#### Announcements

 Current Weekly Sports - We have now begun to open up the FLC for outreach sports and other ministries again. Please dream with us about what activities may be most suitable for us? Volleyball, Pickleball, Basketball, Children's Games, are all in our future! Help us start these soon! (Scheduling for activities can be coordinated through the office for FLC reservations.)

#### • Churchwide Prayer Meeting | Aug 27th @ 9AM

Our monthly prayer groups will meet on Aug. 27 via Zoom. Please plan to be with us. <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81253616688</u> Meeting ID: 812 5361 6688 Passcode: 85018

#### Church-Wide Business Meeting | Aug 28th

Church-Wide Business Meeting on Aug 28 at 10:40am between EC & CC services, in the sanctuary, so all can attend. We need your participation.

• Deacons Meeting | Aug 24th & Aug 31st @ 6:30PM

• Next Quarterly Teacher's Meeting | Oct 22nd Teacher's meeting on Aug 20th is Cancelled.

#### • Outreach TSMC Taiwanese Families & FCBC | Sep 17th Partner with NWCBC in Badminton Outreach to TSMC Taiwanese Families & FCBC | Sept. 17th: (3:00-7:00 in FLC)-Play sports and build relationships with new Phoenix residents from Taiwan.

## • Volleyball Season Concluded

Thank you to all for supporting & participating in Summer Volleyball at FCBC. We're so glad you were able to enjoy fellowship, camaraderie, and competition. Also, we are gathering interest for Pickle Ball in the near future. Please contact <u>Brad.Ong@fcbcphx.org</u> if interested.

## FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHOENIX, AZ SUNDAY WORSHIP AUG 21ST, 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   Gloria Revallo
Worship Music   Patrick Revallo
Scripture Reading  Chris Wong
Sermon   Pastor Donald Gardner
<b>Response Music</b>   Praise Team
Closing Prayer   Pastor Donald Gardner

# **Upcoming Preaching Schedule:**

Aug 21st: Pastor Don Gardner – EN & CN Aug 28th: Pastor Don Gardner – EN & CN



Sermon Title: Title: "Judgement & Blessings"

Scripture: Micah 2: 1-13 Preacher : Pastor Don Gardner

## I. Judgement:

II. False Prophets:

III. Deliverance Promised





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# Pastor's Word: "What a Great Conversation!"

What a conversation! Last evening, we had a pastor and his wife spend the night while in town from L.A. Having known this friend from Hong Kong for 47 years, we nearly always get into some type of significant talk within minutes of meeting up again. Indeed, Pastor Leung shared about his church's current issues with the Pandemic, the search for new ministerial leadership, and how to deepen the "spiritual health-hunger" of his people. Of course, to have any discussion, we had to first agree on some definitions for words like discipleship, church health, true salvation, and the difference between a believer and a disciple. We discussed the dangerous socalled evangelism approaches where discipleship is ignored in favor of a simple recognition of Christ's existence. With 2.5 hours of interaction, it was agreed by us that nearly all churches, regardless of their ethnicity, were existing in the same twisted world of challenge and struggle to see their membership "hunger and thirst after righteousness (Matt.5:6)." One of our most lengthy conversations was related to how a church can, with value/accuracy, evaluate it's own health. The problem is that there are so many books providing arbitrary measuring rods for health definitions but few focusing on the spiritual development levels of the people. How is it that so many churches are deceived to believe that numbers of people and money in the offering plate represents health?

True discipleship in a church takes time and growth for maturity to occur. We need the Biblical wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit for how we apply the truths of God in confronting the misdirected ideas of our world. True discipleship isn't just about that first time we say we will believe in Christ but is reflected in how we walk daily. True discipleship isn't limited to our Biblical knowledge but is found in persons as they are burdened for the lost and take action toward those people. Telling others of Christ is our privilege as Christians. As His disciples, praying without ceasing (I Thess. 5:17) allows us to be in fellowship with the most important disciple maker of all, Jesus.

Pastor Don