



NOVEMBER 20, 2025

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

SERMON TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER 23

Judas' Sin and Jesus' Grace

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Mark 14:16-20

Matthew 26:14-16

Matthew 27:1-10

THE MANNS' MINISTRY UPDATE

Sunday, November 23

9:15a

In Fellowship Hall

&

10:30a

During Worship

**Matt and Lori Mann will share about
their missionary work in Southeast Asia.**

LEAD PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

From Your Pastor Search Committee

The Search Committee would like your input over the next few weeks on a series of surveys covering several of the topics we feel are vital as we consider the priorities God is laying on our hearts for our next Lead Pastor. For our first survey, we would like your input on the Spiritual Leadership, Experience, and Vision you would like to see in our next Lead Pastor. Whether you are a member, attender, or friend of First Baptist Church of Scottsdale, we value your input, wisdom, and concerns the Lord has laid on your heart as we begin this process. Please click this link to complete: [Survey 1: Spiritual Leadership, Experience, and Vision](#)

You can also email the Search Committee at: search@fbcscottsdale.org

MEETING REV. BRITTANY CAMP

Although the rain was a factor, several of the congregation gathered Wednesday night, November 18, for a Meet and Greet in Winfield's to meet Pastor Jim Coston's new wife. Brittany and Jim shared with us a little more of their story. Brittany has four sons whose ages are in the same range as Jim's three. She is an interesting and delightful woman, and we all enjoyed meeting her.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

THERE WILL **NOT** BE A LANTERN
NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK.

May you enjoy a wonderful day
of giving thanks with family
and friends.



FIRST BAPTIST SCOTTSDALE SIX-MONTH NEW TESTAMENT READING PLAN

CONTEXTUAL NOTES FOR THE READINGS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

James

James is a practical guide for Christian living, calling believers to live out their faith with integrity, compassion, and perseverance.

James emphasizes that genuine faith is shown through actions, not just words — “faith without works is dead.” He urges followers of Christ to control their speech, seek wisdom from God, care for the poor, resist favoritism,

and pursue peace. The letter also encourages believers to remain steadfast in trials, reminding them that testing produces spiritual maturity.

Overall, James challenges the church to display a living, active faith that reflects the character and love of Jesus in everyday life.

1 Peter

1 Peter is a letter of encouragement written to believers facing hardship and persecution.

Peter reminds Christians that they are God's chosen people, called to live with hope because of Christ's resurrection. Even in suffering, believers can trust that God is using trials to strengthen their faith and refine their character. Peter urges the church to live holy lives, show love and humility, and follow Christ's example of enduring suffering with patience and trust in God. He also encourages believers to use their gifts to serve others and to stand firm in their faith, knowing that God Himself will restore and strengthen them.

2 Peter

2 Peter is a letter urging believers to grow in spiritual maturity and remain steadfast in the truth.

Peter encourages Christians to build their lives on faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, and love—qualities that keep their faith fruitful and effective. He warns strongly against false teachers who distort the gospel and lead people astray, reminding the church that God will ultimately judge evil and uphold righteousness. Peter also affirms the certainty of Christ's return and calls believers to live holy and expectant lives as they await the new heaven and new earth God has promised.

1 John

1 John is a heartfelt letter reminding believers of the central importance of love, truth, and obedience in the Christian life.

