

Announcements

- **As the year is ending in few weeks, Finance Team has a couple of friendly reminders for the congregations:**

1. 2022 Expense Reimbursement: Please submit request by December 31st, 2022 or sooner so that the Finance Team can issue checks and close out the 2022 financials.
2. 2022 Year-end Giving Statements will be postal mailed in Mid-January, please make sure your tithes/offerings will be received by Finance Count Team by December 31st, 2022.

- **Public Health Update:** Our community is seeing an increase in respiratory viruses, such as COVID-19, flu, and RSV. Please help us keep our church family safe by staying home when ill and joining us online. The [CDC has designated Maricopa County](#) and much of Arizona as a "high" community level for COVID-19. As such, the CDC strongly recommends wearing a well-fitting mask indoors in public.

- **Council Meeting Postponed to Jan. 14th, 2023**

- **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering 2022**

As a Southern Baptist Church, we are privileged to be part of the mission to reach the nations through our International Mission Board. 100% of your designated gifts for the Lottie Moon Offering will be used for enabling gospel ministries to reach the unreached of our world. **As of 12/7/2022: Offering = \$8,170.00; Goal = \$15,000.00; % offering/goal = 54%**

- **Monthly Prayer Meeting | Dec. 17th, 2022**

- **English Christmas Caroling | Dec. 21st, 2022**

Come and be a blessing to others as we sing Christmas carols and celebrate the birth of Christ! All are invited to join the English caroling group on Wednesday, December 21st, from 6:30pm - 9:00pm. Meet in the Family Life Center and stay afterwards for fellowship, hot cocoa, and snacks. Contact Randy Ong for more details.

- **Chinese Women's Fellowship | Dec. 21st, 2022 10:30AM**

- **Chinese Christmas Caroling | Dec. 23rd, 2022 11AM**

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

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is from 6-7PM at FCBC Sanctuary.

- **Combined Christmas Service | Dec. 25th, 2022**

9:30-10:30 Sunday School Classes for EC & EC
 10:30-11:00 Fellowship time with snacks in FLC
 11:00-12:30 Combine Worship Services
 12:30 Take a Friend to Lunch somewhere!

FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHOENIX, AZ SUNDAY WORSHIP DECEMBER 11TH, 2022

Join us for worship services on campus or online

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

Livestream available: fcbcphx.org/sermons

The Colors of Christmas

A **Vibrant** Musical for Kids



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FCBC Order of Sunday Worship

Welcome & Prayer	Faith Ong
Worship Music	Praise Team
Scripture Reading	Willie Kwan
Announcement	Randy Ong
Sermon	Pastor Terrence Shay
Response Music & Closing	Praise Team

Christmas Children's Program	Children's Department

Sermon title: Advent – JOY to the World!

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20, John 15:1-11, 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

Speaker: Pastor Terrence Shay

Introduction: Advent

I. Define Christian Joy

II. Experience Advent Joy

a. Joy FOR Christ (Lk 2:8-20) Awaiting the First Coming

b. Joy IN Christ (John 15:1-11) Abiding in Jesus' Love

c. Joy FROM Christ (1 Th 2:19-20) Anticipating the Second Coming

III. Big Idea: We can experience true JOY during Advent because of what Jesus has done, is doing, and will do for His disciples until He returns.

IV. Application

WORDS: " What a Phone Call! "

What a great phone call came this morning to start my day! My god-daughter phoned with the news that she, and her husband, are expecting twins! These two new babies will join their current two siblings so Liu Yi Ting and her husband are looking at some exciting days ahead!

Growing up in ZhouNing County, Ningde-Fujian, as an "only child," the idea that Yi Ting and her husband will be making her parents the grandparents of such a large "crew" is amazing! Yi Ting's parents still live in her mountain hometown and will soon become the "stars in the community" where having two children would already be viewed as a large family.

Most of my friends, even from China, have no idea where ZhouNing is located. When serving as the Dean of the International Department of a small university (14,000) in Chongqing, I was privileged to work in reaching out to a number of students. With some of those students making decisions for Christ, Sue and I had the opportunity to visit some of their homes when they took their school breaks. Liu Yi Ting was one of those students and we still count her parents as our friends even to this day.

We live in a world of relationships and connections. I have not lived in the same city as this couple in over 10 years, and yet, the memories of our days together remain precious to me. May I suggest that we all need to more deeply treasure the persons that God places in our lives and rightly put forth the effort to stay in contact with those friends. It is never a waste of time to write or call another person and pray for them through your words of blessing. They, and you, are God's creation.

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