

SUNDAY BRIEFING



Tattoos May Not All Be Bad

BY PASTOR DON GARDNER

When my, now 32 year old, son graduated from high school in Taiwan, I remember attending his ceremony and being highly surprised to see so many of his classmates with tattoos! Many of the girls were wearing formal dresses that showed off "their ink." When I mentioned it to my son, he just laughed and said, "Dad, those are ALL temporary tats that we got at the beach last week to celebrate our graduation." "If most of these classmates had gotten real tattoos, their parents would have killed them!" (I believe "killing" is only a slang term, so please don't become distressed!) Recently, I found myself rooting for a Singaporean swimmer in the Olympics. He is a 21 year old Butterfly swimmer. It has always been my habit to "root for the underdog." As I watched, I noted the tattoo of a University of Texas Longhorn on Joseph's shoulder so that demanded a bit of quick online research where I learned he

had been honing his skills in the state of Texas! So, as a loyal Texan, I was an immediate Singaporean fan for that race!

Many times, I've wished that true and dedicated disciples of Christ wore identifying marks that might aid me in providing some encouragement toward my own Christian family members. For me, I'd feel very comfortable to root on any nationality's athlete if I knew that person walked with Christ as his Savior. On the other hand, I suppose believers should be wearing an invisible sign of our faith as we live our lives, care for others, and make decisions daily that reflect the strong Christian values that we find modeled for us by our Lord. Maybe our best "tattoo" is viewed as we allow the mind of Christ to guide our actions even when it would be easier to go along with the crowd.

UPCOMING

August 7th |
Annual Co-worker's Retreat

Order of Worship

Sunday, August 8th, 2021

Welcome & Prayer | Sue Wong

Worship Through Music | Praise Team

Announcements & Prayer | Deacon Jim Loui

Scripture Reading | Justin Lee

Message | Pastor Don Gardner

Worship Through Music | Praise Team

Closing Prayer | Pastor Dillon Le

"Anti-Christ's are in Our World"

Pastor Don Gardner

1 John 2:12-29

- I. The Dangers of a Worldly Mind (v. 12-17)

- II. Spiritual Counterfeits = Multiple Antichrists! (v. 18-24)

- III. Anointing of the Holy Spirit (v. 25-29)

Conclusion: Is the Holy Spirit "Abiding" in you today? If so, your anointing is your eternal security. If you are unsure, we need to pray today for that assurance of your salvation! Delay Not!

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 2:38

Announcements & Prayers

On-campus Worship Services & Sunday Classes

We will be resuming worship in the Church Sanctuary for both congregations and regular Sunday School classes will resume on campus. Please wear masks & social distance.

English-Speaking Worship Service 9:30 AM
English-Speaking Sunday School 11:15 AM
Chinese-Speaking Sunday School 9:30 AM
Chinese-Speaking Worship Service 11:00 AM
Children's Sunday School 9:30 AM
Preschool Sunday School 9:30 AM
Joint Lunchtime (Temporarily on Hold)

Nursery Services Temporarily Closed Due to Water Damage and Construction. Parents may feel free to use the dedicated Mother/Baby room at the back of the Sanctuary during Worship Service for Nursery-aged children (2 years and younger). We apologize for this inconvenience.

Annual Co-worker's Retreat - Saturday, August 7 from 9:00AM - 11:45AM in the FLC. ALL committee members and anyone interested in serving are encouraged to attend in person. However, a Zoom Session is provided for those unable to join in the FLC. The theme will be on Leadership (Serving with Excellence under Gospel Principles). Join the zoom [here](#).

Prayer Request for Hannah Lou and Her Family - Please pray for Hannah as she will be undergoing medical tests for a lump found on her leg. Pray for favorable test results, healing, and peace & comfort for her and her family.

August Council Meeting Postponed - Please contact Pastor Don with any urgent council needs. Next meeting will be in September.