



JANUARY 22, 2026

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

**SERMON TOPIC:
Giving Thanks**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:
Philippians 2:25-27
Philippians 4:10-23**



TRANSITIONS, GOODBYES, AND HELLOS

From Your Elder Board

First Baptist Church of Scottsdale Family,

Please join us in sharing a heartfelt Thank You to Pastor Jim Coston after nearly 10 years of service, this Sunday, January 25th, as he finishes his term as one of the longest-serving and most impactful pastors of First Baptist Church of Scottsdale. During his time at First Baptist Church of Scottsdale he helped shepherd us through transition back to a Lead Pastor model of administration; led the effort and faithful implementation of the Vision Frame, helping us all "Offer a seat at God's table for an adventurous life with Christ"; navigated a worldwide pandemic, rethinking how to do worship when we couldn't be together; reinvigorated men's group; rethought how bible studies could become Grow Groups at FBSCS with new and interesting topics offered quarterly; and managed a tight budget and high debt until we could breathe again, but not yet rest after the sale of the parking lot across the street. We certainly wish him well, and pray for God's continued blessing and guidance as he departs.

As we transition to what God has for us next, please also welcome Pastor Gary Hope, as he transitions to Interim Lead Pastor of First Baptist Church of Scottsdale to help shepherd and serve. His term will officially begin February 1, 2026, but please join us in welcoming and supporting him. Please also join us in praying for God's blessings and support of Pastor Gary Hope and his family as well as for First Baptist Church of Scottsdale.

As always, the Elder Board looks forward to your comments, questions, and input as we look forward to the future of First Baptist Church of Scottsdale, and the path God is preparing for us even now.

2025 GIVING STATEMENTS
From the Finance Office

Anyone wanting a hard copy of their 2025 Giving Statement,
please contact the Church Office at:

(office@fbcscottsdale.org or 480-945-6346.

Soft copies will be emailed out automatically.



MasterPeace Productions Presents
THE WIZARD OF OZ

Thanks to the continued support of our church community, MasterPeace Productions is excited to announce auditions for our upcoming production of **The Wizard of Oz!**

Based on the classic children's novel by L. Frank Baum, this delightful production follows Dorothy Gale as she journeys through the magical land of Oz. Along the way, she'll meet new friends, face an evil witch, and discover that there truly is no place like home.

Audition Dates & Times (Auditions are open to students in Grades K–8):

- Thursday, January 22 • 5:00–6:30 PM
- Saturday, January 24 • 10:00–11:30 AM
- Sunday, January 25 • 12:00–1:30 PM

Rehearsals will be held on Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons (February–March).

Performance Dates:

- March 21 • 5:00–7:00 PM
- March 22 • 12:00–1:00 PM

If you know someone who would be interested in auditioning, please let them know so they can RSVP to any of our audition dates at MasterPeace@FBCScottsdale.org

If you are interested in volunteering to help with props, sets, costumes, snacks, etc., please contact Darla Holmes at DHolmes@FBCScottsdale.org

We hope you and your families will join us for this magical adventure!

JANUARY 17 ATTENDANCE: 59

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://fbcs.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 January: \$22,052 — 35% of Budget
Budgeted for January: \$62,500**

**Budgeted April through January: \$556,000
Received Year-to-Date: \$475,805 — 86% of Budget**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP PATHWAYS

First Baptist Church of Scottsdale loves everyone who attends and participates in the life of our congregation and ministry to our community. We encourage those who feel a connection to Jesus at First Baptist Church to make that connection official and put down roots by joining as a member.

Joining First Baptist Church is easy. Simply share your decision to join with a Deacon or a staff member. This may be done by going to the stained glass in the Sanctuary at the invitation during Sunday Worship or in a separate conversation. The Deacon or staff member will ask you by which of the following “pathways” you are joining:

- By **profession of faith** in Jesus Christ upon receiving believer’s baptism by immersion;
- By **statement of faith** in Christ and prior believer’s baptism by immersion, sprinkling or pouring;
- By **associate membership**, for persons who have made a profession of faith in Christ and who wish to participate in the life of First Baptist Church but also wish to retain membership in another congregation.

