FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHOENIX, AZ // OCTOBER 24TH, 2021

# SUNDAY BRIEFING



#### Let Us Stand

BY PASTOR DON GARDNER

The Scriptures say, "If a Kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand." (Mark 3: 24) "If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand." (Mark 3:25)

Having served as the first president of the Republic of Texas, some of Sam Houston's words in an 1850 speech revealed his burden to see people focused on being a unified and cooperative body of people. Eight year's later, Lincoln used almost identical words to Houston's in speaking of the United States and what would be required to have this nation grow into a strong and mature country.

In a similar vein, we can easily refer back to over 60 different Scripture references as they challenge us to recognize that a church is most impactful when we have a shared vision and purpose. We don't need to reinvent who we are or come up with a special or flashy new catchphrase for ourselves. We need to live up to being the loving and caring people of Christ who daily are joyful for our own salvation! We must pray for a burden toward our friends and neighbors who have yet to understand their lost state even as we reach out to them with His Gospel! Who will you speak to about Jesus this week?

#### UPCOMING

October 23rd | FCBC Trunk or Treat

**October 30th** | Arcadia Neighborhood Fall Festival

November 5th & 6th | Children's Camp-out

November 7th | FCBC Bilingual Sunday Worship

**November 7th** | Cutler-Plotkin Centennial Festival

#### **Order of Worship** Sunday, October 24th, 2021

Welcome & Prayer | Ashley Yap Worship Through Music | Praise Team Announcements & Prayer | Deacon Rick Ong Scripture Reading | Mikayla Yue Message | Pastor Don Gardner Worship Through Music | Praise Team Closing Prayer | Pastor Dillon Le

#### "Here Am I, Send Me!"

lsaiah 6:8–13 Pastor Don Gardner

I. CALL: In Isaiah 6:8, we see GOD, for the first time, SPEAKING.
II. RESPONSE OF ISAIAH: God's "call" is open to whoever would serve.
III. THE TASK OF ISAIAH: "Get to work by going and preaching to the people even though they will nearly all reject your message...God Bless!!!"

**IV. HOPE FOR THE FAITHFUL**: "There will be a tenth of hope for the faithful...the remnant."

#### **Announcements & Prayers**

#### FCBC Trunk or Treat - Oct. 23rd

Get your creative juices flowing, decorate your trunk and come enjoy this outdoor fun! <u>\*Masks Required\*</u> Date: Saturday, October 23rd Time: Set-up starts at 4pm, Trunk or Treating runs from 4:30pm-5:30pm Location: Parking lot west of the Family Life Center at FCBC

#### AONA Community Fall Festival - Oct. 30th

All are welcome to enjoy free food and entertainment at Arcadia Park on Saturday, Oct. 30th from 11AM-2PM hosted by the Arcadia-Osborn Neighborhood Association.

#### Church Campus Scheduled Outage - Nov. 2nd

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

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.

#### **PROVERBS 3:3**

#### Announcements (cont.)

#### Children's Camp-out - Nov. 5th & 6th

Our 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.

#### Combined Sunday Worship at FCBC - Nov. 7th

Join us for a bilingual worship service with a special Centennial choir performance from 9:30AM to 11:00AM. Bible study class details to be announced.

#### Cutler-Plotkin Centennial Festival - Nov. 7th

The Centennial Festival will be held on November 7, 2021 from 12pm 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.

#### Want to join the Centennial Choir?

If you love to sing for the Lord and want to join the FCBC Centennial Choir, please contact Deacon Larry Yap (larry.yap@fcbcphx.org).

#### Rehearsal Dates:

Sunday Oct 31	ES choir 8:30 to 9:00 am (30 mins)
	CS choir 9:00 to 9:30 am (30 mins)
Sunday Nov 7	ES choir 8:30 to 8:50 am (20 mins)
	CS choir 8:50 to 9:10 am (20mins)
	ES/CS choir 9:10 to 9:30 am (20mins)

#### A Big THANK YOU to Sharon Yee & Joy Pan!

We want to thank **Sharon Yee** for assisting us in the Church Office these past several months by volunteering with admin responsibilities at a critical time in the life of the church. Also, we thank **Joy Pan** for her willingness to step in and assist with some of the administrative communication for our Chinese Congregation. Joy will also be assisting to share church-wide announcements about activities and programs that impact the broader church community. Please continue to reach out to our pastors & staff for any needs at <u>office@fcbcphx.org</u>.

# Trunk or Treat



# Oct 23rd at FCBC

## 4:30pm-5:30pm

Pumpkin Patch & Trunk or Treat For those participating with a trunk, set-up starts at 4. Please RSVP to Marcelle <u>marcelleong@cox.net</u> \*MASKS REQUIRED\*

Prizes will be awarded for the most creative cars!

### 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