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### Prayer@fbc.net

If you have a prayer need or concern please direct your email to our new email address: prayer@fbc.net.

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## Easter Schedule

### ◆ Maundy Thursday Service Thursday, April 5

7:00 p.m. Service with Lord's Supper

### ◆ Easter Sunday Sunday, April 8

6:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service

7:00 a.m. - Hot Pancake Breakfast

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. - Worship Services

No Sunday school

No AWANA

No Sunday Evening Worship



He is  
**RISEN**

## Dr. Paul A. Smith

### Did you know?

First Baptist Chandler will celebrate 100 years of ministry on December 19, 2013!

In the months ahead our Centennial Committee will be busy planning and discovering ways to honor the past and prepare for great things to come.



**Next**  
**Lord's Supper**  
**Maundy Thursday,**  
**April 5, 2012**

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The Bible is God's inerrant revelation to us and is the final authority. Wow! That phrase expresses three fundamental truths that we believe about the Bible. First, the Bible is God's revelation to us. Second, the Bible is inerrant. A simple definition of inerrancy is "the Bible will be shown to have no errors in area of reality when properly interpreted." Both of these truths are summarized in Psalm 19.

The first six verses describe God's general revelation – creation indicates there is a Creator and everyone on the planet can witness creation (see also Romans 1-2). Psalm 19:7-9 have six statements all describing the perfection of the Bible which is a testimony to the inerrancy of Scripture. The belief that the Word of God is our final authority means in every area of life and obviously flows from the truth that the Bible is God's inerrant revelation to us. That idea is expressed in the last section of Psalm 19, verses 10-14. Of these three truths, the idea that the Bible is without error has caused the greatest amount of controversy. Psalm 119 has 176 verses making it the longest chapter in the entire Bible. All but 3 of the verses celebrate the purity and authority of God's Word. The Lord wants to make sure we understand the nature of the Bible, it is His revelation and as such is without error.

Many people over the centuries have responded that the Bible may be God's Word, but it was written by human beings so therefore has errors. This opinion misunderstands both God's role in the writing of the Bible as well as the human role in writing the Bible. The human element means people wrote the Bible from

their personalities, cultural understandings, etc. God's work in the Bible is carrying along the writers to keep them from writing anything that is incorrect.

2 Timothy actually describes for us the process of God using the human authors: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." The word inspiration means "God-breathed," the words of the Bible are breathed by God through the human authors.

2 Peter 1:21 tells us how this happened "for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." Though written by humans, the Bible came to us by the will of God and what those men wrote was the result of being moved by the Holy Spirit. The idea of moved comes from carrying along something, sometimes of the wind moving something along.

The human authors of the Bible were carried along by the Holy Spirit to ensure that what they wrote is without error. So what we have with the Bible is God's revelation that is without error and is our final authority.

Psalm 65

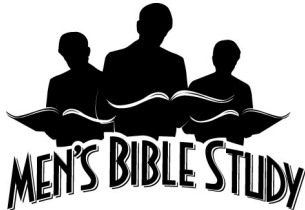
*Bro Paul*

Dr. Smith uses the  
New King James translation.

## Men's M2 Ministry

Men! Calendar the following dates!

- Saturday, March 31:  
Men's Breakfast
- Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.:  
Men's *Truth Project* Bible study



Come get involved!

- June 22-24: Men's Retreat at Camp Tontozona.

The Men's Retreat will be at Camp Tontozona (outside of Payson, AZ). The cost is \$75 each, with payment due by May 31 (make your check payable to the church).

The first 40 (16 and older males) that register will have a guaranteed spot. When we get closer to the date, we will arrange carpooling from the church. Special guest speaker, TBA.

The camp will be cooking for us. Any questions contact Mike Spart at 480-603-7432 or [m Spart@live.com](mailto:m Spart@live.com)

## Care Committee

Estelle Hudson

The Care Committee provides meals for the family when someone is ill, in the hospital or for whatever reason needs help. Each Sunday School Class needs to choose a "contact person" to help make this Committee successful. We still have a couple of classes to hear back from.

Please prayerfully choose a "contact person" and either call Estelle Hudson at (480 539-2909) or email to ([HUDSON7H@AOL.COM](mailto:HUDSON7H@AOL.COM)) their name and phone number(s).



