

Announcements

"The article below pretty well describes why our church feels connected to the SBC NAMB (North American Mission Board) organization. Each year, the AAEO gives us an opportunity to say "thank you" for the opportunity to give toward USA mission's endeavors. It is not that we are great by what we give but that HE is Great in allowing us to support evangelism across this country in a team effort of prayers and financial support."

***The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO)** is the primary way we support mission efforts in North America. 100% of gifts given to AAEO are used to support more than 2,200 missionary families serving across the United States and Canada. Our church goal for year 2022 is \$10,000. The AAEO had a direct impact on the formation of FCBC over 70 years ago when the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board (now known as the North American Mission Board) called and funded Rev. G.L. Stanley in 1949 to pastor the Chinese Mission meeting at Central Baptist Church. In 1951 the Home Mission Board purchased the old Temple Beth Israel site at 122 E. Culver St. where FCBC resided until the Southern Baptist Central Association provided our current home at 4910 E. Earll Dr. FCBC has been extremely blessed by the generosity of Southern Baptists, so we now have an opportunity to give generously to support missionaries and new churches in North America.*

- **Baby Dedication | May 8**

On May 8 (Mother's Day), FCBC will be having a special prayer time and dedication for babies during our worship services. This is a time of our church blessing both the families of these babies and us placing a "prayer of blessing" on the lives of these little ones! Please let us know if you have babies that will be part of this experience. You can contact Gabrielle, Pastor Dillon, or Pastor Don.

- **FCBC & AONA Food Trucks | May 12**

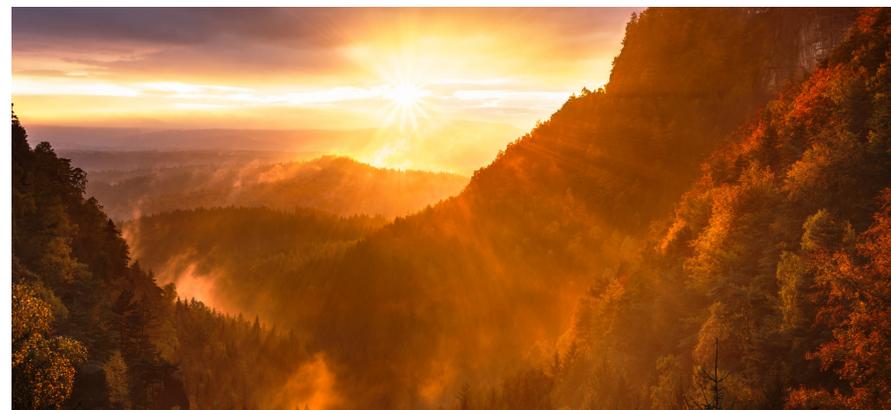
First Chinese & the Arcadia-Osborn Neighborhood Association will host a food truck event on the FC front lawn next month on Thursday, May 12th, from 6PM-8PM. It'll be a fun opportunity to bring your family or invite some friends to hang out and eat. The vibe will be casual with music and a couple food trucks you can check out!

The May **Church Council Meeting** will be postponed and combined with the June Church Council Meeting on June 11. If you have any urgent matter, please email the Church Office.

- **Chinese Congregation Friday Night Fellowship | Every Friday**

Sunday Worship

FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH
OF PHOENIX, AZ
MAY 1ST, 2022



FCBC Order of Worship

Join us for worship services on campus or online

English at 9:30AM | Chinese at 11:00AM

Livestream available: fcbcphx.org/sermons

Welcome & Prayer | Ashley Yap

Music | Praise Team

AAEO Emphasis Video

Lord's Supper | Rev. Donald Gardner

Scripture Reading | Caden Yap

Message | Rev. Iho Tree

Music | Praise Team

Closing Prayer | Ashley Yap

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

May 8: Rev. Don Gardner --- EC & CC (Mother's Day)

May 15: Rev. Dillon Le ---EC & CC



**Sermon Title:
Sabbath Rest Purchased by Christ**

Scripture: Gen 2:1-3; Exo 20:8-11;
Heb 4:1-10; Mt 12:8; Mk 2:27

Guest Speaker: Rev. Iho Tree

Notes:

***FCBC has a Search Committee** that desires to represent our church in all ways. With only a desire to find the persons that God guides our way, we want to provide opportunity for our members to give your input via suggestions and/or questions that need to be addressed by the committee groupings. Once our questions are compiled, in both congregations, we will have those shared with the congregation in a short meeting for clarification before presenting these to the committee.

Words: "Be Honest With Yourself and Him"

Last week, we celebrated a painful and sad situation as we found "joy" in what Christ did for us on a Cross and through His resurrection. The sinless Christ, on our behaves, stepped up and sacrificed His life in order that all of us who follow Him might find eternal life by accepting Christ's sacrifice in substitution for our own sin. We worshipped our Lord Jesus as Easter provided the time for we Christians to gather for fellowship.

One of the painful final days for Christ brought Judas clearly into the picture. In Matthew 26: 50, we find Jesus saying, "*Friend, do what you are here to do.*" The word **friend** basically referenced that Jesus was aware of to whom it was that he was addressing. Instead of insulting Judas or critiquing the actions that Christ knew were coming from him, Christ challenged his betraying "friend" to get on with what he was planning. This must have been hard for Jesus as Judas was one of his select acquaintances for several years.

When we say that we are Christians in our following of Jesus, we really need to be honest with ourselves and others about whether or not Christ is our Lord. Being a church attender is not a confirmation of our dependence on Christ. Being a baptized person is no guarantee of our salvation. Giving money to the church regularly is not bad but, again, salvation can't be purchased. Based on Matthew 26, even wearing the title "Apostle" was no certainty that each of those selected men were perfect or dependable when temptations came. Jesus was fully aware of the character flaws of Judas so he, after several years together with this "so-called disciple," called out Judas to just be honest with himself and all others regarding his faith. As we know, when that honesty was demanded of Judas, he revealed his true self.

My prayer for you and me is that we may not deceive ourselves simply because we know the facts of Jesus. Like Judas, we need to understand that Jesus knows our hearts and the depth of our faith. May Christ always feel the freedom to ask us to "just get on with it" regarding our faith and find that we will bring a response with our lives that show Him to be at the center of all we believe and do!

Pastor Don