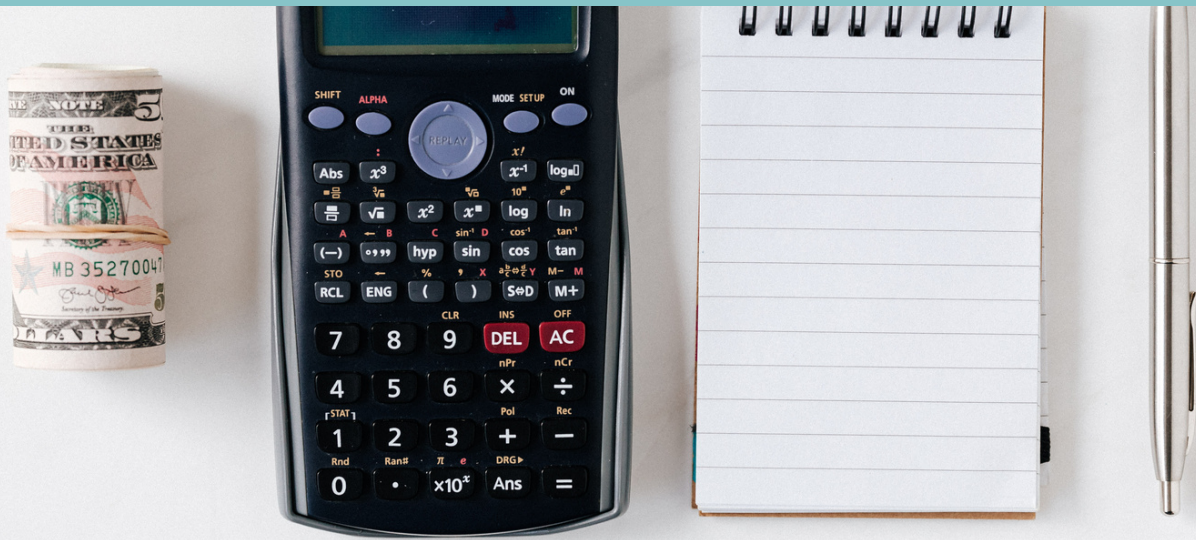


# SUNDAY BRIEFING



## Resources/Money Should Never Limit Our Service

BY PASTOR DON GARDNER

Teaching a course in Church Administration a number of years ago, I read a book that presented the idea that one can tell the spiritual health of a church based on its' yearly budget! I was intrigued by what I read and challenged to realize that, whether the statement was 100% accurate or not, there was certainly some truth in the comment. The boldness of planning and supporting various ministry efforts is tied to our understanding of material resources and our stewardship over these. If a Church's Budget is focused only on the activity that impacts the lives of church members, one can certainly ascertain that "the lost" of our world are not part of that church's values and concern. If the Budget is highly tied to parties, activities, outings, and the like, one needs to consider whether there is clear evangelistic intent in these or not? When buildings and their development come into play, the question needs to be considered as to how the upgrading or building will benefit the Kingdom of God on a daily basis and not just on Sunday's. If the "Tithe" is 1/10 of our monthly income that we return to the Lord for His service, I would have to say that most churches should be doing well even without any further "offerings or alms" for the next level of giving. Don't misunderstand, the giving of offerings and alms is good after one returns the tithe but most churches should be able to build a budget based on the tithe alone. Of course, we have to admit that many believers are struggling with their understanding of the tithe and how it impacts the work, vision, and boldness of a church's direction. Let us pray that FCBC is able to grasp that ALL we have belongs to God and that giving back to Him, for his Church's Ministry, is "reasonable service." May we all be blessed as we develop a church known for our obedience (Ecc. 12:13) and faithfulness. May we remember that we are to be the "ginger of the dish" as we seek to be creative for reaching our lost world.

## UPCOMING

**October 3rd** |  
Baptism Sunday

**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 3rd, 2021

**Welcome & Prayer** | Deacon Jim Loui  
**Worship Through Music** | Praise Team  
**Lord's Supper & Announcements** | Deacon Emmitt Phok  
**Scripture Reading** | Michelle Dong  
**Message** | Deacon Emmitt Phok  
**Worship Through Music** | Praise Team  
**Closing Prayer** | Pastor Dillon Le

### "UPSTREAM: Always Feel the Presence of God"

Deacon Emmitt Phok

- I. Spiritual Blindness - 1 John 2:9-11
- II. Lack of Accountability - Galatians 6:4-7
- III. Tunneling - Matthew 6:33-34

## Announcements & Prayers

**October 3rd Baptisms** - Join us in the sanctuary at 10:45am this Sunday to celebrate Su Ya Li, Olivia Phok, Caitlyn Yap, Carter Yap, Carlton Yapp, and Praxton Yee.

**October 23rd Trunk or Treat** - Get your creative juices flowing, decorate your trunk and come enjoy this outdoor fun!

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 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.

**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.

*You make known  
to me the path  
of life; in your  
presence there is  
fullness of joy; at  
your right hand  
are pleasures  
forevermore.*

**PSALM 16:11**

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# 2021 FALL FESTIVAL



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 [ARCADIAOSBORNPHX.COM](http://ARCADIAOSBORNPHX.COM) OR EMAIL [AONAINFO@GMAIL.COM](mailto: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  
1921-2021

**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

## COMMUNITY CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL OF CUTLER☆PLOTKIN JEWISH HERITAGE CENTER

Visit [azjhs.org](http://azjhs.org) and click on “Events & Programs” [for more information](#).

Rabbi Jeffrey Schesnol – AZJHS Associate Director [jschesnol@azjhs.org](mailto:jschesnol@azjhs.org) 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. [Visit the Gala webpage](#) for more information or to register online.
- **Centennial Festival**-- Noon to 4 pm Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Cutler☆Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center, 122 E Culver Street. The event is free and open to the community, to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building, the establishment of the first synagogue in Phoenix and the diverse community that has called the building home. The Centennial Exhibit will be open during the event, which also will include musical entertainment by Congregation Beth Israel, First Chinese Baptist Church, Monte Vista Cross-Cultural Church, and the Rural Street Klezmer Band; special guest speakers; food trucks; activities for children; and a photo booth.

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