

Announcements

Please pray for the family of **Edward Yue (Eddie)** who passed on this past week after a lengthy time of health challenges. Please refer to the link below regarding his life.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/phoenix-az/edward-yue-10726444>

- **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

Thank you for generously giving to North American missions through AAEO. As of 4/30/2022: **Offering = \$8,905.00; Goal = \$10,000.00**

- **FCBC Pastors Search Committee Meeting | May 11**

All Committee members are going to meet on next Wednesday. Please pray for the team to have wisdom throughout the whole pastors search process. At the mean time, we encourage our church members to put in their questions and suggestions in writing and place in the box located at the back of our Sanctuary.

***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.

- **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**

FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHOENIX, AZ SUNDAY WORSHIP MAY 8TH, 2022



FCBC Order of Sunday Worship

Welcome & Prayer | Deacon Jim Loui

Music | Praise Team

Testimony Sharing | Faith Ong

Music | Praise Team

Prayer | Rev. Dillon Le

Testimony Sharing | Justin Lee

Scripture Reading | Courtney Ong

Message | Rev. Donald Gardner

Response Music | Praise Team

Closing Prayer | Deacon Jim Loui

Mother's Day Special Music | Children's Department

Baby & Child Dedication | Rev. Donald Gardner & Rev. Dillon Le

(Emerson Ong, Logan Lee, Hanalei Hake & Harrison Hake)

Join us for worship services on campus or online

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

Livestream available: fcbcphx.org/sermons



**Sermon Title:
"A Single Mother's Faith"**

Scripture: : I Kings 17: 7-24

Preacher: Rev. Donald Gardner

Notes:

Words: "Be careful of Honorary Pride!"

Terminology, and our selection of vocabulary used to address another person, often is tied to our cultural understanding. When teaching at the Hong Kong Baptist Seminary for nine years, I was privileged to preach in over 80 of our Hong Kong and Macao Baptist churches. Within the Global Chinese Church circle where Chinese language is used, the expected norm is to always refer to an ordained minister by the title Reverend (牧師). When a minister is not ordained, he is referred to as a preacher (傳道人). If this same minister holds a doctorate as a University or Seminary instructor, he/she may be referred to as professor (博士). Should this same person enter China as a guest speaker within a church body, it would be highly likely that he would find himself referred to as brother (弟兄). So, what makes this all so sensitive and complex?

Matthew 23 reveals a bit about the thinking of Jesus when he criticized the Scribes for their interest in honorary titles. Addressing his followers, he reminded them that "they (Jewish leaders) love to receive recognition in the market place and to be called rabbi by men (v.7-9)." With that point made, Jesus instructed his disciples to avoid the religious titles of rabbi even as Jesus says they have one teacher and that they are but brethren/friends.

In our day, and within the American culture, it is not our goal to present ourselves as "silly" in trying to avoid all titles or recognition of varying ministries being done within our church. However, for us to give credence toward all religious titles as vital for how others are to be treated reveals our petty attitudes and a bit of disrespect for the values that Jesus presented. In Christ, surely we must always present ourselves not as persons of position but as servants of the King. As Jesus has taught us, "we have but one teacher and are but His followers."

Pastor Don

"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	Phylicia 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	Phylicia Yap	Switch places