

WELCOME to FBCCottsdale

We're glad you've chosen to worship at FBCCottsdale this morning. If this is your first time, we would love to get to know you a little better, so please fill out the card that is inside this Worship folder. You can put the card in the offering plate as it goes by. Enjoy the service!

The vision of FBCCottsdale is to be a light in the community, where people come as they are to worship and explore God, connect with people, and get involved in ministry to the whole person: body, mind, and spirit.

what YOU need to KNOW...

1. **Christmas Eve Services**

What a great chance to invite your family and friends to be a part of our community. The concert will be on Tuesday, December 23rd and Wednesday, December 24th at 7:00p. Early childcare (crib to age 5) will be provided at the concert on the 23rd only. Come early for some hot chocolate and cookies in the lobby. Doors open to the lobby at 6:00p and doors to the sanctuary open at 6:30p.

2. **Toys for THREE:18 Ministries**

As a part of our Christmas Offering this year we are collecting toys for the children's Bible Club that THREE:18 Ministries oversees on the San Carlos Apache Reservation. There are candy cane tags in the lobby labeled with items that are needed. Pick up a candy cane, buy the item, and then return the unwrapped item to the designated box in the lobby by Sunday, December 21st.

3. **Combined Service and Pancake Breakfast**

On Sunday, December 28th at 10:30a we will have a combined service with music styles from both services. But don't just show up at 10:30a. Instead, come at 9:00a with the whole family for a delicious pancake breakfast for the whole church. It will be great fun and a chance to talk about the holidays with other people from the congregation.

4. **This Wednesday Movie Night**

On Wednesday, December 17th we will have an all church gathering to eat, watch a movie, and enjoy each other's company. It will be a great night to connect with others especially people we may not see as often. Come hungry and leave happy! If you have rehearsals that night you can join at any points where you are not required for rehearsal. Can't wait to see you 6:30-8:00p in C1!

5. **End of Year Giving**

Thank you for your faithful giving through out the year. If you are planning on giving an end of the year gift, please make sure it is postmarked by December 31st or for your convenience you can give online at any time.

6. **Weekly Financial Update**

Actual Giving: \$12,498
Weekly Budget Need: \$13,020



WELCOME CENTRAL

Are you new here? We're glad you chose to worship with us today. Are you looking for more information on the ministries we do here at FBCC? Visit the Welcome Central desk in the Lobby or check out our website at fbccottsdale.org.

SERMON NOTES

December 14th, 2014

I AM the door/gate...a statement of joy

³⁴To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

³⁶"Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

³⁷Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

³⁸Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

⁴⁰Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"

⁴¹Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains. (John 9:34-41)

¹Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:1-10)