

# SUNDAY BRIEFING



## Choose Your Battle

BY PASTOR DON GARDNER

With a fear of accidentally stepping on toes, including my own, I've edited this article quite a bit today. Let us just say that every church, including ours, has the potential of easily forgetting our primary role in favor of worrying about trivial matters/customs tied to our own comforts and preferences. As I think of this, I naturally reflect on Luke 9:59-60 where Christ pushes a man's world "out of shape" as he challenges him to be "on task," even at the sensitive time of his father's death. Each day, we choose what we value and for what we are willing to stand up and support. A quote from a friend -

"if you're not willing to lose your job over a key issue, then your core value is your security." My friend's comment was to remind me that I had made multiple decisions in my life that were based on ethical and moral grounds and that I need not be ashamed for how I had integrated my actions with my beliefs. On the other hand, he was challenging me to consider how, at other times, I'd allowed little or insignificant matters to clutter my life when ignoring the key reasons that God had created me. May we all focus on the major issues (people) in life and let the minor things pass by with a smile!

## UPCOMING

**September 11th** |  
Church Council Meeting

**September 25th** |  
Prayer Fellowship

**October 3rd** |  
Baptism Sunday

# Order of Worship

## Sunday, September 12th, 2021

**Welcome & Prayer** | Faith Ong

**Worship Through Music** | Praise Team

**Announcements & Prayer** | Deacon Jim Loui

**Scripture Reading** | Evan Lew

**Message** | Pastor Don Gardner

**Worship Through Music** | Praise Team

**Closing Prayer** | Pastor Dillon Le

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.*

**PSALM 111:10**

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## "Discern to Whom You Will Listen"

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2 John 1:1-13

- I. Jesus is the Truth (2 John 1:1-3)
- II. Follow His Command: Walk in Love (2 John 1:4-6)
- III. Be Attentive: Deceivers are Dangerous (2 John 1:7-11)
- IV. One Family in His Kingdom (2 John 1:12-13)

## Announcements & Prayers

**Church Council Meeting 9/11/21** - The meeting will be held both in person and online on September 11th from 9:00am-10:45am in the Administration building. Zoom link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86952264402?pwd=SXpFTHlCIjJlTczFoNW5SR2E0SCt2UT09>

**Nursery Services Temporarily Closed** - 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.

**October 3rd Baptisms** - Baptism is a testimony of a person's faith in Christ. It is not salvation, but a picture of what Jesus has done in a person's life. He has cleansed and forgiven one's sin as we're given a new life in Him. On October 3rd, we will have baptisms at 10:45am. Please contact us if you're interested in making a public profession of faith in Jesus through water baptism.