

JUNE 4, 2026

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

Jesus Christ: the same yesterday, today, and forever.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

**SERMON TITLE:
A New Beginning**

**SCRIPTURE:
John 1:19-51**



**PASTOR LEADERSHIP UPDATE
AND CALL FOR CONGREGATIONAL SPECIAL MEETING
FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALLING A LEAD PASTOR**

From the Elder Board and Pastor Search Committee

For the past several months, our Elder Board and Search Committee have been engaged in prayerful, thoughtful, and Spirit-led conversations about the future pastoral leadership of First Baptist Church of Scottsdale. We have sought God's wisdom, listened to one another and to the Congregation, and reflected deeply on the needs of our congregation, now and in the future as we move into the next season of ministry in South Scottsdale.

Today, we are grateful to share that the Elders are unanimously recommending that the congregation **formally call Pastor Gary Hope to serve as Lead Pastor of First Baptist Church of Scottsdale.**

Over these recent months, Pastor Gary has shepherded us with humility, steadiness, and a deep love for Christ and His church. Coming out of hospice chaplaincy and returning to his pastoral roots to walk with us through this transition has been no small sacrifice, and we have been blessed by his wisdom, his pastoral heart, and his willingness to stand in the gap during a tender time in our church's life. Pastor Gary has expressed his excitement about continuing this journey with us, and we believe God is clearly leading us to strengthen and extend this relationship.

A LONG-TERM SUCCESSION PLAN ROOTED IN HOPE

As part of this recommendation, the Elders are also affirming a long-term succession plan consistent with our commitment to thoughtful, prayerful leadership development. Rather than seeking a new Lead Pastor from outside our congregation, we will begin preparing to call a **young, energetic Associate Pastor** in the next year or two. This individual will serve alongside Pastor Gary, be mentored by him, and—over time—be prepared to step into the role of Lead Pastor when the season is right.

This approach strengthens our current ministries, meeting the needs we have heard as a church, and invests in our future. It allows us to build continuity, nurture emerging leadership, and ensure that the next generation of families and believers finds a home at First Baptist Church of Scottsdale.

WITH GRATITUDE TO THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

Both I and the Elders want to express our heartfelt appreciation to the members of our Pastor Search Committee, who have served faithfully and diligently throughout this process. Their work has been marked by prayer, discernment, and a deep love for this congregation. As we shift our focus toward identifying an Associate Pastor in the coming years, some members will be stepping down while others may be appointed to continue this important work. Their role remains vital, and more details will be shared in the months ahead.

A SPECIAL DAY OF CELEBRATION – JUNE 21

We invite the entire congregation to join us **after worship on Sunday, June 21**, for a **Special Congregational Meeting and Vote to Call Pastor Gary Hope** as our Lead Pastor.

This meaningful day will also include:

- **A Celebration of Dads** in honor of Father's Day
- **A Celebration of the 114th Birthday of First Baptist Church of Scottsdale**, a reminder of God's enduring faithfulness to this historic congregation

What a fitting moment to look back with gratitude and forward with hope.

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Over the past several months, many have remarked at how much we have needed the ministry Pastor Gary Hope has provided, from reaching out personally to so many in the Congregation to the enthusiasm he has brought back as we rekindle some of what makes First Baptist Church of Scottsdale unique. As an elder board, we have found his approach to seeking new opportunities and revisiting some old favorites, coupled with his consistent vision for the future of the Church to be inspiring. We look forward to continued thoughtful, future-focused yet tradition-balanced leadership as we move forward with this recommendation and recommend your support at the June 21st Congregational Special Meeting. This recommendation comes with a spirit of unity, humility, and trust that God is guiding our steps.

We ask for your prayers, your presence, and your participation as we take this important step together. May we continue to be a church that shines the light of Christ—faithfully, joyfully, and boldly—into our community and our world.

Respectfully,
Shawn Crosier, Elder Moderator

Lifebuilders Zoom Bible Study

"Luke in the Land - seeing the mission of Jesus in His first-century world"

Sunday Evenings Beginning June 7

See page 6 for details!

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
- Through the Church Center app
- Use QR code on screen or on back of Giving Envelopes
- Online at: <https://fbc.churchcenter.com/giving>
- You may also mail checks to:

FBCScottsdale
7025 E Osborn Rd
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Blessings!

