, Fountain Hills

FREE

WILL GRAHAM
LOOK UP
CELEBRATION AT THE FOUNTAIN
WITH GUEST ARTISTS

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MAR. 22 SAT. 1 p.m. KidzFest
SAT. 6 p.m. Look Up Celebration

FOUNTAIN PARK, FOUNTAIN HILLS, AZ
BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR
LOOKUPCELEBRATION.ORG/FOUNTAIN
LIVE SPANISH INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE

A MINISTRY OF
BILLY GRAHAM
Evangelistic Association
Always Good News.

Every quarter, the Senior Ministry hosts a Vintage Breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

For \$5, seniors get a chance to gather on a Tuesday morning to eat a great church-cooked meal, share updates, enjoy fellowship, and sing a few hymns.






**BRUNCH
& BINGO**
Saturday, March 29
10a – noon
In Fellowship Hall
Cost: \$5 per person

Join us for a fun morning of great food, exciting games and amazing prizes! We're making this a pot-luck style brunch, please bring your favorite food item to share.

For more information, please contact Darla at:
dholmes@fbcscottsdale.org



 **FBCSCOTTSDALE**

WELCOME CLASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

**AFTER WORSHIP
IN WINFIELD'S**

*Lunch is included!

The class is open for:

- New members
- Recent visitors interested in learning about FBCScottsdale
- Anyone who just wants to know more about our faith



FUN RUN · 5K · 1/2 MARATHON

FBCSCOTTSDALE

MENTORKIDSUSA



MK5K+

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

08:00AM

(1/2 MARATHON START)

09:30AM

(FUN RUN AND 5K START)

Join us for the MK5K+ with MentorKids & FBCScottsdale to help provide healthy after-school meals for kids in our community. Every mile you run fuels a child's future with nutrition, growth, and opportunity!



SIGN UP:

CONTACT MITCHELL OLLER
MOLLER@MENTORKIDSUSA.ORG

LOCATION:

VISTA DEL CAMINO PARK,
7700 E ROOSEVELT ST, SCOTTSDALE

SUNDAYS AT FBCScottsdale

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

In the Children's Building — 9-10:15a and 10:15-11:45a

The curriculum theme for March is the Life of Jesus. The curriculum title for our Preschoolers is "This and That", and for our Elementary kiddos is "Picture This".

We also have a Memory Verse each month, and we incorporate sign language to help the students learn it.

The verse for March is:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13 NKJV

YOUTH MINISTRY

In the Youth Rooms — 9:00-10:15a

Apologetics: Following a series created by Josh and Sean McDowell, we will be learning evidence for Christianity, the Bible, and the person of Jesus. Students will learn how to ask and answer questions about absolute truth and how to share their faith.

ADULT GROW GROUP CLASSES

9:15a-10:15a

GATHER IN PRAYER – C-2 (Fireside Room)

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

THE HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH – In the Gallery

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30a-11:30a in the Sanctuary

MIDWEEK AT FBCScottsdale

MONDAY NIGHTS

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY – 7p

**1st Monday of each month in Winfield's,
rest of Mondays at Panera in Tempe Marketplace**

MIDWEEK WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

WOMEN'S YOGA – 5:00-6:00p in the Dance Room

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (1st-5th Grade) – 6:00-6:45p in the Choir Room

YOUTH MIDWEEK – 6:00-8:00p in the Youth Building

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

ADULT CLASS – GENESIS: In the Beginning – 6:30-8:00p in C-2 (Fireside Room)

THURSDAY MORNINGS

THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

6:45a-7:45a in Winfield's

THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

CHRIST B.C. – The Hidden Christ of the Old Testament

9:30a-noon in Fellowship Hall

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