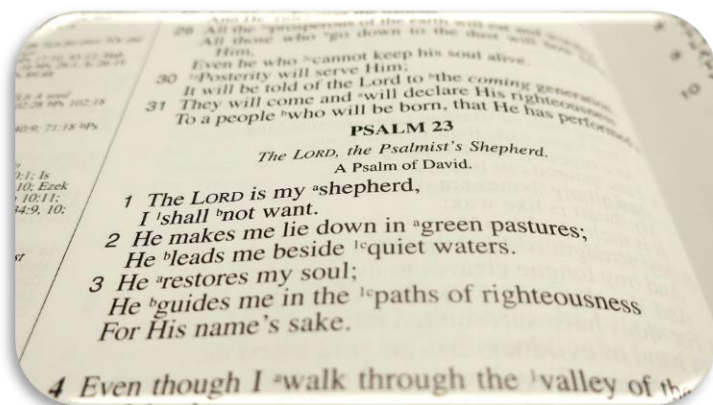




FEBRUARY 20, 2025

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



**SERMON SERIES:
Psalm 23**

**February 23 Sermon scripture:
Psalm 23:2-3**

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

As March 31 approaches, and a decision by the Elders on what is next for FBCScottsdale, some misinformation is bound to circulate. Our Adversary likes confusing God’s people and sowing seeds of disunity. As we pray and discern God’s leading—and pray for our Elders—staff will do our best to keep the Adversary’s slings and barbs off target.

FBCScottsdale is a Baptist church. One of the hallmark Baptist principles is local autonomy of the church. We do not have a Pope. We do not have bishops. No one from outside our congregation dictates our church practices or decisions or plans. This is a core tenet of Baptist life.

FBCScottsdale is also affiliated with the American Baptist Churches USA. Our affiliation is voluntary and as involved as we want it to be. The General Secretary of the ABCUSA does not dictate to FBCScottsdale. The region, ABCOFLASH, does not dictate to FBCScottsdale. The denomination is a resource for us; we do not serve the denomination; ideally, we all serve the Kingdom of God.

Some misinformation has circulated that FBCScottsdale cannot sell property or realign our affiliation without the blessing of the ABCUSA denomination. This is erroneous.

Twenty years ago, FBCScottsdale's leadership considered leaving ABCUSA over the issue of biblical authority and human sexuality. While leadership ultimately decided to remain ABCUSA, they did not have to stay ABCUSA then and we do not have to now. Our church Bylaws allow for our members to make decisions about this church. Recently a lawyer reviewed our Bylaws and confirmed this. The denomination does not pull our strings, does not have a claim upon our property and does not determine our future.

Elders vote. Members vote. Those votes carry the day; the ABCUSA denomination—for which I am thankful, having served as an ABCUSA minister for 20 of my 27 years in professional ministry—does not have a vote.

Pray for our discernment as we seek God's unity. Pray for courage to trust God. Pray for the protection of the church as the Adversary targets this people of God.



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 March 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

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 back of Giving Envelopes**
- **Online at: <https://fbcscottsdale.com/giving>**
- **You may also mail checks to:**

**FBCScottsdale
7025 E Osborn Rd
Scottsdale, AZ 85251**

Blessings!

Tithes and Offerings received thus far in February: \$26,786

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



WOMEN'S MINISTRY



SPRING CLEANING

DONATION DRIVE

Every Sunday in March
Sunday Mornings
In the Sanctuary Lobby



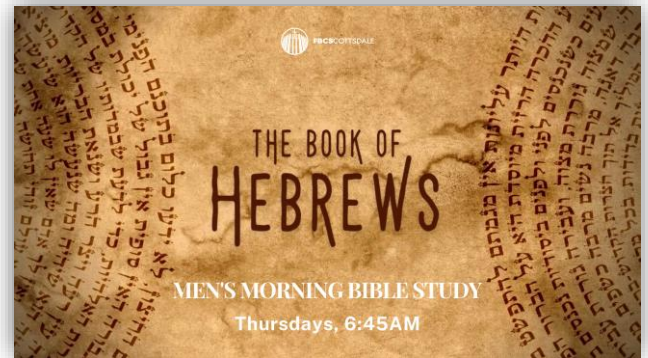
Join FBCScottsdale Women's Ministry for our Spring Cleaning Donation Drive. Throughout the month of March we are accepting gently used items in the Lobby on Sunday mornings. Your contributions will support Chaneni House and make a meaningful impact to our community.

Every item counts. Let's work together to help others and refresh our homes this season. For more information, contact Darla Holmes at dholmes@FBCScottsdale.org. Thank you for making a difference!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We begin a study of the Book of Hebrews
Thursday, February 20
6:45a
In Winfield's



MEN! PLEASE NOTE!

Because we have had very little if any rain and there is a chance for fire, the men **WILL NOT** be shooting in the desert next Saturday, February 22.

A new date is still to be determined and will be announced later.

P.O.W.W.O.W.
Saturday, February 22
8:00-10:00a

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

Invite your friends!
Share with your neighbors!



PAIUTE
PRAYER WALK

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MentorKids USA | Paiute Promise Neighborhood Prayer Walk

Saturday, February 22, 2025, 9:30 am, Paiute Park

3210 N 66th St, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

<https://bit.ly/PaiutePrayerWalk25>

Everyone is welcome to participate and pray for our community!



SUNDAYS AT FBCScottsdale

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

The curriculum theme for February is the Life of Jesus. The curriculum title for our Preschoolers is "Guess What", and for our Elementary kiddos is "Let's Focus".

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

The verse for February 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 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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