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From the President

It has been my privilege to be the president of The First Baptist Church of Phoenix Foundation from its inception in its current form for the past ten years. During that time, we have established our goals with an emphasis on supporting organizations that bring people to Christ. Additionally, we have stabilized our leadership, including resolving the many legal issues inherent to foundation management. For this we must thank both our excellent attorney, Randy Evans, and the personnel at The Arizona Community Foundation. Without them we would never have reached our current status of stability and philanthropy.

Over the last ten years we have given away over \$1,000,000, and we plan to continue granting approximately \$200,000 per year. We have been told that most organizations with similar goals attain about a 35% to 50% survival among the programs they support. Over the last ten years ours has been well over 90%. God has truly blessed us.

The time has now come to let the next generation carry on our dream. As of our September meeting, I will step down from the role of president. I plan to continue to be active on the Board as president emeritus.

Gary Hamman will become president. As you know, he has been our very efficient secretary.

Stan Crews will assume the role of vice-president. He has been a missionary in Mexico and to the Hispanic community for many years.

Sandra Richmond will assume the role of secretary. She has been the editor of the newsletters which you have received.

As always, I solicit your prayers for our mission and additionally for our new leaders.

---Bill Beamon

Foundation Granting

The First Baptist Church of Phoenix Foundation's primary purpose is to provide funding through grants to Christian organizations that are engaged in growing God's kingdom here on earth. Our priority is on new church plants and training for planting pastors, but we also consider other ministries that are supporting our primary mission.

Our website at fbcfound.org is our principal communication vehicle for explaining our purpose and our process. From our website, the applicant will be directed to the Arizona Community Foundation website (*our Foundation is a supporting organization of the Arizona Community Foundation*), where after entering their ministry/organization profile, they can enter their application on-line. These applications are then electronically available to our granting committee to facilitate our evaluation cycle.

At the first of each year we set our granting budget for the coming grant cycle. We then accept applications from January 1 through March 31 of that year. Our evaluation committee spends the month of April discussing, following up if more information is needed, and praying for God's guidance. Over half of our board members participate on this committee and spend a busy month in order to meet our goal of finalizing our recommendations by the end of April. These recommendations are then placed before the full board for final approval. All applicants are then notified of the disposition of their request in May.

Those applicants that are receiving awards must then confirm with the Arizona Community Foundation their financial transmittal information before the payments are actually made.

Most of the grants are funded in May, but we attach milestones to some of the grants. These milestones must be met before the grant, or a portion of the grant, is paid and may continue throughout the year until March 31st of the next year. On January 1st of the following year the process starts over again.

Since our first grants in 2008, the Foundation has approved over 1.1 million dollars in grant monies. We have funded ministries in Bosnia, the Philippines, Peru, various places in Mexico, as well as from the east coast to the west coast in the United States, including several in Arizona.

In 2015, the Foundation approved grants totaling \$209,676 to be paid starting in May of 2015.

- These grants covered funding for new churches in: South Phoenix; Boise, Idaho; Dedham, Massachusetts; Carlsbad, California; Bosnia; the Philippines; Tijuana, Mexico.
- We also supported the Family of God Church in Rocky Point in training new Spanish speaking pastors. •We continued to support Mission and Outreach projects at the Tonto Rim Christian Camp, Rocky Point Medical Clinic, and The Young Life Developing Global Leaders program.
- We also added support for two former First Baptist members who are answering God's call to minister to the people of Indonesia, and support for a Phoenix area Young Life urban ministry.

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- In 2016 we have also provided grants for a new church in downtown Phoenix, a new church plant at Vistancia in Peoria, Arizona, and for church plant planning in Rocky Point.
- We continue to support Mission and Outreach projects at the Tonto Rim Christian Camp, Rocky Point Medical Clinic, Young Life's Developing Global Leaders program, the Phoenix area Young Life urban ministry and support for former First Baptist members' Indonesian mission.
- We have added 3 new ministries for support in 2016 which are Hustle PHX in central city Phoenix, Neighborhood Ministries in South Phoenix, and Win Our Nations in Cameroon, Africa.

We know that the Foundation has been blessed with this funding and we sincerely pray for God's guidance and approval as we make our decisions. I think that you can see that the Foundation's grants are helping to bring the message of hope to many people in different areas of our country and the world. Through the Foundation's granting program the legacy of The First Baptist Church of Phoenix is not only alive and well, it is growing.

---Al Longanecker

Foundation Partner Program

The Foundation started a new program in 2015, to partner with the ministries that we have awarded grants. Each board member is partnered with one or more ministries:

- to provide prayer for the ministry and their mission
- to provide a direct interface to the Foundation
- to represent the ministry in providing ongoing updates to the Foundation board

The program allows the Foundation board members an opportunity to have a relationship with our grantees throughout the year, rather than just at grant award time.

We also invite you to add one of the ministries to your prayer list.



The Jabez Prayer

And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!"
So God granted him what he requested. --1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)