



JANUARY 8, 2026

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



**SERMON TOPIC FOR
JANUARY 11, 2026:
Many Generations**

**SCRIPTURE READING:
Titus 2:1-7**

OUT OF THE PULPIT From Pastor Jim Coston

As First Baptist begins a season of discerning what God has next, and as my own calling leads me to Alabama, the Board of Elders and I have come to a shared understanding that a brief goodbye is better than a long farewell. For that reason, my final Sunday as Lead Pastor of First Baptist will be January 25. Please direct any questions to the Elders.

God brought us together in 2016, and I am deeply grateful for the years we have shared—years of ministry, growth, challenges, and joy. While God is now leading us in different directions, we go forward holding one another in prayer, continuing the work of the Kingdom, and trusting that this is not the end of our story together, but simply a new chapter until we meet again.

LEAD PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE MINISTRY PRIORITIES SURVEY

As Pastor Jim prepares to conclude his ministry with us on January 25, we are grateful for his years of faithful service to First Baptist Church of Scottsdale and wish him God's blessing in the next chapter of his calling.

At the same time, our church is already moving with purpose into the future. The Pastor Search Committee is meeting weekly, has posted the Lead Pastor position, and is actively working with ABCOFLASH (American Baptist Churches of Los Angeles, Southwest, and Hawaii) to identify strong candidates. We are also in the process of securing an interim pastor to guide us during this transition.

We invite you to reach out with any questions, ideas, or encouragement. Your Search Committee—Shawn Crosier, Paul Malin, Angela Mansfeld, Gayle Crews, Carol Sullivan, Quintin Yazzie—and our Elders are here to listen and walk with you. Together, we trust that God is preparing the right leadership for the next season of ministry at First Baptist Church of Scottsdale.

Please feel free to speak with any of us personally at any time, or send your thoughts to our email address: search@fbcscottsdale.org.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

For Belle Cosenza

Saturday, January 17

2pm

**Messenger's Mortuary
7601 E Indian School Road**

GET READY! THE ROCK'n'ROLL MARATHON RETURNS ON JANUARY 18!

And you know what that means — the church will be landlocked on Sunday, January 18.

**Our worship service will be
Saturday, January 17
5p
In the Sanctuary**

**If you manage to reach the church on
Sunday, you will be alone.**



**There will be a potato bar/chili dinner
immediately following
the service.**

**Please look for the sign-up sheets
in the lobby and sign up for
a side dish to bring.**



**VOLUNTEER REQUEST \ *wear blue*
TRIBUTE MILE
Rock 'n' Roll Arizona Marathon
January 18, 2026
From Darlene Clinger
Community Engagement Coordinator
*wear blue: run to remember***

I am excited to invite you and your friends, families, and co-workers, to join us as a volunteer holding flags along the *wear blue* Tribute Mile at this year's Rock 'n' Roll Arizona Marathon!

We have the unique opportunity to provide essential support to those who have sacrificed so much. I would love for you to join us in this wonderful opportunity to create a significant and lasting impact, ensuring that every person celebrated along our Mile has a flag held in their memory—your participation is absolutely key!

Our co-founder and CEO of [wear blue: run to remember](https://www.wearblueruntoremember.org), Lisa Hallett, a dedicated Gold Star wife, shares a powerful reminder: "Military families sacrifice a great deal, and sometimes, they sacrifice everything. Our gift, our responsibility, to fallen service members, is to remember them and to cherish the profound gift they've given to our great nation."



In that spirit, our team is committed to advancing the *wear blue* mission of honoring the service and sacrifice of the American military through active remembrance. The incredible courage shown by Gold Star families, survivors, battle buddies, and all those who have faced loss fills us with inspiration. It is a profound privilege to stand in solidarity with the families and friends of those who made the ultimate sacrifice along our Mile and to live inspired by their examples.

Our [wear blue Tribute Mile](https://www.wearblueruntoremember.org) serves as a powerful connection between our communities and the military, reminding us of the true cost of our freedoms. The first half of the Mile honors our fallen service members, pairing names with faces. As we line the Mile on both sides with 150 posters honoring these brave individuals, participants will experience a quiet, reflective memorial that paves the way for a celebration inspired by their lives. This somber remembrance is then followed by volunteers, like you, each holding a full-sized American flag with a ribbon bearing the names of those honored along our Mile. United in spirit, they cheer the runners on in a celebration of life. Together, this transforms our Mile into a powerful living memorial for the athletes, guiding everyone through a heartfelt journey of honor, gratitude, and remembrance.

