

SUNDAY BRIEFING



"So any person who knows what is right to do but does not do it, to him it is sin." (James 4:17)

BY PASTOR DON GARDNER

I truly appreciate the directness of Brother James. In his small book of instruction to the 12 tribes (numerous house churches), he doesn't write in a soft or compromising manner.

Over the years, in order not to offend others, I've heard many Christians refer to various decisions made by people as "mistakes" when, in fact, the proper and honest word might well have been "sin." A mistake is an action that was totally unintentional. A sin, based on God's description and expectation, is a calculated determination to act in a way

that lacks faith or dependence on God's guidance. This is a real challenge for us as it calls each of us to do as Paul says in "praying without ceasing" for our conclusions and behavior.

If you have children in your family, grown or still young, consider them and what you model for them when it comes to dependence on God's influence on your life. Do you make mistakes in life....of course! Do you sin and disobey God's Will?

Unfortunately, that answer is "yes" as well. Let us not confuse "mistakes" and "sins" as we seek to responsibly be honest with ourselves and God by minimizing the "sinful decisions" that we make daily (James 4:17).

The Scripture says that we are all sinners but our getting comfortable with sin is dangerous. Let's all pray more...for the sake of our world!

UPCOMING

June 6 | Church Opening

June 4-18 | Youth Camp Alternative on Fridays

June 21-25 | Children's Vacation Bible School

Christians are Strange!

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James 5

- I. Material Goods Come and Go (v. 1-6)
- II. Focus on the Goal: Be Patient for Jesus is Coming (v. 7-12)
- III. Just Do It: "Pray in Faith and Righteousness!" (v. 13-18)
- IV. Never Give Up: Remember Your Role in Life! (v. 19-20)



[Participants on May 22nd helping to pray for our youth!]

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.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

JAMES 5:16

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
fbcphx.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 two seats or 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

For more information, call: 602-955-3114 or email: office@fbcphx.org