A staff member will invite you to talk and share about your decision. The Lead Pastor will present your name and story to the Elders at their next meeting. They will consider and make a decision regarding your membership. When approved, you will become a member and receive the Right Hand of Fellowship on a future Communion Sunday. This decision always ends in a celebration!

Consider putting down those roots as we Offer a Seat at God’s Table for an Adventurous Life with Christ!

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2026 GROW GROUPS

Begin This Sunday

9:15a-10:15a

Desert Disciples – The Bible in Context In the Gallery

Join us at 9:15 am in the Gallery as we learn different ways to read and study the Bible. Taught by Gary Hope, this is a deep dive into understanding the Bible in context.



“The Promised Land” In Fellowship Hall

Angel Studio’s new show “The Promised Land” offers an “Office” style retelling of the Israelites after they cross the Red Sea. It’s a funny and very human reminder that we are all in need of God’s grace every moment. Join us as we watch and discuss. Led by Carol Sullivan.

The Community In Winfield’s

Join this practical class about how to serve our community and be a part of what God is doing here. We will also be listening to guests who will share what God is doing locally and around the world. Let’s be reminded of the question once again, “Lord, who is my neighbor?” Led by Jackie Myers and Gary Tannenbaum.



**Please contact Monica at mlievsay@fbcscottsdale.org
for information on any of the above classes.**



P.O.W.W.O.W.
Saturday, January 24
8:00a-11:00a

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

Invite your friends!
Share with your neighbors!



CRAFT & COFFEE EVENT

Saturday, January 24
9a

In Winfields

(Please park in the back lot. POWWOW is in the front lot that day.)

All ladies are invited to a special morning of creativity, connection, and conversation. Join us for a women's craft and coffee experience where we will create beautiful items and explore how our invitations to come to worship at FBCScottsdale can be woven into our handmade gifts, sharing God's love through our hands and heart.

Come ready to make something beautiful and be inspired!
Feel free to bring a friend or neighbor along.
We can't wait to see you there.

Any questions, please contact Darla at: dholmes@fbcscottsdale.org



**Auditions are open to children and youth from Kindergarten through 8th grade.
Invite your friends and neighbors to try out!**

JOYCE REED MISSION CIRCLE

Monday, February 9

9:30a

In the Gallery

It is the goal of this Women's group to minister not only to global missionaries David and Joyce Reed, but also to other global servants.

Each meeting includes a devotion, updates on all of the missionaries the Circle helps to support, and work on various service-oriented projects!

**COME JOIN US TO LEARN WHAT WE DO.
LADIES OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED.**



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



VINTAGE BREAKFAST CLUB

Tuesday, February 10

9:00a

In Fellowship Hall

Every quarter, the Senior Ministry has a Vintage Breakfast. 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.

SUNDAYS AT FIRST BAPTIST

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

10:30a – Jr. High Bible Study

4:30p–6p – Youth Worship Service

ADULT GROW GROUP CLASSES

9:15 – 10:15a

Desert Disciples – The Bible in Context – In the Gallery

(This class has already begun; you can join at any time.)

The Promised Land – In Fellowship Hall

The Community – In Winfield's

WORSHIP SERVICE

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

WEEKLY AT FIRST BAPTIST

MONDAYS

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

7pm — Winfield's or Tempe Panera

TUESDAYS

MOMCO

First & Third Tuesday of each month

9a-11a — In Winfield's

WEDNESDAYS

WOMEN'S YOGA

5p-6p — In the Dance Room

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7p-8p — In the Dance Room

CHILDREN'S WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

CHILDREN'S FAMILY MEAL

5:30p-6p — In Winfield's

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (K-5th grade)

6p-6:30p — In the Choir Room

MOMCo

6:30p-8p — In Winfield's

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES CLASS (Pre-K-5th grade)

6:30p-8p — In the Children's Rooms

THURSDAYS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Every other Thursday (January 15 & 29)

6:45a-7:45a — In Winfield's

WOMEN WHO PRAY

9:30a-11:30a — In the Gallery

GriefShare

Noon-2p — In the Gallery

SATURDAYS

BOARD GAME NIGHT – Second Saturday of each month

5:30p-7:30p — In Winfield's

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