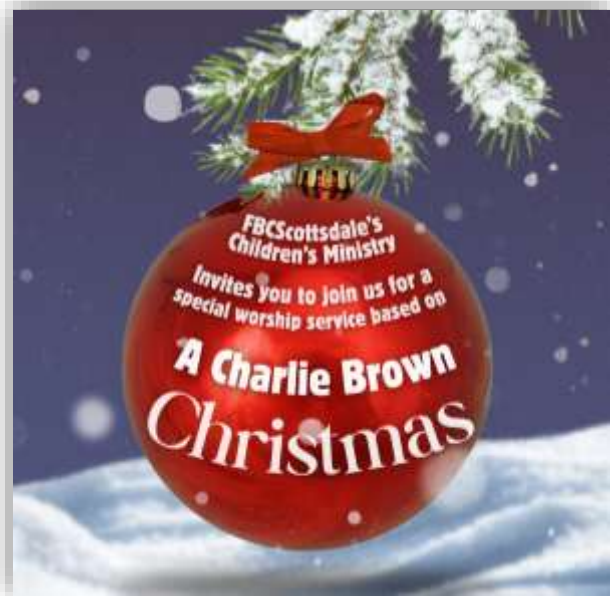
John emphasizes that true fellowship with God is shown by walking in the light—living in honesty, righteousness, and love for others. He teaches that believers can have confidence in their salvation because God has given them new life through Jesus Christ. John warns against false teachings and encourages Christians to test everything by the truth of Christ. Above all, he calls the church to embody God's love, declaring that "God is love," and that those who truly know Him will reflect His love in their actions.

2 John

2 John is a brief but powerful letter urging believers to walk in truth and love.

The apostle John reminds the church that genuine Christian life is shown not only in right belief but in loving one another as Christ commanded. He also warns the congregation about false teachers who deny that Jesus Christ came in the flesh. John instructs believers to stay rooted in the teachings of Christ and not to support anyone spreading false doctrine. The letter closes with John's desire for face-to-face fellowship, emphasizing the importance of authentic Christian community.

November 20	Hebrews 12	November 27	1 Peter 3 – 4
November 21	Hebrews 13	November 28	1 Peter 5
November 22	James 1	November 29	2 Peter 1 – 2
November 23	James 2	November 30	2 Peter 3
November 24	James 3	December 1	1 John 1 – 2
November 25	James 4	December 2	1 John 3 – 4
November 26	1 Peter 1 – 2	December 3	2 John



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.

NOVEMBER 16 ATTENDANCE: 102

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 November: \$39,305 — 97% of Budget
Budgeted for November: \$40,500

Budgeted April through November: \$413,100
Received Year-to-Date: \$336,984 — 82% of Budget

POWWOW IN DECEMBER

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](#)

“THEY KEEP ME ALIVE!”

One of our homeless clients said those words about Chaneni House as he brought his caseworker from Phoenix Rescue Mission to meet us last week.

The client is one of the oldest folks we serve. He has had a hard life, including prison time. Now he has emphysema and is homeless. He does not come in every day, and when he does come, it is not to shop. He only takes the lunch sack and hygiene items.

So, what are we offering him that he finds so important? We help him as Jesus instructed, offering a safe place where he is accepted and can experience the love of Christ. We rejoice to receive this acknowledgement from God that Chaneni House is His place, and we are doing His work.

Thank you to all who make donations and to those who volunteer their time to make the ministry possible.

The homeless sack lunches were carefully planned to supply needed nutrition for a day. If you would like to help fill the sacks, here is a list of the items we include:

- Jif-To-Go peanut butter cups
- Fruit Cups – single serve peaches/fruit cocktail
- Applesauce – single serve cups
- Raisin snack packs
- Peanut butter cracker packs
- Capri Sun drink pouches
- Granola Bars (soft chewy type)
- Canned chili with pop top 15 oz
- Canned soup with pop top

And of course, always water! With the current weather change, we definitely have a shortage of warm jackets and blankets.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that every time you shop at Fry's they'll make a donation to CHANENI HOUSE?
It costs you nothing and Chaneni receives a check from them. You just need to set it up.
If you are not already signed up, here are the steps to follow.

1. Go to Frysfood.com and access or set up your account. (You don't have to have a physical Fry's Card. You can use your phone number as an Alternate ID.)
2. Sign in and click on Account.
3. Scroll down and select Community Rewards.
4. Enter Chaneni House as your organization.
5. Choose Save.

