

Church Profile: First Baptist Church of Scottsdale (FBCS)

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

Overview

Founded in 1912, First Baptist Church of Scottsdale (FBCS) is a historic congregation located in the heart of Old Town Scottsdale, Arizona. We are proud of our legacy and committed to a vibrant future. With 140 current members and an average weekly attendance of 125 including many non-members, we are actively seeking to grow—especially by welcoming young families and engaging the broader Scottsdale and Phoenix Metropolitan community.

Denominational Identity

We are affiliated with the **American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA)**, a denomination that emphasizes:

- The autonomy of the local church
- Believer's baptism
- The priesthood of all believers
- A commitment to mission, social justice, and ecumenical cooperation

Mission & Vision

FBCS exists to share the love of Christ, nurture spiritual growth, and serve our city with compassion and purpose. We honor our past while embracing innovation, seeking a Lead Pastor who will help us grow spiritually and numerically, and guide us through a season of healing and renewal.

Location & Community Context

Scottsdale is a dynamic city of **250,000 residents** (2024), known for its arts, tourism, and innovation. The **median age is 49.2**, reflecting a mix of retirees and young professionals. The city is affluent, with an **average household income of \$168,679** and a **poverty rate of just 7.13%**.

The broader **Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler metropolitan area** has over **5 million residents**, with a **median age of 38**, offering a younger and more diverse population. Religious affiliation across the metro area includes:

- **Christian:** 55% (Evangelical 18%, Mainline 9%, Catholic 21%)
- **Other religions:** 11% (Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu)
- **Religiously unaffiliated:** 33% (including 24% "nothing in particular")

This context presents a powerful opportunity for outreach rooted in authenticity, relevance, and relational connection.

Facilities & Ministries

Our campus at Osborn and 70th Street includes:

- A modern sanctuary
- Classrooms and fellowship spaces
- Ministry programs for children, youth, adults, and seniors
- Adult Sunday School Groups, Home Groups, and Serve Teams that foster discipleship and community

Recent History & Transition

Our previous Lead Pastor served faithfully for over nine years. As we navigate this transition, we are committed to healing, unity, and forward momentum. We are seeking a pastor who can lead with emotional intelligence, theological depth, and a heart for outreach.

Our Aspirations

We envision a future where:

- Worship is vibrant and Christ-centered
- Families of all ages find spiritual nourishment and belonging
- Our church grows in numbers and depth
- We remain a beacon of hope and service in Scottsdale

For more information or to apply, contact our Search Committee at: [**search@fbcscottsdale.org**](mailto:search@fbcscottsdale.org)