

Announcements

- **Baptism | Sept. 18th @ 10:45AM**

Dear FCBC, we give thanks to the Lord as there are three people planning to get baptized and join us as church members. The baptism will be on Sunday, September 18th, between our English and Chinese Services.

- **Memorial Service | Sept. 23rd**

There will be a memorial service held at FCBC on Friday, September 23rd at 11:00 a.m. for the recent passing of Dennis Doelle. Wang Wen Juan (Kieng) requests your prayers for the family as they prepare for this time of remembrance.

- **Churchwide Prayer Meeting | Oct. 1st from 10AM**

Theme: Prayers for Peace

Time: 10AM

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81253616688>

Passcode: 85018

- **Church Council Meeting | Oct. 8th**

- **Pastor Appreciation Lunch | Oct. 16**

- **Quarterly Teacher's Meeting | Oct. 22nd**

- **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.

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
Saturday 6:30PM	Badminton in FLC	No Game on 9/17
Sunday 3PM	Volleyball in FLC	Open

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

FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHOENIX, AZ SUNDAY WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 18TH, 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

Scripture Reading | Darlene Payne

Sermon | Pastor Dillon Le

Response Music | Praise Team

Closing Prayer | Pastor Dillon Le

**Please stay for the Baptism Service,
it starts from 10:45AM**



Sermon Title: "The Testimony of a Faithful Church"

Scripture reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Preacher: Pastor Dillon Le

- **Love for Christ will move us (v. 1-3)**

- **Obedience to Christ brings us joy (v. 4-7)**

- **Hope in Christ sustains us to the end (v. 8-10)**

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Sept. 18th: Pastor Dillon Le - ES & CS

Sept. 25th: Pastor Don Gardner - ES & CS

Oct. 2nd : Pastor Terry Wong - ES & CS

Oct. 9th: Pastor Daniel Chan - ES & CS

Pastor's Word: "Selective Traditions"

I truly loved Mr. Gu. Me at 23 and him at about 70, he worked in our Hong Kong Mission Office doing simple administrative tasks during my early years there. His English was pretty limited but his patience in helping me understand cultural habits and what was inappropriate encouraged me greatly. He was gentle in introducing me to new vocabulary words but, as he was actually a Mandarin speaker and only had Cantonese in limited form, I did get some rather "interesting pronunciations" of Cantonese words!

One day, I dropped by the office to get my mail and to talk with him. I long ago learned that with such older persons, there is a special fellowship and wisdom that can sometimes be found. It was then that I noticed that he was still wearing multiple (maybe 3) layers of sweaters. The temperature that day was about 95 degrees outside and I was wearing a T-shirt! Asking him about his choice of clothing, he shared that the date to remove another layer had not yet come on the Chinese calendar. He then explained that his removal of each layer would come regularly throughout the next month at the proper time. For him, the temperature outside was irrelevant to the picture.

Over the years since then, I have reflected on his traditional view toward what was appropriate for his clothing. For me, I had difficulty relating to the concern over a date but the 95 degrees did impact me. Yet, his explanation for this northerner, "mislocated in southern China", somehow made sense to me that he brought his customs with him to Hong Kong when he was younger. While there was nothing inherently bad in this, it was a reminder that adaptation to life in a new culture may require selective and careful acceptance of new thinking about certain things. Adjusting to new ideas is not bad but may require much of our wisdom to select carefully what values and ideas may be of value to us. Let us be evaluative to what we find.

Pastor Don



First Chinese Baptist Church

4910 East Earll Drive Phoenix, AZ 85018

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

email: office@fcbcphx.org