## Music Ministry

Kevin Fryrear, Associate Pastor

*Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of His wonderful acts. Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always. Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He has pronounced...He remembers His covenant forever, the word He commanded for a thousand generations. Psalms 105: 1-5,8*

One of my great joys is the privilege I have to lead you, using music as a tool, to express our love, gratitude and devotion to the LORD in worship. This Psalm has meant a great

deal to me recently as I ponder it. We are commanded to give thanks, to pray (call on His name), commanded to sing of all the wonderful things God has done, to all nations. To look to His face and His strength and remember who He is. Then He reminds us that His covenants to us are forever. How awesome is that ?!!

May we always be a singing church, singing for joy, singing His praises, singing encouragement to one another, because in my Bible it tells me we will be doing a lot of singing in Heaven. So let's get in on the rehearsal now and sing!

### Upcoming Musical Opportunities

#### *Sing Out For Missions*

Thursday May 3, 7:00 p.m.  
First Baptist Church is hosting a Valley Rim Associational wide concert event to provide awareness and funds for our Kenya partnership needs. An Associational combined mass Choir along with other special musical talents will highlight this evening as well as information on our Kenya church partnership.

#### **Children's Choir Spring Musical May 19 & 20**

Come and be blessed by our children as they lead us in a fun and meaningful musical experience

Praising Him!  
Bro. Kevin

## Women's Ministry April Activities

- **Monday Lunch Bunch**  
Monday, April 2, 11:30 a.m.  
Carraba's at San Tan Village  
(south of Williams Field Rd. on  
Market St.)
- **No Welcome Box Work Day**  
Monday, April 2
- **Christian Challenge Lunch**  
Tuesday, April 3, 11:30 a.m.  
Mill Ave., Tempe
- **Ladies Tuesday Bible Studies**  
  
**April 3, 10, 17, 24**  
**at FBC Rm. 111/112**  
9:30 a.m. - *5 Love Languages*  
9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. - *The Way of  
Agape*  
6:00 p.m. - *Discovering the  
Treasures of a Godly Woman*
- **Arizona State Women's Retreat**  
Lost Canyon Ranch, Williams, AZ  
April 13-15  
Call River Valley office for  
Information 928-753-9262.
- **Women's Ministry Meeting**  
Monday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.  
at the church
  - **Quilting Group**  
Tuesday, April 17 at 2:00 p.m.  
at the church
  - **Thursday Lunch Bunch**  
Thursday, April 19, 11:30 a.m.  
at Charleston Restaurant,  
1623 S. Stapley Dr. in Mesa  
Questions? Contact Dorothy Daniel  
at 480-883-0426
  - **Women's Game Day**  
Thursday, April 26  
at 10:00 a.m. Room #111-112 at  
the church

Ladies of all ages are invited  
to the

## LADIES MAY LUNCHEON Saturday, May 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Tickets are \$7 per person and can be purchased from Mary Ann Englebright, Dorene Gordon, Shirley Kelley, Linda Wheelis and Jimmie Sue Mathis beginning April 1. Tickets can also be bought at the Women's Ministry table on Sundays April 22 and 29.

There will be food, fun and entertainment for all. Each hostess will decorate her table in a theme of her choice. Of the twenty-eight tables, not one will be the same!

Please mark your calendar for this event. This could be your day Mothers, to celebrate with your daughters and friends! BRING YOUR CAMERA, to help remember your special day!



**2012 Annie Armstrong  
Easter Offering  
National Goal: \$70 Million  
FBCC Goal: \$8,000  
Received to Date: \$2,052**

Each year, we honor the life and work of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the annual offering for North American missions named after her.

## Ostrich Festival Update

By Sherry Pierce

The Ostrich Festival was a HUGE success! Thank you to all who helped to make this possible. There was a sea of people out there, literally hundreds of thousands and we were the only church!

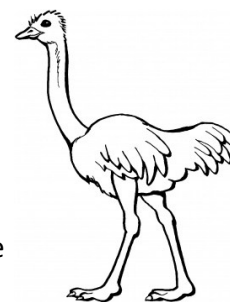
On Saturday by 12:30pm all the 180 movies had been given away and by the end thousands of gospel tracts too! Million dollar bills were flowing and people flocked to the booth to receive them and sign up for the drawing of the cool bicycle and the Kindle fire that FBC was giving away. The kids thought it was extra special getting candy and walking away with some curved illusions to trick their friends.

Even Matt Salmon stopped by our booth to meet us, became a millionaire, AND the proud owner of the 180 movie.

Everyone was having fun. The weather was great. Life seemed good...and yet, so many are lost. Please be in prayer for these dear souls.

We gave out information on our church, and with all that was out there we were the only booth

that represented Jesus Christ. Several thanked us for being there, but God gets all the glory!



