



**DECEMBER 11, 2025**

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

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**SERMON TOPIC FOR DECEMBER 14:  
1 JOHN**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**1 John 3:1-3  
Luke 2:8-14  
John 15:9-11**

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**On Wednesday, December 17, 6:30pm, FBCScottsdale will hold  
a Blue Christmas worship service in the Sanctuary.**

Our society has built up Christmas into an unrealistic caricature of what happened in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. We typically associate Christmas with family gatherings and gifts and happiness flowing all over the place. As we are broken, so are our families—there are loved ones who have departed; many families contain broken relationships; and frankly some families do not provide safe space. Shopping is an empty pursuit, often

filled with more frustration than satisfaction. And the world does not take a break from conflict (physical or verbal) for this month.

If we read through the gospel nativities closely, we witness a world in strife. Jewish citizens had to return to their hometowns to be counted so that an Emperor half a world away could stroke his ego with that number. More localized, the Gospel presents a pregnant unmarried teen. A fiancé watches his betrothed grow more visible with child every day, knowing that the child is not his. And when the birth comes, they lack basic shelter and family support. No shopping, no family, and no peace.

Christmas gives us a glimpse of real life—messy, hard, difficult real life. We will embrace the truth of the nativity and the reality of our own lives on Wednesday, December 17, 6:30p in the Sanctuary.

**Invite others who need to hear this message as we find comfort  
and solace in the birth of Jesus Christ!**

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## **OUR DEAR FRIEND BILL TUTEN**

Friends and Members of First Baptist,

Bill Tuten, longtime member, passed away Monday night after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Bill was a pillar of this church for many, many years. While we give thanks that he is at peace in Jesus Christ, we pray for our church and his family who will miss him for a time, particularly his daughter Deidre who took great care of him these past few years.

**We will have service announcement details in the  
Lantern once those are set.**



## **A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO ATTEND:**

**Saturday, December 13  
5:00-6:00p**

**Sunday, December 14  
12:00-1:00 pm  
(shortly after morning service)**

Join us this Christmas season as our Children's Ministry leads a special worship service inspired by **A Charlie Brown Christmas**! Through the familiar story and heartfelt message, we will be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas and the joy of Christ's birth.

Bring your family and friends for this joyful time of worship and celebration as we experience the Christmas story through the eyes of our children.



## **STRIKING the CHARLIE BROWN SET!**

**“We’ll get by **with a little help** from our friends.”**

**Please stay after the Sunday performance** of Charlie Brown  
**to help** us put away all items for the play and bring  
Fellowship Hall back and ready for all ministries.

James Olsen will be ready to meet you after the play,  
**and you will be out and home by 2pm.**

Thank you in advance.

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### **SEARCH COMMITTEE MINISTRY PRIORITIES SURVEY**

First Baptist Church of Scottsdale,

Our Lead Pastor Search Committee is continuing its work to seek your input and prayerfully listen to the Spirit as we seek our next Lead Pastor. We have accomplished much over the last several weeks, including:

- providing opportunities for us to listen each Sunday after worship in the Gallery,
- speaking with many of you one on one,
- receiving your input on the last survey,
- setting up an **email address** to receive your direct comments ([search@fbcscoottsdale.org](mailto:search@fbcscoottsdale.org)), and
- setting up a **suggestion box** for you to contact us with suggestions in the Sanctuary Lobby.

Please continue to reach out to us as we work to complete this task. Additionally, we have worked to develop a draft of our Church Profile and a draft Job Description and Posting, which we hope to launch very soon.

As we take our next steps, we want to hear your thoughts on our Future Church Priorities. This is what you believe we as a church should focus our resources and priorities upon as we move forward. This will be very useful to the search committee as we seek a new Lead Pastor, and will help inform our interview questions and deliberations.

Please consider taking just a few minutes to complete the [Ministry Priorities Survey \(Click Here\)](#).  
Thank you, on behalf of the Lead Pastor Search Committee.

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**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 24, THROUGH SUNDAY, JANUARY 4,  
FOR THE HOLIDAYS.**

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## DO YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF HOURS A WEEK FOR THE LORD? Chaneni House would love your help!



**We are experiencing an increase in both donations and the number of clients.  
We are looking for volunteers to help with the work,  
and we are asking you to prayerfully consider stepping up with that help.**

We have a couple of kinds of assignments:

- We need people to work out in the store, meeting and helping the clients. These are some of the nicest, most interesting people in the world, and it is a privilege to help them.
- We also need people to work in the back room, sorting donations and preparing food bags.

