

SUNDAY BRIEFING



Aging Challenges

BY PASTOR DON GARDNER

I have some "old news" today in reminding us all that we are not as young as we once were!

When we were very young, we looked forward to becoming a "mature adult" with rights and freedoms that we could only presume would provide us joys in life. Yet, at different points in all our lives, we began to recognize that we have arrived at adulthood and are simply, both physically and mentally, aging. The church is so much more than a training, teaching, or evangelizing organization.

This past week, when we had one of our seniors experience a fall in her home, I was privileged to see the church "being the church."

Finding the fallen sister within her own home, a brother in the Lord took it upon himself to take the necessary steps to assist her in obtaining the medical help that she required. He contacted relatives and set up an assistance plan for her. In essence, he was an active angel when she required support from her Christian community. Hebrews 13:2 says, "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it!" Let us all hope that God will allow each of us the opportunity to "be someone else's angel" when they have a time of need.

UPCOMING

June 6 | Church Opening

June 4-18 | Youth Camp Alternative on Fridays

June 21-25 | Children's Vacation Bible School

Kingdom Dreaming

Pastor Don Gardner

Luke 16:19-31

- I. People in the Story (Luke 16:19-31)
 - A. Rich Man (19)
 - B. Poor Beggar (20)
- II. A Look at the Story (Luke 16: 21-26)
 - A. Death (21)
 - B. Hades (22-23)
 - C. Desired Help (24 -25)
 - D. Hell is for Eternity (26)
- III. Pitiful Prayer of Rich Man (27-31)
- IV. Conclusion

Announcements & Prayers

June 6th, 2021 - FCBC will re-open for live worship services in person. Find out what to expect on the infographic below.

Vacation Bible School June 21-25. Please support Teacher Grace Lee as she makes plans to guide us in our children's VBS this year.

Church Council Meeting - The June council meeting has been postponed to July. Please contact Pastor Don or Pastor Dillon for any special council actions.

Youth Camp Alternative. June 4th, 11th, & 18th from 7:30pm-9:30pm. The youth group will meet in the FLC to livestream with guest speaker, Bryce Harris, on the topic: God's gift of Christian community. Youth are encouraged to invite friends.

Sunday Classes - For the upcoming weeks, we will continue to have our Sunday School classes meeting online so hope you'll encourage others to join your group in that way. It is hoped that we'll be able to move back to in person classes soon.

Please be in prayer for Pastor Dillon as he will be preaching at NWCBC on June 6th & FCBC on June 13th.

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

LUKE 16:13

CONNECT

The best way for knowing about who God is and what God does is through the Bible. Though we all could read and study the Bible individually, we learn so much more when we read and study the Bible together in a group. Bible study groups at FCBC PHX offer a variety of options for all ages, with groups that meet during weekdays, evenings, or Sunday morning. Contact us!

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FCBC RE-OPENING

WHAT TO EXPECT STARTING JUNE 6TH, 2021



Worship

English @ 9:30AM in FLC
Chinese @ 10:30AM in
Sanctuary



Health

Social distancing &
masks are required



Livestream

Services will be available
live online & recorded
for playback on
fcbcpbx.org



Bible Study

All Sunday classes
temporarily meet online



Childcare

Families are encouraged
to attend worship
services together.
Childcare temporarily not
available.



Safety

Security officer will be on
campus in uniform to
assist with safety & be our
link to resources of the
Phoenix PD

Reopening Phase 2 - Starting June 6th, 2021

- Weekly worship services in FLC & Sanctuary to allow for additional distancing
- English and Chinese-speaking services held at different times
- Following CDC guidance, social distancing required - at least 6 feet between each household grouping
- Masks required for everyone (3 yrs+)
- Cleaning conducted prior to and after on all high-touch surfaces and restrooms
- Continued online worship option with services live streamed & viewable later
- All Sunday classes continue to meet virtually for all age groups (no classes or childcare on campus)

Reopening Phase 3 - Date To Be Announced

- Weekly worship services move to sanctuary
- Sunday classes resume on campus
- Cleaning conducted prior to and after on all high-touch surfaces and restrooms
- Follow CDC guidance on social distancing and mask mandates
- Continued online worship option with services live streamed & viewable later

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