Tithes and Offerings Budgeted for May: \$56,569
Received in May: \$49,233 — 87% of Budget

Tithes and Offerings Budgeted for April-May: \$101,825
Received thus far for April-May: \$895,001 — 93% of Budget

MAY 31 ATTENDANCE: 88

FOUR-PART HISTORY SERIES CELEBRATING 114 YEARS

By Shawn Crozier, church historian

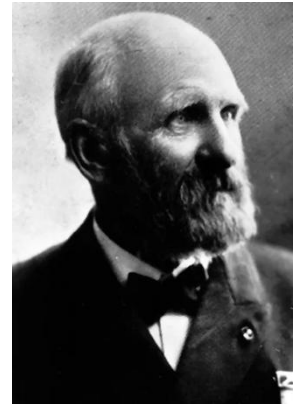
Based on research by Stan Crews and Others

PART I — The Beginning (1912–1918)

Civil War Chaplain Winfield Scott's Wish Fulfilled

Long before Scottsdale became a city of art galleries, resorts, and bustling streets, it was a quiet agricultural settlement shaped by irrigation ditches, citrus groves, olive trees, and a handful of families who believed God was doing something new in the desert. In those early years, worship happened wherever people could gather — in homes, in the Little Red Schoolhouse, and sometimes under the open sky.

What they lacked in buildings, they made up for in conviction.



**Civil War Army Chaplain and
Founder of Scottsdale, Winfield Scott**

The Visionaries Who Planted the Seeds

Our story begins with two remarkable men whose friendship helped shape the future of Scottsdale:

- Winfield Scott, Civil War chaplain and founder of the town. Indeed, Scottsdale is named for him due in part to an error in the Arizona Republican (now Arizona Republic) newspaper which misprinted Scottsdale instead of Orangedale, the original name, in an article about the new town because it was the location of the popular ranch of Winfield Scott. Locals loved the misprint, and the name was quickly changed.

- Rev. Verner (V.A.) Vanderhoof, a Methodist and later colporteur missionary whose influence on early Scottsdale was profound. Beginning around 1900 he had a regular bible study in his home that eventually grew into the church. Although he and his wife were Methodists, most of the regular attenders were Baptists.

On his deathbed in 1910, Scott expressed a final wish: that part of his land on the corner of Indian School and Brown be used for a Baptist church. He wrote in his will, "I leave to you my work in Scottsdale. I had planned to do much this winter with you, but God has called me. If you will take this work and do it, and enlarge it as God gives you strength, you will receive my blessings and His."

Vanderhoof honored that wish, gathering a small group of believers to consider what God might be calling them to build.

June 12, 1912: Fourteen Signatures That Changed Everything

On a warm Saturday in June, fourteen believers gathered in the Vanderhoof home to discuss the formation of a new Baptist church. On June 12, they met again in the Vanderhoof home and signed the charter for a new Baptist church. As Pastor Stan Crews recorded, *"Five family units made up the charter membership... Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur, Rev. and Mrs. Trumbull... the Weavers... Jennie Brown... and Sara Thomas."*

These were pioneers — farmers, teachers, business owners, and community builders. They were also people who believed that a church could anchor a town.

A Church Built by Hand

The newly formed First Baptist Church of Scottsdale called Reverend Limon Trumbull to be its first pastor, but he died soon after and was succeeded by his friend Reverend William Wilbur. Pastor Wilbur conducted the first baptism on Easter Sunday, 1913, in the irrigation ditch at the corner of Indian School and Scottsdale Roads, none other than V.A. Vanderhoof who by now had become a Baptist, his wife Jane, their daughter May, and a man named Whitney. For six years, the congregation met in the Little Red Schoolhouse on Main Street — the same building that was instrumental in the early years of the Scottsdale Unified School District, the City of Scottsdale, and First Baptist Church of Scottsdale and now houses the Scottsdale Historical Society. Not a bad place to get a start, but they dreamed of a permanent home.

So, they built one.

They raised money and planned, but World War I intervened. When they were ready, V.A. Vanderhoof hitched his horses to his wagon to make the trip to Phoenix to purchase the lumber and other supplies they would need for the building. But with the war and rations and the cost of transporting lumber to Phoenix, the price of lumber was much higher than concrete, so he purchased concrete instead. The congregation gathered sand from the Salt River. They hand-mixed cement. They formed blocks one by one on the church site and built the first church building.

By 1918, the first church building stood proudly at Brown Avenue and Indian School Road — a testament to faith, sweat, and stubborn hope.

Baptisms in the Canal

In those early years, baptisms took place in the irrigation canal at Scottsdale and Indian School Road. As one historical note describes, *"Photographs from the 1920s show congregants gathered along the canal banks, celebrating faith in the open desert air."*

It was simple. It was rugged. It was beautiful.

And it marked the beginning of a story that would stretch across generations.



