



Tri-City Baptist Church Ministries Quotes

About Tri-City Baptist Church

“Tri-City Baptist Church is an intergenerational ministry; young and old worship, work, and play together. We don’t try to appeal to one socioeconomic group or age group.”

– *Dr. Mike Sproul, Senior Pastor*

“Because we aren’t trying to attract a specific demographic, but just preach the truth, our congregation is a great mix of ages and backgrounds.” – *Angie Loetscher, Financial Secretary*

“Tri-City Baptist Church is a multifaceted ministry that is borderline obsessive about caring for families. We teach people how to rear children, how to handle their finances, how to love God and their neighbors.” – *Dr. Mike Sproul, Senior Pastor*

“Our ministry isn’t just local—it’s global. By offering education from preschool to the doctoral level, Tri-City Baptist Church is a training base for pastors, missionaries, teachers, and leaders who then go out and minister around the world. We currently have over 125 graduates in fulltime ministry around the globe. Missionaries under our mission board are building orphanages for AIDS orphans in Cambodia and churches and colleges in India, Cambodia, the Philippines and Singapore.”

– *Dr. Mike Sproul, Senior Pastor*

“Relationships are important at Tri-City Baptist Church. We encourage each individual to develop a vibrant, deepening relationship with God, and authentic, transparent, relationships with each other.”

– *Heidi Will, Communications Director*

“At Tri-City Baptist Church we measure church growth not by the number of people in our pews but by the steps individual members are taking towards Christlikeness. Our goal is to personally help all members become more like Christ.” – *Heidi Will, Communications Director*

“The idea of truth isn’t popular these days, but at Tri-City Baptist Church we believe truth is worth pursuing, knowing, preserving, and communicating. God’s truth, revealed through His Word, affects every aspect of how we ‘do’ church. We are a fundamental church. The word ‘fundamental’ has been abused and misused, but by it we mean that we hold strongly to the core doctrines of the Christian faith and are willing to champion them to maintain their purity.” – *Heidi Will, Communications Director*

“As we approached moving to a new campus, we decided we needed a new logo. At the heart of the new logo is a cross which flows into the outline of our new church building and continues to extend outward, ‘into the world’ as it were. This illustrates the fact that Christ is the center and source of

everything we do. His power works in and through the church to develop disciples who can then go out and impact the world.” – *Heidi Will, Communications Director*

On Moving to Chandler

“Tri-City Baptist Church is bringing to Chandler a very affordable preschool and K-12 private Christian school, as well as a resident college with an accredited religious graduate program. In the near future we plan to start a unique music education school and a soccer league to take advantage of our soccer field with stadium lighting that allows games to be played at night. We have had a phenomenal \$100,000 organ donated to us which we plan to highlight by hosting concerts that are free to the public. But most of all, what we bring to Chandler is our vision that Jesus Christ is Savior of the world and he loves every resident of Chandler.” – *Dr. Mike Sproul, Senior Pastor*

On Leaving Tempe

“We are sad to be leaving Tempe after 40 years. We have loved being a part of Tempe, but simply needed more space to grow our ministry and that wasn’t feasible in Tempe. We’ll still be nearby, not even fifteen minutes away which is shorter than most people’s commute to work. We don’t anticipate losing any of our members who are residents of Tempe, and invite the people of Tempe to still come worship with us.” – *Dr. Mike Sproul, Senior Pastor*

“Tempe is gaining a wonderful community member in EdOptions, the organization that has bought our property. EdOptions is owned by Tom Sawner, an Air Force Academy graduate who spent two decades flying in service of our country. After retiring, he wanted to give something back. He earned a doctorate and then began this organization that helps students. EdOptions has many wonderful ideas about helping the Tempe community. We are extremely pleased to be leaving the property in the hands of people who love Tempe as much as we do.” – *Dr. Mike Sproul, Senior Pastor*

Building Project

“I found the Chandler property by driving up and down every street in a 10 mile square, looking for ‘For Sale’ signs. The rest of the parcel had been sold but finding a use for this section was more difficult. Part of it had to be a drainage basin in order for the apartment complex to be able to go in. That severely restricted the use of the land. We came along and had an immediate use for it—we put the soccer field with stadium lighting in the drainage basin.” – *Walter Baines, Business Manager*

“During this process we have made being a good neighbor a priority. Already we have had opportunities to help the apartment complex and be helped by them in return with things like gas lines and excavating the soccer field. The cost of this project exceeded our expectations in just about every way, but the community support also exceeded our expectations.” – *Walter Baines, Business Manager*