Before we take our places along the Mile, our staff and volunteers will form a Circle of Remembrance. In this sacred space, each person will call out the names of their fallen loved ones, friends, and those we're honoring on our Mile. We wholeheartedly believe that as long as their names are honored and spoken aloud, their legacy will live on forever. Please take a moment to watch this powerful video, which captures the profound impact of *wear blue* and our Tribute Mile: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTAn8YF3l6A>.

Sign up to volunteer here: <https://www.wearblueruntoremember.org/rocknroll-arizona>. Just click the 'Submit Now' button to register or to request a poster. We kindly ask you to sign up in advance, which helps us prepare and share any critical updates. Each volunteer will receive a t-shirt to "make" our Mile blue while symbolizing our united commitment to honor and remember our brave fallen service members. Plus, we'll have coffee, beverages, and snacks for everyone! Volunteer hours can also be documented upon request.

The 2026 Rock'n'Roll Arizona *wear blue* Mile is proudly sponsored by



JANUARY 2026 GROW GROUPS

**Begin Sunday, January 25
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 Desert Disciples will breakfast together this Sunday, January 11, in the Gallery.

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 in Fellowship Hall at 9:15 am as we watch and discuss.



The Neighborhood In Winfield's



Join us at 9:15 am in Winfields for a practical class about how to serve our neighborhood and be a part of what God is doing here. We will also be listening to guests who will share what God is doing around the world. Let's be reminded of the question once again, "Lord, who is my neighbor?"

HOME GROUPS

**Tuesday Nights
6:30p**

NORTH SCOTTSDALE AREA

Led by Carol Sullivan and Linda Allen
In the home of Linda Allen
Near 104th Street & Cortez Street

TEMPE/MESA AREA

Every Other Tuesday

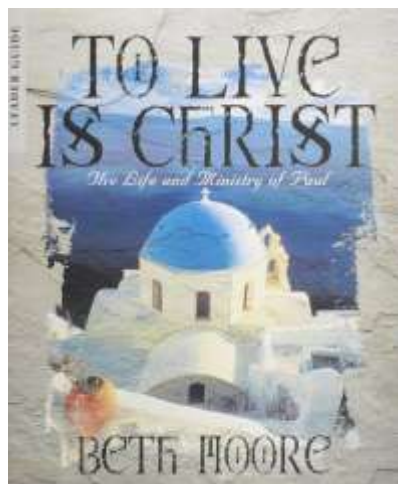
Led by Tim & Jodi Johnson and Gary & Cheryl Hope
In the Johnson home
Near Mesa Drive & Halifax Street

Please reach out to Monica at: mlievsay@fbcscottsdale.org
for the exact addresses.



BIBLE STUDY

**Thursday Mornings
9:30a
In the Gallery**



Women Who Pray Bible Study

They are reading the book "To Live is Christ: The Life and Ministry of Paul". Join these wonderful ladies for this in-depth women's Bible study on the life and ministry of Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles. Paul served faithfully, loved heartily, and demonstrated what it means to die daily, crucified with Jesus Christ.

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

JANUARY 4 ATTENDANCE: 132

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: \$9,590 — 15% of Budget
Budgeted for January: \$62,500**

**Budgeted April through January: \$556,000
Received Year-to-Date: \$455,123 — 82% of Budget**

CHANENI HOUSE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025

The 2025 report for Chaneni House is in, and the numbers are amazing! **4,762!**

That is the number of clients we served at Chaneni House in 2025!

Total of food bags was 1,374. That is an increase of 957 client visits and 205 food bags over 2024. And that number does not include the homeless lunches we gave out every day.

Another amazing number. That total number of clients means we gave away approximately 45,000 items. Thank you to our amazing volunteers who are experiencing this increase every day. If you believe in this ministry, please consider whether you can volunteer for two hours one time a week. You may talk to Cindy Bottemiller or Jan Tannenbaum at church or call Hope Carr at [460-694-9422](tel:460-694-9422) for more information.

Always thank you to our faithful supporters.

Your generous donations have kept up with the increase in need.

God does regularly show his approval of this ministry as we remember the words of Jesus:

"Inasmuch as you have done it for one of the least of these, you have done it for me."

Matthew 25:40

UPCOMING EVENTS



SATURDAY NIGHT BOARD GAMES ARE COMING BACK!

**Saturday, January 10
5:30p – 7:30p
In Winfield's**

**Board Game Night will be held
on the second Saturday of each month
beginning January 10.**

**Come have fun with family
and friends, old and new.**

MEN'S MINISTRY POKER NIGHT

**Friday, January 16
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.**



CRAFT & COFFEE EVENT

**Saturday, January 24
9a**

**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.**

Sign up will be in the lobby. Any questions, please contact Darla at: dholmes@fbcscottsdale.org.



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!

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

SEE PAGE 4 FOR NEW CLASSES COMING JANUARY 25, 2026

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

TAI CHI

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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