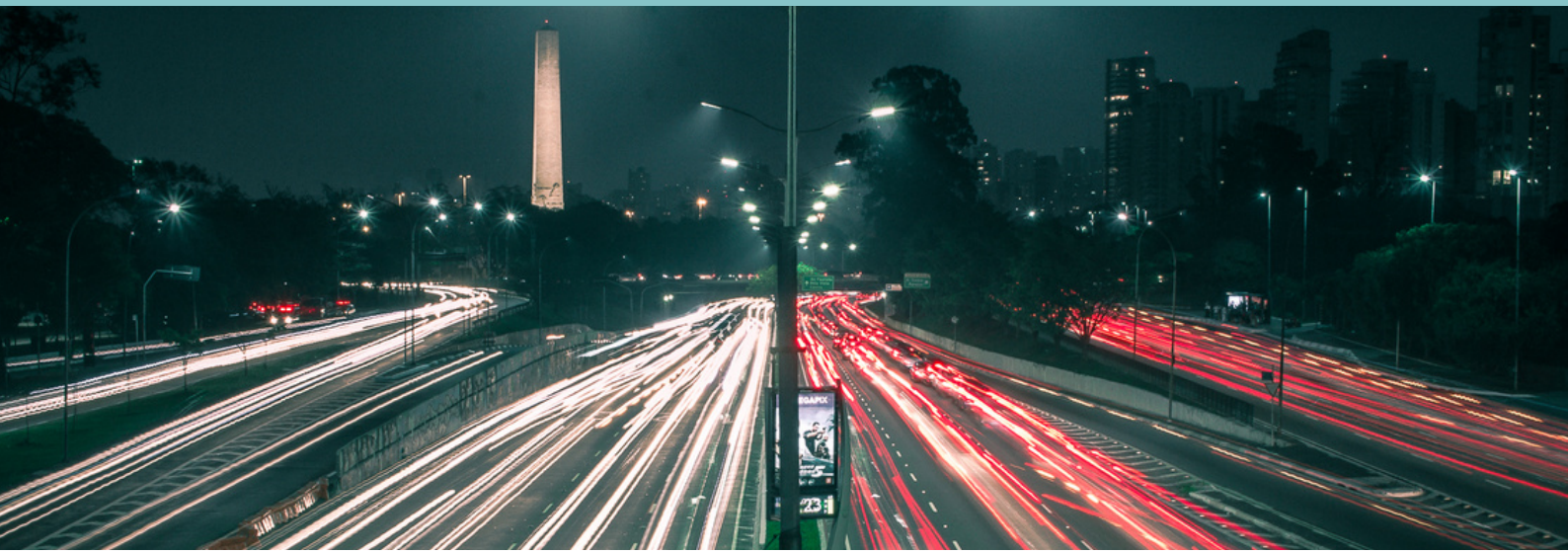


SUNDAY BRIEFING



Midnight Reminder from the Holy Spirit

BY PASTOR DON GARDNER

This past Sunday, we allowed the words of the Apostle John to speak of the dangers of having unhealthy theology enter into a church. He spoke of the Gnostics but we have the same dangers that we must consider for our day. The danger is that we allow the values of our society to direct our understanding of God's Will for our lives. Within the church, this must not be! Tonight, I was awoken by the thought that our church has some of us that may speak too freely, and without care, in evaluation/criticism of His church. We may not be a blessing to the church as we murmur about people or complain of church activity.

We seem to forget that the local church, like FCBC, is but a portion of the broader Universal Church of Christ! If local churches fight, compete, or argue within their community, how can we expect the greater Universal Church to be healthy and the light that John calls us to be as Christ is our Lord? As I was mulling over these issues, another thought seemed to stab me through the heart. Where were these "concerns" coming from? Were these ideas of my own creation or was God calling me to prayer about these matters? Thankfully, a few moments in prayer led me to the Holy Spirit's faithful support. I then found comfort in 1st John Ch. 1: "8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins,

he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us." For midnight musings, this was an unusual time for me. However, I cherish the call of God to remind me that purification of our sins is done by Him and that He welcomes me ANYTIME to seek His advice and direction. May we all find His direction over our own ideas and wishes.

UPCOMING

July 24th |
Church-wide Prayer Meeting

August 1st |
Sunday school on campus
Both services in sanctuary

Order of Worship

Sunday, July 18th, 2021

Welcome & Prayer | Henry Wong

Worship Through Music | Praise Team

Announcements & Prayer | Deacon Clement Yap

Missions Sharing | Courtney Ong

Scripture Reading | Alyssa Dong

Message | Pastor Dillon Le

Worship Through Music | Praise Team

Closing Prayer | Praise Team

"How To Serve Others"

Pastor Dillon Le

John 13:1-17

1. Serve from a gospel urgency (v. 1-5)
2. Have humility that magnifies God (v. 6-11)
3. Be an example which multiplies (v. 12-17)

*just as the
Son of Man
did not come
to be served,
but to serve,
and to give
his life as a
ransom for
many.*

MATTHEW 20:28

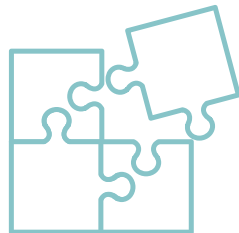
Announcements & Prayers

Church-wide Prayer Meeting - Our prayer meeting will resume meeting in person in the sanctuary on July 24th at 9AM-10:30AM

August 1st | Regular Worship Services & Sunday Classes

As of August 1st, we will be returning to 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)	



Connect With Others

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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