Now when you use your phone number or Fry's card at check out, a small percentage of any purchases made will be donated to Chaneni House AT NO COST TO YOU!

Thank you for choosing to donate to Chaneni House!

HELP US DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS!

Friends, we would love to decorate the Sanctuary with poinsettias this year. If you would like to help, both Lowe's and Home Depot

have poinsettias on sale the day after Thanksgiving

for just \$1.00 each!

If some of us could donate one or a few each, we could make the Sanctuary more beautiful than it already is.

Buy them THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING.

Bring them to church on Sunday.

We will keep them beautiful for Christmas.



UPCOMING EVENTS



GRIEF SHARE

**Thursdays
Noon-2:00pm
In the Gallery**

**November 20 – Surviving the Holidays
No class on November 27 (Thanksgiving)
Resumes December 4**

GriefShare is open to all, and you are welcome to join the class at any time as we journey through the grief process together.

If you have any questions, please contact Darla Holmes at:
dholmes@fbcscottsdale.org

P.O.W.W.O.W. RETURNS!

**Saturday, November 22
8a – 11a**

**Up to 70 lbs. of fresh produce
For a donation of \$15!!**

Invite your friends!

Share with your neighbors!





BLUE ZONES PROJECT™
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**FALL INTO FUN:
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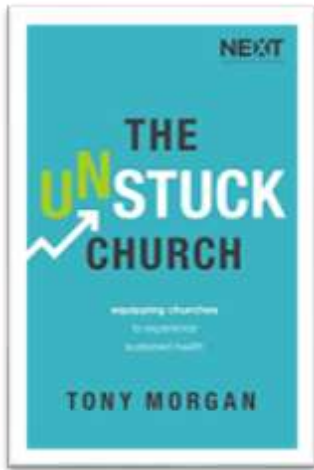
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FIRST BAPTIST

 **EVERY SATURDAY**
Sep 27 - Nov 29
5:30 - 7:30 PM



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AT FIRST BAPTIST
Wednesdays
7p-8p
In the Dance Room**

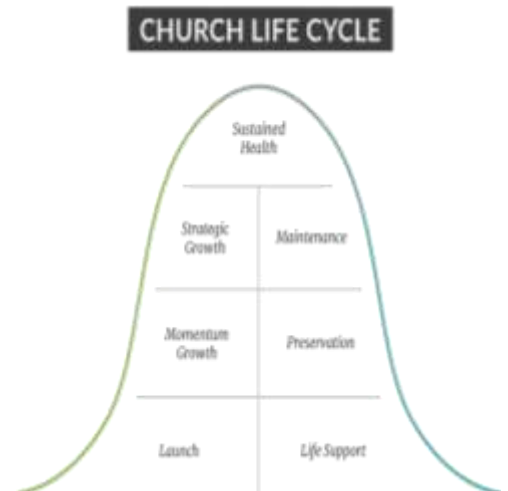
For more information, please contact:
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**THE UNSTUCK CHURCH
Sundays, December 7 & 14
9:15-10:15a
In Winfield's (not Fellowship Hall)**

Our Sunday morning Grow Group
“Conversational Evangelism” will end
on Sunday, November 30.

To finish out the term, I will teach 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!



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 CLASS

Conversational Evangelism
9:15a-10:15a in C-1 (Fellowship Hall)

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

6p-6:20p — In Winfield's

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6:30p-8p — In Winfield's

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (K-5th grade)

6:20p-7p — In the Choir Room

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

7p-8p — In the Children's Rooms

THURSDAYS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Every other Thursday

6:45a-7:45a — In Winfield's

WOMEN WHO PRAY

9:30a-11:30a — In the Gallery

GriefShare

Noon-2p — In the Gallery

ALPHA

6:30p-7:30p — In Winfield's

SATURDAYS

BLUE ZONES BOARD GAME NIGHT THROUGH NOVEMBER 29

5:30p-7:30p — In Winfield's

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