Wherever you serve, you will find yourself enjoying fellowship with other volunteers.

**We are open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9a until noon.  
We also work sorting donations on Saturday mornings.**

**If you have any questions, please call Hope Carr at [480-694-9422](tel:480-694-9422).**

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### ANTICIPATING CHRISTMAS ON SUNDAY MORNING

Our Children's Ministry choir joined us this past Sunday to sing Christmas carols.  
Their voices were so strong and clear and beautiful!



**PICK UP A CARD!**  
**INVITE FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS!**  
**LET'S SHARE THE JOY AND STORY OF CHRISTMAS!**



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**DECEMBER 7 ATTENDANCE: 159**

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**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 First Baptist,  
you may use any of the following ways:**

- **In person using a Giving Envelope 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://fbcsc.churchcenter.com/giving>**
- **You may also mail checks to:**

**First Baptist Church of Scottsdale  
7025 E Osborn Rd  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251**

**Blessings!**

**Tithes and Offerings received thus far in December: \$18,632 — 23% of Budget**  
**Budgeted for December: \$80,400**

**Budgeted April through December: \$493,500**  
**Received Year-to-Date: \$369,326 — 75% of Budget**

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## FIRST BAPTIST SCOTTSDALE SIX-MONTH NEW TESTAMENT READING PLAN

### Revelation

Revelation portrays a series of visions given to John that reveal God's ultimate victory over evil. It describes the spiritual battle between good and evil, the judgment of the wicked, the return of Christ, and the final renewal of creation. Despite dramatic imagery and tribulation, the book's central message is one of hope: God will triumph, evil will end, and God will dwell with His people in a new heaven and new earth.

December 11	Revelation 6	December 18	Revelations 13
December 12	Revelation 7	December 19	Revelations 14
December 13	Revelation 8	December 20	Revelations 15
December 14	Revelation 9	December 21	Revelations 16
December 15	Revelation 10	December 22	Revelations 17
December 16	Revelation 11	December 23	Revelations 18
December 17	Revelation 12	December 24	Revelations 19

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MEN'S MINISTRY POKER NIGHT

Friday, December 12

7p

In Winfield's

All men are welcome to join us!  
The buy-in is \$10

We're building friendships and nurturing faith  
as we play cards.

Regardless of whether you are an avid poker player  
or someone who just enjoys casually playing cards,  
this is a night of fellowship and fun.



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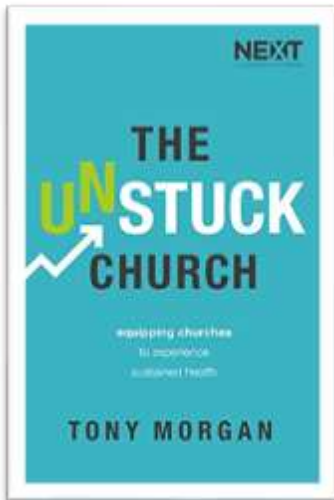
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12:00-1:00 pm

(shortly after morning service)

