

Announcements

FCBC Church-Wide Online Prayer Meeting | Saturday

Topic: Praying the 4 P's

Date & Time: June 25th @ 9am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84394392461>

Meeting ID: 843 9439 2461

Passcode: 927540

- **Pastor Search Committee Survey | by June 26th**

The Pastor Search Committee is seeking your input to better understand your expectations for our next Senior Pastor and Chinese-Speaking Congregation Associate Pastor. Please complete this brief confidential survey by today. Survey location:

<https://forms.office.com/r/UYR9fSYXNp>

- **Youth Camp | July 1st-3rd**

- **Youth Summer Missions | July 8th-15th**

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

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

June 26th: Rev. Donald Gardner - EN & CN

July 3rd: Rev. Donald Gardner - EN & CN

July 10th: Rev. Donald Gardner - EN & CN

FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHOENIX, AZ SUNDAY WORSHIP JUNE 26TH, 2022

Join us for worship services on campus or online

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

Livestream available: fcbcphx.org/sermons



FCBC Order of Sunday Worship

Welcome & Prayer | Faith Ong

Worship Music | Praise Team

"Who's your one?" Video | Troy Sadowski

Scripture Reading | Philippians 1

Sermon | Rev. Donald Gardner

Response Music | Praise Team

Closing Prayer | Faith Ong



Title: Joy to Live for Christ

Preacher: Rev. Donald Gardner

Scripture : Philippians 1: 1-4; 9-14; 20-24; 27; 29-30

INTRODUCTION PROVIDED BY PAUL:

- I. Joy Doesn't Require Comfort (v.1-11)
- II. Maturity Through Trials (v.12-26)
- III. For a True Christian, There is No Cheap Grace! (27-30)

Focus: We must expect/seek "Joy" in the Christian walk even when we don't get exactly what we want. At the same time, what God provides nearly always exceeds what we could have imagined would come our way!

Questions:

- 1) How do you define "Joy" and do you have it in your life? Explain.
- 2) Do you fear death? Explain.
- 3) Is suffering for Christ something you welcome or fear? Explain. Describe why suffering sometimes comes to people.
- 4) What does it mean for you to live for Christ on a daily basis? Explain.

Words: "Fear Not: Repentance is a Privilege! "

Have you ever done something that you regret? Maybe you gossiped or said uncomplimentary things about someone else. Maybe you criticized the actions of someone because you didn't like how they did something. Call it a mistake or an error on your part but the reality is simply that it harmed the lives or experiences of others when we made a decision that was unwise and possibly not very Christ-like. With Jesus' teaching regarding our need to confess our sins or errors, it is obvious that Jesus understood that man is imperfect and will, at times, do wrong or inappropriate things.

While we may never be capable of eliminating these types of immature or inappropriate habits, we do need to learn how to manage our actions after we do these things. We should not "excuse ourselves" in our sinful or disrespectful behavior toward others but we need to recognize our shortcomings and seek to change for the better. We must "own the responsibility" for how we act and what we do. The Scripture stresses that repentance and confession are expectations when we commit an error in judgement. Humility and self-understanding are both found within our repentance as we learn to face our negative behavior and humbly apologize to another.

Another reality spoken by Paul is that we "all have sinned and come short of His glory." The point here is that we are not alone with our failures but the good news is that forgiveness can come from man, and from God, when we place ourselves in His hands. It is my prayer for our church that none of us are ever too prideful to say a simple "I'm sorry" when we know those words can do so much good in the lives of another.

Pastor Don