

Sunday Worship



Truth is Sometimes Hard to Find

BY PASTOR DON GARDNER

Reading about some rather "high class restaurants" and their chefs, it was recently shared on Reddit how these very expensive places provided beautiful and quite fancy desserts for their patrons. With that said, it was then shared that many naive purchases were selected at a "mark up" of some 400-500% from the original cost of the pies that were actually Walmart items. Yes, the pies were not baked by the chefs but were simply brought in and dressed up with some chocolate and raspberry sauce on top! While probably not "illegal," the level of deception to the customer on the standard of the product was most likely not what they would expect.

The Southern Baptist Convention President, Ed Litton, recently preached a sermon that was all too close in content to an earlier SBC leader named J. D. Greear. When hearing several statements within a sermon that gave no credit to the earlier minister's words, "Homosexuality does not send people to Hell. How do I know that? Because heterosexuality doesn't send people to Heaven", there was an immediate YouTube response catching the copied phrases and content. It was not so much that Litton's words or Greear's were inaccurate for content but the problem was that Litton seemed to credit his "witty thoughts" to himself and followed those exact quotes up with other terms that were obviously from the same sermon borrowed from Greear.

It is true that we live in a complicated world where honesty and integrity ride a delicate line within our behavior. From sources that we suppose to contain high levels of integrity, seep out questionable drops of compromise belonging to the values and definitions of our world. Your church cannot provide you adequate "control or instruction" for a lifestyle that pleases God. Attending seminary or holding a position within a church guarantees nothing for ultimately, it is our choices that arise daily and reveal the true/complete Lordship of God...or not! Bless you as you take on the challenge of hungering after righteousness even as you focus on His Will for your life.

FCBC Order of Worship

Sunday, January 2nd, 2022

Watch the livestream: fbcphx.org/sermons

English at 9:30AM

Chinese at 11:00AM

Welcome & Prayer | Deacon Jim Loui

Music | Praise Team

Message | Robert Gardner

Music | Praise Team

Prayer | Karen Loui

"A Life of Purpose"

Luke 1:5-25

Robert Gardner

1. Context
2. Story
3. God's Work & Purpose
4. Application

Announcements

In an abundance of caution, to prevent any further outbreak amongst our church family, we have decided to move all services and Sunday School classes to online for at least the next two weeks (1/2 & 1/9). Also, immediately any fellowship events on campus through 1/9 will need to find an alternative location or be postponed. During this time, our re-opening committee will meet to discuss a plan for safely moving forward.

Online Worship: fbcphx.org/sermons

English at 9:30AM

Chinese at 11:00AM

Sunday School: Online coordinated by individual classes

Church Council Meeting | January 8th

For ministry leaders, please send to Pastor Don any agenda items or urgent needs at this time for consideration and action. Thank you.

Churchwide Prayer Meeting | January 29th

Begin the new year by being filled up through prayer! Our theme will be "prayers for the new year."

*The Lord will fulfill
his purpose for me;
your steadfast
love, O Lord,
endures forever.
Do not forsake the
work of your hands.*

PSALM 138:8