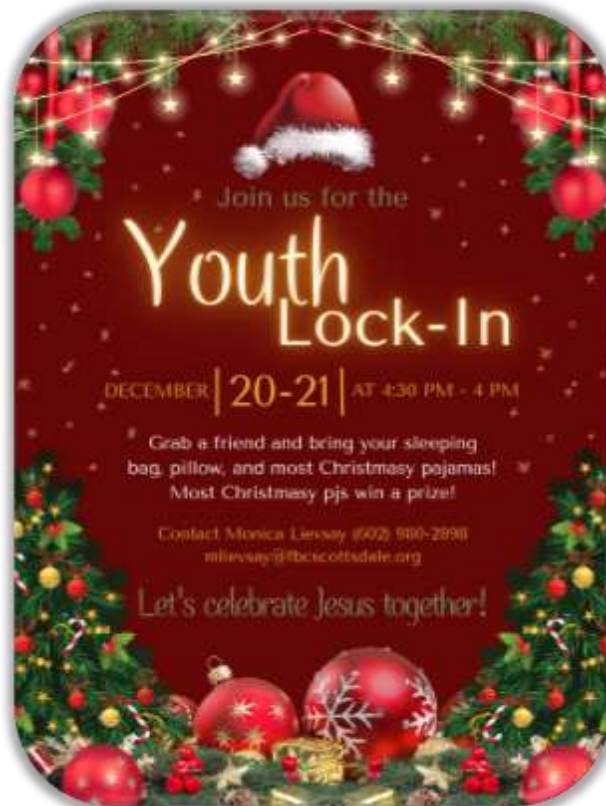
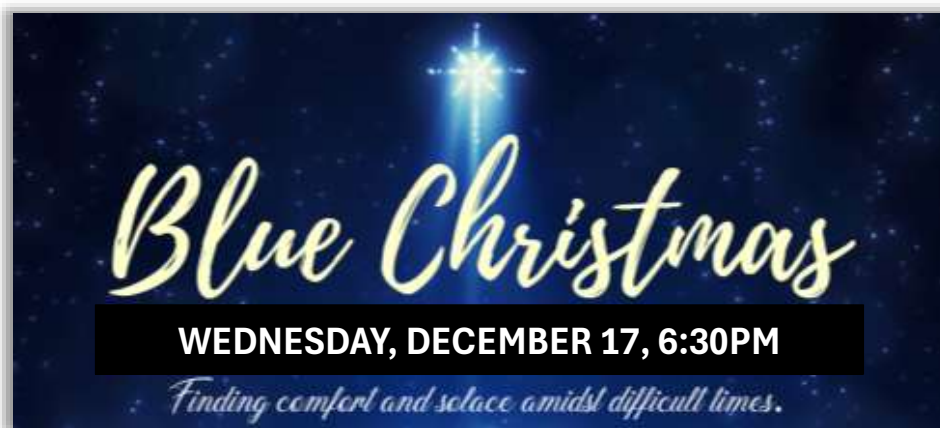


**THE UNSTUCK CHURCH**  
**Sunday, December 14**  
**9:15-10:15a**  
**In Winfield's (not Fellowship Hall)**

This is the second week of a 2-week class titled "Unstuck Church" based on the book of the same name. Churches have life cycles. We will look at all of those life cycles, how to get out of the decline and stay in the ascent. With our God, nothing is impossible.

**Let's get Unstuck!**

**CHURCH LIFE CYCLE**





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## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 24

4:30p

In the Sanctuary

Please join us for a special  
Christmas Eve Service.



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## POWWOW IN DECEMBER

Saturday, December 27

8a – 11a



**Boxes during the month of December are available by RSVP only.  
Cash donation boxes will NOT be available.**

**Event locations will only serve people with either a box reservation or a DoorDash delivery request.  
We are only asking for a \$15 donation for box reservations during the month of December.**

**While we normally do not open up the option to reserve a box until the Monday prior to an event hosting, we have opened up all of our reservation links for our December 2025 events.  
Get a head start on the holiday season by reserving your December produce box right now.**

**[Click Here to RSVP a Produce Box in December](#)**

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# **SUNDAYS AT FIRST BAPTIST**

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

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

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## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

In the Youth Rooms — Open from 10a to 6p

10:30a – Jr. High Bible Study

4:30p–6p – Youth Worship Service

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## **ADULT GROW GROUP CLASS**

The Unstuck Church

9:15a-10:15a in Winfield's

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## **WORSHIP SERVICE**

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

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# WEEKLY AT FIRST BAPTIST

## MONDAYS

### **YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**

7pm — Winfield's or Tempe Panera

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## TUESDAYS

### **MOMCO**

First & Third Tuesday of each month

9a-11a — In Winfield's

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## WEDNESDAYS

### **WOMEN'S YOGA**

5p-6p — In the Dance Room

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### **TAI CHI**

7p-8p — In the Dance Room

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### **CHILDREN'S WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES**

#### **CHILDREN'S FAMILY MEAL**

6p-6:20p — In Winfield's

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### **MOMCo**

6:30p-8p — In Winfield's

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### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

6:20p-7p — In the Choir Room

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### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES CLASS (Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

7p-8p — In the Children's Rooms

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## THURSDAYS

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Every other Thursday

6:45a-7:45a — In Winfield's

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### **WOMEN WHO PRAY**

9:30a-11:30a — In the Gallery

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### **GriefShare**

Noon-2p — In the Gallery

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### **ALPHA**

6:30p-7:30p — In Winfield's

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# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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