Announcements

• FCBC Churchwide Monthly Prayer Meeting | July 30 from 10AM

Theme: Prayers for Growth Time: 10AM Zoom link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81253616688</u> Meeting ID: 812 5361 6688 Passcode: 85018

• On July 31, Pastor Dillon will be coordinating a **baptism service** for us during the morning. The baptism will be conducted in between both services, starts from 10:45AM, both congregations are invited to observe the service.

• 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.

• 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.

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 <u>**Clicking the Link**</u> or scan the QR Code.



FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHOENIX, AZ SUNDAY WORSHIP JULY 24TH, 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 | Tiffany Le

Sermon | Pastor Eric Kuykendall

Response Music | Praise Team

Closing Prayer | Pastor Donald Gardner

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

July 24th: Pastor Eric Kuykendall – EN & CN July 31st: Pastor Donald Gardner – EN & CN Aug 7th: Pastor Dillon Le – EN & CN

Pastor's Word: "How Hard is it for You to Apologize?"

"Have You Been Called?" Mark 3: 13-19

I. Jesus called you to be a disciple.

a. Jesus does NOT call us according to our _____. "33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples." Luke 14:33

b. Jesus does NOT call us according to our _____ or _____ or _____. "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." James 4: 6b

c. Jesus does NOT choose his disciples based on their

_____ or personal _____.

"The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7b

II. Jesus teaches you to be his disciple.

"... 14a He appointed twelve that they might be with him, " Mark 3: 14a "Come near to God and he will come near to you..." James 4: 8a

III. As His disciples, Jesus commands you to share His Word. Mark 3: 14b Mark 6: 7-13

IV. In order to be his disciple Jesus gives you his power and authority. Mark 3: 14b-15, 1 Cor 1: 26-29

One of the more lengthy discourses of our Lord is found in what we refer to as "The Sermon on the Mount." Within Chapters 5-7 of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus addresses a number of issues regarding our behavior and lifestyles. Today, I'd like to review His comments about broken relationships as found in 5:21-26.

As you and I are both sinners and imperfect in how we treat others, forgiveness is something that we all require. Our Lord sees our every action and knows our disturbing habits and failures. Yet, He remains gracious in forgiving us as we come to Him and confess our pathetic attempts at being righteous on our own!

Recently, I received a "so-called apology" from an individual who had judged my words inaccurately. As I listened, it was evident that the "apology" was actually more focused on my inability to agree with his view than from any ownership of his own wrongdoing. Afterward, I struggled for a sense of "peace" in my spirit for, like most of us, I wanted to be dealt with honestly and respectfully.

As I look at Matthew 5: 21-26, the Scripture seems to be saying that even our relationship with the Lord, via Worship/Prayer/Gifts toward Him, is impacted when we allow disharmony to remain in our heart. The Scripture doesn't seem to specify that the wrong doer alone is to be held accountable when a disagreement or misdeed has occurred between two individuals. The call of Matthew 5 is for us to be proactive in reconciling any and all disputes in order that we may then properly be in good fellowship with that person and our Heavenly Father! An apology is a type of strength when done correctly.

It is my prayer that our church is one that clearly understands that the Lord is in a constant state of patience toward us for the weaknesses and sins that we commit. Praise God that He is gracious each and every day.