First Baptist Church of Scottsdale baptisms in the canal at Indian School and Scottsdale Road.

Next Week: How First Baptist Church of Scottsdale grew up alongside a growing city.

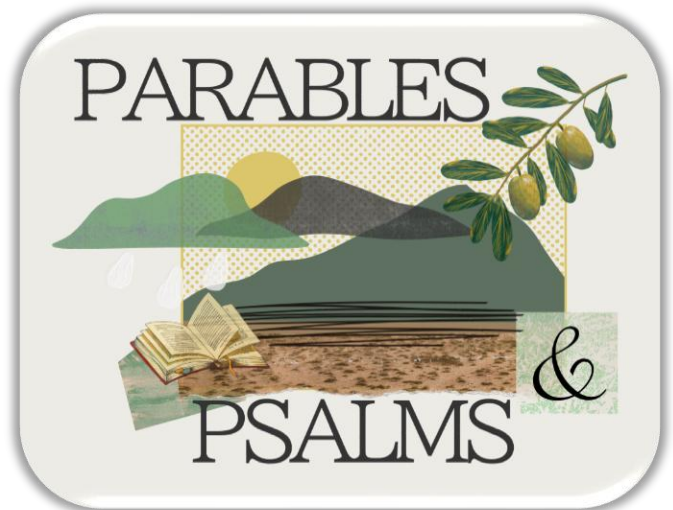
CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND HOBBYISTS!

PARABLES & PSALMS

Wednesday nights
Beginning June 3 through July
6:30p
In Winfield's

This summer we want to explore what it means
to worship God in different ways,
INCLUDING ART!

We will read one Parable and one Psalm
together and then have free time to create
something inspired by either scripture.



**YOU CAN USE WHATEVER MEDIUM YOU WANT:
PAINT, DRAWING, CLAY, STRING, PIPE CLEANERS, ETC.
ALL AGES WELCOME!**



FINAL ALL HANDS MEETING!

Saturday, June 6

9am-noon

In Winfield's

We will cover class lists, any notes about the campers, and several logistics for FULL communication of our week!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lifebuilders Zoom Bible Study

"Luke in the Land - seeing the mission of Jesus in His first-century world"

Sunday Evenings Beginning June 7

7pm

Via Zoom

Led by Arlene Freed

Meeting ID: 939 691 0117

Passcode: 1545

Ideal for those traveling or who like a convenient, casual bible study without leaving home.

The only book required is a Bible! Arlene will send an e-mail each week with the background scripture passages and meeting link.

For more information, please contact Arlene at: freedindeed@cox.net or Darla at: dholmes@fbcscottsdale.org

COMING MONDAY, JUNE 8, THROUGH FRIDAY, JUNE 12!!

FBCScottsdale's
IMAGINE
CREATIVE ARTS CAMP

P.O.W.W.O.W.
Saturday, June 27
6:00a – 8:00a

Up to 70 lbs. of fresh produce
for just \$15!!
Share with your neighbors!
Invite your friends!



JUNIOR HIGH SUMMER CAMP
(Entering 6th grade thru leaving 8th grade)
Sunday, June 28 – Tuesday, June 30

We all need a system reset this year!
A time to reconnect with God away from distractions.

We're going camping in Sedona for 3 days,
exploring the beauty of God's creation around us.

SUNDAYS AT FBCSCOTTSDALE

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

9:30a – Youth Grow Group

10:30a – Attend Worship in the Sanctuary

ADULT GROW GROUP CLASS

The Four Loves

By C. S. Lewis

9:15a

In Winfield's

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30a

In the Sanctuary

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Led by Arlene Freed

7p

Via Zoom

WEEKLY AT FBCSCOTTSDALE

MONDAYS

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

On Summer Hiatus

WEDNESDAYS

WOMEN'S YOGA

5p-6p — In the Dance Room

CLASS FOR ALL AGES

PARABLES AND PSALMS

Worshipping God through the Arts!

Bring your creativity!

6:30p-8p — In Winfield's

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT

On Summer Hiatus

THURSDAYS

MEN'S MINISTRY BYO BREAKFAST – Every other Thursday

On Summer Hiatus

WOMEN WHO PRAY

On Summer Hiatus through Labor Day

GRIEFSHARE

Noon-2:30p — In the Gallery

MEN'S MINISTRY BYO LUNCH – Every other Thursday (June 11 & 25)

Noon-1p — In Winfield's

SATURDAYS

BLUE ZONE GAME NIGHT – Second Saturday of each month

5:30p-7:30p — In Winfield's

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