Announcements

• Guest Preacher - Pastor Terrence Shay | Dec. 11th

Pastor Terrence Shay was born in Hong Kong, raised in Taiwan, and immigrated to the US with his family at age 8. He came to faith in Christ in junior high and was deeply shaped by the local church, where he also met his future wife. After graduating from UCLA and sensing a calling to vocational ministry, PT pursued his M.Div. in Discipleship and Evangelism from Talbot School of Theology and serves as the Family Ministry Associate Pastor at First Chinese Baptist Church of Walnut, CA.

• Christmas Children's Program | Dec. 11th

The Children's Program will be on Sunday between the morning worship services and is from 10:30–11:00. Please pray for the teachers and children as they prepare.

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. The goal for our church in the year 2022 is \$15,000.

• English Christmas Caroling | Dec. 21st

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 Christmas Caroling

We are considering Restaurants, Senior Citizen's Homes, and new friend's welcoming as our locations for singing. The time and dates are being set and we hope you'll be with us for this ministry. Look to next Sunday's Bulletin and announcements for more details.

- "Christmas Eve Candlelight Service" will be held from 6:00pm---7:00pm in the FCBC Sanctuary.
- Combined Christmas Service | Dec. 25th

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 4TH, 2022

Join us for worship services on campus or online

English at 9:30AM | Chinese at 11:00AM Livestream available: <u>fcbcphx.org/sermons</u>

IAM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES to the FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME

FCBC Order of Sunday Worship

Welcome & Prayer	Faith	
Worship Music	Praise Team	
Lottie Moon Video	"Serving gods to serving Christ"	
Lord's Supper	Pastor Donald Gardner	
Scripture Reading	Bradley Gin	
Sermon	Pastor Donald Gardner	
Response Music & Closing	Praise Team	

Sermon Title: "Being a Husband & Father is Not Easy!" Scripture Reading: Matthew 1: 18-25; Deuteronomy 22: 23-24

Preacher: Pastor Don Gardner

I. Joseph was a Brave Soul (Matt. 1: 18-20)

II. God's Will Guided Joseph's Life Decisions (Matt. 1: 20-25)

III. Joseph was a Husband of Determined Faith (Matt. 1: 25)

Church Activities Schedule		Current Participation Status
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.

WORDS: "The Birthday of a Mentor"

I write today in appreciation of my 96 year old friend and mentor. 49 years ago, I graduated from university and began studying toward a Master's Degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Teaching in the Christian Education department, Dr. George Wilson came into my life with a dedication and testimony that has helped to guide me over this 1/2 century of my life. Dr. Wilson had served as a foreign missionary for a number of years prior to my coming in contact with him. He and his wife, Beth, had lived in Hong Kong where he had taught at Hong Kong Baptist University and Hong Kong Baptist Seminary before he returned to Southwestern for a few years of seminary teaching in the early 70s. My privilege at Southwestern was to enter into his office and discover the Chinese Bible opened on his desk. From that experience, he exposed me to his burden and love of his adopted people, the Chinese. He not only provided me academic direction and exposure over the next couple of years, but also revealed his heart for those of another culture as he showed me what it was to be driven to service by God.

A few years later, Dr. Wilson and Beth returned to their precious Hong Kong as he began his new role as the President of the Hong Kong Baptist Seminary. With language skills in Cantonese that have always made him stand out amongst other foreigners, the local church leadership across our city have always had high regard for his respect of their language and culture. As my voluntary mentor, his deep integration into Hong Kong societal life, and burden for the lost of our society, modeled a respect for people that I desired to follow.

I write this to say that finding a healthy mentor in life is a worthy goal for us all. For myself, God provided a man that I can respect, even to this day, because he has served the Lord with all his goals and years. In my mentor, I can see that "to live is Christ and to die is gain!" It is my prayer that each person in FCBC <u>may never cease to find the God placed mentors in life</u> that will challenge us to be Christ's Servants in all things.



Pastor Don