

Announcements

- FCBC Monthly Prayer Meeting | May 28 From 10:00AM**

Theme: Prayers for Rest

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81253616688>

Meeting ID: 812 5361 6688

Passcode: 85018

- Summer Volleyball League**

Sign your team up through Brad Ong by May 24th. Games will be held in the FLC on Tuesday nights at 7:00PM from June 7th to August 2nd.

- Graduate Recognition | June 12th**
- Vacation Bible School | June 13th-17th**
- Youth Camp | July 1st-3rd**
- Youth Summer Missions | July 8th-15th**
- June Church Council Meeting | June 11**

If you have any urgent matter, please email the Church Office.

- Chinese Congregation Friday Night Fellowship | Every Friday**
- Chinese Congregation Women's Fellowship | May 24th**

"Pastoral Succession Planning is an important process for any church to smoothly transition from one minister to another. With the hope that FCBC will continue to be true to its mission and purpose, our church's search committee is taking early steps in considering who God may be leading our way to function as a future Sr. Pastor even while I continue to serve here. We pray that FCBC will impact our city for Christ in the many years to come." Pastor Don Gardner

Pastor Search Committee 5* Voting Members			*FCBC Bylaws Sec. 6 B. 1.	
#	Senior Pastor	#	Chinese-Speaking	Notes
1	Marcelle Ong	1	Marcelle Ong	Chairman
2	Roger Wong	2	Roger Wong	
3	Qiu Lan	3	Qiu Lan	
4	Brad Ong	4	Linda Lam Poon	Switch places
5	Phylcia Yap	5	Peggy Wong	Switch places
Alternates (Non-voting Members)			Notes	
1	Jeff Moy	1	Jeff Moy	Personnel Committee rep.
2	Linda Lam Poon	2	Brad Ong	Switch places
3	Peggy Wong	3	Phylcia Yap	Switch places

FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHOENIX, AZ SUNDAY WORSHIP MAY 22TH, 2022

Join us for worship services on campus or online

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

Livestream available: fcbcpnx.org/sermons



FCBC Order of Sunday Worship

Welcome & Prayer | Ashley Yap

Music | Praise Team

NAMB Video | "Who's your one? - Jarryd Wallace"

Scripture Reading | Philippians 3:12-21

Message | John D. Filoteo

Response Music | Praise Team

Closing Prayer | Ashley Yap

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

May 22nd: John D. Filoteo - EN ; Xing Bo - CN

May 29th: Rev. Don Gardner - EN & CN

June 5th : Rev. Don Gardner - EN & CN

June 12th: Deacon Emmitt Phok - EN & CN



Sermon Title: Our Journey with God

Scripture: Philippians 3:12-21

Speaker: John D. Filoteo

12-14 - The race is not done

15-16 - The learning never stops

17-21 - Find Godly role models

Notes:

Words: "The Spiritual Peace of God Reflects a Church's Health"

Today, I was speaking with one of our brothers about his frustration with the way that people in various churches often argue or complain. My friend expressed disappointment in the way that churches have people who don't seem to try and be gentle but choose to be negative about so many things. As I listened, I continued to think how much happiness exists for Satan when he sees Christians focused on themselves and disrespecting the God that they call their own! We must remember that the last thing Satan desires is to see a healthy or united church even as he continues to focus on us as his target to be deceived!

One of the hardest Scriptures for many readers to understand is Matthew 10:34....**"Think not you that I am come to send peace on earth? I came not to send peace, but a sword!"** Throughout the history of the people of Israel, the hope was for prosperity and peace. Just as their misunderstood expectation of the Messiah as being their great provider of a comfortable and powerful nation, the Jews misunderstood the meaning of God's peace. Christ was a "peace maker" for lost sinners to relate to their creator God via Christ's sacrifice. He offered spiritual inner peace and salvation that provides eternal life. However, these understandings of "peace" might disappoint many Jews who wanted what they considered to be more "practical and worldly manifestations of peace."

In saying **"I came, not to send peace, but a sword,"** we can find that the sword refers to the Gospel of Christ as it divides and clarifies the people of Christ from the men of the world and the warped values and practices found therein. The sword (Gospel) cuts to the core of truth and provides a completely different type of peace than most humankind easily grasps.

It is my prayer that you and I will welcome the sword (Gospel) of the Lord to reveal truth in our spiritual lives. We are all participating in a spiritual war with Satan. To ignore the war is to deceive ourselves about its existence. Seeing Christians struggle in relationships within a church is actually evidence that Satan is actively at work challenging that church's unity and ministries. The good news is that God still lives and is more powerful than anything Satan has to offer!