“We have worked hard to develop a good relationship with the City of Chandler. Mayor Boyd W. Dunn and other City Council members have participated in our groundbreaking and the grand opening of Singleton Hall, and Peter Plante, the City Coordinator, has been extremely helpful. Whenever a problem arises and we take it to him, he immediately directs us to the people we need to go to in order to solve the problem.” – *Walter Baines, Business Manager*

“Our general contractor, MKR Commercial, has been outstanding. They’ve worked really well with us, helping us cut costs by allowing us to use our own staff and volunteers in certain areas to cut costs, and sometimes voluntarily cutting costs.” – *Dr. Mike Sproul, Senior Pastor*

“We’re putting high efficiency air conditioning units in this building as well as high R value Korteck insulation and a smart system that automatically turns lights on and off and adjusts temperatures as needed. SRP is rewarding our ‘green’ efforts with a substantial rebate as part of their PowerWise Custom Business Solutions program.” – *Walter Baines, Business Manager*

Building Project: Obstacles

“People ask why it took us so long to move. Developing a 13.5 acre campus is a major undertaking, but the really hard part was selling our Tempe campus. It was a unique property with 3 different zonings. It took five years to sell, during which I spoke to probably 40 potential buyers, and we entered into serious negotiations with maybe 15. We had actually taken the property off the market when EdOptions approached us about buying.” – *Dr. Mike Sproul, Senior Pastor*

“The biggest headache with the construction of the main building has been the timeline and logistics of packing up our entire campus and relocating. Because of our schools, we can’t just go rent a storefront somewhere for a few months while waiting for the building to be finished. We have a very small window, maybe 60 days, during which we can move. Hitting a 60 day window in an 18 month building program is extremely difficult. But praise the Lord we are on target to open our offices on August 24 for the first day of school. Everyone has had to work very hard to meet this deadline, and they’ve risen to the challenge.” – *Dr. Mike Sproul, Senior Pastor*

“Our church has always lived by faith. When we bought the first piece of land in Tempe back in 1970, we had 24 hours to raise \$70,000 for the down payment or we’d lose the land. God brought the money in.” – *Dr. Mike Sproul, Senior Pastor*

“I liken our current situation—finishing a \$21.5 million building program during the worst economy in decades—with one the ancient Israelites found themselves in after their exodus from Egypt. After they’d wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, God was finally going to lead them into the Promised Land of Canaan. They just had to cross the Jordan River—while it was flooding. From a human perspective this was the most foolish time to cross the river, but he led them to cross at this time so he could perform a great miracle and show His power once again. – *Dr. Mike Sproul, Senior Pastor*

“When we started this project, the economy was great but in the back of my mind I wondered ‘What if the economy falls apart before we’re finished with this?’ God has answered that question by doing miracle after miracle, amazing us by burdening people to give whether they can give a lot or a little. He’s completing this project during horrible economic times to show His power, so He will get the praise.” – *Dr. Mike Sproul, Senior Pastor*

Building Project: Giving

“We have saved millions of dollars over the course of this project. Two examples: we purchased steel before we even began construction, and then the price skyrocketed; it would’ve cost much more at

today's prices. Also we've saved at least \$1 million by doing all the landscaping ourselves through monthly church wide work days consistently attended by 50-100 members."

– *Dr. Mike Sproul, Senior Pastor*

"It has been very impressive to see the way people have given to this project. They aren't discouraged if they can't give a lot, they just consistently give what they can. If they can't give money they give of their time and talent by volunteering." – *Karen Wright, Controller*

"Typically building programs of this size have at least one gift of \$1 million or more, but Tri-City Baptist Church hasn't had any that come close to that size. Most of the giving to the building fund has been in the form of small, frequent gifts from church members. A few large gifts of \$50,000 or more have come in from outside sources." – *Angie Loetscher, Financial Secretary*

Impact of the Economy

"Amazingly last year we had the highest level of giving in our entire 40 year history—this despite the horrible economy. Our members are committed disciples of Christ, 24x7, not just on Sunday mornings, in good times and bad times. They don't just tip God. I am so proud of our members and what they have done." – *Dr. Mike Sproul, Senior Pastor*

"The state of the economy has made it more difficult to borrow the money needed to finish the building. It has helped that we have had such a good financial record for 40 years. The bank we are working with, Comerica, has told us we are the only church they are willing to loan money to right now, and that is only because of our good credit history and giving record." – *Dr. Mike Sproul, Senior Pastor*

Documents with additional information:

- Tri-City Baptist Church Ministries Fact Sheet
- Tri-City Baptist Church Ministries Quotes
- International Baptist College Fact Sheet
- Tri-City Christian Academy Fact Sheet
- Time For Tots Fact Sheet

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