

Announcements

- **2023 Stewardship Card**

The stewardship cards will be distributed on Nov. 13th and Nov. 20th, the collection day will be on Nov. 27th. Please take one card per family, and complete it with a prayerful heart.

- **Church Prayer Meeting | Nov. 19th**

- **Thanksgiving Combined Service | Nov. 20th From 10:45AM**

On Nov 20th, both English and Chinese Sunday School will be held from 9:30 to 10:30. The Thanksgiving Combined Service starts from 10:45AM. Lunch will be provided after worship service at church FLC. Please pray for the preparation and invite your friends and family to join us!

- **Christmas Children's Program | Dec. 11th**

Children's Program will be on Sunday in between both Worship Services, please pray for the teachers and children involved.

- **Candlelight Service | Dec. 24th**

- **Combined Christmas Service | Dec. 25th**

FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHOENIX, AZ SUNDAY WORSHIP NOVEMBER 13TH, 2022

Join us for worship services on campus or online

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

Livestream available: fbcphx.org/sermons



FCBC Order of Sunday Worship

Welcome & Prayer	Gloria Revallo
Worship Music	Praise Team
Announcements	Deacon Rick Ong
Scripture Reading	Noah Tang
Sermon	Pastor Donald Gardner
Response Music & Closing	Praise Team

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Nov. 20th: Pastor Donald Gardner - Combined Service

Nov. 27th: Pastor Donald Gardner - ES & CS



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Website: <http://www.fbcphx.org/>

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Sermon Title: "Is Obedience Your Goal?"

Scripture Reading: Ecc. 2:4-11 & Matt. 6: 19-31

Preacher: Pastor Don Gardner

I. Jesus' Sermon on Our Values (Sermon on the Mount)

II. His Righteousness (v.33) is the acceptable goal, how are you doing?

III. Obedience to the Christian task of evangelism and discipleship

WORDS: "Abortion or Murder? "

The obvious question related to the Abortion issue (Roe vs. Wade) is tied to the definition of life and when it begins? For a Christian that believes that the Bible provides answers, our standard of life is tied to the work of God in creation. Going back to the Old Testament is certainly one approach to look for definitions but it is just as easy for us to reflect on the New Testament description of Christ's birth.

It is difficult for me to fully grasp that my "so-called Christian nation" has compromised its value of human life to similar standards of an atheistic China. By avoiding the term "murder" in preference for the word "abortion" over the past 50 years, we have seen a generation of people become comfortable with our behavior of eliminating life as we see fit. Indeed, in the name of "women's rights" and health benefits do many find comfort justifying their stances toward murder as they disregard the fact that most abortions are done as an act of convenience and not medical necessity! I mention this only to say that my own mother was one who received medical advice toward an abortion and then rejected that thought due to her strong faith in the providence of God. Obviously, I am thankful for her faith commitment!

Mary, and her cousin Elizabeth, were pregnant at the same time. Unlike Mary (approx. 14 yrs old) who was to give birth to Jesus, Elizabeth was aged at the time that she gave birth to John the Baptist. The Sanctity of Life is a concept that is much more than just a theoretical idea created by man but relates to the work of God in the lives of humankind. In Luke 1:39-41 it says, **"In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit."** The emphasis of these words was that John and Jesus were both "babies" in the wombs of their mothers. The mentioning of one baby responding to the existence of the other was a confirmation that God recognized them not as a lifeless fetus but as the babies that He had created. Do we really desire to discuss our continued right to commit murder in our country?



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