

Announcements

- **Baby Lucas Dillon Le**

Please welcome Lucas Dillon Le born on December 15, 2022 at 11:37 am. He was 7 pounds 14 ounces, 21 inches long, and very happy to finally arrive. Tiffany is resting and recovering well. We're incredibly thankful for your continued prayers as a church family and can't wait for you to meet Lucas soon!

- **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 12/10/2022: Offering = \$ 9,670.00; Goal = \$15,000.00; % offering/goal = 64%.**

- **As the year is ending in few weeks, the 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.

- **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**

The Chinese women's fellowship this month will be at Gardner's home, includes caroling at the nearby neighborhood and potluck lunch, please pray for the ladies.

- **Chinese Christmas Caroling | Dec. 23rd, 10:45AM meet at Church Campus.**

- **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 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

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| Welcome & Prayer | Gloria Revallo |
| Worship Music | Praise Team |
| Video | "Here I am, Lord" |
| Scripture Reading | Darren Ong |
| Sermon | Pastor Donald Gardner |
| Response Music & Closing | Praise Team |



First Chinese Baptist Church

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

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Title: "Advent Toward Christmas"

Scripture: Matt. 25: 1-13

Preacher: Pastor Don Gardner

- I. Expectancy of the Wedding
 - A. The Foolish Virgins
 - B. The Wise Virgins
- II. Timing is Everything
- III. The Bridegroom's Arrival & the Results
- IV. Timing is Still Everything



Special Announcements

- 1) Thanks to Anna & Rick for our new Banners and Stand for Welcoming Us!
- 2) Thanks to the Candle Holder Searchers & Dillon for successfully finding them!
- 3) Thanks to Stuart Loui for preparing Special Music for Christmas Day!
- 4) Thanks to Faith and Joy as they help us worship on the 24th & 25th!
- 5) Thanks to Lesa & Ashley for preparing Special Music for Candlelight Service!
- 6) Thanks to all participating as a team on Dec. 24 & 25! (Prayers, Music, etc!)
- 7) Thanks to Anna Yee for sharing God's blessings via pictures on the 24th!
- 8) Thanks for our Deacons & Teachers who serve us tirelessly to be his church!
- 9) Thanks to God for giving us a church for serving Him!

WORDS: "Do you know the name, Stuart Cathy?"

Recently, I was in a church gathering where the name Stuart Cathy came up and it reminded me of his wonderful Christian testimony. Not only was he the founder of Chick-fil-A back in 1946, he sponsored the Winshape Foundation that provides some very valuable leadership programs of which I have participated in Rome, Georgia. Indeed, we all carry a Christian testimony for our decision to become a "Christ-follower." In Mr. Cathy's case, his life included him being a member of the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Georgia where he taught Sunday School for more than 50 years. Dying at the age of 93, he always referred to the Bible as his guide-book for life. Due to his strong Christian faith and commitment, all of the company's locations are closed on Sundays to allow its employees to attend church and spend time with their families.

We live in a day where money seems to drive all our lives. The idea of how we use our time toward church service remains in question for many. Mr. Cathy used his Sundays in service to the Lord even as he knew this commitment might impact his "financial bottom line." Yet, the closing of Chick-fil-A on Sundays and encouraging his employees to use that time in church service didn't deter his decision to focus first on the Lord with his life. I pray that each of us may be equally decisive with our lives and the development of our value systems will be Holy Spirit led.

Pastor Don

| Church Activities Schedule | | Current Participation Status |
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| Monday 7PM | Basketball in FLC | Full |
| Thursday 7PM | Volleyball in FLC | Full |
| 3rd Friday of each month 6:30PM | C.C. Fellowship FLC & Classroom | Open |
| Sunday 3PM | Volleyball in FLC | Open |
| 1st Sunday of each month 1PM | Pickleball in FLC | Open |

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