

# SUNDAY BRIEFING



## To Repel Evil

BY PASTOR DON GARDNER

Arriving in Istanbul, Turkey, one of the first things I noticed was the proliferation of blue and white protection amulets in nearly every store or restaurant. They were worn around the necks of many individuals on the streets as well. I soon learned that the evil eye bead was a cultural understanding of over 5000 years designed to ward off evil spirits and bad energy. They are made of a beautiful blue glass with the "pupil" designed to observe and ward off all that would threaten the person or situation.

Superstition is nothing new and has controlled the minds of people, around the globe, forever. With that said, evil is real and can be found in the hearts of men who are compromising with selfish values and the successes and failures of our world. Over the years, I've noted the wearing of a cross by some individuals, not all, who either have no clue what it represents or it may be worn like the protective amulet of the "protective eye!" As true followers of Christ as your Lord, it is my prayer and hope that you find all of your safety and support not in items made by hands but in the knowledge that Jesus will always care for His children and will bless you in His special ways. May prayer always be our greatest tool for repelling the evil that comes our direction.

## UPCOMING

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

**November 7th** |  
FCBC Bilingual  
Sunday Worship

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

# Order of Worship

## Sunday, October 31st, 2021

**Welcome & Prayer** | Ashley Yap

**Worship Through Music** | Praise Team

**Announcements & Prayer** | Deacon Clement Yap

**Scripture Reading** | John Filoteo

**Message** | Pastor Don Gardner

**Worship Through Music** | Praise Team

**Closing Prayer** | Pastor Dillon Le

### "People Still Need the Lord"

John 12:20-36

Pastor Don Gardner

I. The Need of the Foreigners (v. 20-21)

II. The Response of Christians (v. 22)

III. The Solution in Jesus (v. 23-26)

## Announcements & Prayers

### **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.

### **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. There will not be preschool, children, or Adult Bible study classes that day to allow everyone to attend the joint service and Centennial festivities afterwards.

*But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.*

2 THESSALONIANS 3:3

## Announcements (cont.)

### **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](mailto: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 [office@fcbcphx.org](mailto:office@fcbcphx.org).



# 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