

Announcements

- The monthly Chinese Congregation's Women's fellowship group met together on Oct. 18th, Tuesday morning in one of our sister's homes. There was a sweet tea party held for two mothers-to-be even as we also had time to pray for two "new-again moms" and their new babies. Of course, we also had some precious sharing on how to most effectively take care of babies! (We can never learn too many new lessons?!) Following the "baby time," we took time for some learning about how to share a personal testimony before we spent a time in prayer for our church family.

- **Quarterly Teacher's Meeting | Oct. 22nd Sat. 9AM-11AM**

- **Church Business Meeting | Oct. 23rd | 10:35AM**

Our church has a couple of important financial decisions that will be discussed between our Chinese and English Services and we want you to plan to be with us for that meeting.

- **Prayer Meeting Rescheduled**

With the need for the memorial service to be held on the morning of October 29th. The next Church-wide Prayer Meeting will be held three weeks later on November 19th. Thank you for your understanding.

- **Fall Festival | Oct. 29th | 5-7PM**

Please contact cicihuang@gmail.com to participate in our trunk or treat. Prizes for the best Bible themed trunk and most creative.

- **Special Music Worship Services | Oct. 30th**

There will be music services on Sunday morning, please pray for the preparation and coordination by Faith Ong & Joy Pan. Nate Chen will be sharing in English Service and Lan Qiu will be sharing in Chinese Service.

- **Thanksgiving Combined Service | Nov. 20th**



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FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHOENIX, AZ SUNDAY WORSHIP OCTOBER 23RD, 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	Ashley Yap
Worship Music	Praise Team
Special Announcement	Fall Festival
Scripture Reading	Loren Chea
Sermon	Pastor Donald Gardner
Response Music & Closing	Praise Team

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Oct. 23rd: Pastor Donald Gardner - ES & CS

Oct. 30rd: Music Worship Service - EC & CS

Sermon Title :

“Does God REALLY Get Our Respect as Lord?”

Scripture Reading: Malachi 1: 1-14

Preacher: Pastor Don Gardner

I. Substandard Gifts disrespect God. “polluted, blind, lame, & sick” (1:6-8)

A. God’s Displeasure: “Despising His Name”(v.6)

B. Clarification: Do we treat God with less respect than how we would treat our friends/relatives?(v.7-8)

II. Wishes and Hopes are probably useless at this point....not even one of you seems to repent! (1:9-11)

A. Clarification: “You talk a good talk.....where is the proof of your walk with God?”

Malachi challenges for change. He clarifies for understanding. Yet, he can only hope repentance might come quickly.

B. Urgent Need to Cease Impure Worship:

C. The Prophecy of Gentile Worship: True and Committed Worship!

III. Worship Requires a Change in Attitude: (1:12-14).

A. The Danger of Letting Worship become Stale....Weariness!

B. Result of our Bad Behavior:

WORDS: "Learning in Strange Places"

We can all learn in the strangest of places! I well remember when I was doing an internship in northern Virginia and took a group of international students to Pennsylvania for our first experience with skiing. It was an exciting time for us all as none of us were from areas of the world where snow was common.

Arriving at the Ski Resort, we all worked with great patience to put on our skis and get ready for a day of excitement. To our disappointment, the "Baby slope" was closed and under repair on the day we arrived so we were forced to have our first skiing adventure on the intermediate slope! With a commitment to not fall down while heading down the hill, I learned how to "snow plow" and moved out at the slowest pace possible. Indeed, all the way down the lengthy hill, I did everything possible to remain upright. Finally, I succeeded in reaching the bottom of the hill and was exhausted from not allowing myself to fall to the ground!

On my second trip down the hill, I changed my tactics and decided that I would go faster and become more of a "risk taker" with the potential of falling! The result was that I fell about 5 times trying to reach the foot of the hill but I had a great time doing that! The point is that sometimes any of us can be too careful even to the point that we may remove all of the joy in what we are doing.

If you have friends who are not following Jesus as their savior and Lord, the need is not for you to become perfect in your presenting the gospel to them. The need is for you understand the importance of what you are doing as you tell your friends about the salvation found in Christ and boldly do your best in letting them understand your relationship with Jesus. Your testimony of a personal relationship with Christ has power and honesty. Never allow yourself to be too fearful or careful in speaking of Jesus because the Lord will bless your courage and message. Remember, the Holy Spirit will speak to the hearts of those who are prepared to receive Jesus but our role is to share the good news!

Pastor Don

Activities Throughout the Week		Current Participation Status
Monday 7PM	Basketball in FLC	Full
Thursday 7PM	Volleyball in FLC	Full
3rd Friday of every month 6:30PM	C.C. Fellowship FLC & Classroom	Open
Sunday 3PM	Volleyball in FLC	Open
1st Sunday of every month 1: 00PM	Pickleball in FLC	Open

*Please contact the church office if you wish to organize other activities in FLC.