

Announcements

- **Annual Co-worker's Meeting | Aug 6th 9:00am - 11:30am in the FLC**

All committee members and those serving in ministry areas are encouraged to attend in the FLC. Please come early for refreshments so we can start on time. Also, anyone interested in learning about serving opportunities is welcome. The theme will be Church Revitalization. For those unable to attend in the FLC, please join on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89666216873>

- **The Next Church Council Meeting | August 13**

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

- **Summer Volleyball Tournament:**

For the past couple of months, the Summer Volleyball Program has been active and it is now time to look toward their upcoming tournament of games! The games will be played in the FLC and you are invited to come and cheer on those who have been involved. It may be a good time to make some new friends as well. The games will be August 9 and August 16 starting at 7:00pm! Come and enjoy!

- **Worship Team Open Recruitment**

If you are interested in joining our church's worship team at any capacity, we would love you to fill out this online interest form by [Clicking the Link](#) or scan the QR Code.



Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Aug 7th: Pastor Dillon Le - EN & CN

Aug 14th: Pastor Don Gardner - EN & CN

FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHOENIX, AZ SUNDAY WORSHIP AUG 7TH, 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 | Deacon Jim Loui

Worship Music | Praise Team

Lord's Supper | Pastor Dillon Le

Scripture Reading | Tiffany Le

Sermon | Pastor Dillon Le

Response Music | Praise Team

Closing Prayer | Pastor Dillon Le



Pastor's Word: Do You Value the "Freedom of Choice?"

Sermon Title: "Humility in the Pulpit & the Pew"

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:1-11

Preacher: Pastor Dillon Le

1. Pastors submit to God's authority (v. 1-4)
2. The church submits to the pastor's leadership (v. 5-7)
3. Humility allows us to resist sin & glorify God (v. 8-11)

Ah yes, once again do I find myself confused about what I am hearing in our society. Just today, I read a placard stating, "**Save Roe before it is too late.**" This sign was presented on the White House lawn while accompanied with another sign that said, "**My body, my choice!**" These types of signs don't ever seem to be accompanied with anything that says something about "**My body, my choice, my responsibility for my choice/action.**" I have also yet to see signs stating that abortion is a special right being sought by some to commit murder in a legal form. Hmm, I wonder why.

Choices have consequences. Whether it is removing the life of a baby, living outside of the marriage bond with a partner, taking illicit drugs, legally marrying a same sex partner, lying, stealing, or just treating people with less respect than we should, these types of things are all called sin and are a choice. We must all remember that "Sin" is defined by God and not by man. Sinful behavior, as a choice, is disrespectful to ourselves and to God. Yet, I have no problem respecting the right of people to make choices.... good or bad, wise or unwise, respectful or disrespectful. The church always welcomes sinners as we dare not condescend toward another as we see sin challenge us all! Fortunately, some choices are well made and that includes the decision to follow Christ as Savior and Lord! The choice to confess one's sin by taking the action of repentance that leads one to salvation is the most important choice a person may make! Salvation is not an inherited experience. On the other hand, if the choice is to ignore the Eternal Life that comes in Christ's sacrifice, that choice has consequences and eternal separation from the Father is the Biblical description.

No judgement will come from our church toward any individual but a warning of the consequences tied to disregarding the message of Christ will be given in love. This is done because we would want none to be divided from Jesus for eternity. Please, let us all enjoy the choices that we have and pray for the wisdom to make wise choices of the highest value. May God guide you to have the ability and strength to make bold decisions that will make your life valuable to His Kingdom.



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