## Groundbreaking Celebration

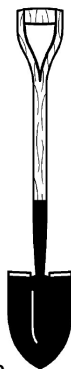
**Sunday, April 15, 2:30 p.m.**

**With Pie & Ice cream Social**

Pronunciation: Ground·break·ing; grównd bràyking

Definition:

1. new and pioneering or innovative;
2. a ceremony of breaking ground to begin a new building or construction project (BINGO!)



After years of praying, planning and communicating, the big event is here—the Groundbreaking Celebration for our Phase II Education Building! Be here on Sunday, April 15 at 2:30 p.m. for the groundbreaking ceremony followed by a pie and ice cream social. Bring the pie of your choice and the church will provide the ice cream!

The construction of a new building is often looked at as the end of a journey! Praise the Lord, this a new beginning! Completion of this project will enable us to minister more fully to the children and students of our fellowship and reach out to the lost in our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Thanks to our Phase II Team members for their tireless efforts on behalf of our church; thanks to our church for their prayers and faithful giving; and praise and thanks to our Lord for His timing and guidance in all things related to the building. Don't miss this exciting time in the life of FBCC!

## Family Fun Camp

Friday, April 20 at 5:00 p.m.  
until Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Bring your sleeping bags and tents (if you have one) and enjoy a fun-filled night of camp-themed fun. Hot dogs, S'mores, games, and a movie. When you're all camped out, crash on your sleeping bag in the church or outside if you're into "roughing it." Then, enjoy a hot breakfast when you wake up. Cost is \$5/person, \$20 max/family. Register and pay no later than Sunday, April 15. Feel free to bring campers!

Contact [tonya@fbc.net](mailto:tonya@fbc.net)  
If you have questions.



## April AWANA Schedule (Sundays at 4:00 p.m.)

- 1: AWANA Club—Stump the Pastor Night
- 8: No AWANA—Easter
- 15: AWANA Back to School Supply Drive Starts
- 22: AWANA—Recycle Night
- 29: AWANA—Double Bucks

## Senior Adult Mystery Trip

**Saturday, April 21**

Cost: \$15 per person includes lunch. Sign up will begin April 1 in your Sunday School class.

Meet at the church  
at 10:30 a.m.

**- Sr. Adult Breakfast  
at Denny's Restaurant**

**Tuesday, April 24  
at 9:00 a.m.**



## Backyard Bible Clubs

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Registration begins Sunday,  
May 13

Clubs are week of June 11-15

Don't miss it!

If you're interested in  
volunteering please contact  
Tonya Lawson at [tonya@fbc.net](mailto:tonya@fbc.net).

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**Sunday Schedule**

**Morning Worship:** 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
**Sunday Night!** 6:30 p.m.  
**Sunday School:** 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
**AWANA:** 4 p.m.

**Office Hours**

Monday—Thursday 8—5 p.m.  
Lunch Noon—1 p.m.  
Closed on Fridays

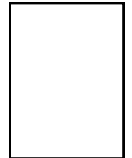
**Ministry Staff**

Dr. Paul A. Smith, Pastor  
Kevin Fryrear, Assoc. Pastor  
Ryan Roach, Pastor to Students  
Tonya Lawson, Dir. of Children's Ministry



**John 20:30-31 (NKJ)**

*"And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples...but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."*

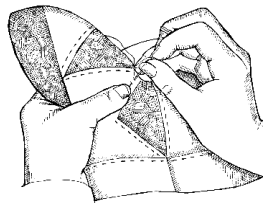


**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS FOR EVERYONE**

Wonderful things happen in Sunday School. Sunday School can touch the lives of everyone—from the very young to the very old.

- Lifelong
- Life-giving
- About real life
- Connected to the Source of life

*This is "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light for my path" Psalm 119:105*



**Quilting Group**

The Quilting Group wants to thank everyone who gave a donation to the building fund. Because of your kindness a total of \$630 was added to the building fund! The recipient of the quilt was Joan Makler (friend of Pam Piasecki).



Makes You Go Hmmm  
Be nice to your kids,  
they'll choose your nursing home.

**Ministry Action Plan**



Through March 20, 2012

**2012 Ministry Action Plan:**

Weekly Requirements	\$ 21,370
Requirements to Date	\$ 235,070
Receipts to Date	\$ 267,263
Variance	\$ 32,193

**Phase 2 Building (Building a Legacy of Love)**

Pledges to Date	\$692,384
Receipts to Date	\$617,120

2012 Building Receipts \$19,684

**Average Sunday Worship Attendance:**

527