Announcements

• Recommendation to Mask Indoors

The COVID-19 community level is high for Maricopa County and the CDC recommends masking indoors at this time. Thank you.

• Youth Summer Missions | July 8th-15th

The group will be using part of our facilities on two weekends, 8th, 9th, 15th & 16th, please pray for their trip.

- FCBC Churchwide Monthly Prayer Meeting | July 30
- On July 31, Pastor Dillon will be coordinating a **baptism service** for us during the morning. If you have individuals awaiting baptism, please contact the church office.

• Annual Co-worker's Meeting | Aug 6th 9:00am We will plan to begin this year's meeting on August 6 at 9:00am. Please place this in your calendar now. Thanks.

• The Next Church Council Meeting | August 13

Please refer to Pastor Don or email to <u>office@fcbcphx.org</u> as you might find any business matters to be urgent.

- **Dr. Eric Kuykendall** will be preaching for the English and Chinese Congregations on July 24. Dr. Kuykendall is serving in France with the International Mission Board of the SBC and previously served as a pastor of Monterey Park Chinese Baptist Church. His wife, Sujong, will be with us as well.
- Dr. Eric Kuykendall & Sujong will meet with the Chinese Fellowship on the evening of July 22 at 6:30pm in the FLC. Some type of simple dinner will be available in the FLC.
- Dr. Eric Kuykendall and Sujong will meet with the English Fellowship on Saturday, July 23, at 10:00am to discuss mission's service and needs for all who wish to learn and participate. Please bring friends and come on time to the FLC for this gathering.

• Summer Volleyball is back!

The summer volleyball league is underway on Tuesday nights from 7 – 10 PM. The league will conclude on August 2nd and there will be a tournament following regular season play.

FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHOENIX, AZ SUNDAY WORSHIP JULY 10TH, 2022

Join us for worship services on campus or online

English at 9:30AM | Chinese at 11:00AM Livestream available: <u>fcbcphx.org/sermons</u>



FCBC Order of Sunday Worship

Welcome & Prayer | Faith Ong

Worship Music | Praise Team

Scripture Reading | Philippians 3: 1-21

Sermon | Pastor Donald Gardner

Response Music | Praise Team

Announcements & Closing Prayer | Rick Ong

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

July 10th: Pastor Donald Gardner – EN & CN July 17th : Pastor Terry Wong – EN & Pastor Michael Lin– CN July 24th: Pastor Eric Kuykendall – EN & CN

"Knowing Christ"

Series: #3 Scripture Reading: Philippians 3: 1-21

Focus of this Sermon: Paul's optimistic look toward the future is shared to encourage the Philippians to develop the same appreciation of God's direction for their lives.

Thoughts/Questions for Consideration:

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1) Who are the "Judaizers and legalists" in our society today? In v6, does "legalistic righteousness" ever impact you?

2) Based on v15, how do you define "maturity?"

3) Based on 3:8, if today FCBC received a letter from a previous pastor, what would be their warning for us? Do dangers exist for us?

4) John 3:30 says, "He must increase and I must decrease." How do we do this?

Pastor's Word: "Who Are We as Southern Baptists?"

All churches represent some type of theological foundation and emphasis of what they value to bring them together in ministry and worship. Some churches claim no denominational identity but, when compared to other churches, it doesn't take long to see the leanings of any church. Historically, Southern Baptists are known for our Biblical dependence on our values and standards. We are sympathetic and identify with the importance of individual church autonomy and self-rule. Cooperating and partnering with other SBC (Southern Baptist Convention) churches is a choice as we identify with this denomination. The SBC is not a "top-down" denomination with ministry assignments coming through either seminaries or denominationally sponsored bodies. The SBC does not ordain ministers, assign personnel to any church, require specific amounts of giving contributions for denominational participation, specify united literature to be used by individual churches, or assign pastors to our church groups.

The SBC was organized in 1845 and functions as a network of independent/autonomous (self-propagating, self-governing, self-supporting) bodies. There is an annual "Convention" held in different cities across the nation where "messengers" from the various churches attend to discuss and vote on shared ministry directions, leadership needs, and ideas. With approximately 50,000 SBC churches inside of the continental USA, these church members from the various churches vote on matters dealing with international missions, social service ministries, seminary development, urgent shared church challenges for our day, leadership selection for various cooperative ministries, etc.

Within the SBC, we have an organization called the CBF (Chinese Baptist Fellowship). This body is a cooperative body of some 200+ Chinese Baptist church groups that relate to each other for fellowship and ministry. In a similar way, there are other ethnic groups within the SBC that represent the Hispanic circle, Russians, Koreans, Japanese, Native Americans, and many others. With a commitment to reaching out in Jesus' name, the SBC has over 2000 domestic missionary workers and 4000 international missionaries.