FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHOENIX, AZ // OCTOBER 10TH, 2021

SUNDAY BRIEFING



Ships Passing in the Night

BY PASTOR DON GARDNER

Life is a fascinatingly different experience for each of us. For some persons, they are born in one location and never seem to remove themselves from that place for most of their lives. For others, we can count the countries and states where we have lived but it takes every finger and toe to do so! Which life is better spent and more rewarding on a personal level? The answer to that question is simply that it isn't so important where we have traveled or lived but how we have used our time, valued the friends we have made along the way, and found joy in the daily experiences of serving our Lord.

If any of you have ever migrated between countries or states, you know what it is to leave friends behind as you make new relationships in the adopted location. There are risks involved and joys as well. The new connections will bring new opportunities for the Lord's service but, at the same time, you dream that your old friends will not forget you and will remember you. After all, especially with church friends, you spent years of your life with those friends and they have become family.

Jesus was not a world traveler and airplane travel was not on his agenda. Yet, he made friends and reached out to people each day with a goal of being impactful toward the spiritual needs of those he met. When you, or I, find ourselves moving to a new environment, it is indeed my hope that our FCBC friends will continue to support us in prayer and never forget us. The possibility of being a "ship that passes in the night" always exists when we move but that should never be the way we intentionally function. May we all KNOW that the Lord made us to care about each other even as we treasure each of the past moments and friendships that we have had throughout our lives.

UPCOMING

October 17th | Pastor Appreciation

October 23rd | Trunk or Treat

October 30th | Arcadia Neighborhood Fall Festival

November 5th | Children's Camp-out

November 7th | Cutler-Plotkin Centennial Festival

Order of Worship Sunday, October 10th, 2021

Welcome & Prayer | Faith Ong Worship Through Music | Praise Team Scripture Reading | Arnold Jee Message | Pastor Dillon Le Worship Through Music | Praise Team Closing Prayer | John Filoteo

Our Spiritual Union With God

Ephesians 2:11-22 Pastor Dillon Le

We are no longer separated from Christ (v. 11-13)
We are no longer enemies of Christ (v. 14-18)
We are now connected through Christ (v. 19-22)

Announcements & Prayers

October 17th Pastor Appreciation - Please join us in the Family Life Center at 10:30AM on October 17th to express our appreciation for our pastors.

October 23rd Trunk or Treat - Get your creative juices flowing, decorate your trunk and come enjoy this outdoor fun! <u>Date</u>: Saturday, October 23rd <u>Time</u>: Set-up starts at 4pm, Trunk or Treating runs from 4:30pm-5:30pm <u>Location</u>: Parking lot west of the FLC. More details to follow!

October 30th Arcadia Neighborhood Fall Festival – Please pray for how FCBC can be involved with and reach out to our local community in Arcadia. All are welcome to attend, meet neighbors, and enjoy this free event.

November 5th-6th Children's Camp-out - 1st-6th Grade Annual Camp-out is around the corner. Please pray for the children and teachers that God's word will be the foundation in their lives, and lead their way every day. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

EPHESIANS 2:10

Announcements (cont.)

November 2nd Church Campus Scheduled Outage

SRP maintenance will be scheduled on Nov. 2nd from 8AM-2PM with no power available to the entire campus during this time.

November 7th Cutler-Plotkin Centennial Festival – The Centennial Festival will be held on November 7, 2021 from Noon to 4pm at the Cutler-Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center, 122 E. Culver Street. The Festival will honor and celebrate each of the 4 organizations which have occupied these premises for the last 100 years.

Church Council Meeting Postponed to November 13th

The October 9th Church Council Meeting items will be delayed until the November 13th Church Council Meeting. If you have needs or concerns that are urgent at this time, please pass those to Pastor Don for consideration and action.



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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4:30-5:30pm

Pumpkin patch and trunk or treat For those participating with a trunk, set-up starts at 4. Please RSVP to Marcelle <<u>marcelleong@cox.net</u>> and add'l details will be provided.

Prizes will be awarded for the most creative cars!



PLEASE JOIN THE ARCADIA OSBORN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION FOR THE ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL AT ARCADIA PARK. GATHER YOUR KIDS, PARENTS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND PETS FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY AT THE PARK. WE WILL BE PROVIDING FOOD, DRINK, ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR KIDS AND ADULTS. PLEASE VISIT ARCDIAOSBORNPHX.COM OR EMAIL AONAINFO@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFO.

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CENTENNIAL HERITAGE CELEBRATION 1921-2021

ARIZONA JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Arizona Jewish Historical Society is excited to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our building – the Cutler & Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center. Over the last century, the center has been home to four different organizations; Congregation Beth Israel, the First Chinese Baptist Church, Iglesia Bautista Central, and the Arizona Jewish Historical Society. To commemorate the center's centennial, we are planning a series of three events.

Centennial Festival

Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021 Noon - 4 pm Free Admission 122 E Culver St, Phoenix, AZ 85004 JOIN US FOR: Family Friendly Activities Great Arizona Puppet Theater Musical Performances Food Trucks Photo Booth Historical Exhibits And much more!!!

Centennial Heritage Exhibit If These Walls Could Talk Oct. 3, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022 122 E Culver St, Phoenix, AZ 85004



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Centennial Heritage Gala Honoring AZJHS community leader Lawrence M. Cutler Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021 6 pm - Scottsdale Plaza Resort

MASKS REQUIRED FOR INDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT AZJHS.ORG

Visit azjhs.org and click on "Events & Programs" <u>for more information</u>. Rabbi Jeffrey Schesnol – AZJHS Associate Director <u>jschesnol@azjhs.org</u> or 602.241.7870

The Arizona Jewish Historical Society is planning three different events, starting in fall 2021, to commemorate the 100-year history of the Cutler☆Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center, 122 E. Culver Street, immediately adjacent to Phoenix's Margaret T. Hance Park. Recognized as a Phoenix Point of Pride, the historic building has been home to Congregation Beth Israel, which built it as the first synagogue in Phoenix in 1921; the First Chinese Baptist Church starting in 1951; Iglesia Bautista Central Church in 1981; and the Arizona Jewish Historical Society beginning in 2002.

- Gallery Centennial Exhibit--"If These Walls Could Talk" -- The Centennial exhibit will feature historic memorabilia, photos, narratives, garments and more, highlighting all four organizations that have called the building home. The exhibit opens Oct. 3, 2021 and runs through March 31, 2022. Hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment. Recommended exhibit admission is \$5, or attendees can make a voluntary donation of their choosing. Group discounts are available for organizations.
- The Heritage Center-- Over the past 100 years, the Heritage Center has hosted countless religious, social, and cultural community events. From 1921 to 1949, the building was the home of Congregation Beth Israel, and served as a religious sanctuary, community center and gathering place for the local Jewish community. In 1951, it began new life as First Chinese Baptist Church, where it served as a religious and social hub for Phoenix's growing Chinese-American community. From 1981-2002, it was the home of a Spanish-speaking congregation, Iglesia Bautista Central. The Arizona Jewish Historical Society purchased the building in 2002 and renamed it as the Cutler☆Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center. The Society restored the building in 2009 as a museum, cultural center and event venue open to people of all backgrounds.
- **Centennial Heritage Gala--** Honoring long-time AZJHS community leader Lawrence M. Cutler. The Gala is on Saturday evening, Oct. 30, at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort, 7200 N. Scottsdale Road. <u>Visit the Gala webpage</u> for more information or to register online.