

## Announcements

- **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 & Baby Shower | Oct. 16th**

Please join us to celebrate Pastor Dillon and Tiffany Le's upcoming new arrival, at the Churchwide Baby Shower, Sunday, October 16, 2022, 12:30pm in the FLC. Lunch will be served! If you have questions, please contact Karen Loui, Roxanne Ong, or Anna Yee.

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

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

Please contact [cicihuang@gmail.com](mailto: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
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 25TH, 2022

### Join us for worship services on campus or online

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

Livestream available: [fcbcphx.org/sermons](http://fcbcphx.org/sermons)



## FCBC Order of Sunday Worship

**Welcome & Prayer** | Ashley Yap

**Worship Music** | Praise Team

**Announcement** | Pastor Dillon Le

**Scripture Reading** | Roger Wong

**Sermon** | Pastor Donald Gardner

**Response Music** | Praise Team

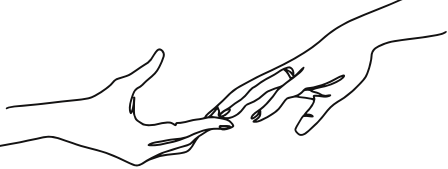
**Closing Prayer** | Pastor Donald Gardner

### Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

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

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

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



## **Sermon Title: "What Does God Expect of Us?"**

**Scripture Reading: Micah 6: 1-14**

Preacher: Pastor Donald Gardner

### **I. Act Justly (v. 8)**

### **II. Love Mercy (v. 8)**

### **III. Walk Humbly with Your God (v. 8)**

## **WORDS: "Community is Our Goal"**

Defining "Church" should not really be difficult but, alas, it sometimes is a problem for some people. Technically, we can't "go to church" for it isn't a building but is a gathering of God's people. The Church is not just an individual Christian doing a Bible study because the original term "ekklesia" clearly refers to a gathering or body of "Christ followers" in communion and service. Nowhere is it declared that the gathering is sinless or beyond the urgent need of the Father's forgiveness.

In the most recent 10 years, I have had the privilege of being involved in 3 church bodies....all part of the Father's family! From Shanghai, my wife and I proceeded to serve in a Vancouver fellowship for 3.5 years prior to becoming part of FCBC for these past 5 years. Arriving at a new church is always an interesting time as new friends are made. At the same time, the adjustment from one church to another holds the potential of varying levels of disappointment. Whereas the new church body represents "potential" for what the future may hold, there is "certainty" that friends and experiences of the past have been left behind. The community identity of your history will have been cut and, with time, will probably become as a cloud of beauty within your memory.

Church communities are imperfect circles of Christ followers. With that stated, we could only wish that each church was populated by individuals who highly valued their community and the needs of those brothers and sisters to the point that departing or surrendering participation in a given body would not be viewed as an alternative when conflict comes. Personally, I've never been in a perfect or sinless church where no conflict of thinking came! Churches need committed and patient people who don't flee when struggles or mistakes are made by either oneself or another! We must remember that Jesus' circle of friends included argumentative persons like Peter and undependable disciples like Judas. The point here is that no church is without challenge and our deserting a church, even when arguments or issues come, doesn't bless God's family. Let us all learn to be persons of courage as we remain within our church through struggles or various needs. I pray our family is brave and bold as we work to find joy through any and all difficulties that may come our way!



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